

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESTLAKE RADIO CONTROL CLUB

AMA Charter #1384

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Dear Potential Member:

It has come to our attention that you have expressed interest in joining the Westlake R/C Club. There are two prerequisites. You must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and you must agree to use only radio equipment that fully meets (both transmitter and receiver) the 1991 narrow band standards set forth by the FCC. If you are not yet a member of the AMA you can join on-line at www.modelaircraft.org. The second requirement is that you agree to provide some form of club service, such as serving on a field maintenance work party, working at the club's annual swap shop, assisting the refreshment committee chairman at a club fun-fly, etc. If you would fill out this application and send it along with a photocopy of your AMA card, and a check for the appropriate amount made out to "Westlake RC Club," to the address below.

For our records, please supply the following information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Home Tel. No. _____ Work phone (optional) _____ Date of Birth: _____

AMA Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have any prior R/C flying experience? _____

Have you ever been a member of this or any other R/C Club? _____

If yes, name of club and dates: _____

I agree to fulfill the service obligation described and understand the prerequisites for joining set forth above.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Dues: New adult member (over 18 by July 1): \$70 (calendar year) plus an initiation fee of \$50 (total \$120).

New junior member (under 18): \$35 plus initiation fee of \$25 (\$60).

Junior member in same household as a paid adult: Free, but must have their own AMA membership.

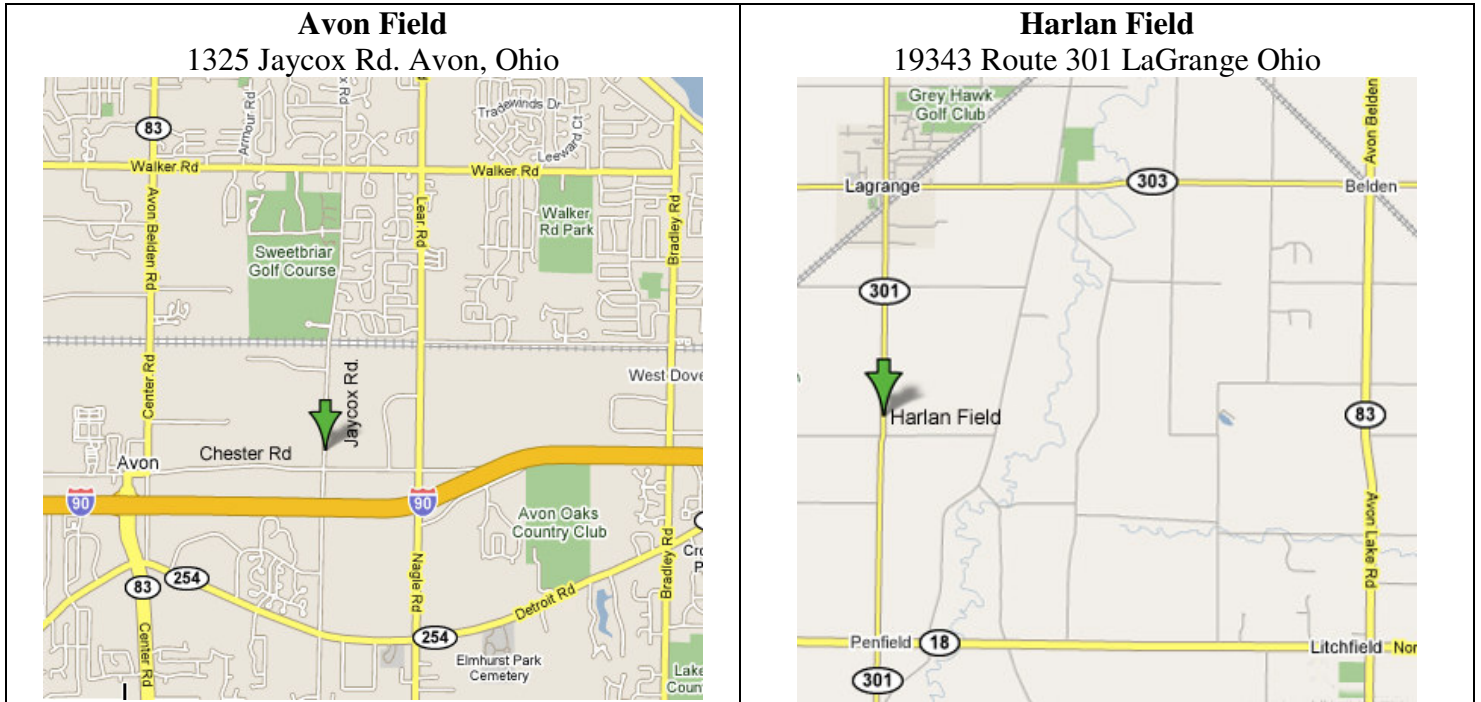
Joining after JULY 31 dues \$35.00 for adult and \$17.50 for junior, plus the applicable initiation fee

(Total \$85.00 for adults and \$42.50 for juniors).

Note! Renewing membership January 1, or later, constitutes rejoining as a *new member*, subject to the initiation fee.

Send application and check to: **Dave Cook**
27729 Marquette Blvd.
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

The Westlake RC Club is currently supporting two fields. The Avon field is limited to aircraft of 10 lbs or less. The Harlan field is for larger aircraft and flight training.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the best way to get started?

It is best way is to get help, preferably by joining a local club. It can be dangerous to try and teach yourself to fly at the local school yard. There is not enough room, and you are almost certain to crash soon after takeoff perhaps causing property damage and/or injuring yourself or a bystander. Many communities have regulations that can be expensive if you try and fly in areas that are not approved for such purposes.

RC clubs have designated instructors to teach you, and they have a safe facility at which to fly. It is also best to consult with one of these clubs before purchasing any equipment. They can recommend the best plane, engine, and radio to buy, where to buy it, and what additional equipment you will need.

Note: Most clubs also require membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The AMA is the national organization that champions the cause of model flying in the United States; formulates rules for competition; and provides liability insurance for the individual member, for the club, and for the owner of the property on which the flying facility is located.

What does it take to get started in the hobby and how much does it cost?

The total cost would probably be around \$500. You will need are an airplane, the radio equipment (sold as a complete set: transmitter, receiver, batteries, wiring harness, etc.), an engine, and a certain amount of ground support equipment and tools and a tool caddy to carry it all. Additional materials may be needed to complete the airplane kit: glue, covering material, paint, hardware, etc. In recent years there have been great improvements in, and the availability of, electric Ready to Fly (RTF) aircraft. There is a good selection of Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) kits that can significantly shorten your building time.

How long does it take to learn to fly?

It is going to take about ten hours of actual flying time to solo. An average flight is about ten minutes, and in one flying session three to six flights is about normal. It really all depends on how much time you invest and on your own natural ability. One of the best aids to learning is the buddy box where a student and an instructor are connected so that the instructor can take over if the student gets in trouble. A second aid to learning is the purchase of a computer flight simulator.