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Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at EPJ Field on July 2nd starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend.

President's message:

A quick update:

We have a TFR ALERT on July 3rd, No flying at both fields from 5:45 to 10:45 pm. President Trump will be at the State Fair Grounds.

Update on the EPJ Runway: The DNR has approved us putting down the waste lime for the new runway. Since we're in a flood plain, the DNR got involved. Des Moines Water Works also approved the project to bring in truckloads of lime. The owner of the land also gave his OK! We will start moving dirt this week or next week. The plan is to take off 3" of dirt and move it to the side of the runway to make a 6" deep hole for the lime. The dirt will be feathered back to keep water off the runway and to control any water runoff. Once done, we'll then put the Waste Lime down for the foundation. They're also going to remove all the weeds and put them in a pile.

We have 3 airplanes that were donated to the club. They'll be raffled off at next month's club meeting. \$1 for one ticket or 6 for \$5.00. You do not need to be present to win. See below pictures of the 3 items.

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

We have 3 more club events scheduled for this year:

July 12 – JP Field Fun Fly

Aug 16 – Jet Fun Fly

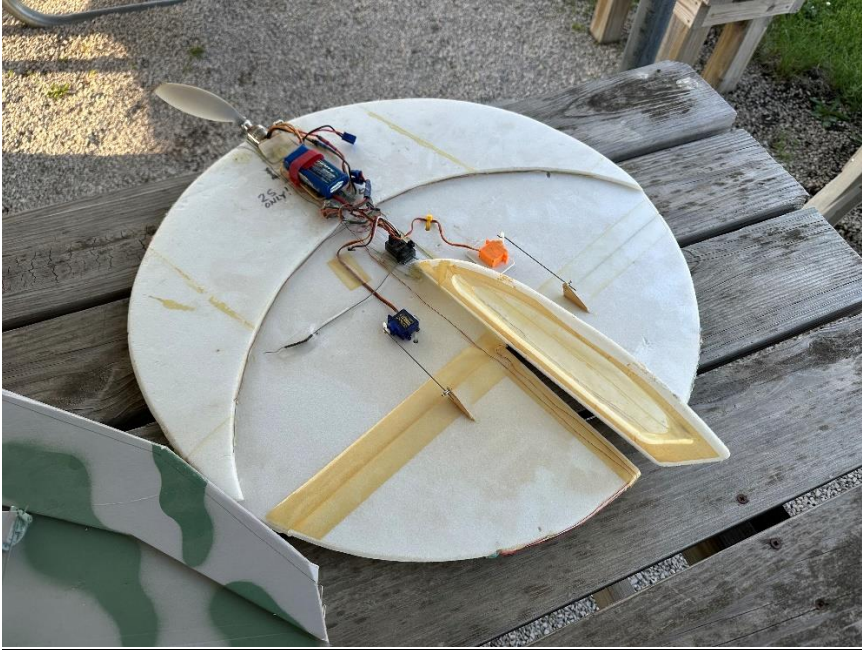
Sept 27 – Warbird

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

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June Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting was held on June 4, 2025, at the JP Flying Field, called to order by President Ray Pick. The meeting included a call from board members, with eight present and three absences.

- **Previous Minutes:**
 - The minutes from May 7, 2025, meeting were read and approved without further discussion.
 - The board has decided to limit the reading of membership minutes during the membership meeting while retaining the reading of the full minutes for board meetings.
- **Treasurer's Report: J**
 - Jim Lewis presented the financial report, highlighting membership dues and total income. The report was approved unanimously.
- **Training Program Update:**
 - Bill Castle reported on the training equipment gathered for the JP Field, including trainer airplanes and radios.
 - The board approved the purchase of three additional batteries for training use.
- **Water Damage Repair:**
 - The board discussed water leaks at the JP Field Club House and approved additional funding for storm doors and handles. The final cost for the project was reported as \$517.59.
- **Other Business:**
 - The board discussed plans for building a handicap ramp on the south side of JP Field's clubhouse. Steve Clime and Bill Castle will work on the ramp over the next couple of weeks.
 - Two airplanes, headsets and an RC controlled boat were donated to the Modelaires. Raffle tickets will be sold for airplanes and headsets to raise money for the club.
 - The Boat will be offered for sale to an interested club member. The board decided to sell the boat for \$ 150.00. It was felt that the value that the item could generate for the Modelaires was larger through a sale rather than a raffle.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2025, at EPJ Flying Field, followed by the next membership meeting at the same location.

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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

E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ)
12559 NE 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)
Latitude: 41.47 28 N
Longitude: 93.27 51 W



Map Satellite Hybrid

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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.