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Radio Control Club Invites Local Residents To Flying Event To Aid Food Pantry

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Manteo, NC, October 1, 2023—The members of Dare County Radio Control Flyers, our local radio control model aviation club, will be hosting a family-friendly flying event at their field in Manns Harbor on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10AM to 4PM. Local residents of all ages are invited to attend, and any person attending will have an opportunity to fly one of the club's radio control aircraft!

There is no charge to attend or fly at this event, however the club is asking all attendees to bring at least one non-perishable food item or a comparable cash donation per person, all of which shall be donated to the Beach Food Pantry to help local residents in need.

According to club president, Jim Davis, “This event is our way of educating the public about the thrill of model aviation as a hobby, while giving back to our community.” This will be the third consecutive year for this public event, and the club hopes to also attract new members by demonstrating what a rewarding, educational, affordable, and fun activity flying model aircraft can be for persons of any age.

Local residents wanting to experience the excitement of flying a radio control model airplane at this event will be able to do so under the supervision of one of the club's flight instructors. Upon completing their introductory flight, participants will automatically be entered into a no-cost raffle with three complete ready-to-fly model airplane packages, with a combined value of over \$1,350, being awarded. The winners will be selected at the end of the day by an exclusive drawing of only those who participated in the day's flying.

The club will also be providing attendees with lunch consisting of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and beverages at no cost.

A separate raffle for a 1.5-meter powered-glider will also be held for those interested in purchasing tickets at \$10 each, or three for \$20.

The club's flying field is located at 1521 Link Road in Manns Harbor, and is accessible through the entrance of the Outer Banks Gun Club.

Dare County Radio Control Flyers is a self-supporting, nonprofit organization that is always searching for new members to share their passion for aeromodeling. The club was chartered in 1989 by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and promotes radio control model aviation as a recreational activity at the home of the Wright Brothers first flight, the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The current

membership of the club includes those from a variety of educational and life-experience backgrounds, from 13 to 93 years of age.

Club membership is open to anyone, regardless of experience level, and to encourage families to enjoy the hobby together, family memberships at a discounted rate are now being offered.

Further information about the club or this event is available on the club's website at dcrf.club, their Facebook page, or by contacting them by phone or text-message at 252-656-2FLY (2359).



Steve Smith instructs a young student.



Philip Garey readies a plane for launch.



Preparing a plane for flight.