Oakwood & District Model Flying Club Rules

1. Administrative

- 1. To use Oakwood & District Model Flying Club property, members must be a current member in good standing of MAAC and have paid their yearly club dues.
- 2. No smoking on Club property
- 3. Gate code is available from the Club Executive once club dues have been paid.
- 4. These rules are available via email from the Club Executive and a current printed copy is in the Club storage container.

2. Normal Operating Procedures and Club Safety Rules

- 1. Model assembly should be done in the designated pit area or under the sunshade.
- 2. Batteries shall not be connected to electric models unless the model is restrained in the start-up area **no exceptions**.
- 3. Gas/glow/turbine models must be restrained and started in the start-up stands or similar, located in the start-up area. Do not conduct prolonged tuning if other pilots are flying.
- 4. The direction of take-off landing, and traffic pattern will be determined by the prevailing winds. If no wind, all take-offs etc. shall be north or south, but away from the sun. First turn after takeoff shall be to the east to establish a traffic pattern to the east side of the flightline.
- 5. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying normally off to one side of the pilot stations.
- 6. Our flying area as measured from the center of the pilot stations is a box 1000 feet left (north), 700 feet right (south) and 800 feet straight out.(east) Refer to the site flying area map for no-fly zone depictions. Pilots must maintain a minimum distance of 500 feet from the house property line in the northeast direction of the pilot stations. The above limitations keep RPA within the boundaries of the property and away from the house.
- 7. Recovery of RPA that land/crash off the runway but in the flying area will be done in agreement with any pilots flying.
- 8. A fire extinguisher must be present for all turbine powered RPA operation.
- 9. If there is an accident requiring emergency services, cellular service is adequate to call 911. The civic address is 1478 Eldon Road, Oakwood, ON.
- 10. Pilots may fly in formation provided they agree to do so. There is a limit of three airborne RPA at one time. Oakwood & District Model Flying Club operates within 3nm of an aerodrome as listed in the CFS or CWAS and is required to provide all members with the following information:
- 11. The aerodrome name is Oakwood Aerodrome (COK3) and it is located 2.45 nautical miles Southwest of our modelling site.
- 12. Our modelling site is well clear of the established aerodrome traffic pattern and flight over us is generally very rare. There are no CFS RPA procedures and no other CFS PRO comments that affect our modelling site.

- 13. In the event of a "fly-away" towards Oakwood Aerodrome, you may call the aerodrome operator at 705-953-9844 and advise them of the issue. Our site is in uncontrolled airspace so there is no need to notify ATC.
- 14. Oakwood & District Model Flying Club members should check for COK3 related NOTAM either using the NAV CANADA NOTAM portal or using RPAS Wilco app or similar. If you are the first pilot of the day and have printed a RPAS Wilco site survey, please leave it at the site for fellow modelers to reference.
- 15. The club executive has contacted the operator (OPR) of COK3, and they have expressed no issues with our RPAS site.
- 16. No flying will commence until half an hour after sunrise and will end a half hour before sunset, the time of which is available on the Weather Network App for the town of Lindsay. Night flying is not allowed at Oakwood & District Model Flying Club unless your RPA is brightly lit.
- 17. Visual observers and MAAC "spotters" are optional at our site. The following are club procedures for ensuring full scale aviation safety:
 - a. When any member or other person spots a full-scale airplane that <u>might</u> come near the site, they are to yell out "AIRPLANE" in a loud voice.
 - b. ALL Pilots **must** immediately descend to as low an altitude as possible and then land as soon as safely able.
 - c. When the full-scale airplane is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning shall yell "ALL CLEAR", or the pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume flying.
- 18. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a full-scale aircraft and our RPA, **ALL FLYING**SHALL cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to the Club executive and follow MAAC policy with the following exceptions:
 - a. If the member(s) involved believe the risk was very minimal, they may complete their own self declaration or risk assessment using the MAAC form. Submit a copy of the form to the club executive when able and recall you must keep this form for one year (CAR901.49 (2)). Resume flying when done.
 - b. If the member or Club executive deems the event serious, flying will not resume until members are given permission by the Club executive in writing.
 - c. If there is actual contact between an aircraft and a MAAC RPAS all flying will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
 - d. This process is for your protection.
- 19. No RPA or other model aircraft flying will occur below the Club mandated weather minimum:
 - a. If cloud is present below 1000' above the model flying area
 - b. a horizontal visibility requirement of less than 3sm around the flying area, and
 - c. if there are other obscuring conditions (fog, smoke, haze etc.) which could make spotting full-scale aircraft difficult.
- 20. There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at Oakwood & District Model Flying Club.

21. The Club Executive will review these rules at least once a year.

Oakwood District Model Flying Club Site 1478 Eldon Road, Oakwood, Ontario,



