



# PLANE TALK NEWS

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter

A Message from Club President Jim Porter:

The elections held at the December meeting went well with sixteen absentee ballots received and approximately thirty members attending. With six nominees for the three open board positions Alan Annear, Dave Heuton and Tim Nissen were elected. As we ran unopposed, Denis Roy for Treasurer and myself for President were shoo-ins. In my case I'm not sure that was your best decision, but I appreciate the vote of confidence'. :-)

As always our Newsletter Editor, Dave Beecher, despite some challenging situations this year, has a positive outlook on life and helped me with a list of the positive events for the Des Moines Modelaires in 2016. I've added a little, but I'm sure we left out a few things. Thanks to all members whose hard work made all this happen.

\*We continue to make improvements on both of our flying fields: new gravel on the entrance drives for both fields; the runways were extended and widened at Westfield; additional lighting at EPJ for night flying; an updated solar charging system for Westfield.

\*Despite some unexpected expenditures, but with good fiscal management, we ended the year with our finances in the black.

\*General field conditions at both locations are very good, with the mowing teams needing to take a bow for maintaining the excellent condition of the grass. Every time I went to the field it seemed that it had just been mowed. Kudos to the maintenance teams for keeping all of our equipment in good working order.

\*The move of summer flight training from EPJ to Westfield gave the EPJ instructors a welcome break after several years of successful efforts and increased the level of activity at Westfield a notch or two. Both groups deserve our thanks for their efforts to continue to bring new members to the club.

\*I believe there were ten fun flies sponsored by club members this year that, with the exception of the occasional weather difficulty, were well attended.

\*National Aviation Day was definitely a success with a good turnout. The club made a significant contribution to the Puppy Jake Foundation, a non-profit group that trains companion dogs for veterans and runs a tight organization financially, so the money is well spent.

\*This year's indoor flying was so well received that next year we're going for a day in both February and March.

\*The Modelaires received a nice write-up in Model Aviation for sponsoring a day at Westfield with the Civil Air Patrol.

\*We managed a bit of public relations with the Des Moines Area community with a day demonstrating model aviation to the Johnston Schools and a display at the Jordan Creek HyVee for Veteran's Day.

\*This year two major events for the club, Harvest Huckfest and the Annual Auction were well received. The Huckfest was bigger than ever and produced a nice bump to the treasury. Even though attendance at the auction was down this year the income was up, providing another nice boost to the treasury. The members who organized these two events put in the effort to make them successful. Hopefully we can repeat these successes next year.

\*The Board of Directors managed a requested and needed revision to the bylaws to allow absentee balloting. We also updated our field rules. And, an approach was developed to work through the issues that came out of the FAA's involvement in model aviation due to the sudden popularity of 'drones'.

\*So, for those that were active in the club events this year, lots of fun. For those who were not so involved, you've missed a lot of flying and some spectacular crashes!

\*Please take a look at next year's proposed event schedule later in this newsletter and come to the meeting with your suggestions. Be ready to step up and sponsor an event.

I look forward to seeing you at EPJ for the Penguin Fly on Sunday January 01, 2017. There will be a **brief** club meeting at 11:00 AM with chili to follow. You've absolutely NO intestinal fortitude if you don't bring and fly something.

Merry Christmas to all. **Jim Porter**

### **JOE CAMPOPIANIO**

John Watson called me a couple of times with a report on long time Modelaires member, Joe Campopiano. John asked that the membership know that Joe had open heart surgery at Mercy Hospital on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. John let me know today (12/24) that Joe is doing well and expects to be home for Christmas. We wish Joe a speedy recovery! The email I have for Joe from last year is [joeanderma@aol.com](mailto:joeanderma@aol.com). Dave

### **Membership meeting minutes for December, submitted by John Faust**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 30 members present.

John Faust read the minutes from both November meetings and they were approved.

Denis Roy read the treasurers report and it was approved.

The election was held. Jim Porter was elected as president, Denis Roy was elected as treasurer, Allan Annear, Tim Nissin, and Dave Heuton were elected to the 3 board member positions.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:00



### **Upcoming Events**

January 1, 2017 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting (EPJ 9am).

