



Astro-Wings Model Aviation Radio Control Club Information

The Astro-Wings of Wisconsin welcomes you to the fascinating world of model aeronautics, a sport/hobby for all ages. Our member roster spans three generations, novices and veterans, guys and gals. Astro-Wings' primary emphasis is in all areas of radio control models.

Founded in 1955, the Astro-Wings was a small group of control-line modelers. They first flew at a field behind a hobby shop in Mequon, Wisconsin and meetings were held at a member's home. Through the years, participation in various facets of the model-building hobby kept pace with emerging technology and, as space to fly diminished, radio control became more popular. Today Astro-Wings members possess expertise in virtually every area of model aeronautics. Building techniques, radio and electronic, propulsion and flight theory can be covered in-depth at any gathering of Astro-Wings members.

Regardless of individual talents, the Astro-Wings advocate a fun-and-family atmosphere. Rather than competition, picnics and fun-flies are the rule. The relaxed atmosphere and obvious willingness to help and share, puts new members at ease. Friendships develop quickly and progress in attaining flying skills comes easily.

The benefits of an Astro-Wings membership are:

- Monthly newsletter with event announcements, meeting minutes, free swap and for sale ads, and tips and techniques
- An annual Holiday party
- An annual fun fly
- Fun flies with other clubs
- Free qualified instruction and flight training
- Insurance coverage with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

There is a small initiation fee and the annual dues are modest. **Club meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Grafton Senior Center, 1665 7th Ave., Grafton, Wisconsin 53024.**

Every club needs a place to fly and the Astro-Wings are privileged in this respect as we have an excellent field conveniently located between Grafton and Port Washington where Hwy. 32 meets I-43.

Astro-Wings membership requires our members to belong to our national association, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The AMA provides our members with insurance and a monthly magazine.

The AMA is the world's largest model aviation association, representing a membership of more than 150,000 from every walk of life, income level and age group. The AMA is the official regulating, record keeping and contest ruling body and although official operations commenced in 1936, its heritage can be traced back to 1905. The Astro-Wings hold AMA charter #1167 and most events are sanctioned with the AMA.

Don't let anyone tell you that the radio control hobby is difficult to understand, or that RC models are hard to build. If you've seen a modern RC airplane taxi around on the ground, take off, land, and do aerobatics, you may have assumed that all this took many hours of construction and an electronics education. WRONG! The fellow who is flying that apparently complex RC plane probably has no understanding of electronics and he may have constructed the plane in a very few evenings.

On the other hand, we don't know of any hobby that is as open-ended as RC. It can be as complex as you want to make it. We know of members who have spent thousands of hours creating a totally scale airplane that won the RC Scale World Championships. There are other hobbyists practicing RC flying three hours a day who have raised their flying proficiency to such a point that no full scale pilot would ever begin to match the spectacular and precise maneuvers that these RC planes can accomplish. So, you can make this RC hobby as simple or complex as you want. You can pursue it for a lifetime and still be challenged.

The hobby of building and operating radio models is fantastic! The excitement of piloting your own aircraft is a satisfying experience and it is easy to become addicted. The challenges are significant and the accomplishments are most rewarding.

Club membership is an essential requirement for those involved in model aviation. The benefits of insurance coverage, instructions in developing flying skills and availability of a flying field are the most obvious. Come join us!

Applications to join our club can be downloaded from our web site at www.astrowings.com under Membership.

**For more information contact our
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or our Vice President & Webmaster
Jeffrey Thompson at 262-323-2128**

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AMA Charter Club # 1167

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

AMA Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Other Club Memberships: _____ Referred by : _____

Send Check & Photo Copy of AMA Card to:
Astrowings (Check Payable to Astrowings)
c/o Richard Hustung – Treasurer
749 Westport Dr., Port Washington, WI 53074
e-mail: husting@att.net

CIRCLE FEES THAT APPLY

Initiation Fee:	\$ 50.00	
Senior Full & E-mail Newsletter:	\$ 50.00	(18 yrs. or older; AMA membership required for flying privileges)
Family Membership:	\$ FREE	(Spouse and/or Children of Members Under 18 yrs.; AMA membership required for flying privileges)
Junior Full:	\$ 5.00	(Under 18 yrs.; AMA membership required for flying privileges)
TOTAL FEES:	\$ _____	

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