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

**Marion RC Flyers
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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

Electric Indoor Flying at the RCTC Field House

Tuesday nights starting at 10:00 pm.

*******Winter Club Meetings second Tuesday of the month *******

Meetings switched back to the second Tuesday of the month.

2018 Winter Club meeting Schedule:

The winter club meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month and will be held at the Bowlocity Entertainment Center 2810 N Broadway, Rochester, MN (former Recreation Bowling Alley) starting at 7:00 pm. Enter through the west doors parallel to North Broadway and the large meeting room will be the 2nd door to the left inside the building.

2018: Feb 13th; Mar 13th; Apr 10th; May 8th.

Summer meeting schedule for 2018 will resume on June 12th.

Wayne's Corner....

We lost one of our long time club members this month. Clyde Norell was an outstanding man who shared his love of flying with all of us. He was the epitome of a master builder and flyer. We enjoyed his life stories and experiences. He had a great love for his family. He will be missed.

I would like to name our club's June Fun Fly "The Clyde Norell Memorial Fun Fly" in his honor. This will be our club's 20th Anniversary Fun Fly as well.

I still have not heard from the National Guard Armory to let us know when we can start Indoor flying again. I hope it will be soon.

I re-register with the FAA to be legal to fly outdoors. We still are required to post out Registration number on each of our aircraft models that we fly. It must be easily accessible without the use of tools. The AMA's Model Aviation magazine has had recent articles that there is the possibility that further restrictions may be placed on our hobby because of the flying public disregard for how to fly safely and not endanger anyone.

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
- 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 January 9, 2017

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Officers present: Wayne Brown; Judi Snyder; Bernie Drier

Members present: (Includes the officers) 6

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts are in good order.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjourn: 7:12 pm

For what's it worth!!!

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You would think this would be the last thing a governor would worry about on his last day in office, but it was one of Chris Christie's last acts as governor

Don't drink and drone. That's the message from the state of New Jersey, which passed a law on Monday that makes it illegal to operate an unmanned drone vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or higher. The limit is set to the same level as driving a vehicle, bringing drone operation in line with the rules of the road. Reuters reported that the law, signed by Republican governor Chris Christie on his last day in office, comes with a serious penalty for offenders. Those found violating the new rule can face a \$1,000 fine, six months in prison, or even both.



It's part of a wider legislative crackdown against the flying machines, which are a popular way of capturing aerial footage for budding filmmakers. Hobby drones are also extremely popular in the U.S., with over 650,000 non-commercial drones having been registered with the Federal Aviation Administration by 2017. That's potentially a lot of small flying machines cruising above our heads. As long as you're not drunkenly whizzing your new drone around Jersey City to impress your friends, you should be fine.

Updated: January 25, 2018 — 6:20 pm



*Written by Tony Stillman, Flying Site Coordinator
Relationship building with communities and neighbors
Column
As seen in the November 2016 issue of Model Aviation.*

As of this writing, we have just completed the [2016] AMA Nats here in Muncie, Indiana, and will soon see the end of summer. I hope you are enjoying model flying wherever you are. Some of the best weather can be in the fall, so enjoy!

I speak with AMA clubs that reach out to me for assistance and it seems that many situations that clubs deal with are not unique. Noise concerns at club flying sites are almost always at the top of the list of reasons why the club's flying site is threatened. I have written several columns about noise and how you can help guard against future flying site concerns because of noise.

Although noise might be at the top of the list, another related issue could be even more important. That is being a good neighbor.

Unless the club flying site is located in an isolated area, you most likely have neighbors surrounding the area of your flying site. It is important to have good, active relationships with them!

Note that I wrote relationships. That word means much more than simply an occasional email to them. It is in the best interest of a club to have ongoing contact with neighbors. The club needs to know how the neighbors feel about the model flying activity and if there are any issues or problems on the horizon.

I know of several AMA clubs that have ongoing programs to interact with neighbors. One example of this is for a club to have a Community Day event. This type of event will typically feature model flying demonstrations by the club members, and even some buddy-box time for members of the community. If the event is well planned, you can have a major impact on how the local neighborhood views the club and the activities on your flying site.



Spectators waiting for a club air show.

Planning the event is important. The entire club needs to get behind the idea to make it happen. First, flyers need to be printed and passed out in the neighborhood. This is usually a door-to-door effort that takes feet on the ground. It is a good way to get everyone in the club involved. The flyers contain event details, which usually include free hamburgers/hot dogs for the neighbors.

As part of the program, someone from the club can make a presentation to the neighbors, explain a little about RC flying, and talk about how the club and its members are part of the AMA and that the aeromodeling activity is protected by laws passed by Congress. Explain that the FAA also approves of the activity.

It might also be a good time for a short question-and-answer session for the neighbors. This is how you can really know what they are thinking and what issues they might have. Listening and working with them is how you can protect your flying site from future surprises. You might even acquire some new members in the process!

I know of clubs that do this annually and have more than 90 people show up, fly models, and have a good time. New relationships are made, and a feeling that the club is a part of the community is realized.

You might want to invite local officials such as the park and recreation department directors, city or town council members, and the local media! Having good public relations is your goal and

reaching out and being proactive is the best way to get it. Any club can do this. It simply requires a vision to see how important your club image is to the community.

I can help you with this project with handout materials and ideas to share with you. Make your club be seen as an asset to your community!

Be safe and have fun!



Local kids scramble to pick up candy released from an airplane.

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Until next time start building a new project!