

# Learn to Fly a Radio Control Model Airplane

Radio Controlled (R/C) model aviation is a wonderful hobby for anyone with an interest in aviation. R/C planes are fully functional model aircraft with engines or motors and controls like real planes; aileron, elevator, rudder, and throttle. They are not toys.

This hobby is fun for all members of the family, from grandparents to fathers and mothers, to sons and daughters. Often this interest is passed down through generations. Club members often form bonds that last for a lifetime and even from club to club across the country.

For youth, the hobby offers many important “life lessons”, to name a few:

- Working within a group and contributing to Club activities
- Adherence to flight operation rules
- Attention to detail
- Electrical and mechanical skills
- Hand – eye coordination
- Feelings of accomplishment upon learning new maneuvers or soloing
- Something special – not many can say “I fly R/C”

The Spring Hollow R/C Flyer's Club is Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered Club #4138 and operates from the Spring City National Guard Armory grounds in East Vincent, PA. The club has a FREE flight training program that provides:

- Instructors
- Airplanes and radios
- A Student Log Book with a training checklist and sign-off for lessons completed.

This program is conducted under the AMA's Introductory Pilot Program and includes:

1. Assignment to a Club instructor for the 60 day period covered by this program. All flights must be conducted at the field and in the presence of this instructor while under this program.
2. AMA liability insurance for student pilots for the instruction period. The AMA provides this same insurance to all its members.
3. Explanation of the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and the SHRCFlyer's Club safety and field rules. Safety of yourself and others is of major importance.
4. Coverage of topics such as “why airplanes fly”, flight rules, pilot etiquette and so on.
5. Use of an electric powered plane and radio equipment for instruction.
6. Certificate signed by your instructor and awarded to you when you have graduated.

## **General Information**

1. It is strongly recommended that a student use a PC based Flight Simulator before beginning the 60 day program. A link to an inexpensive one is available on the Links page of our website.
2. You are welcome at all Club meetings and events during this program.
3. Help is available for selecting appropriate planes and equipment and recommending sources suited to support your hobby interests.
4. After graduation (or 60 days) you must join the AMA and the SHRCFlyers Club to continue to fly at the Club's field.

## **About the AMA:**

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is the national organization that supports aeromodeling in the United States. It lobbies for legislation that helps the hobby such as radio frequency allocations and FAA flying rules. Web address: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)

## **SHRCFlyer's web page:**

[www.SHRCFlyers.org](http://www.SHRCFlyers.org) Where all information related to the club is located, along with some pictures of the field and members.

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