



## PLANE TALK NEWS

May 2026



### Club Meeting News

The next club meeting will be held at EPJ on Wednesday, May 6th starting at 7 pm. The Board meeting will be held at 6:00 pm if you'd like to attend.

### President's message:

At the May club meeting, we'll be voting on the purchase of two (2) refurbished AED units. One AED unit will be purchased for each flying field. The cost of each unit is expected to be approximate \$900-\$1000 each.

Just a quick note on the new EPJ runway project. Mike Turvey's car club said they'd help put the new runway back down on **June 14**. Hope to start at 9 am and go till 3pm. The car club members would like to try their hand at flying afterwards. I'd like to schedule **May 20<sup>th</sup>** for the old mat roll up from 8:30 am to 3 pm. It all depends on the weather. If you could help, it would be greatly appreciated! Many hands will make this project a lot easier!

I received an email from Gen Ace & Tattu USA asking if our club would like to be part of a direct-supply relationship. We'd get exclusive club pricing, discount on batteries and free shipping on orders over \$300.00. They'd give us a customer discount code for your order. Any interest?

Please get your 2026 dues in so you can fly!

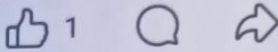
The weather looks good this Wednesday, please bring a plane out and get some flying in! Enjoy it why you can!

That's it for now!

Ray

10:10  
START OF SEASON SALE LIVE NOW!

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# THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME!

- FLY RC PLANES
- RESEARCH RC PLANES
- TAKE CARE OF MY RC PLANES
- TALK ABOUT RC PLANES
- THINK ABOUT RC PLANES
- DREAM ABOUT RC PLANES
- CRASH MY RC PLANES





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### April Board Meeting Minutes:

No minutes since no meeting was held.

### **Upcoming Events**

May 15-17 – To be determined

July 25 - JP Memorial Fun Fly

Sept 26 – Warbird and Classics Fun Fly

Let's Get some more events scheduled!

### **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 North or at the field (Summer months)

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## 2026 AED Ballot

The 2026 AED (**Automated External Defibrillator**) vote will be conducted at the April General Membership meeting.

**Meeting Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 6th at 7 pm.

**Meeting Location:** EPJ Field  
12559 Northeast 72nd Street  
Bondurant, IA 50035

If you cannot attend the meeting, ballots may be mailed to the club secretary. Ballots must be received by the secretary on or before May 6th. Ballots need to be sent to:

Les Hofland  
3700 Valdez Drive  
Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**Your Name and Address MUST BE on the outside of the envelop else your vote will NOT COUNT!**  
Do not put this information on your ballot.

### BALLOT

**(Vote for one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I **APPROVE** the spending of \$2,000 plus shipping and taxes for two (2) refinished AED units

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO NOT APPROVE** the spending



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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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@MYCTL.NET**




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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 NEI 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)  
Latitude: 41.47 28 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 53 N  
Longitude: 93 54 45 W

Map Satellite Hybrid



A Google Maps screenshot showing the location of West Field. A red pin marks the location on T Avenue, west of Grimes, Iowa. The map includes street names like Grimes St, Johnson St, and various highways (44, 147, 141, 5, 147). A scale bar at the bottom left shows 2.00 and 1.25 miles.



An aerial photograph of the West Field area. A large, light blue rectangular area is overlaid on the grass, indicating the location of the field. Several buildings and vehicles are visible in the surrounding area.



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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).