

## The popularity of radio control flying

Radio control flying is starting to grow with the advent of:

- A. Ready-to Fly and Almost-Ready-to Fly airplanes - which require little assembly.
- B. Electric powered airplanes.
- C. The technical advancements in Radios and Batteries.

## How does someone get started in this as a hobby?

### **Seek information by:**

1. Searching the web for information - find out what is involved with getting into RC flying.
2. Go to a hobby shop that sells RC planes:
  - a. Talk to the person at the hobby shop to get an idea what is involved with RC Flying.
  - b. Ask where the nearest RC clubs are and a possible contact.
  - c. Look for posted RC events that you can go to observe and talk to the people about RC Flying and get more information on what is involved in RC flying.
  - d. Get information on a trainer aircraft they have at the hobby shop for sale (suggest a ARF aircraft to start – less construction/time to fly).
  - e. Try a flight simulator at the store, if they have one – get idea how involved it is to fly & how much money the flight simulator costs, see below. (note: there are other flight simulators available on the market).
  - f. Purchase an RC magazine to get an idea if you want to get into RC (This is also a good source for RC website information also). Suggest Model Airplane News magazine.
    1. Go to the **Academy of Model Aeronautics** website (**modelaircraft.org**) normally listed in the magazine. The website of the Model Aeronautics will give you information on club locations and a RC club contact person.
    2. Go to **Tower Hobbies** web site (**towerhobbies.com**) for good information on what is needed in starting in RC. This is also a source for reduced price products.
  - f. If you are interested in joining a RC Club, **observe** if the field is in good condition, the flyers are helpful, friendly and face north (this is important to keep from looking into the sun while you are flying), toilet facilities, fire extinguishers and first aid kit available any other things that you think are important.
  - g. Go to the Toledo RC Exposition in April. Learn more about it by going to [www.toledoshow.com](http://www.toledoshow.com). Dealers show their wares and many are for purchase. There are model displays for judging.

### Before you fly that new plane:

- A. **I suggest you a purchase a flight simulator** that you connect to your computer and practice (\$50-\$200). Suggest Great Planes Real Flight simulator.  
Your success in learning how to fly will be increased, especially if you are flying for the first time.  
Do not want you to crash the first time and be discouraged.
- B. **I strongly suggest** that you have an experienced flyer teach you how to fly.  
Your success in learning how to fly will be increased and because of the success, and will stay in RC.

### HOW DOES SOMEONE JOIN A RC FLYING CLUB?

1. You pay a membership fee to join the club.
2. Join the **Academy of Model Aeronautics** to get insurance and magazine.  
Membership is a requirement of **all RC Clubs** before you can fly at their field.

### What kind of investment should someone expect?

1. There is approx **\$35.00 membership fee** to the RC club (price depends on type membership).
2. Join the **Academy of Model Aeronautics** (About \$30 to \$50) (again the price depends on type membership)
4. **A small electric powered ARF airplane** will cost **about \$85 on up**, which may be a cheaper way to get into RC Flying for the first time flyer. These airplanes are called a "Back Yard Flyer".
5. An **All Ready to Fly** RC engine-powered trainer airplane will cost about **\$150 to \$400**.
  - a. An **All Ready to Fly** plane (ARF) usually is complete with covering, engine, radio, battery, wheels and controls are already installed, and includes a battery charger.  
All you normally have to do is glue on the elevator and rudder which may take about 30 minutes and charge the batteries.
  - b. You will need a **battery** for the engine glow plug and **fuel** to get you flying, with an instructor.  
Check with the manufacturer for exactly what may be required to get you ready to fly.

### Information on our RC Club:

Our club is a RC Airplane club and has been chartered since 1955, which indicates longevity.

**Our meetings are held** the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Sunbury Library.

**Joining a RC Club and RC flying is good way** to start a hobby, gets you outside and meets people.

### Location of the Corks flying field:

**Our club field is located about 1 mile West of Centerburg and located just west of Chapman airport on the North side of route 3-36 and the field is located about 1/2 mile east of the Wyandot golf course.** We have signs posted indicating our flying field location. We would be glad to help you with any questions and show you how to fly.

### What kinds of club events take place throughout the year for enthusiasts?

Our club has a monthly fun fly between club members with different events each month and we also have public service projects during the year.