**Newton SkyKings - Jacobson Exhibition Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds on January 7 & 8, 2017**

January 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

February 4, 2017 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)

February 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

March 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

March 18, 2017 - Indoor Flying/Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am)

### **2017 Event Listing Draft**

There is a draft 2017 event listing later in this newsletter. The board will be reviewing this draft at the next meeting. If you would like to be the event coordinator for an event next year, and have a date in mind, run it by the board, please let me know when approved, and I will add you to the listing. Thanks to all who managed events during 2016. Dave db500\_1999@yahoo.com

PLEASE POST

**Mark the date! Huge Eastern Iowa  
Swap Meet & Auction, GREAT LOCATION!  
It's the 14th Annual Iowa City Aerohawks**

# **R/C Swap Meet**

**SUNDAY, January 29, 2017**

At the **National Guard Armory, Iowa City**

Table set up at 8 a.m., Doors open at 9 a.m., **AUCTION** at 12.

All RC control interests welcome! 120+ tables! Vendors too!

Easy load/unload. Breakfast & lunch: coffee, donuts,  
bagels, soda, pulled pork sandwiches, chips available.

We've rented a HUGE facility with lots of space, and our  
members, vendors, and friends will be putting out LOTS  
of GREAT stuff from their workshops and home hangars:

**PLANES, CARS, TOOLS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS, KITS, ARFs**

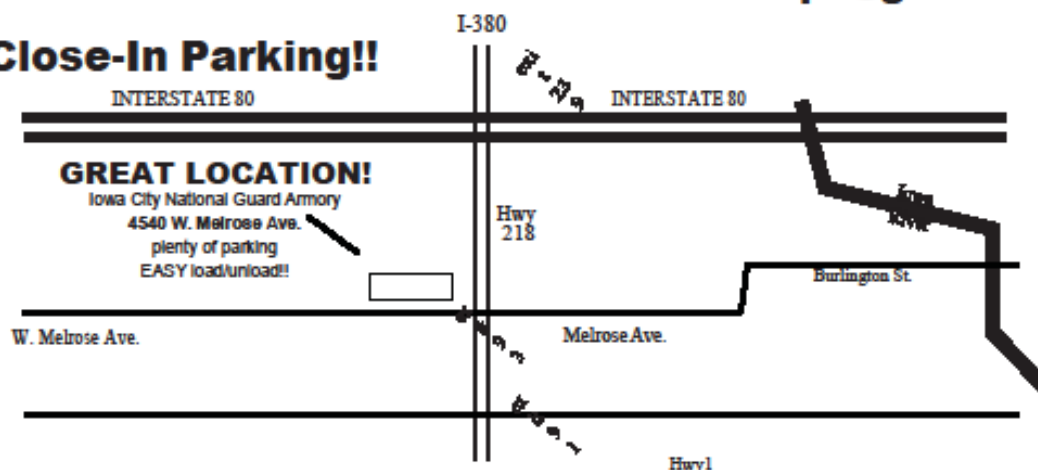
\$5 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE!

\$13 for 6 ft. table w/ chair (includes 1 admission), additional tables \$10

**BUT WE SELL OUT SPACES EARLY and YOU MUST RESERVE AHEAD!!**

Call Rich at **319-358-8519** or email: **rich.vedepo@gmail.com**

## **Close-In Parking!!**



Iowa City Aerohawks is a radio control flying club. All Aerohawks are also members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Chapter 824

## **Large Indoor Event Sponsored by the Newton SkyKings at the Fairgrounds**

**We haven't had a large venue indoor flying event in Iowa since the last UNI Dome fly-in three years ago. Now we have another chance with NIFF (Not-Normal Indoor Fun Fly).**

**NIFF will be held in the Jacobson Exhibition Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds on January 7 & 8, 2017. The details are on the NIFF website**



**([www.dmniff.org](http://www.dmniff.org)). Unlike other venues, the Exhibition Center has two separate flying areas, one for fixed wing aircraft and another for helicopters and multi-copters. Both areas have the same high ceiling!**

**One of the foremost suppliers of foam aircraft, West Michigan Park Flyers, will be there with planes and supplies for sale.**

**NIFF is an AMA sanctioned event, AMA membership required to fly. The website has online registration so you don't need to spend a lot of time signing in on the day of the event. You can even pay in advance with PayPal or major credit cards.**

**If you would like to provide possible content for the newsletter, email to: [DB500\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:DB500_1999@yahoo.com) I am happy to include links to flight videos you may have posted, description of club events, photos of your projects, or technical articles and reviews you have written. Let me know if any corrections in dates or contact information are needed.** *Dave Beecher*

