



PLANE TALK NEWS

April 2025



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is being held at JP Field on April 2nd starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend.

President's message:

The weather for the April 2nd meeting does NOT look promising. Based on my weather app, it shows a high of 61 with winds around 24 mph. The temp isn't bad but 24 mph winds make flying a little challenging!

If you'd like to help out with the Modelaires training program, please send an email to Larry Petersen (pony64half@hotmail.com) or Bill Castle (castlew1@yahoo.com) or even respond back to this email. The training program is a great way to get new members into our hobby. Helping out can be as simple as just charging batteries, making repairs or even being a trainer. The Training Program goes from June through August. The training nights are held on Mondays starting at 6 pm at both fields. Think about giving back to the hobby!

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.

Just a quick update on the EPJ Field expansion. Here are some of the goals for this project.

- 1) To allow for larger Warbird and Jet events to be held at EPJ Field
- 2) Give more exposure to the club
- 3) Give more exposure to the hobby
- 4) Possibly bring in more members and expand the club
- 5) Bring in additional revenue for the club to keep dues down
- 6) More open flying (less corn and beans)
- 7) 2+ acres of extra parking for events
- 8) Would allow us to have RC Airshows since now we have more parking

The new 5 acres has been layout and disced. Now we're waiting for the ground to level and dry out so we can start working on it. The next step is to run the roller and flatten out the dirt then layout the runway. We're not in a big hurry, but we would like to get grass planted yet this spring.

We 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

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.



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That's it for now!

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March Board Meeting minutes:

No Board Meeting was held. They'll now be scheduled on the same night as club meetings.

Upcoming Events

June 21 - Fun Fly

July 14 – JP Field Fun Fly

August 16 – Jet Fun Fly

Sept 27 – Warbird

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:

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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.