



# ROTATE

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## SEPTEMBER 2016



### Show-Me 3d Fly In



SLRCFA is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RedwingRC Show-Me 3d Fly In, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will be open to 3d/aerobatic aircraft only!!

- \$25 weekend landing fee for all pilots and this includes the pilots' dinner on Saturday.
- Additional meals can be purchased for \$10each.
- We also will be night flying under lights on Saturday.
- Saturday evening enjoy the largest regional fireworks display right from our parking lot.  
<http://www.pyromaniaevent.com/>

All gas and glow powered aircraft are allowed to fly until 10pm and electric powered aircraft can fly until the sun comes up...if you wish to.

- Pilots meeting Daily @ 8:45am, flying starts at 9am
- Spectators \$5 donation per car is appreciated Saturday and Sunday.



### SLRCFA Club Meeting SEPTEMBER 15TH



SLRCFA is holding its General Membership club meeting Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at the SLRCFA flying field.

At this meeting we will discuss upcoming events, vote on the proposed constitutional change, and discuss safety while flying.

## Indoor Flying

Has the weather been keeping you from flying? There is a solution close to home. Many SLRCFA members have been flying Friday nights 6-9pm indoors at the Central Baptist Church in Eureka, MO. All are welcome to fly for \$5 a night, but must be a current AMA member (SLRCFA membership not required). It's a great way to brush up on your flying skills, not weather dependent, and Fun!!

Contact: Ron Lawson 636-677-1247 for details

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## PILOT STATIONS

Many SLRCFA members have requested clarification regarding the rules pertaining to pilot's stations.

Excerpt from the Operating Procedures:

"All pilots must fly from one of the 6 designated pilot stations for the given traffic pattern that is dictated by wind direction. The established pattern must be followed. Takeoffs and landings will all be in the same direction unless the wind changes and all pilots agree to reverse the pattern"

Excerpt from the Field Rules:

"7. Takeoffs and Landings are permitted on the paved or grass runways only. Taxiing out onto the runways is permitted, provided it is past the white lines at either end or center of the taxiway. **Pilots must stand at a pilot station when flying.**"

ALL pilots must fly from a pilot's station. **It is advised that if another pilot is already flying from a pilot's station that you fly from the station nearest to them to improve communications.** If a member is handicapped and wishes to fly from the handicapped flight station, they should notify the other pilots that they are going to fly from the Handicapped flight station.

Call out your intentions or difficulties to others that are flying. Some examples are: "Taking off", "Coming in/Landing", "Touch and go", "On the field", "Off the field", "Dead stick" or "Lost control".

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## SLRCFA Visitors

Have you been out at the field and had a visitor ask you about the Club? Sure we all have had this happen. SLRCFA now has a New Flyer holder located under the pavilion near the Electrical Panel. This container is filled with upcoming event flyers and club brochures, flyers, and Business Cards. Please utilize this to give our guests information about our club.

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## facebook

SLRCFA has an ACTIVE facebook page managed by Jonathon Hendrickson, Marshall Henley, and Geoff Biderman. Happenings at SLRCFA's page are constantly being updated with up to the minute news and even LIVE streaming video. Don't miss out on what is happening at the field. Be sure to check out our [facebook page](#) and "like" it if you are a facebook user.

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## Constitutional Amendment

The SLRCFA Board of directors has approved an Amendment to the SLRCFA Constitution for the general membership to vote on. This Amendment will be voted on at the August 18th Club meeting @ 7:30pm. Officer positions use to be a permanent position and now are elected for 2 year terms. This amendment was deemed necessary to outline when the officer elections would take place.

The proposed change is highlighted in yellow.

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## ARTICLE 6 – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election to the Board of Directors shall be conducted during the first regular meeting in December of each year. **Officer elections shall be held immediately following the Board of Directors' election. The Newly Elected Board of Directors vote for officer positions.**

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## Pilot Communication



Many of us could use a little refresher on runway communications and protocol. This system keeps our pilots and aircraft safe and prioritizes runway use.

**Runway Communications** are verbal announcements required to be used between you and any other pilots anytime you or your aircraft enters the runway area (grass or paved).

