

# CODE OF ETHICS, DELTA MIKE AIRFIELD, INCORPORATED

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is education, encouragement and support of historical aeronautical research and multi-media publication in order to enhance knowledge among public and private sectors around the globe. Specific research and education emphasis is on the “Golden Age of Flight,” nominally between the years 1920 and 1940.

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