

# 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**

**\*\*\*\*\*No Winter Club Meetings\*\*\*\*\***

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After discussion at the club meeting it was decided not to have winter meetings at Bowlocity. Attendance has been low resulting in short the meetings. We can meet at a location TBD (Food court at Apace Mall?) 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.

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

**Wednesday's starting at 9:00 am.**

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

#### **Indoor Flying:**

The snow is finally on the ground. Flying at the field is probably over until next spring. But you still can fly where there is no snow and cold wind. Join us for Indoor Flying at the National Guard Armory on Marion Road SE Wednesday mornings starting at 9 am. For the past few weeks there have been 6 or more of us showing up to fly and we are having a good time. Afterward we go and enjoy lunch together. You are invited to join us at the Armory for flying and lunch.

Since the Armory has been remodeled it is a beautiful flying spot. No downdrafts as the heating and AC have been changed. They have shades on all of the upper windows that can be lowered to stop the bright sun from shinning in your eyes. We have access to any of the tables and chairs needed. We only ask that everyone share in putting them away after flying.

The National Guard is very accommodating and wants us to keep coming.

### **Election of Club Officers:**

Our Vice-President, Dallas Gardner, has asked me to let you know that if anyone of you would like to serve as Vice-President to contact me to be placed on the ballet. We will be meeting December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Food Court at Apace Mall to vote for the Officers.

I am willing to continue as your President for 2019 if you are willing to have me.

Here are the requirements as listed for the Vice-President in the Club Constitution:

### **Section 3: Vice-President:**

**In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice-President shall have one vote.**

I think Dallas only had to conduct one meeting for me. Otherwise there isn't much to do. Please give it some thought. I know that there are some of the new club members who would be a great Vive-President. We have a great club with a great membership who are always ready to help each other.

You will get an Official Vice-President pin from the AMA to put on your hat.

### **Post Script:**

Next Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> Jeff Sorenson will be undergoing surgery to replace his ankle. He will need to recuperate for a number of weeks. We wish him the best!

My wife Pat is recovering very slowly from the last set of broken bones. She sends her greetings to all of you and hopes to enjoy your company soon.

Let me know by email about any projects or building you are doing during the winter months. You can include pictures and I will get them into the newsletter.

# The Student Flight Instruction Program has ended for the 2018 season. It will resume in June 2019

**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 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.

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Holding a transmitter always causes an overpowering itch all over your body as soon as your plane takes off.

If there is only one tree in an otherwise deserted area, your model will always fly into it.

The probability of an engine quitting is directly proportional to the distance the plane is from the landing area.

The chance of stepping on a fire-ant mound while flying is directly proportional to how much money you spent on the plane.

A new glow plug will last forever if you have spares, but only about a half-an-hour if you don't.

The size of your workbench has nothing to do with the size of your plane, your engine, or your house, but with the size of your spouse's heart

When building a model, you will always find the missing part, just as you have finished duplicating it.

Like milk, every airplane has an expiration date... some sooner than others

The number of radio hits is inversely proportional to the flying skill of the pilot.

The right way to cover a certain shape is always found out the day after you just covered it the wrong way.

To calculate the location of the exact rear center underneath your workbench, just drop a small screw.

Trees are ALWAYS closer than they appear.

## TEN RULES OF MODEL AIRPLANE CRASHES...

- #10 - Batteries only last as long as the warranty on the radio.
- #9 - If it's got to crash make it one worth talking about.
- #8 - If it does turn out to be a crash that legends are written about don't exaggerate on its retelling - others will do that for you.
- #7 - Bask in your moment of glory while you can - some other fool will out-do your crash tomorrow.
- #6 - There is no such thing as "fool proof".
- #5 - Unbreakable props do, un-tear able fabric do and seamless tanks aren't...
- #4 - Any landing that the engine walks away from is a good one.
- #3 - Canopies do not make good landing gear.
- #2 - Trainer cords should not be used to lynch pilots who turn their radios on when someone else has the frequency.... That's what they make rope for.
- #1 - Never let them see you cry....Especially if there are women around.

## STUPID USES FOR SUPER GLUE...

Temporarily reattach those severed fingers and get back to the serious business of flying.

Do-it-yourself cornea transplants.

## Take your Kid to Work Day!



***Stay warm—Fly Indoors!***