



# The AMA History Project Presents: History of the GREATER CINCINNATI RADIO CONTROL CLUB



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In 1958, the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club (GCRCC) formed. (Cincinnati modelers started the club under the name Queen City Radio Control Club, but that changed in 1960 when the club became incorporated.) Meetings were held at St. Gabriel church in Glendale, OH. Its purpose was to “among other things, promote the hobby of model aviation, especially its radio control aspects.”

The modelers flew at West Fork Dam in Winton Woods through 1962. In that year, the Park Board began charging \$250 per year for use of the area. This prompted a change, and the soccer fields across the street from St. Francis Center were instead utilized starting in 1964. In 1974, the club began to lease grounds from the Center.

In 1977, the GCRCC began the Flying Proficiency Program, and later, the Instruction Program was started to help novice club members improve their flying techniques.

The club built a shelter in 1976, which was enclosed over the years and even had a fireplace added to it. Unfortunately, in 1990, the clubhouse caught fire and was destroyed. Insurance for the structure covered all rebuilding costs, as well as provided funds for resurfacing their runway. By 1997, they had over 100 members.

In 1999, the lease at St. Francis Center ran out, and the club moved to an acreage owned by Cinergy Woodsdale Power Plant. They call the new area ‘Field of Dreams’.

The GCRCC produces a monthly newsletter for their members, named *Flightline*. They also hold a two-day fundraising air show, called the Flying Circus, every August at the Butler County Regional Airport. Funds provide for the field’s lease. They also hold contests, picnics, and other activities for members. They are currently chartered AMA club #1012, and have 148 members.

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