

# The Marion Eagle Newsletter



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**Program Chairman:** Open volunteer position

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

**Marion RC Flyers  
PO Box 9202  
Rochester, Mn 55903**

**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 club Meetings second Wednesday of the month \*\*\*\*\***

**The summer club meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month and will be held at the MRCF Club Field starting at 7:00 pm.**

**2018 summer meeting Schedule: August 8<sup>th</sup>; September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Winter meeting schedule for 2018 will resume on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Bowlocity.**

**Electric Indoor Flying at the National Guard Armory**

**Due to the summer time flying the Indoor flying at the Armory will start up in the fall.**

**For those who want to fly in the Armory now you just go and press the speaker button and ask to get in Wednesday's starting at 9:00 am until noon.**

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**Wayne's Corner....**

A telephone directory of the current club members has been put together. I have printed copies that you can obtain at the club meeting. If you cannot make the meeting please email me and I will send you the list by email.

The club End of Summer Fun Fly will be held on September 22, 2018. In case of rain it will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an open fun fly so please attend. No landing fee, food and beverages will be available on a free will donation process. Dallas Gardner has volunteered to provide his family's famous pulled pork (remember last year). Can't wait to take that first bite of that succulent pork!

We will be discussing at the club meeting whether or not you want to have winter meetings at Bowlocity. Attendance has been low so the meetings are short. We can meet for a December meeting to elect Club Officers. As that time approaches I will send out the names of any who have contacted me about volunteering to run for any office. Voting could also be by email. The choice is up to the club membership to decide which option you would like to do or continue to meet as we have. If we do meet please bring in Show and Tell projects, planes or anything related to aviation.

## **The Student Flight Instruction Program will resume in June 2018**

**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](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.

## ***Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2017***

***Call to order: 7:00 pm***

***Officers present: Wayne Brown; Dallas Gardner; Judi Snyder***

***Members present: 9***

***Treasurer's Report: Accounts in good order***

### ***Old Business:***

June Fun Fly...What worked what did not?

The only problem we had involved the serving of lunch. The service line was confusing and congested. To improve the flow two new folding tables and two new pop-up canopies will be purchased.

Jim Payne volunteered to put out the road signs. We need a volunteer to purchase and bring the cold beverages to the field. The club is always willing to reimburse for purchases of food and beverages.

### ***New Business:***

Purposed club meetings not be held during the winter months. We will discuss at the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

End of Summer Fun Fly set for September 22<sup>nd</sup> rain date the 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Special lunch of pulled pork will be served.

Telephone Directory will be provided for club members.

***Adjourn: 7:25 pm***

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