



SAFETY OBSERVATION Trial

At our June GM at Moss Field, members resolved to trial a Safety Observation sheet.

Members are encouraged to jot down (anonymously if you wish) safety issues that others may not be aware of, so that they can be shared without blame. This is so that the Club and its members can improve safety and we can have more fun, more safely. The Committee *may* at some time in the future, share some of our findings and ways we've resolved issues with the State body, ANSW.

So if you're observing practices that may be from... just plain annoying to potentially really unsafe, jot them down on the back of this sheet and forward it to the committee in any of the manners described there.

These forms are available at the Suggestion Box or downloadable from the website. No names are necessary, but can be volunteered if you wish to discuss the issue with a Committee Member.

Here are some examples of safety issues you could bring up:

Example #1 :

*At a height of about 20 metres the wing of a foamie SuperEZ came off!
The wing fluttered down while the fuselage speared into the ground across from the pilots compound.
Inspection found that the wing had fatigued and failed around an old repair at the toggled wing bolt's attachment.*

*Suggestion: Always check your aircraft before you place them in the car to go to the field. Test the security of all repairs on the aircraft and all components such as wings, tail plane, fin, motor etc.
NB. Just because the plane worked last time you used it, doesn't mean it's airworthy for its next flight*

Example #2 :

Here we go again! Just yesterday someone's aircraft was about to be flown on its maiden flight with the AILERONS AND THE ELEVATOR BOTH REVERSED! It was very lucky that someone noticed the possible disaster just before the takeoff.

Suggestion: Circulate the message that all aircraft need to be checked by at least one other, but preferably two other experienced aeromodellers before the first flight after assembly, modification or repair - as stated in the GCAC Rules.

The committee will review and analyse these suggestions and if there are serious issues or recurring themes will use them to introduce new or remind members of existing safety rules.

A SAFETY OBSERVATION

Date

Name / Phone if you wish

Issue

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What to do with this now...

If you wish to remain anonymous, slip it into the Safety Observations Box in the club container.

OR

Post it to the club secretary at :

PO Box 148
Ourimbah NSW 2258

If you are happy to identify yourself, give it to any committee member

OR

Email it to the club secretary at : secretary@gcac.org.au

Thank you for your cooperation.