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Dare County Radio Control Flyers Receives National Recognition

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Dare County Radio Control Flyers, our local radio control model aviation club, was recently named by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as a “Bronze Leader Club.”

This distinction is awarded by the AMA to only those clubs that have met their rigorous safety standards and have demonstrated a positive contribution to the radio control model aviation community. The AMA is the nation's oldest aeromodeling organization that works to promote, develop, educate, advance, and safeguard model aviation activities. It serves more than 200,000 members from every walk of life, income level, and age group, and includes over 2,500 chartered clubs throughout the United States.

According to the club's president, Jim Davis, “Our members have been working hard to meet these standards over many months, and we are very pleased that our efforts were realized.”

In addition to this distinction, the club has also participated in a number of recent local events including a celebration of National Model Aviation Day they hosted at their flying field in Manns Harbor, and the First Flight Society's commemoration of National Aviation Day at the Dare County Regional Airport in Manteo.

“We strive to make events which we host or participate in informative and fun for everyone,” stated Davis. Both of these events were well-attended and many attendees were either afforded the opportunity to actually fly a model aircraft, or were given a hands-on experience about how a model aircraft is controlled in the air. “Seeing the enthusiasm, curiosity, and interest of especially the younger attendees was especially inspiring to our members,” Davis added.

Dare County Radio Control Flyers was chartered in 1989 by the AMA and serves to promote radio control model aviation as a sport and recreational activity at the home of the Wright Brothers first flight, the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The club is a self-supporting, not-for-profit organization that is always looking for new members to share their passion for radio control model aviation. Membership is open to anyone with an interest, including those with little or no experience in the hobby. Those interested in further information are invited to visit their website at dcref.club, or to contact the club at 252-656-2FLY (2359).



Virgil Kee explains how his B-25 Mitchell is controlled to a young guest at National Aviation Day.



Stephen Yanacek's AeroScout comes in for a perfect landing at National Model Aviation Day in Manns Harbor.



Grant Dick demonstrates the assembly of his monoplane to spectators at National Aviation Day.