

Introduction to Basic Radio-controlled Model Aircraft with Robert Nelson

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Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am in Civic Centre Lounge

5 weeks starting on April 21, 2011

Maximum 10

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Sackville

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the world of radio-controlled model aircraft. The hobby can involve aircraft so small you can fly them in your living room to giant scale models that are flown outdoors for as far as the eye can see. There are many paths a person can take that fall between these two extremes. Do you want to fly scale, acrobatic, or helicopters? Is flying your main priority or would your main interest be assembling an aircraft from a kit? What would be your favourite means of power: glow, gas, electric, or gliding?

You should come away from these sessions having a little more knowledge about the possibilities that exist in this fascinating hobby. As nothing will be covered in great depth, you will also come away with many questions. Researching these questions in publications, on the internet, and in discussions with fellow RCers is an important social aspect of the hobby that should not be overlooked.

It would be helpful if students brought laptops or notebooks, although this is not a requirement.

Topics to be covered:

Types of aircraft - Almost ready to fly (ARF)

- Ready to fly (RTF)

- Kits

Power options – Glow, gas, electric, turbine

Indoor and outdoor flying

Field box

Battery chargers

Transmitters, receivers, servos

RC simulator (available for practice in class)

Demo of indoor slow flyer planes and helicopter.

Instructor Bio:

I got involved with RC model planes in 2007. I started flying with an instructor that summer and have progressed to the point where I can almost fly with no assistance. Belonging to a club has exposed me to many of the different aspects of RC aircraft and helped me to decide what direction I want to take as well as giving me a general knowledge of most areas of the hobby.

Some people are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. Please respect a scent free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....

As you know, our instructors are all volunteers, who work very hard at putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend any of the classes as most instructors plan weekly classes that are appropriate to the number of registered students in the course.

If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please email tscordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place. Sometimes, seniors have travel plans or medical appointments made in advance. It would help instructors to know this at registration, if possible, so that class material may be adjusted accordingly. Illness, as well as other unanticipated and unavoidable conflicts can occur. If you are able, please let your instructor know as soon as possible if you will miss a class.

Thank you!