



PLANE TALK NEWS

March 2025



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is March 5th at Cozy Café Johnston starting at 7 pm. Please come at 6 pm and order off the menu for use of the room.

President's message:

We're still looking for a Newsletter Editor. If you have any interests in doing this, please let me know.

Think about presenting a program and sharing some of your knowledge. Every member appreciates your effort.

We receive an update from AMA about requiring flyers to have an FAA number to fly at our fields. Here is AMA's response:

"The FRIA only eliminates the need for remote ID. Individuals should still register with the FAA and take the Trust test. Keep in mind that we don't expect the clubs to police this."

As a result of this, the board is going to follow what other flying sites do. We will ONLY require AMA membership at our fields. It is up to the flyer to get a FAA number and take the trust test. It is HIGHLY recommended to have both! Here is what will be followed:

"As a requirement for Modelaires' membership the member must be registered with the AMA. The Modelaires will not require FAA registration or TRUST Certification to be a member, however the Modelaires organization will highly encourage the member to continue their registration with the FAA and Trust Certification. It will be noted that it is each flyer's personal responsibility to continue to follow FAA requirements for RC Model aircraft operations."

We now have 4 club events scheduled for this year so far:

June 21 - Fun Fly

July 14 – JP Field Fun Fly

Aug 16 – Jet Fun Fly (new)

Sept 27 – Warbird

Let's all plan on attending these events! Even if you don't plan to fly, come for the social aspect of the event.

For the Summer months, we will be holding the board meetings at one of our two flying fields. The meeting will start at 6 pm. This will allow members to attend if they'd like and frees up a night for board members. The next board and club meeting will be held at JP Field on April 2nd. Bring a plane to fly!

That's it for now!

Ray



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February Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting was held on February 26, 2025, at the Cozy Café in Johnston, Iowa, led by President Ray Pick. Key points discussed included the approval of previous meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, FAA requirements, and upcoming events.

- **Roll Call and Attendance** Les Hofland took the roll call, noting that 9 board members were present while 2 were absent.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes** Les Hofland read the minutes from the last meeting, and a motion to approve them was unanimously accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** Jim Lewis presented the February 2025 report, highlighting membership dues, total income, and expenses. The report was approved and accepted into the record.
- **FAA Requirements** The board discussed FAA registration and TRUST certification, deciding not to enforce these as membership requirements but to encourage compliance.
- **Upcoming Events** The board planned several events for 2025, including Fun Fly, Porter Fun Fly, and Warbird. A Jet Fly event was also proposed.
- **Tom Hildreth Memorial Plaque** A memorial plate for Tom Hildreth was discussed, with arrangements made for its installation and payment.
- **Newsletter Editor** The board is seeking a new editor for the club newsletter, with no volunteers so far. Meeting minutes will be used for member updates.
- **Next Meetings** The next membership meeting will be on April 2, 2025, at JP Field, and the next board meeting will be held an hour before this membership meeting.
- **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned by President Ray Pick at 7:09 PM.

Upcoming Events

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Social Get togethers:

2nd Saturday of each month at JP Field
Last Saturday of each month at HyVee Ankeny



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2025 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:

Steve Clime
14414 Oakwood Dr.
Urbandale, IA 50323

Cell# 515-314-9960

Email: sclime02@gmail.com

EPJ Field East of Elkhart



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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



JP Field (Formerly West Field) West of Grimes



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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.