

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Ground Crew Briefing

(Section 1)

General:

Arrive at 9am

Wear attire that is appropriate to the time period

Keep all ropes up and secure to separate the crowd from the runway whenever props are turning

Keep ropes up in front of hangars

If you are tired, under the influence of drugs or alcohol or in another way less than 100% do not participate

Watch out for any unusual activity

Work with a Senior Groundcrew volunteer when new (See section 2)

Bring money for lunch, or a bagged lunch, fridge in Fokker hangar- write name and date on bag

Environment:

Keep the grounds clean and pick up garbage

Take personal precautions against the threat of ticks and Lyme disease, including the wearing of repellent and/or checking your clothing and yourself at the end of the day. If you are allergic, be aware of the likely nesting places of bees and wasps.

Wear sunscreen

Hydration:

Be sure to stay well hydrated, eat and drink constantly when weather is warm

Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke

Watch out for your fellow volunteer

Conduct:

Remember the public is watching!

No cell phone use on the field

Please use cameras only discretely and out of sight of visitors

Conduct yourselves in a respectful and appropriate manner

Crowd Interaction:

Remember to interact with the audience before, during and after the show

If you don't know an answer, do not make up an answer, ask someone or say I don't know but I will find out

In case of an accident refer all questions to a person of authority

Make sure all aircraft, engines and vehicles have proper signage

Bring emergency personnel to a person in distress

The field:

Never turn your back on a running aircraft

Always keep your head on a swivel and pay attention to your surroundings

Keep watch for arriving *and departing* aircraft.

Keep track of the rides plane at all times

Tell a senior ground crew member if an aircraft is in the pattern

Minimize runway incursions

Cross in groups in a place where you are visible

Watch and monitor approaching weather

Handling aircraft:

Report any damage no matter how minor to senior ground crew, the airshow director or chief of maintenance as applicable.

Do not move any aircraft without the proper crew. (See section 2)

Never handle an aircraft with a running engine until you are authorized to do so

Receive proper instruction before propping any aircraft

Treat all engines as if the switch were on (Do not move propellers)

Check mag switches before allowing the public near aircraft

Clean the aircraft and vehicles before the show and take pride in them!

Always use chocks on aircraft and tie downs when necessary

Wing running:

Remember your safety always comes first

Always keep one hand on the wing

Give way to other wing runners in better position

Wear appropriate footwear

The airshow:

Listen to "Hints" from the tower

Stay one act ahead

Pay attention to the action

Know the locations of safety equipment

Know where the emergency plan is located

Pay attention and look out for taxing and flying aircraft

Help put away aircraft after the show, put the signs back up/ away

Remember the public is watching

Use correct hand signals with pilots

Driving vehicles:

Only drive if you have a valid driver's license for that type of vehicle

Keep maximum driving speed safely within the vehicle's limitations

Keep the cars clean inside and out

No riding the running boards on the Model T's

Do not overload the vehicles

Check with the vehicle coordinator to make sure the vehicle you would like to drive is ready for use that day before removing it from the hangar

Be respectful and take pride in our vehicles

Help passengers in and out

Firearms:

No person may bring their own firearms on the field

Treat all firearms as if they were loaded

Be sure that barrels are clean and unobstructed before use

Keep all blanks secure

Never bring ammunition from outside sources

Always aim firearm upwards when being used in the show

Clean and put away the firearms after the show

Never, ever aim a firearm at anyone

Finally: Have fun, this is a one of a kind place where history flies!

Museum Membership: Membership Drive – We need everyone's help!

"Welcome to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, where the oldest aeroplanes still fly. We are supported by admissions, donations and memberships. Our members are our biggest supporters. With membership you receive an airshow pass for a full year, the quarterly rotary ramblings newsletter and 10% off in the gift shops. Your membership money will go to keep Cole Palen's Dream alive and allow many more generations to see these aeroplanes, and vehicles. Are you interested in supporting the aerodrome with a museum membership?"

Keep membership in mind when talking to people, It's a great way to be a part of what we do here and support ORA