

Gathering of the Classics – Parking Procedures

Welcome to the Gathering. This event has seen as many as 300 aircraft arrive for the day. As such we have created a parking system to accommodate that number of aircraft. We kindly ask that you obey the instructions of our volunteer staff so that we may make this event as enjoyable and safe as possible.

Classics:

This fly in is a Gathering of the Classics. As such we like to display as many of the more interesting and unique aircraft as possible in the main ramp area. As such we ask that you understand that the main parking area for arriving aircraft will be the infield which has been prepared for use as aircraft parking. We will “select” aircraft that we would like to put on the main apron. If we would like your aircraft in that location you will be met by a “follow me” vehicle. Please follow this vehicle to your parking spot.

We understand that many of you will arrive in aircraft that are considered a “classic”. If you are not selected to park on the main apron please do not be offended. We have limited space and fewer volunteers and as such are only able to accommodate a limited number of aircraft in that location. We have another “higher” visibility location on the first section of Runway 26 Grass. If after parking on the infield you would prefer the Runway 26 Grass location please advise one of our parking staff and we will endeavour to move you to that location.

This event is not normally a “judged” event but simply a display.

Parking Priority:

The main parking area for arriving aircraft is the infield with the exceptions mentioned above. Following this is an explanation of what procedures to follow depending on arrival runway. In the event that the infield is full, about 200 aircraft, you will be parking on Runway 26 Grass. Please closely follow the directions of our Volunteer Staff in directing you to the correct location.

After Landing:

Runway 31 in use: Please make every effort to land long and exit at the intersection of runway 31/13 and 08/26. While it is understood that many aircraft could clear at Delta taxiway it has been found to be much better to have all aircraft exiting at the same location. This keeps the flow of the inbound traffic much easier for us to control. After clearing Rwy 31 proceed east on Rwy 08. There are two entrance locations onto the infield from Rwy 08. Earlier in the day the

most easterly entrance will be in use. As the infield fills we switch to the more westerly entrance. If the infield is full you will be parking to the north of Rwy 08 on Rwy 26 Grass. We have prepared entrances to both the infield and Rwy 26 Grass as there are many areas that would not be suitable for many aircraft. You are strongly encouraged to use these prepared entrances in order to avoid damage to your and other aircraft. The entrance areas are denoted by two square orange panels (see photo below).



Again, when exiting Runway 08 you are asked to please enter the infield or Rwy 26 Grass by taxiing between these two panels.

After exiting the runway you will be directed to your parking spot. Please follow the directions of our staff. Aircraft will be parked with nose facing Rwy 26. There are lines cut in the grass which we will be placing your main gear on. This will keep sufficient clearance between aircraft which creates lanes which you can use for departure. (see photo below)



Runway 13 in use: Please clear Rwy 13 at Delta taxiway and proceed north. There will be a volunteer directing you onto the infield at the appropriate location. Unlike entering the infield from Rwy 08/26, entrance onto the infield from Delta taxiway can be made at almost any location with the exception of one area which will be marked with orange pylons. As such there is no “designated” entry/exit locations made from entry onto the infield from “D”. Again, please follow the directions of parking staff. If the infield is full you will be directed to carry on

to the easterly entrance point onto Rwy 26 Grass. This will be the same as described for the Rwy 31 arrival. Again, you will be parked nose facing Rwy 26 with main wheels on the cut line.

Departure:

If you are leaving earlier in the day when there are many members of the public still in the vicinity of your aircraft please advise our staff and we will come and escort you out onto the taxiway. Departing the infield can be accomplished by heading east out of your parking spot onto Delta taxiway. As mentioned earlier, it is safe to taxi onto "D" from the infield at just about any point except as marked by orange pylons. If departing later in the day, you may also be able to taxi to the designated "entry/exit" locations on Rwy08/26 if the way is clear to do so.

Fueling:

Both Mogas and Avgas are available. If possible, please plan on fueling your aircraft prior to departure rather than on arrival. The arrival period can be a very busy time and it would be greatly appreciated if you could plan on fueling later. If you would like to fuel, please advise one of our staff and we will escort you into the fuelling area. Please do not proceed into the fuelling area, which is in the main ramp area, without escort.

In Closing:

We want this event to both enjoyable and safe. Please remember that there are many members of the public in attendance who are free to roam around all aircraft. These folks may or may not be airplane "savvy" so we ask you to please keep this in mind while taxiing and remind you to secure your aircraft upon arrival. Also, please proceed to the Registration tent to receive your "freebies" and above all else, thank you for your attendance and enjoy The Gathering!

Parking Diagram:

