

## MEET GRASSFIELD'S FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

If you or someone you know is new to RC flying, Grassfield has several flight instructors available, all very active members of the club. So when you're ready to bring your plane out to the field, give one of these instructors a call to arrange a flight time.

### PAUL JOHNSON 612-655-1808



**Paul Johnson** used to be into racing motocross, but he said, "You have to be in shape for that, and there's too much of a chance of getting hurt." Now Paul spends a lot of time on remote-control flying and building, as he practically "eats, sleeps, and drinks" RC.

Paul has a passion for helis and is currently the president of the Minnesota Radio Control Helicopter Association (MRCHA). He also enjoys aerobatic electric planes, even flying small electrics indoors in a gymnasium all winter. He's flown glow-powered planes too and is currently building an Extra MX with an 89-inch wingspan, his first gas-powered plane.

Paul has helped people learn to fly fixed-wing planes, using a buddy box, and now uses a buddy box when he instructs people with helis.

### BILL HEMPEL 763-424-2937



**Bill Hempel** has great memories of flying control-line planes in the neighborhood park when he was really young, which led him to remote-control flying. In his 25 years of RC, he has flown a lot of sport planes, but he also enjoys the excitement of pylon racing and combat flying — and he's the web site editor of Grassfield RC Club.

Being a member of Grassfield is more than just flying for Bill. The social part of the hobby is important to him as well. He really likes meeting new people at the field and has instructed new pilots for about five years. Having enjoyed RC flying so much himself, he wants to see new people get started in the hobby.

Realizing that inexperienced flyers are often inexperienced builders too, Bill always makes sure their planes are ready-to-fly before take-off.

### DARRYL ZEMPEL 763-493-4004



**Darryl Zempel** has been flying RC since the late 1970s and likes flying sport planes. Among Darryl's favorite planes are his Sig Cadet and a Stinger biplane.

Darryl is an easy-going, easy-to-talk-to guy who wants to promote the hobby by helping people start out right and without going to a lot of expense. He recalls when he first learned to fly, taking just a couple of lessons. He didn't go far enough with an instructor before going on his own — and he ended up with his plane high in a tree!

Darryl likes to fly in the winter when it's not too cold outside and the snow's not too deep, and he makes his own wood skis for winter take-offs and landings. If you are interested in learning to fly with skis, Darryl can help you learn and has a few warnings and tips to share.

Besides flying, Darryl is an avid do-it-yourselfer and is restoring an old automatic electrical Chickering baby grand piano.