## 2017 Calendar of Events DRAFT

(Dates and locations are subject to change, Italics are proposed, **to be review by the board**)

- Club Meetings are generally the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at alternating flying fields during the flying season
- Fun Flies are generally the Saturday after a club meetings during the flying season
- Coffee Socials are generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month
- January 1, **2017** - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting 11 am (EPJ 9am)
- January 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- February 4, **2017** - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)
- February 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- March 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- March 18, **2017** - Indoor Flying (Catholic Church Flying 9am, *Club Meeting 1pm*)
- April 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- April 8 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- May 2 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- *May 6 Multi-wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)*
- May 13 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) and *High-wing Fly (John Faust 10am – 2pm April?)*
- June 5 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 6 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- *June 10 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly (Dion Kintz)*
- June 12 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 17 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- June 19 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 26 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- *July 1 – Civil Air Patrol (West Field 1 pm)*
- *July 3 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)*
- *July 8 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)*
- *July 10 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)*
- *July 11 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)*
- July 15 – Coffee (West Field 10am)
- July 17 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 24 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 31 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 1 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- *August 5 - Electrics Fun Fly (Jim Porter – West Field 10am – 2pm)*
- August 7 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 12 – Coffee & (West Field 10am)
- *August 12? – National Model Aviation Day (Alan Annear – West Field 9am – 2pm)*
- August 14 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 21 - Training Program (West Field)
- August 25 – 27 – Mid West Chopper, (EPJ, Matt Coleman)
- August 28 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- September 5 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- September 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- Sailplane Fun Fly (Dave Beecher - West Field 10am – 1pm)
- October 3 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- *October 7 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)*
- October 14 – Club Auction
- *October 21 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Gasser Fun Fly (Alan Annear / Denis Roy – West Field 10am – 2pm)*
- November 6 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- November 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- *December 5 - Club Meeting and Elections (Jim Porter's Home- 7pm)*
- December 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
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## 2017 Des Moines Modelaires Membership Application

(Please Print Clearly)

**You must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) before joining the Des Moines Modelaires**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Day: Mo \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FAA #: \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you plan to fly any aircraft over 0.55 lbs.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Used for club newsletters and club informational emails)

**You must have a current AMA membership and FAA Registration valid through the year of membership 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.**

*Annual Dues are: Adult (19 & over at any time during 2017) \$100.00, Youth (18 & under) \$15.00.*

*Dues are in effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, after July 31<sup>st</sup>, adult membership dues are \$60.00 through December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

Send this membership application, a copy of your AMA membership card and FAA registration, and check to:

Denis Roy

1872 NW 150<sup>th</sup> Ct.

Clive, IA 50325

(515) 249-1617

Email: DenisRoy81@gmail.com

**Please make checks payable to: Des Moines Modelaires**

### **Why joining the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is so important?**

The AMA provides a wealth of information about our wonderful hobby along with their magazine, Model Aviation. For yours, and the club's protection, the AMA also provides member insurance benefits: \$2.5 million liability umbrella, \$25,000 medical coverage, and \$1,000 fire and thief coverage. Please go to [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) to join the AMA and to learn more about the benefits of AMA membership and their insurance coverage.



## Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Jim Porter *	(515) 986-0512 airporter96@gmail.com
<b>Vice President</b>	Bill Garrett **	(515) 473-1488 billg@sprayers.com
<b>Secretary</b>	John Faust**	(515) 771-3866 faustj@q.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Denis Roy *	(515) 249-1617 DenisRoy81@gmail.com

<b>Board Members</b>	Alan Annear *	raannear@gmail.com
	Dave Heuton *	dcheuton@aol.com
	Ed Niles**	edniles32@yahoo.com
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	Ray Pick **	rpick37681@aol.com
	LaVerne Sanders**	ldsanders2807@mchsi.com

\*\* Term expires on December 31, 2017

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### Public Relations Officer

Dave Beecher - [db500\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:db500_1999@yahoo.com) or (515) 661-2456

### Safety Officers

**EPJ** – Dion Kintz

**West Field** – John Faust

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<b>Newsletter</b>	Dave Beecher <a href="mailto:db500_1999@yahoo.com">db500_1999@yahoo.com</a>
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### Club Training Team

