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Model Aviation Club Awarded Grant For Public Flying Event

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Jim Davis, president of Dare County Radio Control Flyers, announced that the club recently received a \$1,000 "Takeoff And Grow" grant from the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Foundation.

Only twenty-six such grants were awarded nationally, and these funds will be used to host a public event for residents of our community on September 28th, Davis stated.

The event – entitled the Outer Banks Festival of Model Aviation, will afford local residents the opportunity to learn about the hobby of model aviation by actually flying a radio control aircraft under the supervision of one of the club's instructor pilots.

According to Davis, this will be the fourth consecutive year for this family-friendly event. "Last year we introduced over forty local residents of all ages to radio control model aviation, and we are planning for even more guests, fun, and excitement this year" he added.

In addition to flight operations, other activities will include raffle prizes that will be awarded to non-club members who give flying a try, as well as a lunch consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soft drinks.

Admission to this event will be at least one non-perishable food item or comparable tax-deductible cash donation per attendee, all of which will be donated to the Beach Food Pantry.

Further information about this event will be made available in the near future.

Chartered in 1989 by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Dare County Radio Control Flyers serves to promote radio control model aviation as a sport and recreational activity to local residents. The club is a non-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 desiring further information are invited to visit their website at dcrf.club, or to contact the club at 252-656-2FLY (2359).



Guests view a large model German biplane at the 2023 Outer Banks Festival of Model Aviation.



First time pilots of all ages were able to fly at last year's Outer Banks Festival of Model Aviation.



A Japanese fighter plane takes to the air at last year's model aviation festival.