



Safety Brief

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“Start of Day” (SOD) Brief

- Tow Pilot, FOO and Glider Pilot
 - One the “same page”!
 - Know who each other are.
 - Observe/Communicate Weather
 - Observe/Communicate current airport traffic
 - Skydiving?
 - Civil Air Patrol?
 - Observe/Communicate McCarran traffic
 - Communicate preferences (Let-down area, launch location, etc.)
 - Communicate tow order
 - Communicate individual tow requirements
 - Remind everyone to “back-up” everyone all the time
 - Everyone is “On Duty”!
 - FOO briefs glider pilots not around at SOD

Glider/Tow Pre-flight

- Pilot currency?
 - 3 takeoffs & landings in 90 days
- Lot's of recent wind and moisture
- “Very” positive control check
- Check for properly inflated Tires
- Clean windshield

Pilot/FOO/Wing Runner Pre-Launch

- Glider Pilot....minimize time on runway prior to launch.....Be ready for launch!
 - Launch from “infield”
- Before pushing out!.....Visually check for traffic
 - Monitor Frequency always!!
- Tow/Glider pilot get SA on glider traffic in area.
- Communicate to Tow pilot tow requirements and whose flying i.e. is student flying?

Glider/Tow Timeline

(Launch)

- Radio Check between Tow and Glider
- “CCATT Launch” reminder.
 - Canopy locked (visual and physical)
 - Cable (proper link, no knots, etc.)
 - Airframe (no tail dollies-control locks, spoilers in)
 - Tow Plane (towline untangled, flaps up)
 - Traffic (FOO visual sweep of downwind, base & final)
 - Launch (FOO gives/returns “thumbs up”)
- Glider pilot issue clear “Rudder Wag”
- Tow Pilot return clear “Rudder Wag”

Glider/Tow Timeline

(In-Tow)

- Glider hold good tow position
 - If able, slightly to the left to help Tow pilot.
- Both Pilots look/review land-out locations
 - Mentally, verbally and physically point to options
- Tow Pilot monitor engine
- Tow Pilot monitor Speed and Rate of Climb
- Use Judgement to turn crosswind
 - Sufficient altitude to safely turn
 - Turn before glider is too far from runway
- Glider Pilots....Watch for silent Tow signals.
- Glider/Tow Pilots.....always be ready to release.
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Glider/Tow Timeline

(Release)

- Tow/Glider check for traffic in respective turn directions
- Solid release
- Immediate turn
 - Pattern tow may require staggered turn same direction, Tow first.
- Tow Pilot descend quickly but safely.
- Glider keep visual (i.e. SA) on Tow plane.

Glider/Tow/Land Timeline

(Land)

- Maintain SA on local traffic
 - Let others know where you are
- Make good/clear radio calls
- Landing checklists
 - FUSTALL
- Obtain/Maintain Landing parameters
- Exit Runway deliberately & quickly on rollout

Skydiving Operations

- New Operator, using new call sign.
- Avoid mid-field overflight
- Cross airfield at ends of runways, minding other traffic in pattern
- Note radio calls by Jump Plane
 - Jump imminent!

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Date
