

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 \$50.00 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: Oct 10th; 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....

I have to apologize for being late with October's newsletter and here is the reason why. Last Sunday, Oct 1st, when I was at work my wife Pat fell at home in the front hallway. She had her cell phone with her and dialed 911. The First Responders and everyone else showed up quickly. Pat told them she was sure she broke something. One of the responders from the Fire Department called Menards South and my Boss tracked me down on the floor and gave me her phone. The Fire Man told me what happened and said they were going to transport her to SMH ED. I left work and arrived at the SMH ED before the ambulance did. After a period of time they had a room open up to room her. They let me go back as they did the preliminary examine. Then she went for x-rays and a CT scan of her head and neck. It turned out Pat was right. Her left wrist and left hip were fractured. The Trauma Team admitted her to the hospital.

Monday morning they took her into surgery and repaired the left hip. On Wednesday they did surgery on her wrist. With the two major surgeries done and all the meds they gave sent her emotions were all over the place. On Tuesday night she was emotionally overwhelmed and I couldn't console her. I called our son Josh and he came up with his wife Nichole and granddaughter McKenna. When Pat saw Josh, Nichole and McKenna it was like a light switch was flipped and Pat was back in control of her emotions. It is good to have family close by.

Today, Friday, they transferred her to the Madonna Tower Rehab Nursing to help her regain her strength to walk again. So, as you can read it has been a hectic week for us. But, things will get better. Special thanks to all who have wished her well.

New subject: The club coming up next Tuesday will be at the Bowlocity on North Broadway. The main item on the agenda is about raising the club's annual dues. I have worked up different options we can consider.

I would like to set some guidelines for the discussion. Please wait and let me present my findings before we get going. I will call on individuals to contribute their thoughts, questions and concerns. Please no side conversations when someone is talking. It can be distracting when trying to follow what someone is saying. That we all be respectful toward each other's comments. Please do not try and talk over someone.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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: 7:02 pm

Officers present: Wayne Brown; Dallas Gardner; Judi Snyder

Members present: (Includes the officers) 11

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts are in good order.

Old Business:

2017 winter meetings begin: Oct 10th; Nov 14th; Dec 12th;

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New Business:

Increase in club's annual dues. To be discussed at the Oct 10th club meeting.

Pat Brown offered to setup and to maintain a MRCF Face book account to raise awareness of our club.

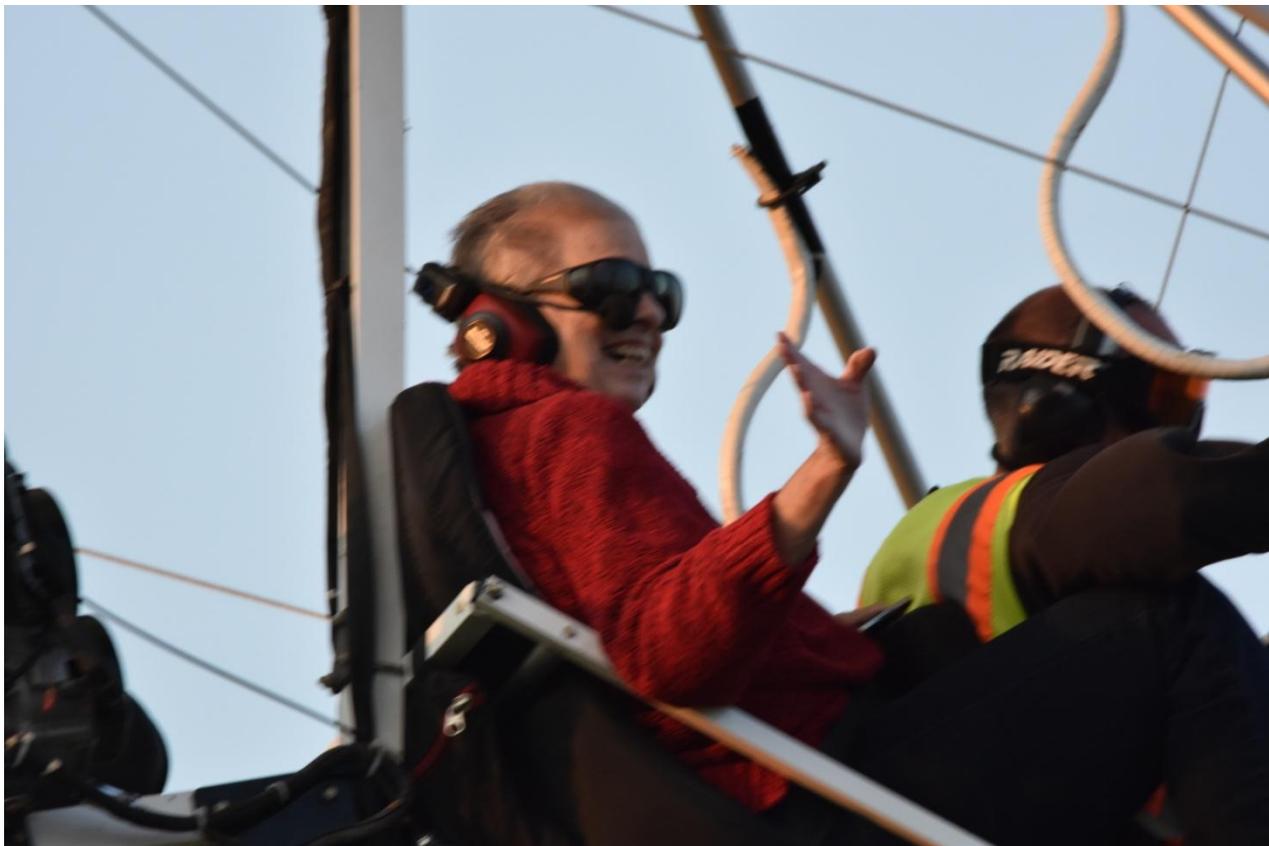
Adjourn: 7:30 pm

For what's it worth!!!

When Pat and I pulled into the flying parking lot for the Sept club meeting there were two ultra light aircraft sitting by the field. Pat got out of the car and walked right over and started talking with them and one thing lead to another and Pat was invited to go for a ride. She said yes but needed to borrow a pair of sunglasses to protect her eyes. She soon had sunglasses and was being helped into the ultra light. He started the engine, taxied out and turned around ran up the engine and down the strip they roared. It didn't take long to lift off and away they went. Boy! She was happy to get a chance to do take flight. Thanks to Dan Martinmaki for the great pictures he took of them in the air.













Until next time start building a new project!