

Elmendorf Aero Club

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During winter operations at the Elmendorf Aero Club two of the most important qualities to develop are **Planning** and **Patients**.

Several things change with this change of operations, this list is just a few areas to be aware of when exercising your flight preparations and recovery.

- 1) Limited Light – daylight hours begin to dwindle between October and December and until late March remain few. Be SAFE when driving to the club, walking across the ramp, taxiing aircraft, stepping up and down on aircraft as well as ladders. Planning ahead will reduce the need to hurry, which can cause mistakes, injuries, and mishaps.
- 2) Dress for the weather at hand but plan for the possibilities, always look for the coldest temperature that you could be exposed too.
I.A.W. Elmendorf Aero Club (EAC) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) 3.12.2 From 1 Oct to 1 May, and on all mountainous areas, all Aero Club pilots and clearing authorities will ensure that all passengers carry arctic clothing. Clearing authorities may cancel a member's flight if any passenger is not adequately dressed.
- 3) Plan for Safe flight watch the weather conditions and the possibilities for a rapid change that could leave you away from Elmendorf.
- 4) Look ahead as to where your aircraft may be located when inside the hangar, you may have to move several aircraft to allow yours to be moved outside. Ask for help, plan ahead, and be patient. Do not steal another aircraft just because it is closer to the door. Communicate with other pilots to assure understanding and agreement if an aircraft swap is to take place.
- 5) Unless you physically hand the keys and book to the next pilot, the aircraft is to be brought into the hangar, DO NOT leave it outside assuming it will fly.

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