

Madison Area Radio Control Society
MARCS -AMA Charter club #665
Club Website www.marcswi.org
AMA Website [Academy of Model Aeronautics](#)

We are a group of radio control modelers. We have been an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Charter Club (#665) for over 30 years. Our current membership is 70 people and represents a broad range of modeling interests including; electric models, sailplanes, giant scale models, scale models, helicopters and multirotors.

Our national organization, AMA, has a safety code that governs what we do. Our club also has additional operational and safety rules of our own specific to the flying site. The AMA also provides liability insurance for the flying site land owner, the chartered club and individual members.

In the past we have held three family friendly public events each year; an electric fun fly (electrics only), scale rally (every model flying must be a model of a full scale aircraft), and a warbird event with only models of military aircraft from WWI to the present.

We also hold three to six evening learn to fly events a year. These events provide people the opportunity to try flying an rc (radio control) plane with an instructor without the expense of actually purchasing their own models. This way, they can decide if the hobby is really for them before making an investment.

We also provide educational programs at schools and for scouting troops.

Our previous field was leased from the City and located behind the Dane County Landfill on Highway 12. The County needed to expand the landfill, so our field as well as the cricket field east of us were both sold to the County for this expansion.

The Hustons have been kind enough to let us develop a flying field in a pasture on their property about $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile north of Uphoff Road. We now need to get this property rezoned from Agricultural to Recreational. We will only be flying over the Huston property to the North of our flying field. We were flying at this location the past two weeks, but were instructed that we need to stop flying gas and glow (noisy) planes

while the rezoning process continues. Only the landowner and his friends can fly during this re-zoning process.

We always strive to be respectful towards the surrounding community. We have a maximum noise limit for all models of 96 decibels at 20 feet. We also only allow flying of noisy models (Gas & Glow) from 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Electrics fly sun-up to dusk. (but are quiet) Other than the family friendly events, typically there would be 4 to 8 people flying at the field throughout the day at various times during flying season. (generally late April through October.) "Mother Nature" has a lot to do with when people fly as well, if it is really windy, people usually choose not to fly.

Visitors are always welcome to come and watch and check things out. It is a very positive activity for people of all ages. This fall one of our younger members is heading off to college to study aeronautical engineering, another is already attending college at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida and another younger member has gone from models to flying commercial jets. Last summer, I instructed a nine year old student who has now soloed and become a very proficient rc pilot. We also have another member who is in his late 50's who started receiving instruction last summer and is continuing to improve his flying skills this year. As you can see, it is a hobby for all ages.

We are hoping you will be willing to support our club's activities and this new flying field in your neighborhood. You will receive a notice from the town about the meeting on September 23rd. If you are willing to attend in support, that would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend but are willing to email the town clerk in support of this, that would also be appreciated.

Her email is: clerk@towncg.net.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at the address below.

Thank you,
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