



PLANE TALK NEWS

March 2024



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is March 6th at Cozy Cafe Johnston at 7pm. Please come early and plan to eat at 6 pm to help patronize the business for use of the room. The food is excellent!

President's message:

Both fields have been approved by the FAA. This is great news! Now, some of those RemoteID devices do have some nice features to help locate a downed aircraft. More research will need to be done to determine how we can take advantage of this new technology.

The weather is starting to get better. It's time to get your fleet ready for flying this year. Make sure to test out all the servos and pull-on all movable parts to make sure nothing came loose during the winter. If you fly electric aircraft, time to recycle your batteries and look at each cell to see if they need to be replaced. Better to replace a battery than an airplane.

I've asked the board to start working on a 1 and 5 year plan. If you have anything that you'd like reviewed or considered, let me know and I'll add it to the discussion.

Thinks about hosting a club event this year.

That's it for now. Get out and get some flying in!

Ray

February News

Our Westfield FRIA application is approved. The AMA is continuing to work with the federal government to expand the altitude limit at FRIA approved sites in class G airspace. They also got approval for a procedure to allow for events at non FRIA sites to be exempt from the RemoteID requirement. Jim Porter is continuing to work on RemoteID related issues to gain a better understanding of how the devices work.

AMA will notify clubs on the status of their grant requests in May.

Mild weather in Iowa has allowed our members to get out and get some flying in. Members on WhatsApp are posting about the new planes they have built over the winter. I have included some pictures.

Our public training sessions will be starting after Memorial Day and run to Labor Day. Training night will be Monday night at both fields this year. We have submitted a grant request to AMA to upgrade equipment at both fields. We will use this money in addition to our own money to make needed upgrades to our training equipment. Also, we are asking for more members to help with the training programs. You can volunteer as a helper or as an instructor. Several of our current instructors have been doing this for a long



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time. We need to get some younger members involved with the program. Working with people new to the hobby helps them to enjoy the hobby safely and strengthens our club. Remember, someone volunteered their time to help you. If you can help, please contact Bill Castle, castlew1@yahoo.com, at Westfield or Larry Petersen, pony64half@hotmail.com, at EPJ. In addition to our public training sessions, we also have instructors that do private one on one training.

Upcoming Events

March 6th	March club meeting Cozy Cafe Johnston 7pm
March 9th	Westfield Coffee Social 10am
March 27th	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

Jim Lewis
email: clone2tb@gmail.com
phone: 515-314-7904



Dave Carrol's Latest Project



Zane Lathrum Jets



Rich Hyuck new plane with builder



Kelly Brown Stuka



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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 **through the entire year of membership** 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



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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.