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Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at EPJ Field on September 3rd starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend.

President's message:

The major topic for this month is the annual auction coming up October 4th. Since this is the last meeting before the auction, PLEASE volunteer to help! It's our major fund raiser for the year! I still need help for the auction floor and check-out. It's a simple job. The best part of the job is you get to look at all the candy before the item is sold. Please send me an email to PickRayLori@gmail.com if you can assist.

Since I'm on the auction topic, please start looking at all the stuff you no longer fly and would like to put in the auction so you have the cash to buy something else.

We have one more fun fly scheduled for this year. Should be a fun time. Please put it on your schedule to attend.

Update on the EPJ Runway: The waist lime is now down. The next step is to let it dry so we can flatten it and then level it off. Once we have it leveled off, we will then roll it until it's packed down. Once packed down, the next step is to put the mat down and staple it. When it's ready for stapling, I'll ask for club members to help pound in the staples. If you know of a Boy Scout Troop or some other group that would like a donation to help pound the staples in, let me know.

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

We have 1 more club event scheduled for this year:

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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August 6, 2025, Modelaires' Board Meeting, held at JP Flying Field.

The Modelaires Board reviewed previous minutes, financial reports, and ongoing projects while planning upcoming events and improvements to the Modelaires' Flying Fields.

- **Meeting Attendance:** Nine board members were present, with two absent; Jeff Ireland participated via video conference.

No general members attended.

- **Approval of Prior Minutes:** The minutes from July 5, 2025, meeting at EPJ Field were read and unanimously approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lewis presented the July 2025 financial report showing membership dues exceeding budget by \$296.17, a net income of \$4,068.46 year-to-date, and total bank balances increasing to \$37,426.16.

Key expenses have included field insurance and facility improvements for storm doors and a handicap ramp at JP Field.

- **Training Program Update:** The training program continues with multiple flyer trainees attending sessions at both JP and EPJ fields over the summer months.
- **Facility Improvements:** Storm doors were installed at JP Field clubhouse, with reminders planned to ensure proper use.

The handicap ramp project is underway, pending weather conditions.

The EPJ runway excavation is complete but requires drainage before further work.

- **Upcoming Events:** The October 4th auction is scheduled at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart church with several board members committed to assist.

Jim Lewis stated that rental fees for the facility are expected to double next year. The Jet Fun Fly is planned for August 16 at EPJ Field with food arrangements underway.

- **Airplane Raffle:** A raffle featuring donated airplanes and electronics will occur during the Membership meeting, with tickets priced at \$5 for six tickets or \$1 for each.
- **Elections Announcement:** Board elections for open positions are set for the December meeting.

Interested members interest in becoming a Board Member is encouraged to contact President Ray Pick.

- **Equipment and Safety:** A proposal to replace the JP Field grill was discussed with a newsletter notice planned to seek donation of a grill before a purchase is made.

The board is exploring acquisition or leasing of AED units for flying fields, considering costs, grants, and seasonal use, with a potential vote in November.

- **Next Meeting and Adjournment:** The next board meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2025, at EPJ Flying Field.



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The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Upcoming Events

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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)

New Runway project photos:





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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 road network. Major roads like I-80 and I-29 are visible. The map includes a scale bar and a legend for Map, Satellite, and Hybrid views.



An aerial photograph of E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ) showing a large paved runway and taxiway area, surrounded by green grass and trees. A small building and other structures 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.