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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMA CHARTERED CLUBS IN PARTNERING WITH PARK FLYERS

- **Be aware:** Determine potential flying sites for park flyers within a 3-mile radius of your club's flying site. Examples might be parks, parking lots, playgrounds, farm fields, ball fields, etc.

Keep in mind that the greatest threat comes from those flying who have no prior experience with Radio Control models. Knowing this may help in qualifying potential sites.

- **Be pro-active:** Establish a "committee" of club members to keep track of activities taking place at the locations determined to be likely park flyer sites.

These committee members must be willing to devote the time and effort necessary. They must be members who exhibit good people skills; i.e., diplomatic, polite, courteous, and understanding.

- **Be a source of assistance:** Your introduction of yourself should be followed with an offer of free assistance for the new flier. This assistance should take the form of an offer to check the aircraft for airworthiness, getting the aircraft into the air successfully, and distributing information pertinent to flying Radio Control aircraft—all in a safe environment.

Encourage questions and be prepared to give clear, concise, and easily understood answers. Do not treat park flyer pilots as anything but equal.

- **Be a partner:** Contact the hobby shops and offer the printed information provided by the AMA to hand out to each person purchasing a park flyer. Also provide them with printed information about the club, which includes an invitation to the club field and the offer of assistance in learning to enjoy a new park flyer.

A clearly drawn map to the club field is a necessary part of this handout.