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

September 9th;

Oct 14th (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....

Since we cannot get back into the Armory now for indoor flying because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be meeting Wednesday mornings around 10:30- 11 am for flying (weather permitting) and to enjoy a brown bag lunch at the club field. This will afford us the time to talk and visit.

Fall is upon us so enjoy making the time to get out to the field and fly while we can. Our Fun Fly has been changed to Sunday the 13th due to rain o Saturday. It will be in the lower 70's; partly sunny and light winds. Remember to brown bag your food and drink for lunch.

I purchased a 16 pack of Panasonic eneloop AA Ni-MH 2000mah batteries. They can be recharged 2100 times. I also got soldering tabs and heat shrink tubing. I assembled two 4.8-volt packs and two 6-volt packs. I have a great Ni-cad/Ni-MH battery charger that is fully automatic. I can set the charger for 500; 1000 and 2000 mah charge and walk away until they are done. I wanted to put all new packs in my airplanes as it has been many a year since I have installed my batteries. These cells maintain 70% charge after 10 years of storage.

The Student Flight Instruction Program will resume June 2020 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
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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.

***MRCF Club Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020***

Call meeting to order: 7:00pm

Officers present: Wayne Brown; Judi Snyder

Total attendance: 10

Treasurer's report: Accounts in good order

New business: Fun Fly September 12th. Club members only; brown bag lunch/beverages.

New member: Mark Harris

Adjourn: 7:15pm

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