



# PLANE TALK NEWS

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter

A Message from Club President Jim Porter:

## **\*Contingency fund**

The question as to why we should not/cannot use the \$15,000 contingency fund for major improvements has resurfaced. There were three major situations considered when the club membership voted to set aside this money.

1. We lose the lease on either of our flying fields. Both leases require that we return the property to its original condition; i.e., back to farm land condition. This would require removing buildings, gravel, runways, fences, electrical service, etc. At this point we have no good idea what it would cost to do this.

2. The need to relocate a field. We do have a good idea what it would cost to set up a new field. The cost for the initial setup of EPJ with just the turf runways was approximately \$10,000, the north/south Petromat runway cost approximately \$2,500, building replacement may not cost the full \$8,000 (West Field) or \$20,000 (EPJ) as the land owner might want to buy the building from us. Now add fencing, driveway and electricity and the contingency fund is gone.

3. We have to replace one of the mowers for whatever reason (fire, inability to obtain repair parts, long term wear and tear, etc.) The replacement cost for just a 60" mower (not a tractor with mower deck) could easily exceed \$9,000. Granted there are other less expensive options for mowers, but I think this is a pay me now, pay me later situation - i.e., you tend to get what you pay for.

So you see it doesn't take much and our \$15,000 contingency fund would be gone or greatly diminished! With our present membership, dues structure, expenses and income our treasurer expects us to end the year with a surplus of less than a \$1,000.

Considering the above, I think it's obvious that a major expenditure for improvement must be funded from a source other than the contingency fund.

## **\*Runway repair proposal**

To improve/maintain the usability of the north/south runway, based on the opinion of those who use EPJ, it's apparent that something must be done.

At the last board meeting Mike Moore presented information and bids to repair/replace the main north/south runway at EPJ. To regrade and build up just the north/south runway the estimate was \$4900. To replace the Petromat was \$2500. By making the runway drain to the south some additional drainage will be needed from the end of the runway to the ditch to the west - at an unknown cost, but assume at least an additional \$1,000. This totals \$8400. This would also require a major sweat equity investment from the club members to prepare the runway for the regrading and subsequent replacement of the Petromat. A key note to make is that this was a "best case" cost proposal with no guarantees concerning cost and the proposal did not make any guarantee that it would solve the runway problems for the long term. It also does not include taxiways or cross runways.

I think we need to get firm cost commitments and understand how long this fix would last before we can consider a club vote on the proposal. I also think we need to discuss some form of a major fund raiser to cover the cost of this improvement, whether it's a series of fund raisers or a special assessment on the membership. A special assessment of \$85 per adult member (107) would provide \$9095 and some protection against cost over runs. At this point we need to get much more information and to then engage in discussions concerning the best way forward.

It's crucial the membership get behind this project or it's NOT going to happen.

**\*AMA and FAA renewal**

As our bylaws are currently written every member must have a AMA license and a FAA registration number that's valid through the end of the year for which the member desires membership. So, in order to renew for 2017 both the AMA number and the FAA number need to be listed on the renewal form along with an expiration date **on or after the end of 2017** for each item.

**\*Veteran's Day Display at HyVee**

Dave Heuton was contacted by one of the HyVee stores with a request that the club present a display at the store for Veteran's Day - Friday, November 11. This will be a static display only as the safety considerations of the location make flying anything a high risk proposition. Please contact Dave (contact information in the listing of officers and directors) if you're willing to help out with this tribute to our veterans.

***Jim Porter***

**Membership meeting minutes for October 4, submitted by John Faust**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 15 members present.

John Faust read the September meeting minutes and they were approved.

Denis Roy read the treasurers report and reported that we would now have only a \$700.00 surplus at years end. Denis also asked about the lights at EPJ because the power bill went way up last month. Jim Lewis reported that lights were used at the Huckfest and also that a timer had been set incorrectly so the lights were burning all night.

Jim Lewis reported that they had not acted on the lipo disposal issue but had decided to use a truck rim located at the south end of the drive.

Jim Porter reported that Mike Moore had spoken to the board about a proposal to fix the runway at EPJ. He stated that it would cost anywhere from \$7,000-\$10,000 to complete the job and said that we did not have the money to do it. Jim Lewis said that we did have the money; we just had set it aside in case we had lost a lease or needed to return a field to its original condition. Jim also said that he thought we needed to come up with a figure to justify holding all of that money. Alan A stated that the club had voted to set that money aside. Denis R talked about needing to save money for this project instead of spending \$1200.00 on mower repairs because it had not been taken care of or spending \$600.00 on lights. Jim P asked Jim Lewis and Duane to check on the EPJ fliers' reaction to a special assessment. Meeting was adjourned about 8:00

**Upcoming Events**

October 22 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Gasser Fun Fly (Alan Annear / Denis Roy – West Field 10am – 2pm)

October 29 – Heli Fly EPJ

November 1 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)

November 12 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

December 6 - Club Meeting and Elections (**Jim Porter's Home**- 7pm)

December 10 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

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

**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***

## Des Moines Modelaires 2016 Election Ballot

You can vote in person at the club meeting on December 6, 2016 or  
You can vote by mail by completing this ballot and sending it to:

John Faust  
Des Moines Modelaires Elections  
1269 17<sup>th</sup>  
West Des Moines, IA 50265

**Your ballot must arrive in John’s mail box by Friday December 2, 2016 to be counted. Voting by email will not be counted.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Clearly

AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Select **one** candidate for President:

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Porter

Select **one** candidate for Treasurer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Denis Roy

Select up to **three** candidates for the Board:

\_\_\_\_\_ Alan Annear

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Heuton

\_\_\_\_\_ Tim Nissen

\_\_\_\_\_ Karl Schultz

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Kalwishky

\_\_\_\_\_ Matt Coleman



***Your Biggest Plane Day at West Field***

## 2016 Calendar of Events

(Dates and locations are subject to change)

- 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, 2016 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting (West Field 9am)

January 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

February 13, 2016 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)

February 20, 2016 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

March 1 – Club Meeting, EPJ

March 12 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

April 5 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)

April 9 - Coffee/Cub

May 3 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)

May 7 Multi-wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)

May 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) and High-wing Fly (John Faust 10am – 2pm)

June 6 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

June 7 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)

June 18 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly (Dion Kintz)

June 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)

June 13 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

June 20 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

June 27 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

July 2 – Civil Air Patrol (West Field 1 pm)

July 5 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)

July 9 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)

July 16 – Coffee (West Field 10am)

July 11 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

July 18 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

July 25 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

August 1 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

August 2 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)

August 6 - Electrics Fun Fly (Jim Porter – West Field 10am – 2pm)

August 13 – Coffee & (West Field 10am)

August 15 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

August 13 – National Model Aviation Day (Alan Annear – West Field 9am – 2pm)

August 15 - Training Program (West Field)

August 22 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

August 29 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

September 6 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)

September 10 – Sailplane Fun Fly (Dave Beecher - West Field 10am – 1pm)

September 10 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

September 15-18 - 3D Harvest Huck (EPJ)

October 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)

October 8 – Club Auction (Catholic Church Ankeny) (Ray Pick) Doors open at 8:00am

October 15 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)

October 22 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Gasser Fun Fly (Alan Annear / Denis Roy – West Field 10am – 2pm)

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

### Fun Fly Information:

April 9 - Cub and High-wing Fun Fly – West Field, John Faust

May 7 – Multi-wing Fun Fly - West Field, Alan Annear

June 11 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly, EPJ, Dion Kintz

July 9 – Warbird Fun Fly, EPJ Ray Pick

August 6 – Electric Fun Fly West Field, Jim Porter

September 10 – Sailplane Fun Fly – West Field, Dave Beecher

September 15-18 - 3D Harvest Huck – EPJ, Duane Vierling

October 15 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly, EPJ Ray Pick

October 22 - Gasser Fun Fly, West Field, Denis Roy

October 29 – Heli Fly EPJ (Matt Coleman)

