



PLANE TALK NEWS

June 2025



Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at JP Field on June 4th starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend.

President's message:

Training nights are starting to kickoff on Monday nights. Last Monday, 6/2 was very (very) windy. I did go out to EPJ just in case someone showed up. My efforts did payoff. I had two people show up. I was able to get in two flights. The wind died down around 8 pm. Both students did say they plan to join the club.

We had 3 Show and Tells items at last month's meeting. Show and Tells are always fun and a great way to show off that new pride and joy. Keep bring items. Who knows, you may want one of those yourself!

A quick update on the EPJ Runway: The runway has been laid out and we're now waiting for good weather to start moving the dirt. The plan is to take off 3" of dirt and move it to the side of the runway to make a 6" deep hole when completed. The dirt will be feathered back to keep water off the runway and to control any water runoff. Once done, we'll then put Waste Lime down for the foundation. More statuses to follow.

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! Think about flying before the club meeting! I plan to! I'll be bring my trainer along in case we have anyone wanting to get some training time 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.

That's it for now!

Ray

Show and Tell Items:

Chuck Emblem showing off his Circuit Maker made labels and art work. Another program will be done later.



Taylor King showing off his new Warbird! Look's FUN!



Missing:

Les showed off his new cub (not pictured). I'll get a picture for next month.



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May Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting took place on May 7, 2025, at the EPJ Flying Field, led by President Ray Pick. The meeting included a roll call of members, approval of previous minutes, and a treasurer's report detailing finances and budget status.

- **Meeting Call to Order:** President Ray Pick initiated the meeting at 6:03 PM.
- **Attendance:** All eleven board members were present, with five club members attending.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of April 2, 2025, meeting was read and approved without further discussion.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lewis presented the financial report for April 2025, highlighting income, expenses, and budget status. All board members approved the report.
- **Mowing Fund Discussion:** The mowing fund for JP Field was confirmed to be appropriate for the season, with Greg Ireland managing the work.
- **Training Program Update:** Equipment for the training program was gathered, and a request for a case for the radios was made.
- **Weed Eater Discussion:** The board discussed the suggestion to switch to electric weed trimmers but decided to continue using gas trimmers due to a lack of electricity at JP Field.
- **EPJ Tractor Repairs:** Maintenance was performed on the EPJ mower, costing \$596.85, which was accepted by the board despite concerns over the cost.
- **Water Damage Repair at JP Field:** Recommendations for storm doors and staining the building were discussed and approved for purchase and installation.
- **Next Meetings:** The next membership and board meetings are scheduled for June 4, 2025.

Upcoming Events

June 21 - Fun Fly
July 12 – JP Field Fun Fly
August 16 – Jet Fun Fly
Sept 27 – Warbird

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

E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ)
12599 NE 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)
Latitude: 41.47 28 N
Longitude: 93.27 51 W



The map shows the location of E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ) in Polk County, Iowa, east of Elkhart. The field is marked with a red pin on a street grid. Major roads like I-80 and I-280 are visible. The map includes a scale bar and a legend for map styles (Map, Satellite, Hybrid).



An aerial photograph of the EPJ field, showing a large paved runway and taxiway area surrounded by green grass. A few small buildings and vehicles are visible near the runway.




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JP Field (Formerly West Field) West of Grimes

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West Field

West Field
T Avenue (West of Grimes, Ia., 1/4 mi. S of Hwy. 44)
Latitude: 41.40 51 N
Longitude: 93.54 45 W





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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.