

To all users of the Ann Arbor Airport,

You all are aware by now of the near fatal incident in May at Michigan Flyers involving a flight instructor and a propeller. The club has since adopted some additional safety rules. Since we all share the surface at ARB, this is to ask you to consider adopting one of our new practices.

There are places in the non-movement areas where pedestrians (flyers and non-flyers alike) are more likely to be present around aircraft. These include any of the vehicle parking areas, and the ramps in front of terminals, FBOs and flying clubs. To reduce the risk to these people, we have asked our pilots to taxi to safer operating areas as soon after start as they have engine oil pressure. We also discourage idling the aircraft between hangars. For those of you familiar with the Northwest T's, this means taxiing to the edge of the grass soon after engine start.

Promptly clearing the area between hangars also respects others access to taxi, and minimizes the impact to open hangars.

Michigan Flyers operates 3 aircraft with advanced avionics and has had no problems with prompt initialization of GPS receivers using this practice.

We are also working on procedures to provide "safe areas" for pedestrians. Working with FSDO, the State and airport management we have agreed on pavement marking for these areas. The area south of the P Row hangars should be marked in September Stop by to see it if you're interested. It delineates areas where aircraft are prohibited.

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