## 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

**President** Jim Porter \* (515) 986-0512  
airporter96@gmail.com

**Vice President** Bill Garrett \*\* (515) 473-1488  
billg@sprayers.com

**Secretary** John Faust\*\* (515) 771-3866  
faustj@q.com

**Treasurer** Denis Roy \* (515) 249-1617  
DenisRoy81@gmail.com

**Board Members** Alan Annear \* raannear@gmail.com  
Dave Heuton \* dcheuton@aol.com  
Ed Niles\*\* edniles32@yahoo.com  
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Karl Schultz \* [iakarl@yahoo.com](mailto:iakarl@yahoo.com)

\* Term expires on December 31, 2016  
\*\* Term expires on December 31, 2017

**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

**Membership** Denis Roy  
1872 NW 150<sup>th</sup> Ct  
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DenisRoy81@gmail.com

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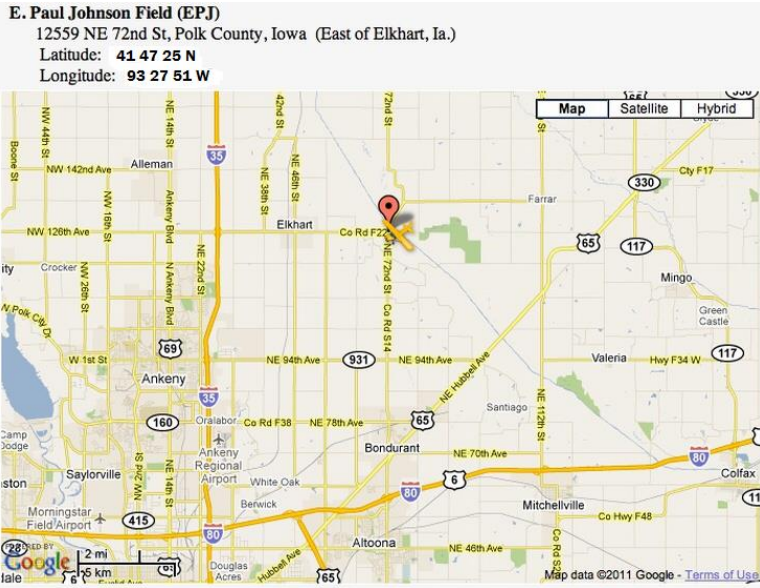
### Club Training Team

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:dwwierling@gmail.com">dwwierling@gmail.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
Kelly Brown	494-4884	<a href="mailto:kbrown@dwx.com">kbrown@dwx.com</a>	Helicopter

Our Field Locations:

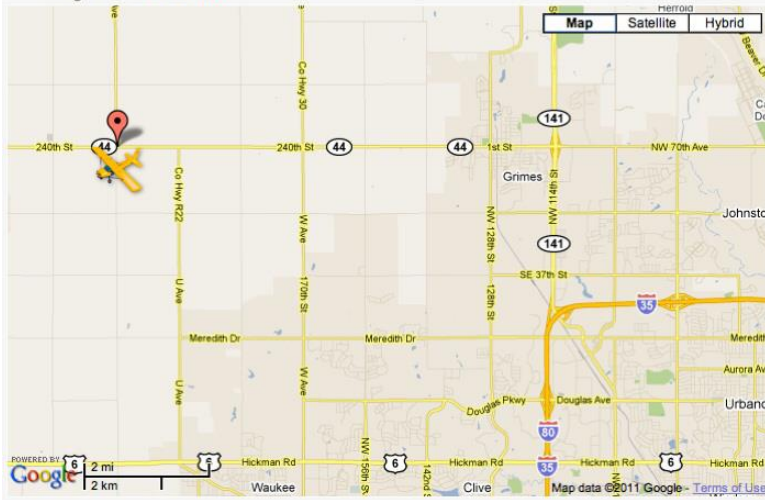
EPJ





## 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