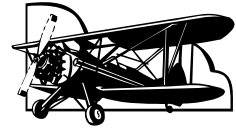


The Manager's Approach



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Noise Sensitive Areas

In spite of the many benefits of aviation, aircraft produced noise seems to be one of its biggest drawbacks. An aircraft's noise footprint is determined by atmospheric conditions, the height and speed of the aircraft, the engine and propeller configuration, and the pilot's operation of the engine. Pilots cannot control the atmospheric conditions or the engine/propeller configuration, but they can control the height, speed, power setting, and flight path. Flying in a neighborly fashion is becoming more and more important as the population around our airports increases.

I would appreciate everyone's cooperation in avoiding the noise sensitive areas near our airports. These areas include City of Sonora, Columbia Elementary School, Columbia State Park, an area located 4 nm out on the 225 degree radial from Columbia Airport, and the lake and golf course at Pine Mountain Lake. To promote a good neighbor policy between the airport and our community, pilots should avoid flying over these areas.

Father's Day Fly-In

June is just around the corner and the planning for the 41st Annual Father's Day Fly-In is ongoing. This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the CAL FIRE Air Attack Base. It is hard to believe that the air tankers have been based at Columbia since 1957.

We sent notices to all of our tiedown tenants requesting that they relocate their aircraft the week before the event. The airport staff, the volunteers and your aircraft appreciate you taking care of this responsibility at your

earliest convenience. This year we are expecting additional aircraft on the warbird ramp so we will be expanding the ramp area one more tiedown row to the south.

As with all successful fly-in events, volunteers are the key to assuring safety and a smooth operation. Our volunteers help set up the ramp area, park planes, work the entry gates, and assist with hospitality. If you would like to help this year, please complete the attached Volunteer Form and either fax it to us at 533-5657, mail it in or drop it by our office.

Stupid Pilot Tricks

All Runways Are Active

Many pilots refer to the runway they are using as the "active runway". At a non-towered airport, there is no designated active runway. All runways are active and available for use. At Pine Mountain Lake Airport, you can use either Runway 9 or Runway 27. Often times I'll take off or land with the sun at my back so I can see ahead of me even though it means a downwind operation. At Columbia Airport where we have a crosswind grass runway, there can be four active runways available for use. Just because you choose to land or take-off on Runway 17 doesn't mean that other pilots are also using the same runway.

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2007 Father's Day Fly-In Volunteer Registration Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City, ZIP _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relationship _____ Emergency Phone () _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Check your area(s) of interest:

- Ground & Facilities (set up, take down)
- Hospitality
- Parking – Auto
- Information/Registration Booth

Please check all that apply:

- I'm a new volunteer
- I worked on past Fly-Ins
- Parking – Aircraft
- Ticket Booth

Check day(s) and hour(s) you are available:

- Friday, June 15 -Time: _____
- Saturday, June 16 - Time: _____
- Sunday, June 17 -Time: _____
- Other _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

In consideration for being permitted to volunteer my services to the Columbia Father's Day Fly-In, I hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury or damage to myself while volunteering my time. I agree that neither Columbia Airport, the Tuolumne County Airports Department, the County of Tuolumne, a political subdivision of the State of California, or other volunteers, shall incur any financial responsibility or liability whatsoever for any injury or damage suffered or incurred by me while volunteering my time and/or equipment on the above stated project. Accordingly, I hereby release each of the foregoing individuals and entities from all actions, claims or demands that my successors, heirs, assigns or I may have for injury or damage suffered or incurred by me due to the work I perform at the Columbia Father's Day Fly-In.

Additionally, I, my successors, heirs and assigns shall be indemnified from liability up to, but shall not exceed, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), including attorneys fees, that may result due to my actions or work performed at the Columbia Airport on the above mentioned project(s) as long as the work is performed at the request of the Tuolumne County Airports Director and my actions or work performed are within the scope of the request of the Tuolumne County Airports Director .

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Date

Volunteer Signature

A Fly-In T-Shirt will be available at cost, please indicate your size _____