



PLANE TALK NEWS December 2023



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is December 13th at:
Merkle Retirement Planning
1860 SE Princeton Dr.
Grimes, Iowa 50111
Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7pm.
This is election night.

President's message:

It's election time. If you can't make the meeting, please mail in your vote. The mailing address is on the ballot. Make sure you have your Name and Address on the envelop. This is how we track who has voted.

Get your Shirt, Hat and Penguin Fun Fly sweatshirt order in. They would make Christmas gift for yourself. The link for the store is: <https://getbranded360.chipply.com/modelaires/>

Jim Lewis is working on a training grant from the AMA. We will need to vote on this item at the December club meeting since the amount is over \$1,000. We need to invest in our training program to bring in new members. We're hoping AMA will give us the maximum award amount of \$1,000.

The board has approved an indoor fun fly event at Knapp Animal Learning Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The date is scheduled for January 20 & 21. I've attached a flyer of the event. Time to get your small aircraft ready for flight. From what I hear, it's a great event!

Think about hosting or even co-hosting an event next year. I will give you a club credit card to pay for expenses.

Plan to attend the Penguin Fun Fly on January 1st starting at 10 am. We'll also be holding the January club meeting at 1 pm. Bill Castle is making the chili.

We still have some good flying days left in the year. Get out and get a couple flights in while the weather is still good!

That's it for this month!

Ray



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Presents:

NIFF 2024 - Not normal Indoor Fun Fly

- **January 20th (8am-10pm) and 21st (8am to 2pm)**
- **Knapp Animal Learning Center**
- **Iowa State Fair Grounds, park in the Midway**
- **Bring your RC indoor foamies, slow fly, micros, 3D planes, small helis, small drones or cars**
- **There will be a 1/24 crawler track this year**
- **HEATED 180' x 96' x ~22' tall building**
- **Food onsite**
- **AMA membership is required if you're flying**
- **COST is \$10 one day or \$15 both Saturday and Sunday**



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November News

It is election time. If you are not going to make the meeting, you can vote by mail. Be sure to carefully follow the instructions Ray sent out in order for your vote to count. Your name and address must be on the outside of the envelope.

In addition to the election, we will be voting to approve the 2024 budget. The proposed budget includes money to upgrade our training equipment at both fields and money to upgrade the computer equipment we use for the auction. We are applying for an AMA Takeoff and Grow grant to help with the cost of our training equipment upgrades.

A reminder that our Penguin Fun Fly is January 1st at Westfield 10am. Bill Castle is making the chili. There will be coffee. Bring whatever else you want to eat and drink. Hopefully we will have a decent day to get some flying in.

Another reminder. Dues are due January 1st. Gate and building codes will be changed at that time. The new codes will be on your 2024 membership card. Dues will continue to be \$100. There is no penalty for paying later in 2024. I know that many of you don't renew until you get ready to fly in the spring. You must have AMA and FAA memberships that do not expire in 2024 and a valid TRUST number.

Our club will be sponsoring the indoor fun fly at the fairgrounds in January. This event has been going on for several years and was originally set up by some guys from the Newton club. Ray will be sending out more information. This is a 2 day event.

Ray has made arrangements for getting new shirts, hats, and Penguin shirts. He previously sent out information about how to order your own. The deadline for ordering is January 1. The link for the store is: <https://getbranded360>.

If any of you have information or pictures to add to the newsletter, please email them to me.

Upcoming Events

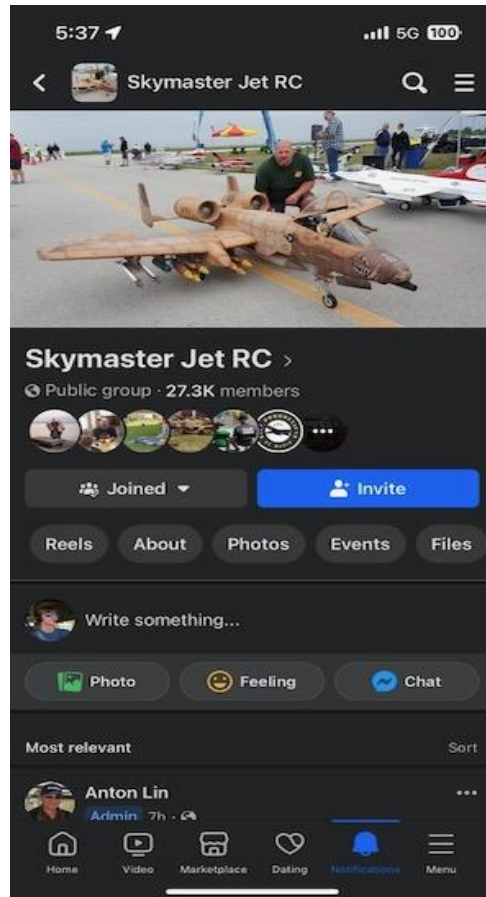
December 9th	Westfield Coffee Social 10am
December 13th	General Membership Meeting at Merkle Retirement Planning 7pm
December 27th	Board Meeting Cozy Cafe in Johnston 5:30pm
January 1st	Penguin Fun Fly Westfield 10am

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



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Beautiful A10 built by Clark Jacobsen and flown by Dan Hansen and Carl Spurlock. Mike Hansen in the photo.



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Application is the same for 2024.

2023 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 2023

***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 2023

Youth - 18 & under through December 31st, 2023

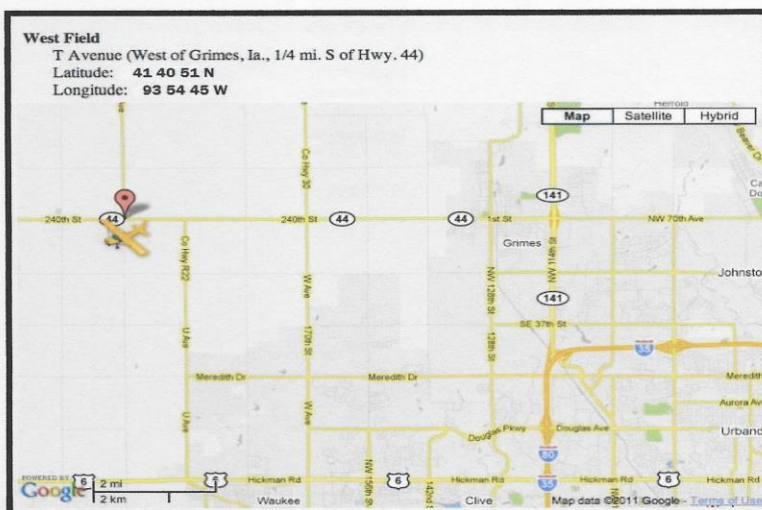
Send this membership application, a copy of your AMA membership card, FAA registration, Trust Number and a check (made out to Des Moines Modelaires) to:

Steve Clime
14414 Oakwood Dr.
Urbandale, IA 50323

Cell# 515-314-9960

Email: sclime02@gmail.com

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.