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### Club Meeting News

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

### President's message:

A BIG reminder that the MODELAIRES AUCTION is scheduled for **OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>**, please help out if you can! This is a major fund raiser for the club. If you have items just sitting around, this is a great way to clean out the hanger and get something new! Just a reminder, all volunteers get a free meal and entry. That's over \$15.00 you can use to purchase something. I'll be needing help for kitchen, floor, data entry, auction table, check-out and check-in. Please send me an email ([rpick37681@AOL.COM](mailto:rpick37681@AOL.COM)) or signup at a club meeting! More helpers make things easier! Forgot to note that helpers can bid on items while working!

Update on the EPJ Runway: All the weeds have been cut down. Place looks a lot better! The runway has been dug out but with all the rain, we now have a BIG pond! Before the project can continue, we'll need to drain the water. Does anyone have a water pump that could pump all this water out? If so, let me know! It's going to take a while before it dries out. If you have floats, you could fly off of it! I've included a picture (see below).

We have 3 airplanes that were donated to the club. They'll be raffled off at the August 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 2 more club events scheduled for this year:

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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**Raffle items:**





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#### July Board Meeting minutes:

The Modelaires Board convened on July 2, 2025, at the EPJ Flying Field to discuss ongoing club activities, financial status, and upcoming events.

The meeting included updates on training programs, facility improvements, fundraising efforts, and planning for future meetings and activities.

- **Attendance and Meeting Opening:** Vice President Steve Clime called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with seven board members present and four absent. No general members attended.
- **Approval of Prior Minutes:** Les Hofland read the minutes from the June 4, 2025, meeting, which were unanimously approved by the board without further discussion.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lewis presented the June 2025 financial report showing membership dues close to budget, total income of \$10,204.31 year-to-date, expenses of \$6,147.22, and a net positive balance of \$4,057.09.

The club's bank balances slightly decreased from May to June.  
A \$16,000 CD is set for renewal at 3.92%.

- **Training Program Update:** Bill Castle reported four students attended training at JP Field last week; no update was provided for EPJ Field training. Inventory sheets for training equipment have been submitted.
- **Facility Improvements:** Storm doors were purchased and installed at the JP Field clubhouse with a total cost of \$519.59 covered by the facilities budget.

Members are reminded to close the doors after use.

Plans are underway to build a handicapped ramp at JP Field in early August, with materials funded by the facilities budget.

- **Runway Project Status:** The new EPJ Field runway has been staked and is scheduled for digging, expected to take two days, with weed removal to follow.
- **NOTAM Notice:** Due to a visit by President Trump to Des Moines, a NOTAM is in effect prohibiting flying at Modelaires' fields during the President's event.
- **Airplane Raffle:** A T38 airplane donated by Mike Turvey as well as the other equipment obtained by Jim Lewis are being raffled to raise money for the Modelaires.

Tickets will be sold by Ray Pick until the August meeting; tickets are \$5 for six or \$1 each.

- **Upcoming Meetings:** The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The Board Meets at 6:00 PM the same day, both meetings will be held at JP Field.



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- **Other Business:** Upcoming events include the Jim Porter Fun Fly on July 19 and the Cambridge Fun Fly on July 12. Research is ongoing into acquiring AED defibrillators for the flying fields, focusing on cost and training needs.

### Upcoming Events

Aug 16 – Jet Fun Fly

Sept 27 – Warbird

### Social Get togethers:

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at JP Field

4<sup>th</sup> 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



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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**

E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ)  
12559 NE 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)  
Latitude: 41 47 20 N  
Longitude: 93 27 51 W








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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 55 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](http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com).
- To contact us, email [dsmmodelaires@gmail.com](mailto:dsmmodelaires@gmail.com).