

# Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Ground Crew Briefing

## (Section 2)

### Ranks and Training

#### **-General**

No crew member will attempt a task for which they have not been trained or are not qualified to perform. To be considered qualified said crew member's qualification must be logged and filed.

Ranks and/or promotions to a new rank do not automatically qualify a crew member to undertake the tasks listed under that rank. Specific training will be used.

No aircraft will be moved without the proper crew. To be considered a proper crew there must be one Senior Ground Crew member and at least 2 others.

Task assignments will be made by Senior Ground Crew based on seniority, experience, and past performance.

Airshow assignments will be made by the ground crew chief at the one o'clock briefing as above.

All crew will report any damage or issues to a Senior Ground Crew member, the airshow director or chief of maintenance as applicable.

#### **-Crew Tasks**

Moving aircraft and vehicles in and out of hangars

Washing

Fueling

Wing running and chock pulling

Propping

Inflating and launching balloons

Operating firearms

Placing signs

Giving tours and interpreting aircraft and exhibits

#### **-Ranks**

##### Jr. Ground Crew

12-18 and default entry rank for new volunteers

Moving, fueling and washing non-running aircraft under the supervision of at least one Senior Ground Crew member. Must remain on the crowd side of the 50ft line whenever an aircraft is running in the vicinity.

May not cross runway during show. May cross runway at other times if accompanied by a Ground Crew or higher ranking person.

May place signs once aircraft names have been learned.

May inflate balloons under supervision of a Ground Crew member.

May launch balloons with a Senior Ground Crew member.

Additionally, Jr. Ground Crew members will give guided tours of the hangar area or museums, interpret individual aircraft, vehicles or exhibits, run errands and carry messages, assist with the Fashion Show by escorting the models, helping them in and out of cars and perform music.

#### Ground Crew

18+

Same as Jr. Ground Crew with the addition of pulling chocks, wing running, dollying, driving vehicles, and otherwise participating in airshow operations.

Ground Crew may not drive tractor when moving aircraft, only a Senior Ground Crew members may do this.

Ground Crew members may operate the shotguns and launch balloons after receiving the proper training and checkout.

#### Sr. Ground Crew

18+

Same as Ground Crew with the addition of driving the tractor and supervising when fueling or moving aircraft. Senior Ground Crew may also prop aircraft if trained and checked out to do so.

#### **-Promotions**

When the required age is reached, a crew member may apply for a promotion. If said individual possesses the necessary skills and experience and no Senior Ground Crew member has a valid objection he/she will receive the promotion.

Senior Ground Crew may also promote members they deem capable but promotions must be made with due judgment i.e. not in the heat of the moment when the need arises. A crew member may not carry out the duties of their new rank until their promotion has been logged.

#### **-Requirements for participation on ground acts**

Actors must be 18 years of age or older and/or hold the rank of Ground Crew (see amendment 1.1) to participate in ground acts beyond the 50 foot line during the show, and must have previously acquired and logged the necessary safety training for the act in which they are participating.

#### **-Amendment 1.1**

In acts that involve ground vehicles i.e. the escaped convict or the Black Baron an individual otherwise not qualified for ground acts (under age or un-trained) may take part providing the following requirements are met:

- ❖ The individual remains in the vehicle at all times unless they must exit for safety reasons
- ❖ The driver of the vehicle is responsible for said individual and has the sole ability to decide whether he/she participates in the act.

#### **-Operation of ground vehicles**

Drivers must hold a legal license for the type of vehicle they operate and must be checked out in this *particular* vehicle by a capable individual.

For example, being checked out in one Ford Model T does not qualify one to operate all Model Ts.

To operate a vehicle outside the 50 foot line during the show, the driver must be 18+ and meet the requirements for participation on ground acts stated above.

**-Rewards for exemplary performance will be given out by the Senior Ground Crew members including but not limited to: airplane flights, vehicle rides/checkouts and ice cream.**