

Palm Beach Radio Control Association

New Flyers Quick Reference Guide.

'New Flyers Getting Started Reference Guide'

The objective to this quick reference is to answer a few questions and get you the links and contacts that will make getting started a bit easier.

- 1) I want to learn how to fly RC models, so where should I start?

The first place to start is at your local flying field. I have listed some of them at the end of this document. Take a ride out to the field and get a lay of the land and introduce yourself to some of the folks at the field. I like to look at any material the field and or hosting club may have available or posted. Getting the names of the Club Officers and trainers at the host club can get you on your way!

Your Local Hobby Shop is a great place to get information. (again, listed at the end of this document.) As an example, the local hobby shop that supports our clubs is RC Revolution; <http://rcrevo.com> FB page is: <https://www.facebook.com/Radio-Controlled-Revolution-370495728090>

If you are close to and or interested in flying at The Palm Beach Radio Control Association field, (address below), send an email to joerpbrca@gmail.com and I can answer questions you may have and help get you started.

- 2) What do I need to fly? Membership, Insurance, is there a fee?

An AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) membership is required to fly at most flying fields as membership includes insurance that is required to fly at our (local) flying field. You can sign up and read more at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll>

You will need to register with the FAA once you purchase an aircraft. (Very simple and very inexpensive.)

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/>

Club Membership will depend on the field where you go to fly. Some fields are private, and some are public fields with a host club. (As a courtesy I always join the club if I will be flying there frequently. Clubs work hard to maintain the flying fields and work with the local park departments and FAA towers on behalf of the pilot's along with being a great resource of information and events.)

3) Is there a way to get flight lessons?

This will depend on your local flying field. When you are researching the field and or a club as listed in item 1, some of the clubs, if joined, will offer free flight training.

At the Palm Beach Radio Control Association, we offer free training sessions with a club membership. You start with your red stripe card if you are new to flying, you fly with a trainer and graduate to get your blue stripe card. PBRCA also gets a discount at our local hobby shop as they are super supportive of our membership.

This is not the only way to learn by any means. One of the best ways to get started is to purchase a flight simulator (listed at the end of this document). The simulator allows you to fly RC models on the computer, very accurately, so that you can get yourself oriented and learn the basics as well as being a great tool to work on more advanced skills in the future; a great investment.

A trainer will usually recommend that you get a simulator as this also cuts the time down that it takes you to learn how to fly safely. A good hobby shop (<https://rcrevo.com>) once said-each crash is super cheap as you can simply press the restart button!

These are some of the questions that I get but I know you will have many more, like what should I wear when I want to look my best at the field? I certainly can help so send me an email at JoeRPBRCA@Gmail.com

Links to great sites to get you excited and a ton of information.

Palm Beach Radio Club Association Website: <https://palmbeachrc.com>

Palm Beach Radio Club Facebook Page! <https://www.facebook.com/palmbeachrc/> Super Fun Page If I do say so myself.

Radio Controlled Revolution Hobby Shop: <http://rcrevo.com/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Radio-Controlled-Revolution-370495728090>

Flite Test – Amazing Site to watch videos and learn a ton . Great for the kids and adults alike!

<https://www.flitetest.com/>

AMA: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/>

Model Aviation: <http://modelaviation.com/>

FAA Drone Registry (Yes even if it is not a drone. do not worry the FAA is always confused.)
<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/>

Local Flying Clubs.

Palm Beach Radio Club Association Website: <https://palmbeachrc.com>

Westervelt Field

West Delray Regional Park

10875 West Atlantic Avenue

Delray Beach, FL 33446

RC Bush Pilots <http://rcbushpilots.com/>

Dyer Park

7301 Haverhill Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Markham Park

16001 W State Rd 84,

Sunrise, FL 33326

Vista View Flyers <https://www.facebook.com/VistaViewFlyers/>

4001 SW 142nd Ave

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33330

AMPS Aero Modelers of Perrine

<https://www.facebook.com/AMPSRC>

20044 SW 168th St

Miami, Florida 3318

Local Hobby Shops

Radio Controlled Revolution <http://rcrevo.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Radio-Controlled-Revolution-370495728090>

Hobby Glades <https://www.facebook.com/Hobbyglades-603801856663698/>

Flight Simulator and Starter Planes.

Realflight 9 <https://www.realflight.com/index.php> Make sure to touch base with your local hobby shop and or club to get a plan that works for your level!

**Radio Controlled Revolution**
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Hi everyone!!! Wanted to provide some info since we get quite a few folks who ask us what we think the best way to get involved in flying RC models is. At RCR, we recommend to our customers who choose to purchase a model, that they start with either the E-flite Apprentice STS or the HobbyZone Aeroscout. Both of these models feature SAFE (Sensor Assisted Flight Envelope) technology that helps to prevent overcontrol, loss of orientation and crashes so nearly everyone can learn ... See More

