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## Fledglings...

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Part of my many winter build projects included an overhaul of my *Avistar Elite* trainer. It's been quite some time since I've been able to fly and rather than risk any of my \$1k+ aircraft, a smart man would spend some time on a low-risk, low investment aircraft.

During the overhaul I was immediately reminded of all the things our trainers need on an annual basis with regard to maintenance. In particular, I was a little surprised at the degradation of the fuel tubing, glue joints, covering adhesive and in some cases, the balsa itself.

The integrity of your airframe is both your responsibility and key to a long, successful flying career. I strongly suggest you take some quality time to go over your aircraft with a fine-tooth comb and get it as perfect as possible *BEFORE* the new flying season begins.

For those of you who have not yet purchased a trainer package or joined the Flight School program, knowing all the things to look for during and after your first aircraft assembly can seem daunting but don't worry. Not only are we here to help you with every aspect of your learning but experience and common sense can go

a long way. My workshop and I are available to help you out at any stage... simply contact me for a suitable time.

Now is a good time to mention buying your first trainer package as there are many to choose from. We require you to complete your training and earn your 'Wings' with a .40-.60 sized trainer. Those numbers indicate the size of the engine and therefore determines the size and weight of the aircraft. There are many models that fit into this requirement including *Avistar*, *Nexstar*, *Superstar*, *Kadet* etc.

If you are not interested in glow fuel powered or larger aircraft and want to perhaps stick to electric power, there are a couple of options available too including the *Apprentice* or similar. The Flight School will loan you a suitable trainer to complete your test for your Wings in this case.

## Ground School

The annual Ground School event is happening on Thursday April 25, 2017 at 7:00pm in my workshop, Embrun (20 mins from the Stetson field).

This casual meeting will once again provide a session to introduce the incredible world of R/C flying to absolute newcomers and/or new pilots. We will cram in tons of information about the hobby, the Stetson club along with pizza, pop and possibly a flight related movie on the big screen if time allows.

This informational session is for absolute beginners with no flying experience up to and including those in Flight School who would like a refresher before the season starts in May.

You must register for Ground School by sending me an email at [cfi@stetsonflyers.com](mailto:cfi@stetsonflyers.com).

As always, I continue to be available at anytime for your R/C related questions... email me or message me via Facebook & I will help you out.

Thanks for being a part of Canada's best R/C flight school, onward and upward!

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Chief Flying Instructor