

This is model aviation.

You can do this too.





GOOD FUN. **AWESOME PEOPLE.**

See that smile?

That's model aviation, and you can do this too.

Model aviation has never been more accessible, more affordable, or more fun than it is right now. Today, inexpensive models can come preassembled, are battery powered, and include many features that help pilots with no experience learn how simple and fun it is to fly!

Across the country and around the world, people are enjoying aviation through model aircraft and building lifelong friendships at the same time.

The aircraft are spectacular! Seeing your model take to the sky is thrilling, and there's an amazing community of more than 175,000 fellow pilots who got started just like you and are having a blast.

To really enjoy model aviation (or aeromodeling as it's sometimes called) you only need to know one thing: how to have fun!

Don't know how? We're going to show you. That's what this is all about.







**IT'S WAY MORE THAN JUST FLYING.
IT'S FINDING WHAT PROPELS YOU.**



READER DO THIS NOW.

JUST GET STARTED

There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to get started in model aviation — and when you do, you'll begin to discover what intrigues you and what motivates you to learn more. It's different for everyone and that diversity is what makes this hobby unique.

Rivalry

For some, it's the thrill of a good race or the excitement of aerial combat that makes your heart pound. You're driven to be better today than you were yesterday. It's about the competitive spirit that puts you head-to-head with your adversary, and the sportsmanship that brings you together when the battle ends.

Craftsmanship

For others, it's the satisfaction that comes with the completion of a carefully constructed machine. Your model is the end result of careful planning, meticulous attention to detail, and personal touches that make your creation stand apart. It's being proud to say that you're a maker.

Camaraderie

For many, it's warm, sunny afternoons spent with friends at the flying field that turn into evenings of trading stories and dreaming up the next big idea. It's road trips to your favorite events and late nights spent in the workshop—imagining and accomplishing the next project that you can't wait to show off.



There's probably some resource we want to make people aware of at this point. Maybe there's something they should do to see how awesome model flying is?



RADIO CONTROLLED

Control every aspect of your flight with a radio transmitter.



MULTIROTORS

Experience the latest in model flight technology.



CONTROL LINE

Feel the power of flight and the pull of a tethered aircraft.



FREE FLIGHT

Carefully engineer your plane to stay aloft on it's own.



COMBUSTION POWERED

Smell the fuel and hear combustion engines scream.



ELECTRIC POWERED

Enjoy quiet power on demand with electric motors.



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SOARING

Glide silently through the sky using only the wind.



RACING

Earn a win by pushing your machine-and your mettle.



AEROBATICS

Captivate an audience with thrilling performances.

The myriad of options available to hobbyists and competitors today have made model flying more diverse than ever. Models, gatherings, and even competitions exist for pilots of all skill levels and many interests — just a few of which are shown here.

With so many ways to get involved, what are you waiting for? Find what propels you. You can join the community of modelers that stretches from coast to coast and around the globe!

Get an aircraft - and get ready to have some *real* fun!



SCALE MODELS

Fly your favorite plane with models of full-scale aircraft.



COMBAT

Earn your stripes and test your skill in airborne dogfights.



HELICOPTERS

Pilot a gentle scale helicopter, or an aerobatic fun machine.

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Get started with model aviation

Free resources from the
Academy of Model Aeronautics



Visit www.amaflightschool.org/get-started

for more free information on these three easy steps to getting started.

1 Choose your aircraft.

Did you know there are specific traits to look for when selecting an aircraft to learn with? Look for the word 'trainer'. There are lots of exciting aircraft available for new hobbyists!



2 Find a flying site.

You'll need an open space. It could be an AMA club field, your own backyard or a large indoor space (like a gymnasium)—any place that's large, legal and safe will do. Wherever you choose to fly, ensure you have permission from the property owner and that you are following local and national laws.



3 Consider an AMA Membership

Youth join
free!

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is the largest model aviation association in the world and provides resources and representation for the sport and hobby of model aviation in the United States. AMA members enjoy these great benefits, and more!



Access to flying sites

The Academy of Model Aeronautics represents about 2,500 dedicated model flying fields across the United States.

Model Aviation Magazine

Published monthly, *Model Aviation* provides the broadest and most thorough coverage of the hobby available anywhere!

Competition Privileges

Test your machine and your mettle by competing against model pilots from across the US and around the world!