- **"Coming out"** as you prepare to place your aircraft on the runway or taxiing to the runway.
- **"Taking Off"** aircraft is on the runway and ready for takeoff roll.
- **"Setting up to land"** as you begin your downwind leg gives others time to clear the area for you.
- **"Landing"** as you are on final approach.

- **"On the runway"** if your aircraft stops dead on the runway.
- **"Off on the far side"** if your aircraft veers off on the side away from the pilots' stations
- **"Crossing the runway"** Anytime you have to cross the runway (in either direction).
- **"Runway clear"** after you have retrieved your errant aircraft, or if it has been taxied off the runway on the pit side.
- **"Dead stick"** when your engine dies while in the air. Other pilots will pass this announcement down the line as it is a signal for everyone to immediately clear the runway.
- **"Touch and go"** or **"Slow fly-by"** (note that high speed low passes and acrobatics over the runway when other pilots are at stations are forbidden-these may only be performed out past the runway over the grass).
- **"Low Pass"** is a high or low speed pass a low altitude over the border between the asphalt and grass runways.
- **Aircraft down.....** "(followed by the general area).
- **"Don't have it"** The pilot will announce that he has a problem as soon as possible, other observers may be able to get a fix on the plane if it goes down. If you do get a fix, such as a certain tree, etc., do not move. Call for another person to stand beside you and show them the point you fixed on. Even turning around and back can lose the fix.

Most SLRCFA members are fluent in runway communication, but new members and guest may need a little help.

**Runway Protocol/Priorities** allow multiple aircraft operating in close airspace to land and/or maneuver on or over the runway in an

orderly and safe manor. This list below is in order of priority.

1. Declared “**dead stick**” **landing** has priority over all other flight activities. The runway must be cleared for him. If more than one happens at the same time, generally, the first declared has the right-of -way, or he may yield to a lower other aircraft at his discretion.
2. Declared “**equipment problem**” and needing to land ASAP.
3. Declared normal “**landing.**”
4. Declared “**touch and go.**”
5. Declared “**take off.**”
6. Declared “**slow fly-by.**”

High speed low-passes over the paved runway are **never allowed** and **must be performed past the far edge of the paved runway.**

Hovering over the paved or grass runway is **NEVER allowed** while there is an **established pattern.** If there is no established pattern or you are the only pilot flying, **you may hover no closer to the pilot's stations than the paved runway center line.** However, if you are the only pilot flying and all other pilots present approve, you may move from the pilot's station to get closer to your aircraft.

If more than one pilot is flying, **the established pattern must be followed. Takeoffs and landings will be all in the same direction** unless the wind changes and all pilots agree to reverse the pattern.



- September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm SLRCFA Club Meeting @ SLRCFA club field
- September 17-18<sup>th</sup> Redwing RC's Show-Me 3d flying event @ SLRCFA
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Warbirds Over St. Louis 9:30am @SLRCFA club field.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Toys for Tots/Chili Fly 10am-2pm @ SLRCFA
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025







## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Club Information

The *Rotate* newsletter is a monthly publication of the St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association. Monthly General meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the club field in warm weather. The Club's private field is located at 788 Augustine Road, Eureka, Missouri. Guest/members are welcome to attend the Board meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday or Thursday of the month. See "Upcoming Events" in *Rotate* for Dates, Times, and Location.

### Flying Instructors List

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### 2016 Membership Dues

<b>Annual Dues</b> (includes children under 18 years old)	\$170
<b>Associate Member</b> (over 75 miles away and Exclusions)	\$70
<b>Family Dues</b> (includes member + spouse & children under 21 years old or full-time students until 23 years old)	\$210
<b>Junior Dues</b> (17 years old or younger)	Free
<b>Handicapped Dues</b>	\$65
<b>Seniors Dues</b> (65 years old and older)	\$145

Join or Renew Online @ [www.slrcfa.com](http://www.slrcfa.com) or by Mail.  
Make checks payable to **SLRCFA**. Mail to Dennis Chivetta, Treasurer St. Louis RC Flying Association, 187 Brightfield Drive, Ballwin, Missouri 63011. Any questions call 636.391.8071.

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