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Club Dues accepted at the Club meetings or send your dues to:

**Marion RC Flyers
PO Box 9202
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Adult Membership \$75.00 per year

Family (Spouse) Membership \$75.00 per year

Student (19 years of age or under) \$1.00 per year

No Initiation Fee for New Members

*******Summer Meeting Schedule*******

We will meet at the club field starting May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.... If it is raining, we will not meet for the club meeting.

May 12th; June 9th; July 14th; August 11th; September 8, 2021;

Oct 13th (depending on weather)

Electric Indoor Flying at the National Guard Armory

Wednesday's starting at 9:00 am.

Indoor flying is suspended at the Armory due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will inform you when it is open for us to use.

Wayne's Corner....

I encourage all to read the article in the April 2021 Model Aviation magazine entitled "Remote ID is Here" pages 64 -66. After reading I contacted the Government Affairs Committee at the AMA Headquarters for clarification.

The FAA rules will require us to fly under three possible Remote ID Standards:

1. Standard Remote ID: This is provided by the manufacturer of the aircraft and would automatically start when you turn on the aircraft/drone. Examples are a DJI-type drone or a Horizon Hobby BNF airplane.
2. Broadcast Module Remote ID: If you own and fly older models a Broadcast Module Remote ID can be affixed to the aircraft to provide the Remote ID function. The broadcast module can be moved between aircraft, a pilot might only need to have one. Estimated cost will be around \$50 and weight as little as 20 grams.
3. No Remote ID: Noncompliant sUAS flown at FAA Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA, pronounced FreeA); such as AMA chartered club fields would not need ID Modules. Application for a FRIA location must be submitted to the FAA and would last for four years. AMA is working with the FAA to be able to submit applications for all of the AMA Chartered Clubs for all of the United States since we follow AMA's Flying Rules.

These rules will not go into effect until Fall of 2024, so we can fly as we always have for now. It looks good for the future. We will still have our personal FAA number placed on all aircraft or drones over 250 grams (0.55 pounds) in order to fly legally.

The AMA is working hard to protect our flying.

On a personal note both Pat and I have received our two injections for the Covid-19 virus. We had no reactions related to the vaccine.

I hope everyone is in good health!

The Student Flight Instruction Program will resume June 2021 weather permitting. We recommend students make reservations with the Flight Instructors.

Beginner's Night: Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Contact our qualified Flight Instructors for free flight instruction. It is recommended that you make an appointment with Ray Dray or Skip Gram for flight instruction.

Call Ray Dray at (cell) 261-0930 or (home) 775-6933.

Call Skip Gram at (507) 273-2748

Student Flight Instruction Program

Student flight instruction is provided free of charge during the flying season, June through September, by one of our qualified flight instructors.

- Please call Ray Dray at 261-0930 (cell) or 775-6933 (home) or Skip Gram at 273-2748 to set up an appointment for flight instruction. They can answer any questions you might have.
- You should read and understand the club rules that are posted online and at the field. If you have any questions have your instructor clarify them during the first flight lesson.
http://www.marionrcflyers.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20&Itemid=16
- Please call our club instructor to make an appointment for flight training. This will assure that there will be somebody at the field to assist you.
- After completing your lessons, you will need to join the AMA and our club to be allowed to fly at our club field. Join the AMA at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>. To join our club, contact Wayne Brown at 319-4406. Our membership forms can be found in the New Pilot Info link to the left.

The available instructors are listed below:

Instructor	Phone Number	Special Information
Ray Dray	261-0930 cell	Airplane Instruction
	775-6933 Home	
Skip Gram	273-2748	Airplane Instruction

- If using your own airplane for flight lessons you should make sure your radio equipment has been charged and the switches are in the off position before you arrive at the field. If you do not own your own airplane you can use the club training aircraft at no charge to you.
- When you arrive at the field ask for your instructor. He will provide direction on where and how to set up the airplane for instruction.
- Pay attention to what your instructor has to say and show you. He will show you proper flying field procedures and etiquette. You can learn by observing how pilots set up and fly their aircraft.
- Relax and take your time. If you feel tired or worn out call it a day and schedule a lesson for another day. When learning to fly it may take more lessons than expected.
- When your instructor says you are ready you will complete a check flight, where you will be asked to do three takeoffs and landings, demonstrate the correct pattern and flying field etiquette. After successful completion you will then be considered a qualified R/C Pilot and allowed to fly solo without an instructor.
- You can request additional lessons at any time. These can include aerobatic maneuvers.

Fly straight or crooked as-long-as you fly!