

The Marion Eagle Newsletter



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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 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.... If it is raining, we will not meet for the club meeting.

May 11th; June 8th; July 13th; August 10th; September 14; 2022 (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....

Next week we will have our first club meeting for the season on May 11th.

Listed are some of the items we will discuss.

1. What repairs and maintenance are needed at the field? We have the driveway into the field that needs some branch and tree debris cleaned up. The storage shed has some lumber that has rotted out and needs replacing. I'm not sure how deep and widespread the problem is. If someone with more experience could look it over and advise us about what we need to fix it would be appreciated. I see that someone has replaced the bad shelter supports already. Thank you to the club member who did this.
2. Port-a-potty: The invoice received from the company that supplies the Port-a-potty has raised their rates to just under \$1000 per this season. Steve Brown sent us a copy of the invoice from the company that they use, and it is significantly cheaper. The only two differences are that their potty is called a construction grade potty and they only clean every other week. I told Judi to contact this company and find out how much it would cost us to use their services. RAMS pay under \$400 for the season.
3. We will discuss Funfly's for June and September. Most restrictions have been lifted but with that said caution should be used to avoid the increase in COVID infections from the BA2 variant. Masks not required but recommended. Discuss whether we serve food or continue Bring You Own food and beverages.
4. Please pay your dues.

I hope everyone is in good health!

The Student Flight Instruction Program will resume June 2022 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!