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Council Members:

This letter concerns the limited support or non-support given to the major annual workshop by some of the membership of the MVFD.

It is my belief that the MVFD as a club benefits from club sponsored workshops and especially the annual workshop. However, with possible rare exceptions, only those members who attend the annual workshop support it financially.

I propose that financial support for some of the cost of the annual workshop come from the entire membership. This could be accomplished by increasing the membership dues, say by \$6.00 per year, and earmarking that revenue for the annual workshop expenses. At the same time, those members who buy the annual workshop package would be charged an amount reduced by, say, \$6.00. This reduction would be in lieu of the present reduction of a couple of dollars.

Such a procedure would accomplish three things:

1. It would spread part of the cost of the annual workshop over the entire membership.
2. It would give a several hundred dollar cushion toward the annual workshop expense. Then, in the event of a poorly attended workshop or some other unfortunate circumstance, the club would not be in as bad a financial situation as under the present method of financing workshops.
3. Depending on the amount of credit given for buying the full workshop package, the cost difference to individual members from the present method would be small or even nothing.

A down-side to my proposal is that even an increase of about \$6.00 in the annual dues might turn some people off and cause them to drop their annual memberships thereby reducing club revenues. I have made no estimate of such potential losses.

Respectfully,

Ed Anderson