

# An Unusual Hobby

Frederick Hoesch has an unusual hobby which is not even known by many people. He does RC model flying, which means that he flies models of radio-controlled helicopters – a hobby which people fifty years earlier could not have even imagined.

Frederick had always been interested in modeling and three years ago he was at a trade fair with his father where he discovered his interest in RC model flying and it became his new hobby.

Since this time he has been doing his hobby once to twice a week in a club called FMBG Schifferstadt-Assenheim. It depends on the weather how often he can do his hobby per week, because he can only fly his helicopter when there is no precipitation and little wind or, even better, no wind at all.

His hobby is not really cheap because the helicopters are very expensive. The cheapest ones cost about one hundred euros and the better ones about three hundred and more.

There are also competitions, in which he has not taken part so far, but he wants to start this winter when they fly in a gymnasium, because the weather does not allow them to fly outside.

What he likes about his hobby is that it is not easy to fly these models. In fact, it is a challenge to get the helicopters doing what you want them to do. The technique is very complex, which also makes this hobby interesting to him.

Being outside and working on his model is a lot of fun for him, too. But RC model flying is not his only hobby: He also does badminton, a sport which was not common fifty years ago. He has played badminton for seven years now. He started playing badminton in Mutterstadt, but after some years he switched to a club in Waldsee, where he practises once a week.

Jule Bauer, Kim Schliephake and Franziska Wendel, Germnay

## **Dancing in our time**

Lots of young people want to be a great and famous dancer but there are only some of them who are good enough for doing a job like that. But there are also some people who want to do dancing their whole life because it is a passion for them. One of those is Karin Weiler the co-trainer by the Kolping Familie Schifferstadt- Die Twister. For her dancing is just more than a hobby it is her passion. Because of that she knows a lot of dancing styles for example classical ballet, jazzdance a kind of can-can dance, Latin-American formation, standard dance, musical dance, tap dance, afro dance and showdance.

When she's doing 'warm up' with her pupils at Twisters lessons she likes to do a form of ballet mixed with aerobic. These two parts are very good and healthy for your body and your fitness because one of those helps to get more flexibility the other one makes your muscles more strong. But Karin isn't only the co-trainer she is a dancer at the Twisters too. With her group as a co-trainer as also as a dancer she won lots of competitions.

All in all Karin Weiler wants to dance as long as possible because for her dancing is more than a hobby, it is her passion.

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## **I miss the sparkling water**

What do you miss most? Julia, an 18-year-old German student in the USA, answered this question with a smile on her face: "Definitely the sparkling water because they drink it rather rarely here" She reports that she first had to endure the orientation week at her new university. Afterwards everything got easier. The Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, became a second home for her in a very short time, as the tall young woman with bright eyes reported.

The degree program "Political Science" quickly attracted her attention. Accordingly she wants to continue with this path of study in Germany.

We wanted to know what the biggest differences between Germany and the USA were for her. Thereupon she answered: "For me, as a student, the whole system was diverse. Here in the USA the students collect points throughout the whole semester and these points decide whether the scholars pass the course or not. In Germany we have to write exams and pass certifications for that. Another difference is the size of the courses."

Thrilled, the young woman spoke about the "cool American style" and the amazing food. "Because of the food I gained some pounds", mentioned the slightly embarrassed sportswoman.

But she could score with her good general knowledge, which her old school conveyed to her. Julia also told us about everyone being really nice and having found lots of friends. She pointed out that mostly everything was international over there. The exchange student also really liked reducing some prejudices and stereotypes.

Julia is optimistic that the following time in the USA will be as exciting and amazing as the time that lies behind her.

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# You're My Number One

The 18-year-old Erwin Kintop was born on 28 September 1995 in Pforzheim and now lives in Rastatt. His parents are from Russia and Kazakhstan, but Erwin can only barely speak these two languages. He grew up, mainly speaking German at home. Because his parents are both opera singers, you can conclude that he is very musically inclined. When asked the question of how to become a star today, he had to think for a short time. "There is no right answer to this question, I think. But many people start their career by going to a casting show, like Luca Hänni, James Arthur or me, or posting videos in YouTube.", so said the 18-year-old boy. Erwin himself was registered for "Deutschland sucht den Superstar" by his father. He went to the casting with a guitar and sang "Be alright" by Justin Bieber. He did well and got into the live shows and finished the show in the fifth place. After the show he first finished school before he really started his career as a musician. When he met his former manager, they worked together on his first song "You're my number one". When the song was ready, Erwin had many concerts, for example in Karlsruhe, Köln or Wien. After the tour many fans visited him at home and he always spent a few hours outside with them. On 10 May he had a big concert in Mannheim, where fans even came from Berlin and Austria. There he sang his second song "Tell me why" and all of his fans loved it. "His voice is very unusual, but so beautiful!", "I really love his voice!" or "He's the best one for me!" are some of the comments from fans. They really accept him, how he is and he accepts the fans how they are.

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