

Pilot Profile: Shawn Rehm

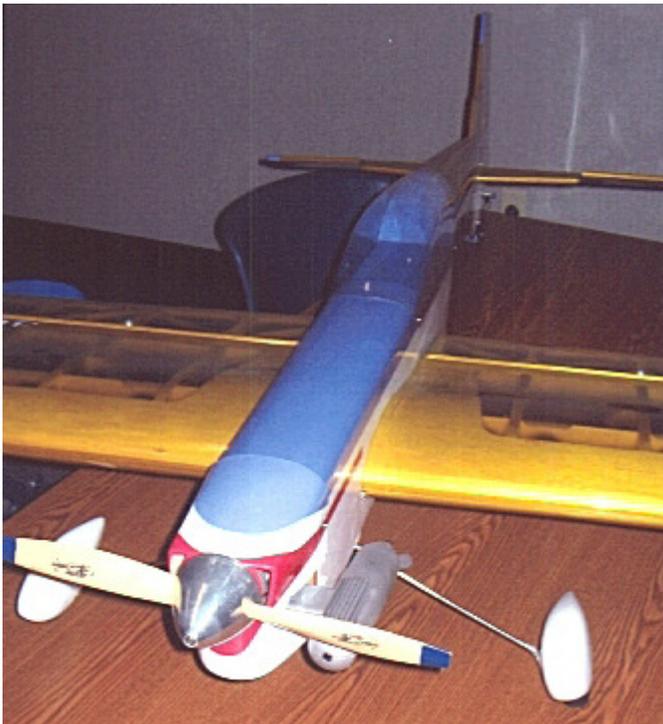
by Russell Knetzger

Shawn Rehm's residence in Hartland, Wisconsin is there because the home base of his job, **American TV Appliance & Furniture**, is a few miles away in Waukesha. But his wife Nikki has roots on Milwaukee's South Side, and that is how he came to discover our field, as recommended by Greenfield News & Hobby. Shawn, Nikki and their three daughters, Carolyn, Jada and Maia moved to Hartland last year.

Shawn, 31, operates from his home, and from his service truck, as an appliance repair and custom installer. That can involve structural modification of a home or business to accommodate the installation.

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Except for being born in Colorado Springs, Colorado to a military mom and dad, after the age of 5 Shawn was a northwest side resident of Milwaukee. He attended 95th Street School near Lisbon Ave., Wilbur Wright Middle School on 84th & Burleigh, and John Marshall High School at 64th & Capitol Dr.



Above: A front view of Shawn Rehm's latest flying model, a Nitro Planes ARF 3D "Passion," having the unusual feature of see-through yellow film covering of wings and fuselage.



Above: Shawn Rehm displaying his 3D Passion ARF from Nitro Planes at the March, 2009 club meeting. It has an OS.61 engine to power the 6.6 lbs. of weight, being lifted by a 55 inch span wing, and controlled by ailerons that are 3 inches wide at the wing tips and 4 inches at the wing root. "3D" means capable of vertical attitude flight, hanging motionless.

Shawn's boyhood path to R/C model aviation started with R/C cars and trucks, just about anything in the Tyco lineup. That gave him the basics of "going away control versus coming back at you control." Then he advanced to Park Flyer equipment, which added the up-down aspects of remote control model aviation.

In an August, 2007 first-visit to the Milwaukee County field in Franklin, Bob Ehlers was there with a trainer and buddy box system. Bob gave Shawn some stick time, and that convinced Shawn to buy an Avistar trainer and radio of his own (Spectrum). Back at the field, Floyd Katz, Roger Olsen and Marv Anderson, brought Shawn to solo status, in only five lessons. Shawn still has his Avistar, and a P51 Mustang. This spring his daughter Carolyn, 12, is going to take her first flight lessons.

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