

# The Marion Eagle Newsletter



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## **Club Officers 2020**

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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 Regular Winter Meetings Scheduled\*\*\*\*\***

**Summer MRCF club meetings will resume on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at the club field at 7:00 pm.**

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

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

Please try and get to the Armory at 9 am. We need to set up the tables and chairs for our use. Many hands make the load light. Please help out putting up the tables and chairs after flying is over. Sometimes there are only two or three of us doing it. I realize that all of us are getting a little bit older and we move slower. Thanks ahead of time for helping out.

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## Wayne's Corner....

In the December 2019 issue of Model Aviation in the article CONGRESS AND AMA PUSHING BACK ON FAA pages 8 and 9 there is clarification about whether our club would have to abide by the 400 ft limit on flying. Recreational UAS users not in controlled airspace can fly up to 700 ft or 1200 ft depending on their location. This should meet the flying needs of most of our membership. Our club is not in controlled airspace because we are more than 5 miles from the Rochester International Airport and we are a fixed flying site. Further information will be coming out in the near future.

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Jim Payne is our new club Safety Officers. Please give him your support. His duties are:

#### Section 6: Safety Officer:

The Safety Officer shall have oversight of safety issues pertaining to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN flying field. The Safety Officer shall be in charge of managing or delegating safety coverage for events held at the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN flying site. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the formation of the Instructor Pilot Training Program. The Safety Officer shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Safety Officer shall have one vote.

As a reminder here are the Field Safety Rules:

#### Field Safety Rules

**Section 1:** Field open 8:00 A.M. to dusk.

**Section 2:** Flying is restricted to club members and their guests provided that they have current AMA or club membership cards posted.

**Section 3: All flyers must follow established AMA frequency control procedures.**

**Section 4: Expansion type mufflers required on .049 cc and larger engines. The noise limit is 100 db for a distance of 9 ft. In addition, any aircraft with a noise level that is objectionable to the general membership or neighbors will be grounded until it is made acceptable. The Safety Officer will make the final determination.**

**Section 5: All flying within the prescribed field boundaries.**

**Section 6: Dangerous flying or unruly behavior is not permitted.**

**Section 7: No spectators allowed beyond this point without escorts. Pilots are responsible for anyone under their escort.**

**Section 8: Flyers not complying with the AMA and field rules will lose their privilege to fly at this site.**

**Section 9: The pilot of an RC aircraft shall fly using the assistance of a camera or First Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document # 550.**

**Section 10: The pilot of an RC aircraft shall fly using the assistance of an autopilot or stabilization system only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #560.**

**Section 11: Please take your entire trash home with you.**

**The Student Flight Instruction Program will resume next year in June 2020 weather permitting.**

**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.

## *Meeting Minutes*

**December 11, 2019**

**Call to order: 7:00 pm**

**Treasurer's report: Accounts in good order**

**Officers in attendance: Wayne Brown; Skip Gram**

**Members in attendance (includes Officers): 4**

**New Business:**

**Election of Club Officers for 2020 was unanimous:**

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Skip Gram just had his 51st year AMA anniversary.

**Adjourn: 7:15 pm**

***Fly straight or crooked as long as you fly!***