

2011 Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest Pilot Information

On behalf of the Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers we would like to welcome you to Wellnitz Field for the 2011 Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest. The club has every expectation that this will be a huge success (weather permitting). We would like to introduce some of the people that you may need to talk with during the event:

Paul Hohensee - Contest Director
Brian Koehler - Organizing Committee
Roy Zingsheim - Organizing Committee
Doug Woolridge - Organizing Committee
Glenn Kippenhan - Organizing Committee
Armond Pahnke - Organizing Committee
Joerg Becker-Organizing Committee

These are only a small amount of the members who have volunteered to help put this together. Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers wishes you an enjoyable experience and plans to sponsor this event in the future years.

Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest is a three day event running Thursday to Saturday August 18-19. The event is limited to Giant scale Warbirds, any giant scale pre 1960 aircraft as well as any scale size jet. This is an AMA sanctioned event and jets with turbines will require a turbine waiver for the pilot. Wellnitz Field is an ideal flying site for these type of aircraft. It offers a close cut grass runway of sufficient size with open airspace.

We will be holding a Pilots meeting every day to highlight the field rules and provide general information.

A drawing of the field has been provided in the pilot sign up packet. This will show the pilot parking area available as well as RV parking location. The tent setup for the pit area is also shown. We would like you to follow these guidelines. This will allow spectators to get clear views of the flying activity.

Past events have had a large crowd and given the type of aircraft attending and the advertising it is expected a large number of spectators will be on hand. This alone requires that all pilots adhere to the Flying Rules.

THE FLYING RULES:

- 1.) There are 5 pilot stations behind the orange fences. Flying will be limited to five aircraft at any one time. Exceptions will be allowed but only through the flight line coordinators.
- 2.) Frequency control will be handled at the transmitter impound. Transmitters should be placed in the impound when not in use. Do not operate your transmitter without the frequency clip. When done flying the frequency clip and transmitter should be returned to the impound.
- 3.) All pilots **MUST** have an observer. The observer position is essential. We are requiring all observers to be aware of all flight line and flying activities from the time your pilot's engine is started through the flight until the engine is stopped. The observer position is to make your pilot aware of any potentially dangerous situations. The smooth operation of the flight line as well as safety in the air is highly dependant on the observer position.
- 4.) The paddle system will be used to request takeoffs and landings. The flight line coordinator will let the pilot know when to taxi out for takeoff and when to land.
- 5.) Permission to retrieve items (aircraft, bomb drops, etc.) from the active runway will be given by the flight line coordinator.
- 6.) The pilot or observer should inform the other pilots as well as the flight line coordinator of a dangerous or emergency situation.
- 7.) The flight line is clearly marked 20 ft. in front of the pilot stations. **ABSOLUELY** no flying will be allowed behind the flight line including takeoffs and landings. When flying, aircraft should be kept at the center of the runway or farther. Runway center will be clearly marked. These will be strictly enforced.
- 8.) When flying with two or more planes in the air an upwind oval pattern will be flown. Exceptions will be allowed but only through the flight line coordinators.

The event is being sponsored for the pilots. The enforcement of the flight rules are necessary to make a **SAFE** and enjoyable experience not only for the pilots but for everyone volunteering and observing.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with us during the course of the event. At a minimum any concern will be discussed by the organizing committee as soon as possible.