



Learn To Hang Glide With the

Rochester Area Flyers

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Goal: "Hands On" exposure to hang gliding

Cost: \$50

Includes: use of all the necessary equipment temporary membership in the RAF and in the USHGA. Demo-flights by experienced pilots

This package will allow you to learn the

basics of hang gliding at the training hill.

You will get hands on experience handling a glider.

Hang Gliding Training Program

Goal: Certification as a beginner pilot

Cost: \$595

Includes: use of all the training equipment one year membership in the RAF and in the USHGA one year subscription to the Hang Gliding Magazine

Literature package: training manual, flight log book and an instructional video

Training starts with ground school in late

April, and then runs through May and

June.

For more information or registration

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shifting his or her body. Experienced pilots can make use of rising pockets of air (thermals) to regularly attain altitude of over 2,000 feet and can stay aloft a few hours. Like any form of aviation, hang gliding requires specific skills and good judgement in order to be enjoyed safely. The upstate New York hang gliding community has an exceptional safety record that spans the entire 30 years of the sport in our area. As an interesting means of comparison, insurance company statistics indicate that hang gliding is actually a safer sport than scuba diving, sailplaning or motorcross. Nevertheless, aviation can be an unforgiving sport for those who take safety lightly. For this reason, prospective and beginning pilots are all strongly encouraged to develop their skills both through lessons and through the Pilot Proficiency Program, the official skills and testing program of the United States Hang Gliding Association (USHGA).

Man's Oldest Dream - Now a Reality For You!

Man has dreamed of free, effortless flight for thousands of years. The early Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus exemplified the desire to be able to fly and soar above the earth and Leonardo DaVinci sketched many flying machines that he hoped would free him from the bounds of gravity.



Now, the combination of advanced aerodynamics and improved materials makes it possible for almost everyone to fulfill this dream through hang gliding. The gliders of today are sophisticated, stable aircraft providing pilots with flight distance limited only by weather conditions and skills. The Rochester Area Flyers (RAF) has a safe, comprehensive and exciting program that will get you in the air and on your way to making the dream a reality.

Hang Gliding

Hang gliding is the exhilarating sport of pure flight. Through our sport, the thrilling sensation of gracefully gliding under your own outstretched wings is being turned from dream to reality by more and more people. From lessons to flying sites, the Finger Lakes area is one of the best locations on the East Coast for people to learn and enjoy hang gliding. The sport is open to any mature person of reasonable health.

The Rochester Area Flyers

The Rochester Area Flyers (RAF) is a club of hang gliding and paragliding enthusiasts who meet monthly to discuss flying techniques, experiences, instruction, site regulations and equipment. Meetings frequently include film footage of hang gliding in the Rochester area. Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the home of one of the members. The meetings begin at 7:30pm. Check the events link on our web site for meeting details.

Hang Gliding Lessons

The RAF Hang Gliding School begins its training season in late April with ground school. This is a 3 hour classroom session dealing with the various aspects of the sport such as basic aerodynamics, weather factors, and



Hang Gliding Details

A hang glider is a highly engineered aircraft that weighs between 45 and 80 pounds, is launched by foot or tow and is controlled by altering its center of gravity. The pilot is suspended beneath the glider in a harness and initiates turns and controls airspeed solely by

safety. Attendance of the ground school is a requirement for the training. Actual on-the-hill training begins as soon as the weather permits, with the bulk of the lessons in May and June. Weather permitting, the group lessons are held Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9am until 6pm until dusk. Students learn to assemble the gliders, inspect them before flying (preflight), make judgements on wind conditions, run with the glider on level ground and gradually fly from higher and higher positions on the training hill. All lessons are under the supervision of a USHGA-certified instructor with special emphasis on perfecting basic flying skills.