

Learning the Radio Control Model Airplane Hobby

Jerry DeLong, a former Aerospace Engineer, Member of the Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club, The Academy of Model Aeronautics and an avid radio control model airplane builder and flyer is sponsoring a new small group activity. The activity is to help anyone who has an interest in Radio Control Flying learn the basics of the hobby and to get some ""stick time"" on his simulator and with a real Radio Control Gas Powered Model Aircraft.

Meetings will be held monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Jerry's Home and shop (1801 Pinehurst, Las Cruces, NM 88011). The first meeting will be June 1, 2010 at 7PM. Meeting topics will include but not limited to the following: (At the first meeting we'll do the "Basic Elements of the hobby)

- **Basic elements of the hobby**
 - **Airplane kits & ARF's (Almost Ready to Fly kits)**
 - **Radios (Transmitters & receivers)**
 - **Servos**
 - **Organizations to join & where to fly**
- **Flying the Computer Simulater**
- **Flight training with Jerry's trainer & "Buddy Box" (needs to a daytime activity)**
- **Setting up your shop**
- **Shop tools for builders**
- **Building Techniques**
 - **Adhesives**

- Getting it straight
- Covering materials and techniques
- Alignment and trimming
- Setting up the airplane with the Radio
- Engines
 - *Different types- Glow, Gas & electric
 - *Break – in techniques
 - * Engine mounting & alignment
- At each meeting we'll try to have different airplanes to see and the owners to present and discuss
- We'll gladly work in any topic of general interest to the group
- We will plan to have members of the group attend a meeting or other activities(such as flying contests) of the Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club if they have interest. (See <http://www.mvmac.org>)

Please contact Jerry if you'd like to be a part of this fun, informal group.

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