

# Presidents Prattle

Super **Christmas** Special....



Hello RC Guru's

Welcome to the super Christmas special edition of the Presidents Prattle. I can't believe that its only a few more weeks till the big guy comes around again with his big bag of toys and stuff. Go Santa! This issue I have been thinking about 3 things, so here goes...

1. Safely.
2. Getting your plane down safely when things go wrong.
3. This summers flying season.



All of the above things matter so here goes with #1. **Safety**

If you have been waiting for the long summer season to take your plane in the sky and its been a while.. Time to do some ground tests, check all of the servo's , check surfaces, run the engine, check the leads. Check bolts, Scan the leads for anything that could cause a failure, check all of the receiver wires terminating solidly. If you are using NIMH batteries , give them a cycle, if you are charging up your Lipos.. Remember to charge them safely.

**Also remember when you are ground testing ... secure your plane**



# Getting your plane down safely...

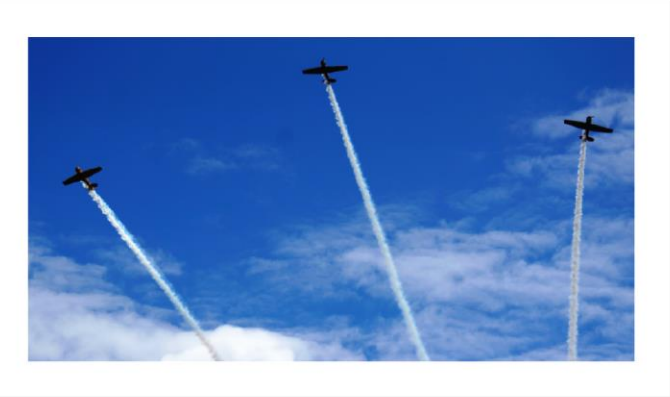
Ok , we have all had moments in the air when things have not gone so well. Most of the time its an engine out. If you engine stops and you need to land in a hurry there are few things you need to think about. These are my rules and they might be helpful to you..

- 1. No freaking out!**
- 2. Call dead stick! And make sure everyone hears you.**
- 3. Get your observer to clear the runway and advise you of clearance.**
- 4. Luckily you have space at Mercer to land so start thinking now about your approach.**
- 5. Remember: You plane will not stay in the air like normal as when the prop and prop wash stops you will loose height faster than usual.**
- 6. Try to get lined up in a fashion either downwind or upwind on the runway**
- 7. Remember you don't have much time to turn, and every turn will scrub off tonnes of speed. Gentle turns are better than sharp turns. Remember too many turns and the plane will stall and "cruchify" Turn carefully and plan your wide turn into the landing.**
- 8. Keep you nose down and keep your speed up, there is no miracle that is going to keep your plane in the air, when it does not move forward , it will stall and end badly.**
- 9. If you are an observer make sure that everyone knows your pilot is landing NOW and to watch the plane as it approaches.**
- 10. As a RC pilot consider safety all of the time if you have to land away from the runway, put it down in a safe area, better to land away from people if you have no control.**



# Recent Photos

The following are some photos I took at the recent Ardmore Armistice Day.  
A great day!





# RC Planes at Ardmore Armistice day

As part of the day at the Ardmore event , PMAC was asked to bring a few planes along. Here are some photos of some of the planes that came along. Big thanks to the guys for bringing their pride and joys along. Many thanks.



Its great to be able to share the love of RC planes, well done guys

# Summer Flying season

Well summer is almost upon us and hopefully the wind has disappeared for a while. I always wake up early on Sunday morning hoping for the trees to be calm and for the last few weeks its been a bit windy. Never fear I thought the best planes to fly are flying wings in windy conditions... and out I go with William and we both flew in 45 km winds. Not for the faint hearted I must admit, however still good fun and allowed both of us to get our RC fix for recent weekends.

Let's hope the coming weeks make a good start to the flying summer season ahead of us. With less wind and clear days.



## Things to think about...

1. If you have not downloaded the Whatapp .. Do this now as it will keep everyone informed of when you /everyone is going flying. It will also help you get an observer . Remember you cannot fly without an observer with the radio at Mercer.
2. I know I mentioned checking your plane.. That's great, it's also time to get your flying tools/gear together. Remember that shoddy charger, time to sort it out before Christmas. Make sure you have your tools ready and some spare Nitro plugs just in case, you want to be at the field ready for fixing things that could go wrong. (Just in case)
3. Get on the simulator if you haven't been flying for a while. Remember to fly in a tight space and not wandering all over the field (in the sim) and practise some tricks over and over. .. And also your landings. Get good on the sim, its cheaper than trashing your favourite plane.
4. The field is in great condition at the moment, water does not seem to worry the surface which is great news. Remember if you do come for a fly an you arrive at 1pm...ish, it is possible that there could be a few planes doing the odd circuit about then. The trick is to consider flying earlier in the day. Most planes do their flying circuits in the afternoon, meaning most of the time its pretty quiet in the mornings.





# That's all folks

## Take care this flying this summer season.

### Hope Santa brings a nice pressie for you with servo's and wings

We will have BBQ at the field in a couple of weeks to  
celebrate Christmas. We will let you know via  
Whatsapp.



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