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Annual Dues Increase to begin January 2018

In 2018 we will be celebrating the Marion RC Flyers of Rochester 20 year anniversary. For those 20 years our dues have not increased for any member. We appreciate everyone's support over those 20 years.

After a complete analyze of the options regarding how much to increase the annual dues at the October 10, 2018 MRCF club meeting an increase in Adult Member dues of \$25/yr for the annual dues to \$75 per year. Consider the beautiful flying site that will be provided and maintained at the cost to us of only for \$6.25 per month over the year. All other dues will remain the same: Family membership \$75/year, and Junior membership \$1/year. This will help meet our annual expenses (some of the needed expenses have increased) and still maintain a positive bank balance.

Sometime in the near future we will need to replace the shingles on the large shelter. Material costs have increased at the local building suppliers over the years. Having the "carry" over in the bank accounts will help us meet those obligations.

All regular Adult Members dues are collected starting January 1st through March 30, 2018. Please pay as-soon-possible. Don't wait until June or July to pay expecting a reduction because of not flying until then. Annual dues are for the entire year. We always accept any free will donations you want to give of your own accord to the club.

Make sure your AMA Membership is paid and up to date. We do have provisions for reduced dues for new and returning members who join/rejoin late in flying season after leaving the club.

As a side note: The current slates of Officers were re-elected to continue for 2018.

We are seeking a volunteer to assume the Field Maintenance position. The club member appointed to that position will mow the field using our brand new state of the art mower. To help with the mowing we are also seeking additional volunteers to help mow the field. Instructions will be provided by Jeff Sorenson on operating the lawn mower. We want to thank Jeff Sorenson for his many years of taking care of the field.

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

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.

2017 and 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.

2017: Nov 14th; Dec 12th.

2018: Jan 9th; Feb 13th; Mar 13th; Apr 10th; May 8th.

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

Wayne's Corner....

My wife Pat is now home and on the road to recovery. It will take some time for her to regain some strength in her legs and left wrist. I took the past two weeks off from work and have been helping her to adjust to being home.

New subject: The club meeting next Tuesday will be at the Bowlocity on North Broadway. The main item on the agenda is to repeal the Initiation fee for new members. Since the annual dues have increased for 2018 the thought process is to reduce the initial cost to attract new members. Come prepared to discuss options. This will be decided at the Nov 14th meeting.

The non-flying season is onus so it is time to start or finish your projects in preparation for next year's season.

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 775-6933 Home	Airplane Instruction
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 September 13, 2017

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Officers present: Wayne Brown; Dallas Gardner; Judi Snyder; Bernie Drier

Members present: (Includes the officers) 11

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts are in good order.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Increase in club's annual dues. After a lengthy discussion the members present voted on an annual dues increase of \$25/year for a total of \$75/year for adult members. All other dues will remain the same.

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Adjourn: 8:10 pm

For what's it worth!!!

Clyde Norell provided the photo of Jim Nelson's F2G Corsair from a Top Flight kit. The Corsair was done in the color scheme that was used in the Cleveland Air Races. The original Corsair that raced was powered with a R4360 3000 hp 28 cylinder engine. A war time Corsair was powered by a R2800 2000 hp 18 cylinder engine.

<http://www.warbirdregistry.org/corsairregistry/f2g-n5588n.html>



Tips from Model Airplane News:

When you're painting, it's important to protect parts from overspray. This could include pushrods, landing gears, motor mounts, etc. You can use masking tape, but that can be difficult to remove. An easier method is to tightly wrap all the parts that need protection with aluminum foil—it's far easier to remove than tape. If you still need that sharp tape line, just mask off where the part meets the painting surface.



Here is an easy way to make sure you have your Allen bolt for attaching your canopy to your fuselage when you get to the field. Just make this handy bracket to hold your bolts inside the aircraft. The bracket is cut from plastic corner molding or aluminum angle iron. Cut a piece about 2-3 inches long and drill four holes into it for the bolts to hang in place. Epoxy or screw the bracket somewhere out of the way inside the fuselage. Now when you pull you bolts out of the canopy, just slide them into the brackets and they'll be there the next time you are ready to assemble the plane.



Until next time start building a new project!