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### Club Meeting News

The next meeting is May 1st at Westfield starting at 7pm.

### President's message:

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting, we will be voting on changing the name of Westfield to "JP Field" in honor of Jim Porter. The board approved the new field name change and it now requires membership approval. Jim had a deep history working in the remote-control airplane arena. This included working for SIG for 4 plus years and hosting multiple National Soaring events.

The board approved purchasing a plaque for both fields noting members that have passed away while being a member of the club. It's a great way to remember and give respect to fellow modelaires.

We moved our current website to Dualrates. I'm currently working on setting everything up. It will take several months before we get the new membership renewal process setup and getting everything moved over.

Training night is about to start up. If you can help out in anyway, please let Larry Petersen or Bill Castle know. One item we all need to work on is advertising this event. One item I'm checking into is purchasing some banners people could see as they drive by our fields. If anyone has any ideas on how we can promote our training nights, let me know.

The weather is starting to get better, let's all try to get more flying in! Enjoy the hobby and the camaraderie of fellow members!

That's it for this month.

Ray

### April News

Our new website hosted by Dualrates.com is operational. Some information has been moved over to the new website. Our website address remains the same [www.desmoinesmodelaires.com](http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com). We will be working on getting additional information moved over as well as getting new features such as online registration with Paypal and member only sections operational. Watch your emails for updates.

I know that some of you have been out flying when the wind and weather permitted. I will be happy to get back to my home field. I enjoy being able to fly in Arizona in the winter. However, I miss the feeling of safety I enjoy with our club. The wind at the TRCC field in Tucson shifts direction frequently. I don't know if it is because of that or just lax safety habits but a number of pilots there don't do a good job of flying a



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pattern. They tend to just takeoff and fly in whatever direction suits them. It is important for our safety that we maintain safe flying habits. Communicate with other pilots. Share the field. Pilots flying a pattern do not mix well with pilots flying 3D or helis. Accidents can happen. It is up to each of us to minimize the chances. A pilot at Tucson recently injured a hand severely by not making sure his throttle cut was set. He was working around the prop and bumped the throttle.

This year the TRCC club tried a new event. T28 racing. They used 800mm T28s costing about \$120 ea. 10 laps. A lot of fun for not a lot of money.

With the arrival of spring, it will be time to clean up the fields and make repairs. Mowing teams are set up at each field. If you are not part of a team and want to volunteer, contact Greg Ireland at West or Jim Lewis at EPJ. Fresh faces are always welcome. Greg and Jim will be getting weed killer applied to both fields soon.

We are working on a project plan to replace the runway at West this year. Steve Clime is heading up the project. The project had been delayed until we got our FRIA approval for West. Watch for more information on this much needed project.

June brings the start of our public training programs. This year we have new equipment at both fields. A big thank you to Hobby Haven, Hobbytown, and Horizon Hobby for providing discounts on our new equipment. Their support helped us to get more equipment with our money. We have instructor teams lined up at both fields. Helping new people to enjoy our hobby is important to the health of our club. The TRCC club is partnering with a nearby local school to bring young people in to the hobby. If you have not signed up to be part of a team and want to help, please contact Larry Petersen at EPJ or Bill Castle at West.

If you have information or pictures to share, please send them to me. This month, I am including some pictures from our last TRCC club meeting in Tucson and from the TRCC club display at the PIMA county fair.

See you at the field.

### Upcoming Events

May 1st	May club meeting at West Field starting at 7pm
May 11th	Westfield Coffee Social 10am
May 29th	Board Meeting Cozy Cafe in Johnston 5:30pm (members welcome)
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cub and High Wing fun fly at EPJ (Sanctioned event)
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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:

Steve Clime

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Urbandale, IA 50323

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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](http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com).
- To contact us, email [dsmmodelaires@gmail.com](mailto:dsmmodelaires@gmail.com).