



PLANE TALK NEWS

January 2026



Club Meeting News

The next club meeting is being held at JP Field on January 1st starting at 11 am. The Board meeting will be held at 10 am if you'd like to attend. Bill will be serving chili following the meeting. Please bring a side dish if you can.

President's message:

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all. I hope to see a lot of new show and tell items at future meetings!

I'd like to welcome Mike Turvey as the new club Vice President. Larry Petersen as a new board member. Jeff Ireland and Dan Hanson reupping for another two more years. Vincent Stefanski has agreed to server one more year on the board. I'd like to thank Steve Clime for his multiple years of service. The new board is as follows:

President: Ray Pick
Vice President: Mike Turvey
Treasurer: Jim Lewis
Secretary: Les Hofland
Board Members:
Greg Helton
Jeff Ireland
Bill Castle
Dave Kalwishky
Larry Petersen
Dan Hansen
Vincent Stefanski

Reminder of yearly Penguin Fun Fly scheduled for January 1st at JP Field. The club meeting will start at 11:00 am and lunch will follow the meeting. I'd like to thank Bill Castle for making the chili! Please bring a side dish or appetizer.

Don't forget to send in your dues for 2026! To be eligible for the Penguin Fly, you must have your 2026 membership dues paid.

The club will be voting on a new bylaw change documenting the process to rename a flying field. The new bylaw will be voted on at the January 1st meeting.

Next year's budget will be reviewed and voted on at the January 1st meeting.

Just a quick note on the new EPJ runway. The new runway is only be used for special events to help keep it in tip top shape.

That's it for now!
Ray



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December 3rd Board Meeting Minutes:

The Modelaires Board Meeting held on December 3, 2025, covered approval of prior minutes, financial reports, upcoming events, elections, bylaw changes, and budget proposals. Key discussions included the 2026 auction, AED purchase postponement, and field naming procedures.

- **Meeting Attendance:** Seven board members were present, and four members attended the meeting held at Merkle Retirement Solutions in Grimes, Iowa.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes from the November 5, 2025, meeting was read and unanimously approved by the board.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The November 2025 financial report showed a positive income over expenses with a total bank balance increase to \$37,609.55. Membership dues and income exceeded budget projections, and expenses remained under budget.
- **AED Purchase Postponed:** Discussion on purchasing AED systems for flying fields was postponed due to absence of relevant board member.
- **2026 Auction Scheduled:** The auction will occur on October 23-24, 2026, at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, with a doubled rental fee but retained venue due to location and size. A new auctioneer is needed.
- **Board Elections:** Elections for Vice President, Secretary, and a board position at JP Field will be held later at the membership meeting, with candidates Mike Turby, Les Hofland, and Jeff Ireland respectively. Ballots were emailed and will be counted at the membership meeting.
- **Bylaw Change on Field Naming:** A proposed Article XII outlines a detailed, multi-month process for renaming flying fields, requiring board approval, member notification, and majority vote. This includes a restriction on changing field names more than once every ten years.
- **Membership Cards Distribution:** 2026 membership cards have been printed and will be distributed upon dues payment, with an option for members to print and laminate their own from the website.



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- **Penguin Fun Fly Event:** Scheduled for January 1, 2026, at JP Field, with a board meeting at 10:00 AM and membership meeting at 11:00 AM. Bill Castle will provide chili, and members are encouraged to bring additional dishes.
 - **2026 Budget Proposal:** The budget projects a \$2,550 deficit due to increased expenses including field maintenance and equipment repairs. Income is expected mainly from dues, auction, and events. The final budget vote will take place on January 1, 2026.
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Bylaw Change:

Article XIII

Flying Field Renaming

- 1) A flying field name can only be changed once every 10 years. The date the name has been voted on needs to be recorded and documented for future reference.
- 2) To rename a field, the following process must be adhered to:
 - a) The name being recommended must have been a prior Modelaire member.
 - b) A letter of recommendation must be submitted to the board stating the reason why this member deserves this.
 - c) The board must approve the recommendation.
 - d) A notice of the field being renamed must be published in the newsletter for 2 months.
 - e) The notice must be approved by the membership at each monthly club meeting for 2 months.
 - f) A ballet will be created stating the new name and published in the 2nd month's newsletter.
 - g) The voting process will follow normal election rules for absentee (mail in) voting.
 - h) At the 3rd club membership meeting, a vote shall be taken.
 - i) A majority vote is required for the motion to pass.

Upcoming Events

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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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:

**Mike Turvey
10776 NW 107th St
Grange, IA 50109**

**Cell# (515) 707-4280
Email: MLT1024@Q.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 NEI 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.