

Wings Across America 2008 (WAA-08)

Mission Statement

Provide an atmosphere in the spirit of camaraderie by having a single, focused goal of flying a radio controlled airplane around the 48 continental United States in an expeditious manner.

Vision Statement

Fly a battery powered model airplane (Stevens Aero SQuiRT) in all 48 states by as many pilots as possible at their local fields. The plane will be hand-delivered to the next pilot on the list creating a "chain" of pilots that theoretically fly the airplane across the United States and back.

Pilot Requirements

1. Flying skills must be proficient enough to fly this model without crashing. See note 1.
2. Must provide the following info to the WAA-08 Coordinator; name, address, phone number, email address, and club field web site if applicable. See note 2.
3. Take a digital photograph of him/her with the airplane at their local flying field to include the club's field sign (if applicable). Pilot is also required to annotate the log book with name, date and location flown. Pilots are encouraged to make personal entries describing their flight and experiences with the plane. Please do not use vulgar or obscene language. See note 3.
4. Pilot must be willing to hand carry (drive) the plane and its support equipment to the next pilot in the chain. Phone numbers and addresses will be provided to the pilots making the swap, but it is recommended that those pilots work out the details amongst themselves.
5. Flying, photo, and transportation of the plane to the next pilot should be performed as quickly as possible so as to not delay the WAA-08 on its way across the United States. See note 4.

Notes:

1. If the plane crashes or is damaged while in the possession of the pilot, it is the responsibility of the pilot to repair/replace the airplane to include shipping charges. Please contact the WAA-08 coordinator immediately if the plane is damaged.
2. This information will not be shared or provided to anyone except those pilots directly in the passing of the airplane, the WAA-08's primary and alternate coordinators (see below for POCs). The information provided is only used to control movement of the WAA-08 airplane around the country. If by chance an outside agency would like to document this event for historical purposes, each registered pilot will be contacted for their approval to share this information.
3. If the pilot is not a member of an AMA chartered club, then a photo at their favorite flying field is acceptable.
4. It is understood that weather conditions and other circumstances can inhibit movement of the WAA-08 airplane, but it is highly encouraged that flying and transporting happen as quickly as possible.

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Supplemental Information

WAA-08 Contents

1. Stevens Aero SQuiRT 400 model airplane with the following components:
 - a. Castle Creations Pixie-20P ESC
 - b. Rx
 - c. GWS sp400 Motor
 - d. Hitec HS-55 servos (2 each)
 - e. APC 7x4 prop
 - f. MaxAmps 2S 1100 mAh 7.4V battery (2 ea)
 - g. Common Sense RC 2S 1250 mAh 7.4V (2ea)
2. DX6 Transmitter
3. FMA Cellpro 4S battery charger
4. Pilot's Log –hardbound composition notebook
5. APC 7x4 spare props
6. Lipo Sack

Note: Please keep all equipment serviceable and ready for flight for the next pilot in the chain. Charge batteries after each use. If equipment problems are encountered, please contact the WAA-08 coordinator. **No upgrades or modifications to the aircraft are allowed except to replace worn or damaged parts.**

Pilot's Log

1. All WAA-08 pilots will annotate the flight log with their name, screen name (if applicable), field name and location (city and state) and date flown as a minimum. Pilots are encouraged to enter any relative flight information, weather conditions, and or other pertinent information they choose to share with the other pilots involved in the WAA-08. Please do not use any vulgar or obscene language in the log. It is also encouraged to include any unique items of interest that is indigenous to your local area such as stickers or mementos of your local area. These items can be included on the pilots log under the required information entry. **Due to the fact that there are so many pilots involved, signing the airplane will not be practical. Please do not mark or add anything to the film covering of the WAA-08.**

Photos

1. A posterity photo of the flight will be taken at the pilot's local field and will include the pilot, plane, and the club field's sign. This is the minimum required photo and it is required to be emailed to Murocflyer. All these photos will be used to make a slide show of the pilots who volunteered to be part of the WAA-08. The slide show will be burned to a DVD and be available to all participants if requested. Cost of the DVD is yet to be determined but will be limited to the cost of the DVD and mailing fees. Additional photos of the plane flying and of the pilots are encouraged to be taken and shared with the RC community via your favorite RC forum.

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Pilot Responsibilities and Other Information

1. Pilots wishing to join in the WAA-08 when the plane is underway should send an email to Murocflyer stating their interest in joining. Doing this does not guarantee a spot on pilot's list as the location of the new pilot could seriously alter the pre-planned course too drastically. Each new pilot request will be evaluated on a case by case basis. New pilots are encouraged to join as long as it does not affect the pre-planned route too drastically. The motto here is "the more the merrier." The route will be planned and tracked using Microsoft Streets and Trips

2. Pilots receiving personal information from other pilots should not share or divulge this information with prior authorization. The personal privacy of each pilot should be respected by all pilots of the WAA-08.

3. Once a pilot has flown the airplane, the WAA-08 should be contacted as soon as possible to update the status of the trip. It is highly encouraged that the pilot comments and posts a few photos on the events of their flight in their favorite RC Forum.

4. Please keep the airplane and its support equipment clean and dry. It is assumed that all pilots will treat the plane and equipment like their own personal plane and take very good care of it while it is in their possession.

5. No financial or legal responsibility is assumed by the WAA-08's primary or alternate coordinators throughout the entire journey. All local, state, and federal laws, including AMA's safety code should be followed during every flight. Any damage to property or injury to persons is the responsibility of the participating pilot flying the aircraft.

6. The intent of the WAA-08 is to have fun and enjoy the excitement of participating in a nationwide event of flying an electric powered plane across the country. Knowing that a group of RC aero modelers joined together from all over the USA with a goal to fly this plane in every state of the continental United States and back to its origin in the shortest amount of time possible is certainly a thrilling and exhilarating accomplishment. Everyone that participates and helps in this project should share in the knowledge of knowing "they made it happen" and you should be commended on our successful journey.

Points of Contact for the WAA-08

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