

Welcome to Bell Air R/C Flyers



The Bell Air flying club was originally formed in 1948, flying at several locations until having a permanent home since 1985 at its present location on the Lummi reservation. The club is a state of Washington, non-profit organization and is open to all who are interested in model aviation. Long time members have a wealth of information that they willingly share to new pilots as well as those returning to the hobby. Bell Air is a chartered club with the AMA and as such has strict but reasonable rules to ensure the safety of all pilots and spectators.

The club hosts several flying events, picnics and swap meets during the summer months and holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month. Club flying dues are currently \$90.00 per year. Youth membership (18 and under) is \$10.00 per year. The club has a flight instruction program available to new pilots or those wishing to upgrade their skills. All flight instruction is free of charge. For new students the club dues are only \$20.00 until you complete your solo flight. Information on the club and events can be found on the club website at www.bellairrcflyers.com

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is a national organization that has been in place since 1936. All flying members must join the AMA or its Canadian equivalent. The AMA provides the club and its members with a safety code, contest rules, local and national support programs as well as providing flight insurance for all members and the club. Information on the AMA can be found on their website at www.modelaircraft.org

The Federal Aviation Administration has recently implemented a registration program for all remote controlled unmanned aerial vehicles flown outdoors and weighing more than ½ pound. This includes model aircraft as well as “drones”. As model aircraft pilots we pose little threat to full scale airplanes or the national airspace since we fly from a designated field with our own safety code. In any case, we have been included in this FAA program and it is Federal law that we register. We register as a pilot and get a number to place on our airplanes. The airplanes themselves are not registered and you can have as many as you wish. Cost is \$5.00 for 3 years.

To register go to www.faa.gov/uas/registration

To answer all your questions go to www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs

Please feel free to ask questions of any club member or club officer. We are here to enjoy model aviation.