

HOLLY CLOUD HOPPERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Holly Cloud Hoppers are a small group of recreational flyers at various flying experience levels (and ages). For the most part, the club members use glow engines but more and more electrics are in use. Sizes vary, but airplanes using 40 to 60 2 strokes and 50 to 90 4 strokes seem to be most popular. We also have just a couple of helicopter flyers. It used to be that most members were kit builders but more and more ARF's (Almost Ready to Fly) show up all the time.

It seems that most of our flying is done in the evenings but you might find someone there just about anytime. Some winter flying occurs, but most members seem to like warmer weather. Some like flying more, some building, some both, but we all enjoy socializing at the field talking about flying.

Our field is located on State land, part of the Holly Recreation Area, near I-75 at Grange Hall Rd (Exit 101). So far the state has been wonderful to work with, but we do comply with a few rules. Our vehicles must have a state park sticker and we follow normal state park rules (i.e., no alcohol). You can see a map to the field on the web at: <http://www.hollycloudhoppers.org/>.

A couple of the members actively teach new pilots and everyone is always free with information about building and flying. The instructors typically use the "buddy cord" system to minimize the probability of hitting trees and such. There is no charge for instruction. The club can supply the trainer box and cord.

We typically only have one meeting a year although we occasionally have another one or two at our Summer Fun Fly or Summer Open House. Here is a high level summary of club fees:

- Annual club dues: \$35
- Initiation Fee: \$50 first year only
- State Park Sticker: \$24
- TOTAL: \$109 first year / \$59 thereafter

We have three additional membership categories: 1)Family membership - intended for members of the same family with younger family members under 19. Dues are an additional \$10 annually and first year initiation is an additional \$5. 2)Junior member – intended for a member under 19 and not part of a family membership. Club fees and initiation fee are cut in half for them. 3)Associate membership – intended for someone interested in the club's activities, but who does not intend to fly. We reduce club dues by half for this category also.

We also require membership in AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics).

In addition, club members take care of the field. We usually have one all day session in early spring for clean up and improvements, then there is the grass cutting for which we take turns.

We have a Fun Fly limited to club members once a year usually in June. We have an Open House usually in August where everyone is invited and where we hook up anyone that wants to try flying a trainer airplane to a trainer cord.

Bottom line, we are a group of recreational flyers that love to share the hobby. New members are always welcome although we do have a membership limit of 85 members. We are currently at roughly 65 members.

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