

Website of the Month

This month's website is an online hobby shop called Esprit Model. Several club members have bought transmitter trays from Esprit Model. Here is the link:

www.espritmodel.com

Do you have a favorite website? If so, let me know and I will put it in the newsletter. Favorite online store, how to build, how to fly, etc- send me the link! My email address:

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Adding to Your Squadron

Want more planes but need to watch your budget? Have you considered buying used aircraft? I recently bought my fourth plane, 3 of which are second hand. My first plane, the Avistar, I found in the Trading Post. It was flown one time, so it was like new. It came with accessories that I needed; starter, fuel pump, etc. Best of all, I saved roughly 50% over buying it new.

My second plane, the Apprentice, I bought from a club member. I saved roughly 33% on that one versus buying it new. I recently bought my fourth plane and I found it online at Craig's List (www.Craigslist.com). There are always several RC airplanes listed in the Hampton Roads or Richmond Craig's List. Another online option, perhaps a little more risky, is EBay.

Several RC Airplane clubs in the area hold annual swap meets. The swap meets are another way of finding used airplanes and accessories, sometimes at bargain prices.

I have seen used airplanes for sale that have never been taken out of the box. Further, I have seen other planes for sale that have never been flown. Some used airplanes for sale still need assembling. Finally, you may find an ole classic airplane that is no longer available through the retail channels.

Do your homework before purchasing used airplanes. Check online for prices and other information. Download an owner's manual with a parts list and take the parts list with you to ensure nothing is missing. Thoroughly inspect the plane for possible damage. Finally, take into consideration that engines and electronics that can't be tested or demonstrated by the seller may not work once you get it home. However, I believe the risk is small.

See you at the field.

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