

# The Maricopa Radio Control Club Newsletter

## *As The Prop Turns....*

February 2019

Hello members! Well, it's great to be back flying at MAC and have the support of so many of you. I greatly appreciate your vote-of-confidence in electing me President of the club for 2019. We have a great bunch of like-minded individuals from all walks of life contributing to our club in camaraderie and friendship, helpful support, and experience in this hobby.

For those of you new to the club, some history first -

In 2015, a group of individuals lead by Maricopa resident Ron Vance, began looking for sights in order to have a place from which to fly and share their enthusiasm for radio controlled model airplanes.

The Maricopa Radio Control Club was officially formed in March of that year and through the determination of the original founding members, a flying sight was found in the local Maricopa Agricultural Center which is part of the University of Arizona's Agriculture Sciences Department. The club members were given the right to use the old abandoned crop dusting strip's north end of the runway as the club's flying site. The runway is approximately 120' wide by 1200' long.

The Maricopa Radio Control Club is a chartered club of the national Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) which was founded in 1936. The AMA serves as the controlling entity that charters all the "RC" clubs around the country with total membership of close to 200,000.

As of 2019, The Maricopa Radio Control Club (MRCC) has 21 members including three full-time AMA certified instructors who teach people, free of charge, how to fly radio-controlled aircraft. The MRCC follows all AMA safety guidelines and meets the FAA's location and safety regulations.

The club has taught many people how to fly ranging in age from 10 to 80. The club members truly feel that their purpose is to not only make model aviation a reality for young and old alike, with a big emphasis on safety, but also for anyone who wishes to get into the hobby without spending a lot.

### **MRCC Club Goals - 2019**

Our goals for this year include membership expansion and I would like to

propose to all of you the following:

a club goal of 22 new members by December 31st. And, the member who brings in the most new members, will receive free dues for 2020! Just our way of saying Thank You for your support. I truly feel that each and every one of us is an “ambassador” for our hobby and that it is up to each of us to get the word out about our great club and flying site. Plus, if each one of us brings in just 1 new member, we'll **double** our membership!

### **Repairs & Maintenance**

We will, in the coming months be repairing and doing maintenance to the runway panels. Member Dick Banken found a compound we can buy in gallon containers that appears from an initial test, to be working out perfectly. We'll keep the members posted as we get closer to warmer months and initiate a work detail on the panels.

Also, we are gathering receipts for all improvements to our club's site in order to turn them in to the AMA. The AMA has a reimbursement program that rebates monies directly back to individual clubs on a percentage basis (~10%) of total club outlay. More on this after we submit to the AMA.

### **Sec.-Treas. Report**

Bill Evans, our Sec.-Treas. is planning to send out a survey for your input in the coming months. And, Bill just emailed me with our current bank balance at Great Western Bank, here in Maricopa. The club currently has \$991.18 in the club account.

### **Safety Report**

From Tom Fisher, our resident Safety Officer:

With the New Year and the club election behind us, I would first like to say thank you to all the members who attended and voted at the meeting. With all the new improvements at the field, hopefully we can become a flying field worth a visit from other area clubs.

As the new Safety Officer (hope I don't sound like a broken record) my main issue and concern is SAFETY. Having been in several clubs in the past I have witnessed several accidents and incidents and just plain stupidity. We have rules and regulations both from the AMA and our own club rules that we must follow in order to make our hobby a more enjoyable one.

In the next few days, we'll be sending everyone, via email, a copy of The Maricopa RC Club Safety Rules. Please take a few minutes and read them so we can all be a little safer in our daily excursions into the wild blue.

Happy Flying!

### **Future plans**

Sometime in the not too distant future, we should all get together at the field for an impromptu BBQ/Pizza lunch. Several of the members have suggested for all of us to get together as a great way to discuss those things that are important to the members and nip-in-the-bud anything that's buggin' anyone.

### **MRCC Newsletter**

This year we are planning on publishing this newsletter every other month to start. And we welcome YOUR input for its content. Tips and tricks, things you've learned from other clubs, safety items, in other words, anything that YOU feel is something to pass along to the rest of us is as simple as emailing myself or Bill Evans or Tom Fisher and we'll be sure to publish it in an upcoming newsletter with full credit! I want this newsletter to be OUR newsletter so pass along those tidbits and pearls-of-wisdom, photos of maiden flights, crashes - or anything that brought a smile to your face.

### **New Members**

And a very BIG Maricopa RC Club welcome to all our new members - David Blacklock, Dale Duncan, Don Piazza, Don Ryszka, and Terry Michaels. Please say "Hi" and introduce yourself to them when out at the field.

### **Crash of the Month**

For the month of January the "winner" is John Ryszka! John, take a bow for the excellent repair too. Pics attached....

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