



PLANE TALK NEWS

January 2025



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is January 1st at EPJ 11am.

President's message:

Happy New Years to everyone! I hope your Christmas was Happy and Merry!

Just a reminder that this month's club meeting is scheduled for January 1st at 11 am. Mike Hansen will be cooking Chili and hot dogs! We'll start eating right after the meeting. Per the Weather Channel, the wind will be between 12 and 14 mph with temps in the high 20's! Sounds like good flying weather to me! Just don't bring your best plane to fly! To be a Penguin, you have to fly for at least 1 minute. We can all do at least that much!

I'd like to welcome Byron Clark to the Modelaires Board. Ray Pick (President), Jim Lewis (Treasurer), Greg Helton (Board), Dave Kalwishky (Board) and Bill Castle (Board) have all been re-elected for another 2-year term. If you have any questions or items that need to be addressed, feel free to contact any member of the Board.

To keep a club active and thriving, think about hosting an event this year. We have several Contest Directors in the club that will work with you to schedule the event and even help out.

Don't forget to attend the Indoor Fun Fly at the Fairgrounds scheduled for January 18 and 19th. The cost is \$10.00 for one (1) day and \$15.00 for two (2) days.

Take advantage of the down time and get several airplanes ready for flying when the weather turns warmer with less wind.

The board did vote to NOT require an FAA membership to fly at our field. Since both fields are approved FRIA fields, we don't need it. Now, if you plan to fly outside a FRIA area, you'll then need it.

This year's Auction date has changed to Oct 25th, 2025. Please add it to your calendar.

Jim is looking for a replacement to do the Newsletter. Can I get someone to step forward to take over this task? Have any questions, contact Jim.

That's it for now! See you January 1st.

Ray



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December News

After our election, Taylor King gave us a presentation on 3D printing. It was very interesting. He had one of his printers there and made a part while the meeting was going on. Several members asked about the materials, the costs, and the process.

The mild weather continues to provide some flying days for our hardier members. I am a warm weather flyer so these days are not for me. I'm headed to Tucson for some warm weather flying.

January 1st is our traditional Penguin Fun Fly. Flying starts at 9am. Club meeting at 11. Chili lunch is provided. You have to fly at least 1 minute to be a Flying Penguin.

A new gathering is breakfast at the Ankeny North Hy-Vee. The Ankeny breakfast is the last Saturday of the month. Check the calendar on the website for details. This is in addition to our coffee social at JP Field. Both of these events are opportunities to enjoy a good meal and do some hangar flying with your friends.

January 18-19th is our Indoor Fun Fly at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. \$10 for one day and \$15 for both days. Lunch will be available.

One of my winter building projects will be to convert my old 40 size Cherokee from nitro to electric. I have the motor, ESC and batteries so I am looking forward to extending the life of this plane. It has always been a great flyer.

This may be the last issue of Plane Talk news. In the age of social media, old fashioned newsletters have lost their value. While it is very important for our club to communicate with our members as well as getting information out to the public and to potential new members, it is time to explore other means of communication. We could really use a person or persons who are knowledgeable about using social media. If there is anyone in the club that can do this or if you know of anyone who could do this for us, please contact your board members.

See you at the field.

Jim



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Upcoming Events

January 1st	Penguin Fun Fly at EPJ 9am. Include club meeting at 11am
January 11th	JP Field Coffee Social 10am
January 18th-19th	Indoor Fun Fly at Iowa State Fairgrounds
January 25th	Breakfast at Ankeny Hy-Vee North 9am-Noon

Jim Lewis
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Board Members for 2025:

Ray Pick (President)
Steve Clime (Vice President)
Jim Lewis (Treasurer)
Les Hofland (Secretary)
Greg Helton (Board)
Dave Kalwishky (Board)
Dan Hansen (Board)
Bill Castle (Board)
Jeff Ireland (Board)
Vincent Stefanski (Board)
Byron Clark (Board)



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Presents:

NIFF 2025 - Not normal Indoor Fun Fly

- **January 18th & 19th 2025**
- **Iowa State Fair Grounds, Knapp Animal Learning Center**
- **Overflow parking just West of building, Midway lot**
- **Bring your RC indoor planes, slow fly, micros, 3D, small helis, small drones or cars!**
- **Bring surface vehicles, cars, tanks, snow cat, whatever!**
- **1/24th Crawler track onsite**
- **STOL competitions for those bush planes!**
- **HEATED 180' x 96' x 22' tall building**
- **AMA membership required to fly**
- **Free for public to watch**
- **Food onsite**
- **COST for pilots is \$10 per day or \$15 both days**

Scan QR for NIFF Facebook page





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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

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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.