



# SPARKS RC Club

## Member Handbook

### Hobby Resources

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**Support our local RC Hobby Shops. They are an essential part of keeping our hobby alive.**

Shopping at a local hobby shop as opposed to buying hobby supplies online offers several advantages, and there are several compelling reasons why you might choose to support your local brick-and-mortar hobby store:

1. **Personalized Assistance:** Local hobby shop owners and staff are often passionate hobbyists themselves. They can provide expert advice, answer your questions, and recommend the right products for your specific needs. This level of personal assistance is often missing when shopping online.
2. **Hands-On Experience:** You can physically examine the products, which helps you make more informed choices. You can touch, feel, and even test some items, which is not possible online.
3. **Community Engagement:** Local hobby shops are often hubs for hobbyist communities. You can meet like-minded individuals, participate in workshops or events, and build relationships with people who share your interests.
4. **Supporting Local Businesses:** By shopping at a local hobby shop, you're contributing to your community's economy and helping sustain a small business. This can lead to a stronger local economy and job opportunities in your area.
5. **Immediate Gratification:** When you purchase items in-store, you can take them home immediately, eliminating the need to wait for shipping. This can be especially beneficial if you need supplies urgently or for last-minute project ideas.
6. **Product Variety:** Some local hobby shops carry unique, handcrafted, or niche items that may not be readily available online. You might discover rare or specialized products that cater to your hobby.
7. **Avoiding Shipping Costs:** While some online retailers offer free shipping, not all do. Shopping locally can help you avoid shipping fees, which can sometimes be substantial, particularly for larger or heavier items.
8. **Quality Control:** In a physical store, you can check the quality of the items you're buying. You can inspect for any defects or damage, reducing the likelihood of receiving subpar products.
9. **Returns and Exchanges:** If you need to return or exchange an item, it's often more straightforward with a local store, as you can deal with the issue in person rather than navigating the process of returning items through the mail.



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10. **Sustainability:** Reducing the carbon footprint associated with shipping items can be more environmentally friendly. Local shopping means shorter transportation distances for products.
11. **Convenience:** Local hobby shops are typically located nearby, so you can quickly pick up items or browse the store without the need for long commutes or shipping wait times.

With that said, shopping online has its advantages too, such as a broader selection and potentially lower prices, so the choice ultimately depends on your specific needs and preferences. Some people find a balance by utilizing both local hobby shops for certain purchases and online retailers for others. 🛩️

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## Fixed Wing Resources

[RC Cars, RC Trucks, RC Airplanes, and Model Trains at Tower Hobbies](#)  
[The Leader in Radio Control | RC Cars, Airplanes, and More \(horizonhobby.com\)](#)  
[Radio Control Planes, Drones, Cars, FPV, Quadcopters and more - Hobbyking](#)  
[Brodak Manufacturing - Control Line Flying](#)  
[RC Airplane Kits, Unassembled, ARF & RTF - AMain Hobbies](#)  
[Laser-Cut Model Airplane Kits | Stevens AeroModel](#)  
[Balsa USA](#)  
[RedwingRC High Quality Gas and Electric Planes, Quad Copters, and Jets](#)  
[Carolina Custom Kits - Balsa Model Airplane Kits, RC Airplanes, Balsa](#)  
[Easy Built Models - The Official Website](#)  
[Hangar One Kits - Laser Cut Aircraft Kits](#)  
[RC Airplanes: Fly Models, Kits, Replacement Parts | Graves RC](#)  
[Flite Test Store | Model Airplane Kits, Quadcopter Kits, RC Parts](#)  
[Shop RC Planes, Kits, Engines, and Accessories | Legend Hobby](#)  
[Old School Model Works : R/C Kits \(oldschoolmodels.com\)](#)  
[Giant Scale RC Airplanes – Motion RC](#)  
[FlyingGiants](#)  
[SIG KITS - Sig Manufacturing \(sigmfg.com\)](#)  
[BMJR Models](#)  
[Twisted Hobbys - Premium Rc Hobby Shop](#)  
[Chief Aircraft General Aviation Parts, Pilot Shop, Avionics, Radio Control Models](#)



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## Rotor Wing (Drone) Resources

[5 Best Beginner Drones for Hobbyists - Pilot Institute](#)

[Blade | Horizon Hobby RC Helicopters](#)

[MyFPVStore.com: FPV Drones, Parts & Accessories | Free US Shipping](#)

[Drones: Drones with Cameras, Quadcopters & More | B&H](#)

[\(bhphotovideo.com\)](#)

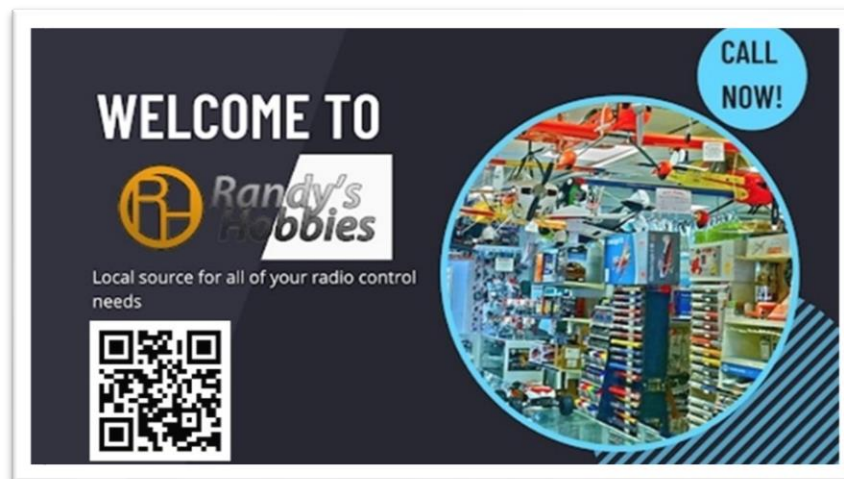
## Local Brick & Mortar Stores

Randy's Hobbies

*randyshobbies.net*

18706 Tomball Parkway, Houston, TX 77070

(281) 469-7000





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## Performance RC Hobby

[performancerchobby.com](http://performancerchobby.com)

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