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February 2025



Club Meeting News

The next meeting is February 5th at Cozy Café Johnston starting at 7 pm

President's message:

A couple quick notes:

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

Fellow Modelaires member, Tom Hildreth passed away on December 29, 2024. Please keep Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He will be missed dearly. He was a very avid aviation enthusiast.

I attended the Indoor Fun Fly in January. We had 37 pilots registered and of those registered, I counted 10 Modelaires members attending. The good news is, we made around \$225 on the event. From my understanding, another AMA club could possibly be hosting the event next year.

We have 3 club events scheduled for this year so far:

June 21 - Fun Fly

July 14 – JP Field 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.

The board voted to **NOT require to take the TRUST test** since FAA membership is no longer required. It is highly encouraged that each member takes the TRUST test for basic knowledge.

NOTE: Requiring FAA and TRUST is still being researched. This is NOT FINAL!

This year's Auction date has been **CHANGED AGAIN to Oct 4th, 2025**. I was notified by the church that Friday night was NOT available so I had to move the date. Please add the corrected date to your calendar.

That's it for now!

Ray



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January Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting on January 29, 2025, covered various topics including approval of prior meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, upcoming events, and other business matters.

- **Meeting Commencement:** President Ray Pick called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on January 29, 2025, at the Cozy Café in Johnston, Iowa.
- **Attendance and Roll Call:** Les Hofland took the roll call, noting all 11 board members were present, with some joining via video conference.
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Les Hofland read the minutes from the December 18, 2024, meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Greg Helton and seconded by Bill Castle.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lewis presented the January 2025 Treasurer's Report, highlighting membership dues, total income, and expenses. The report was approved unanimously.
- **Upcoming Events:** Ray Pick discussed upcoming events for 2025, including the Fun Fly, Porter Fun Fly, and Warbird events. The Modelaires plan to hold 3 to 4 events this year.
- **Indoor Fun Fly Report:** Ray reported on the Indoor Fun Fly held on January 18, 2025, at the Iowa State Fair Ground. The event raised \$274.00 for the Modelaires, but Ray expressed concerns about safety and liability.

The Modelaires will not sponsor this event in the future unless it's totally a flying only event.

- **Additional Business:** Bill Castle reported issues with the JP Field clubhouse. The inside wall panels were removed and Bill found that the 2x4 studs were completely saturated.

The Board decided to deal with this issue in June or July.

The Board discussed removing the FAA registration and TRUST test requirements for Modelaires membership. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

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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.