



**STETSON**  
**FLIGHT SCHOOL**

*Students Brief*

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## So you want to be a student in the Stetson Flight School...

*Fantastic!*

The Stetson Wings program was revamped in 2010 to become the Stetson Flight School.

The Chief Flight Instructor along with the club executive and several senior members, have spent a lot of time creating the school program with your success as the ultimate goal.

Learning to fly radio control aircraft will usually become a life-long obsession especially if you are trained well from the outset.

Thank you for your interest in being a student in the Stetson Flight School, we wish you a long and happy association with the Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club.

## Stetson Flight School...

*What is in the course?*

The course is designed to be a student-paced curriculum. That means that each student will be given the room to progress at their own pace and become comfortable with each requirement before moving onto the next.

So that the SFS instructors can know at a glance exactly where you are in the program, you will be required to maintain a log book that will keep track of your hours, your progress so far, elapsed time and the required maneuvers that you have both completed and have yet to do.

The course is broken up into manageable chunks allowing the student to concentrate on smaller more controllable sections.

It has been our experience that you will progress faster and retain more important information when the tasks are setup like this.

## Ok, let's go!

*Hold on, what about Ground School...?*

Ground School is an evening session designed to give the beginner an insight into flying radio control aircraft.

It covers many aspects in a casual and friendly setting and allows you to participate by asking questions of the instructors or simply sit back and observe.

Some of the Ground School session covers:

- Aircraft parts
- Balance & straightness
- Assembly & controls
- Batteries & fuel
- Range checking
- Pre-flight checks
- Frequency board and club rules
- Safety
- Engine starting and handling procedures
- Spotters
- The flight line
- Calling your intentions
- Taxi
- Takeoff
- ... and much more!

Ground School is aimed at those with zero exposure to R/C flying and aircraft but caters for all of those who are yet to attain their wings.

## So what do you need from me?

First you need to register. There is a registration email link on the front page of the Stetson Flyers website, here <http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

Attending Ground School is highly recommended. There will be an invitation to register for Ground School on the Stetson Flyers website in the near future, keep an eye out for it!

You will need to purchase\* the official training book *One Week to Solo*. This book is not expensive and is a goldmine of information. All of the required maneuvers are covered in detail and you will be given each weeks homework from the book.

You will need a pilot log book to keep track of your progress. Pilot log books will be available from your CFI during the first class.

You will need to purchase a trainer aircraft, a radio control system and a training cord. Your instructors will provide plenty of advice on what to buy and from where.

You will then need to assemble your trainer aircraft as per the supplied instructions. Additional help is available from members of the club, just ask!

Training will take place every Tuesday evening at the Stetson club field, weather permitting.

You need to commit to this schedule with our instructors. They all volunteer their time, so don't waste it!

More details will follow once the course is set for the season.

\* Training books may be available to buy from past students however you should not rely on this and purchase your own copy. You may buy the book direct from the publisher or may take advantage of any discounts that we may be able to secure.

**LOOK OUT!** For the Flight School web page on the Stetson Flyers website dedicated to the school that is your central information place. Visit this page often to see what's going on with the school, training schedules and the most up-to-date information.

Thank you!

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