

Monroe/Walton County Airport

Flight Safety Guidelines

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General Aviation Operations

- All pilots are expected to monitor the airport Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) - 122.9 while taxiing on the airport and within 10 NM of runway centerline.
- All pilots are expected to communicate their intentions and actions on CTAF.....
 - communicate all taxi intentions (Monroe Walton County Traffic, N12345 is crossing midfield, taxiing out for departure runway 21).
 - communicate entering the airport traffic area (Monroe Walton County Traffic, N12345 is 5 miles south of the airport, setting up to enter a left downwind for runway 21).
 - when multiple airplanes and/or gliders are operating on the airport and in the traffic pattern, the best practice is to communicate all legs in the pattern (Monroe Walton County Traffic, N12345 is left base for runway 21 - touch and go).
 - an excellent safety practice is to acknowledge another pilots call by immediately communicating your intentions ... (Monroe Walton County Traffic, N12345 is taxiing out for departure runway 03 - Monroe Walton County Traffic, Beechjet 481CW is short final for runway 21).
- Jumpers and Gliders have the right of way in all cases.
- Standard left hand traffic pattern operations are expected when jump or glider operations are active.

Jump Operations

- Upon departure, the jump plane will climb straight out of the airport traffic area and will change to Atlanta Approach at 3500' MSL.
- The jump plane will monitor CTAF throughout the entire flight.
- 2 minutes prior to jump, the pilot will announce on CTAF - "Jumpers over Monroe Airport from 14,000 feet to the surface. Please use caution!"
- Upon release (8000 to 14000 AGL) pilot will advise ATC and announce "Jumpers Away" on CTAF.
- All efforts will be made to keep jumpers on west (Monroe) side of field and avoid landing on or crossing the active runway.
- The parachute landing zone has been designated as the grass area adjacent to the windsock.
- Typical full cycle for jump operations is 20 minutes with 14-15 minutes climb time and 4-5 minutes decent times with parachute openings between 2000' & 5,000 ' AGL.

Glider Operations

- Operations Director (OD) will monitor CTAF and supervise all ground operations.
- Gliders will be staged on the runway in a ready condition 2-4 minutes prior to departure.
- Glider operations can be anticipated below 8000' and within 8 - 12 statute miles of the runway centerline.
- Typical tow release by glider pilots is at 2,500' AGL but some training flights can release much lower.
- Within 5 miles of centerline, all gliders will monitor CTAF and will announce all landing pattern turns and intentions.

These safety guidelines are being offered by the Monroe Walton County Airport Safety Committee. Pilots currently serving on the airport safety committee are Wayne Parks, Virgil Williams Jr., Dan Nugent, Larry Fussell, Bill Scott and Rodney Etheredge. The purpose and objective of this Airport Safety Committee is to provide a centralized forum and oversight organization concerned with promoting safety at the Monroe Walton County Airport. "To contact the committee with any safety issues, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Rodney Etheredge -
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