

Dear fellow FRM Members,

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

DISCONTINUE FLYING OVER THE ORCHARD EAST OF THE RUNWAY.

We have been asked by the owner of this land not to fly over any of their workers while they are in any of the farmland around our flying field. As we all know, this is also a basic requirement of us via AMA rules.

The reason we're asking for your complete support on this is simple:

SAFETY: Because we cannot see very easily into the now grown up tree orchard as we used to be able to, it is our responsibility to comply with the AMA rules & our neighbor's request of not flying over people (at any time). The flag system is a nice idea, yet it is not our neighbor's responsibility to remind us if they happen to go into their own farmland/business to work. It may only take one more fly over their heads (whether we see them or not) to be banned completely from flying over any of their land. Until we have a better system in place for the orchard east of our runway, it is necessary to discontinue flying over this area completely.

DO NOT FLY: If you have an airplane you cannot safely take off or land for whatever reason unless you fly over the orchard east of the runway, then do not fly it that day.

SPOTTER: Make sure you have someone close enough to you that you can easily hear, who is actively looking for people entering any of the fields we are authorized to fly over and either fly west of them or land immediately. Safety of people in the field have priority over our hobby. If flying alone, be vigilant to watch for people in the field.

KINDLY REMIND: We need everyone's help to kindly remind all pilots to abide by these rules since the ability to use & keep our flying field is at stake. DO NOT take it upon yourself to verbally or otherwise reprimand fellow pilots. If they choose to ignore please notify Dale Soutas 559-355-1699 or Bryan Freeman 559-304-0496 immediately (leave a detailed voicemail if we do not answer).

FRM BOARD: is meeting soon to discuss solutions and ways to work with our farming neighbor to get a better system to monitor when people enter the orchard. Until then we need everyone's cooperation. Those who choose to ignore and continue flying over the orchard east of the runway will have their flying privileges suspended or even revoked. We hope not to have this happen to anyone or to lose our ability to fly at our current location.

Thank you one and all for your prompt attention and cooperation with this.

Very truly,

Dale S. Soutas, VP FRM

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