



PLANE TALK NEWS

May 2025



Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at EPJ Field on May 7th starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend.

President's message:

EPJ has been approved for the expanded FRIA area. I included the new layout below. This will allow for larger aircraft to fly. If you fly outside this area, you have great eyesight! Lol

AMA has also notified us that our new altitude limitation is now 1200'. Here is what was received by AMA: AMA is excited to announce that we have been granted a National Authorization allowing our members at AMA club sites in Class G airspace to operate above 400 feet above ground level (AGL) for routine, day-to-day activities. Your flying site, R/C WEST FIELD\EPJ Field, has been granted a 1200 foot altitude limit. This is GREAT NEWS!

Just a quick note on FAA\TRUST Requirement -

The FRIA only eliminates the need for remote ID. Individuals should still register with the FAA and take the Trust test. The club will NOT police this.

EPJ mower is currently in the shop being repaired. The estimated cost to repair will be around \$620. The cost includes yearly maintenance tasks like blade sharpening, lube, oil change, etc. Good maintenance keeps the mower lasting longer.

Think about presenting a program and sharing some of your knowledge. Every member appreciates your effort.

The weather is getting better. Let's get out and get some flying in!

We have 4 club events scheduled for this year so far:

June 21 - Fun Fly

July 12 – 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.

I'm working on planning a Fun-Fly SWAP Meet. I have not scheduled a date yet. The cost to sell and fly will be \$20.00. All others will be charged \$15.00. The price will include a meal.

That's it for now!

Ray



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March Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting took place on April 2, 2025, at JP Field, led by President Ray Pick. The meeting began with a roll call revealing nine members present and two absent, along with one club member attending.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting on February 26, 2025, were read and approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lewis presented the March 2025 financial report, highlighting income of \$8,441.89, expenses of \$3,733.42, and a net gain of \$4,708.47. Total bank balances increased from \$36,774.37 in February to \$38,352.54 in March. The report was accepted without discussion.
- **Training Program Update:** The training program is set to begin on June 2, 2025. Steve Faust volunteered as a trainer, needing AMA registration. An older Apprentice airplane will be used, and additional equipment was discussed.
- **Mowing Schedule:** The mower for JP Field will be moved from winter storage, and preparations for mowing at EPJ are complete.
- **Memorial Plaque:** A memorial plate for Tom Hildreth is ready for placement, with installation at EPJ completed.
- **Newsletter Editor:** The club is seeking a newsletter editor; interim measures include summarizing board minutes in the newsletter.
- **Program Planning:** Ray emphasized the need for planned programs at membership meetings and encouraged members to contribute ideas.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** The next membership meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025, at EPJ Field, followed by the next board meeting at 6:00 PM on the same day.
- **Water Damage Discussion:** The board addressed water damage at the JP Field clubhouse, with Bill Castle suggesting storm doors to mitigate the issue.
- **Other Business:** Jim Lewis announced items for auction to benefit the club, and Ray proposed a Swap Meet/Fun Fly. Date to be determined.



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Social Get togethers:

2nd Saturday of each month at JP Field

4th Saturday of each month at HyVee Ankeny or at the field (Summer months)



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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.