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April 2024



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is April 3rd at EPJ field starting at 7pm.

President's message:

Fellow Modelaires member, Jim Porter, passed away in his shop on March 16th. The club has donated money to purchase a plant for the family. Jim was a very knowledgeable person in the RC community.

The board has approved moving our current website from AWS to be hosted by Dualrates. Several clubs currently use Dualrates for their clubs. Take a look at Omahawks and Tucson RC club websites. Ours will look **exactly** the same. Here is a link to our DEMO website:

https://clubs.dualrates.com/a/r/szz/RC/home?app_club=3457

Some of the benefits will be the ability to pay membership dues via PayPal, AMA verification, membership renewal, members only access, and allowing multiple people to do specific tasks. I don't expect it to be fully up and running for another month or two. It takes some training time to learn and build it.

Since the weather is getting better, we will start having club meetings at our fields. As usual, we'll continue to switch club meetings between fields. The April club meeting will be held at EPJ.

Kelly Brown donated a computer for club training purposes at EPJ. We will load a flight simulator software on it for prospective members to use. Both fields will start club training on June 3rd.

Think about hosting a club event this year.

Let's get out and get some flying in!

Ray

March News

The board approved a change to the requirement that you must have valid AMA and FAA registrations that do not expire until the end of the calendar year. You now only have to have valid registrations at the time you apply or renew. When your AMA or FAA expire, please notify Steve Clime so that he can update your membership record. Since we are an AMA chartered club, it is important that everyone flying at our fields is a current AMA member or flying with a current AMA member.

While we welcome new people to experience the fun and camaraderie of our hobby, it is important to note that our club liability insurance only applies to AMA members. Our AMA insurance is secondary to your personal home owner's insurance. We all need to be aware that if something goes wrong and personal property is damaged or people are injured there will be questions about who is going to pay for the damages or injuries. The AMA does extend their liability coverage to instructors and participants in the Intro Pilot program. The safest way to provide liability protection for yourself is to work with our training coordinators, Bill Chase and Larry Petersen. You can register as an Intro Pilot Instructor or have the student



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work with one of our registered instructors. We will also register the student. We have created a liability release form for students to sign that has them acknowledge the potential liability of flying a model and release the club and the instructor from liability. I know none of us want to think about this possibility but accidents happen.

In conjunction with setting up our new website, the board voted to set up a business Paypal account. There is a small transaction fee that the club will cover so that our dues remain the same whether payments are by cash or Paypal.

The board is establishing a committee to work on a 3-5 year plan for the club. Board members from both groups are on the committee. Committee members are Les Hofland, Rick Konopka, Jeff Ireland and Bill Chase.

The board discussed the upcoming project to replace the runway at Westfield. Westfield board members will be putting together a project plan and cost estimates. In addition to new runway material, we will probably need to bring in some dirt to repair erosion damage.

Upcoming Events

April 3rd	April club meeting at EPJ Field starting at 7pm
April 13th	Westfield Coffee Social 10am
April 24th	Board Meeting Cozy Cafe in Johnston 5:30pm (members welcome)
June 15 th	Cub and High Wing fun fly at EPJ (Sanctioned event)
Oct 19 th	Club Auction

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2024 Des Moines Modelaires Membership Application

You must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and registered with the FAA before joining the Des Moines Modelaires.

New Member____Renewal____ / Adult____Youth____Spouse____

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ Birthday _____
AMA #: _____ AMA Expiration
date: _____
FAA #: _____ FAA Expiration Date: _____
Trust # _____ Preferred Flying Field (Circle one): EPJ / Westfield
Email Address: _____

You **MUST** have a current AMA membership and FAA Registration valid **at the time of applying or renewing** to be a Des Moines Modelaires club member. If you are flying an aircraft weighing more than 0.55 lbs., it must have an FAA sUAS registration number affixed to it.

The following Membership dues are in effect through December 31st of 2024

***New Member-Adult - \$10 times the number of FULL months left in the calendar year (max of \$100)**

Note: You are NOT charged for the month you join.

Youth - \$15 Spousal - \$50

***A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member of the club for more than 2 years.**

Renewal- Adult \$100

Youth \$15 Spousal \$50

Adult – 19 & over–your age anytime during 2024

Youth – 18 & under through December 31st, 2024

Send this membership application, a copy of your AMA membership card, FAA registration, Trust Number and a check (made out to Des Moines Modelaires) to:

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Flying Field Locations

The Des Moines Modelaires maintains two high-quality, friendly flying locations in the Des Moines area. See below for address and map information:

EPJ



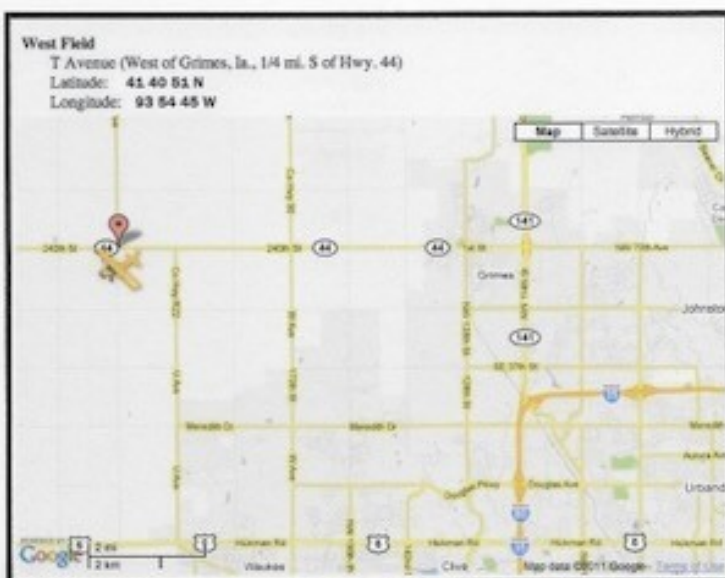
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West Field





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About the Des Moines Modelaires

- We fly radio-controlled model airplanes, helicopters, gliders, and quad-copters at our two club flying fields.
- We hold monthly meetings typically the first Wednesday of each month.
- We produce a newsletter for our members and the general public.
- We host several fun fly events at our fields each year.
- We will do demonstrations anywhere safety permits.
- We will do presentations about our hobby for groups.
- We have an auction for RC equipment each fall.
- We conduct private training by appointment and public training at our flying fields during the summer.
- For more information about us, check us out at www.desmoinesmodelaires.com.
- To contact us, email dsmmodelaires@gmail.com.