If you are interested in learning to fly please contact any one of these fine instructors

Denis Roy	249-1617	<a href="mailto:DenisRoy81@gmail.com">DenisRoy81@gmail.com</a>	Airplane (West Field)
Dave Beecher	777-1665	<a href="mailto:db500_1999@yahoo.com">db500_1999@yahoo.com</a>	Airplane (West Field)
Pat Nestvedt	222-1987	<a href="mailto:plnest@hotmail.com">plnest@hotmail.com</a>	Airplane (West Field)
Jim Lewis	289-1144	<a href="mailto:clone2tb@gmail.com">clone2tb@gmail.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
Tim Nissen	964-9307	<a href="mailto:nissentimothy@mchsi.com">nissentimothy@mchsi.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
Doug Griffith	480-1585	<a href="mailto:duggriff@yahoo.com">duggriff@yahoo.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
Duane Vierling	238-0924	<a href="mailto:dwvierling@gmail.com">dwvierling@gmail.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
Kelly Brown	494-4884	<a href="mailto:kbrown@dwx.com">kbrown@dwx.com</a>	Helicopter

## Our Field Locations:

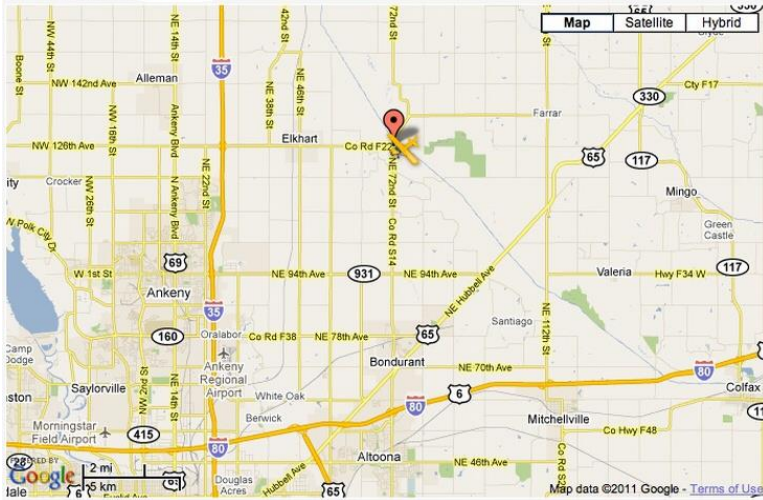
### EPJ

#### E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ)

12559 NE 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)

Latitude: **41.47 25 N**

Longitude: **93.27 51 W**





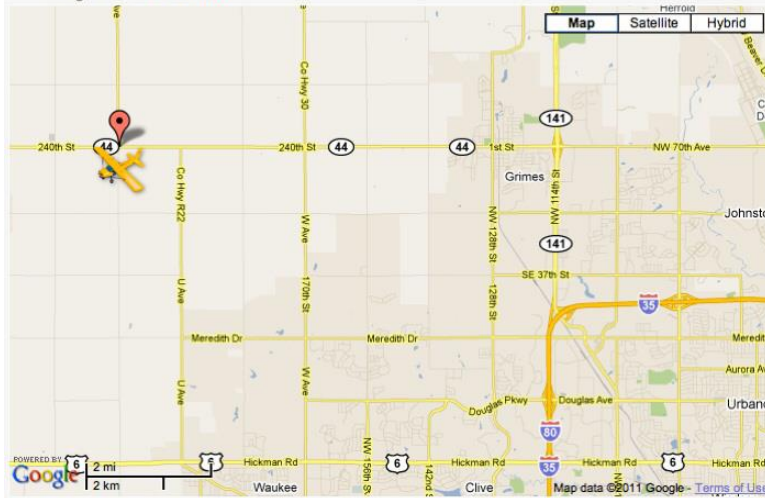
## West Field

### 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**



## The Des Moines Modelaires

- We fly radio controlled model airplanes, helicopters, and quad-copters at our two private flying fields
- We hold monthly meetings generally the first Tuesday of each month
- We produce a newsletter for our members and the general public
- We sponsor several fun flies during the year
- We will demonstrate our hobby at events when safety can be maintained and there is adequate room to fly
- We sponsor several swap meets during the year
- We conduct free pilot training programs and have volunteer trainer pilots