

## Runway Safety Rules and Regulations (Final 04.05.10)

**Background:** MALA owns land, configured as a runway, which is available for general aviation aircraft. The runway is private and its use is available to Merifield Acres property owners and their guests. The runway is not lighted, has a grass surface, and is outlined by white pylons. A wind sock is located on the approach end of the runway. MALA maintains the grass surface using its maintenance contractor. Management of the runway is the responsibility of the Chairman of the MALA Aviation Committee.

**Authority:** The Merifield, Inc., covenants provide that MALA has responsibility for the “general safety” of runway operations.

**General Rule:** No unauthorized activity may be conducted on any part of the MALA runway land inside or outside of the pylons. Unauthorized activity includes the operation of any vehicle such as a golf cart, car, truck, or other motorized conveyance. (Federal law prohibits the unauthorized operation of vehicles on runways.) Other prohibited activities are those that would obstruct the runway such as picnicking, burning, or dumping of foreign material.

Any obstruction or defect requiring repair of the surface of the runway must be approved by the Chairman prior to returning the runway to service.

Aircraft may be towed across Meriwether or Merifield Drive at approved crossings with the engine off. Such violations should be reported to the Board of Directors or Aviation Committee. The Aviation Committee will investigate the complaint and make the final decision.

**Landing Operations** may not be conducted after evening civil twilight (30 minutes after sunset) unless the pilot in command has an emergency. Landings after evening civil twilight should be conducted at Marks Municipal Airport (W63) or other facilities equipped for such operations. The operational pattern is left hand for runway 33 on approach, and 15 for departure. **STANDARD RADIO PROCEDURE FOR ALL OPERATIONS ON 122.9 IS MANDATORY.**

**Operation of a vehicle** on the MALA runway land may be authorized by the Chairman for purposes of carrying out official business of MALA, including maintenance.

**Radio Operation** is required of every aircraft operating from MALA on the runway and in the pattern. Every aircraft so equipped must broadcast on 122.9. Failure to comply with standard operating procedure, calling the turns and taxi operations may result in a permanent prohibition and a report to the FAA.

**Aircraft Parking** on MALA property will be at the north end near the posted sign to the right. Aircraft may park on private property with the owners’ consent.

**The runway may be closed** in the event of an obstruction on or defect in the surface that would effect safe operations.

1. Notify the Chairman, Francis Hale, at 374-9922. If contact is not made, then contact any other member of the Aviation Committee who will in turn contact the maintenance contractor (Refer to Merifield Acres Directory, Aviation Committee) or member of the board.
2. The marker panel used to close the runway is in a plastic coffee can in the custody of the maintenance contractor, located in the storage building in Oak Park off Merifield Drive on the shelf to the right in a marked box. Lay the panel out to form an “X” at the approach (lake) end of the runway and weight it to hold against the wind. If the marker panel cannot be found, two rolls of paper towels or toilet paper can be used, and dampened to resist the wind.

This concludes the runway rules and regulations finalized and approved April 5, 2010