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Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at Cozy Cafe Johnston on November 5th starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6 pm if you'd like to attend. Please plan to eat at Cozy to help support the business for the use of the room!

President's message:

If you're interested in running for a club officer, let me know ASAP. The ballot will be sent out after Wednesday night's meeting. Right now, we have a person running for each position.

This year's Auction had about 50 less items than last year. A lot of great bargains were found at this year's auction. The club made approximately \$1,322. Registration brought in \$525. Sales fee was \$802.10 and the kitchen lost about \$25.00. Next year, we'll be bring back doughnuts based on requests by attendees! I'd like to thank all those that stepped up and helped out! I'd like to thank Kent Woods for all his years of service. This was Kent's last year doing our auction. If you know of any member who could take over the auctioneer position, please let me know! We're also looking for a possible new location.

Update on the EPJ Runway: The mat is now down. Waiting for the sun to do its job and shrink the mat. It's a LONG runway and now gives us the option to hold larger events. We just need to promote these events to help get more exposure for the club and possibly bring in new members! I'd like to thank those that stepped forward with helping with this large project!

The club will be voting on a new bylaw change documenting the process to rename a flying field. The new bylaw will be discussed at this month's meeting. The bylaw will also be sent to each member for absentee balloting.

The EPJ lawn mower has been repaired at a cost of \$723.77. Jim had them update all the other seals while they had it all apart for a couple extra dollars!

Don't forget to send in your dues for 2026!

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

That's it for now!

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Oct 1st 2025, Modelaires' Board Meeting, held at JP Flying Field.

Attendance

- 7 Board Members present, 4 absent
- 4 additional Modelaires members attended

Meeting Business

- **Previous Minutes:**
September meeting minutes were read and unanimously approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Membership dues for 2025: \$10,831.16 (over budget by \$831.16)
 - Total income YTD: \$11,259.45; total expenses YTD: \$7,993.64
 - Investment income: \$332.48; facility improvements: \$771.64
 - Overall net income: \$2,826.65
 - Bank balances: July \$37,308.77, August \$36,238.79
 - Major expenses: JP lease, field insurance, clubhouse improvements, handicap ramp, bank card change
- **AED Systems:**
Awaiting further information on AED purchases for each field; discussion tabled to November.
- **Lawn Mower Status:**
 - JP field mower repaired; EPJ mower still has a leaking seal.
 - Discussion about purchasing a new mower and possible new shed tabled for future meetings.
- **EPJ Runway Project:**
Progress delayed due to wet lime; awaiting further updates.
- **Annual Auction:**
 - Scheduled for October 4th; help needed for setup.
 - Facility rent: \$200 (will increase to \$400 next year)
 - 15% commission per sale; \$3 fee if no sale; \$10 admission
 - Future location to be discussed



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- **Board Elections:**

- Elections at December meeting
- Steve Clime withdrawing from VP race; Mike Turby volunteering for VP and Membership
- Ray Pick (President), Jim Lewis (Treasurer), Les Hofland (Secretary)
- Volunteers needed for open board positions

- **Warbird Fun Fly:**

Successful event held September 27 at EPJ Field; photos to be posted on the club website.

- **Next Meetings:**

- November 5th at Cozy Café
 - Board Meeting: 6:00 PM
 - Membership Meeting: 7:00 PM

Other Club Business

- **JP Field Clubhouse Paint Project:**

Additional funds approved for primer and paint to complete the project.

- **Field Shelter Hardware:**

Funds approved for hardware to complete the wind shelter wall at JP Flying Field.

- **Weed Killer Purchase:**

Funds approved for weed killer for JP Field.

- **Membership Update:**

Membership rolls cleaned up; 126 active members.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events

November 5, Club Meeting at Cozy Café in Johnston, Iowa

December 3, Club Meeting at Merkle (Club elections)

January 1, 2026, JP Field - Penguin Fun Fly and Club Meeting at 11:00 am

Social Get togethers:

2nd Saturday of each month at JP Field

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



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New Runway photos:





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2026 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 2026

***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 2026

Youth – 18 & under through December 31st, 2026

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

A Google Maps screenshot showing the location of E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ) in Polk County, Iowa. The map is centered on the field, marked with a red pin. Major roads like I-29 and I-80 are visible. The map interface includes a search bar, map controls, and a scale bar.

An aerial photograph of E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ). The image shows a large, flat, grassy area with several paved runways and taxiways. The sky is clear and blue.



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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

Map Satellite Hybrid





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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.