



PLANE TALK NEWS

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter

A message from club president Jim Porter:

I'm not sure that the newsletter will go out before the Coffee Social this weekend (Saturday 09 January), but if it does, try to join us for a bit of relief from the serious day to day grind many of you experience. It's going to be cold, but the space heater will drive away most of the chill and a hot cup of coffee should take care of the rest. See if you can swap lies with the best of them.

At the moment there are several gaps in the sponsorship of events at both fields. The sooner someone takes up a sponsorship, the better the publicity can be and hopefully the better the turnout will be. Last year there were some great events and I expect that some of them will grow into a 'traditional' status. These events are an excellent place to gain a bit more knowledge in areas in which you might need a little help. They're also a lot of fun.

Don't forget the Indoor fly-in at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic church, 510 East 1st St in Ankeny, Saturday the 13th of February. The flying starts at 9:00 AM. If there are no strong objections we'll have the club meeting at 1:00 PM in the lunch room just off the gym. I'll try to keep it brief to maximize the flying time.

I know that most of you are aware of the FAA's intent to introduce their finger into our hobby with new 'regulations'. However, I'm hoping the AMA, the Federal Legislature, the Federal Courts and some individual lawsuits will keep them at bay. As things develop I'll include what I learn in the newsletter or in email messages if a timely response is needed. If things don't develop as hoped I expect there will be a rush to register before the February 19 deadline, however, the AMA still recommends that we put off registering until there's time for some in progress actions to have an effect.

Many of us believe that while the regulatory attempt is new and the outcome uncertain, the hobby and our club will continue to grow and be viable in the future despite any additional requirements. At the moment the best thing you can do is to file a comment with the FAA on their website::

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FAA-2015-7396-0001>

This URL might provide you a few ideas on what and how to make a comment to the FAA:

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2015/12/28/guidance-on-submitting-comments-to-the-faas-interim-rule-on-uas-registration/>

Monday night training has gone on for several years, but seems to struggle with the lack of help. Give a strong thought to volunteering to help with this process. I realize that not all who start the learning process stick with, but the few that do are a valuable asset to the club.

Jim Porter

January 1, 2016 Summary of the Meeting (full notes by John Faust, Secretary)

- There were 26 members present.
- There were no minutes available to read from the December meeting.
- Dennis Roy reported that as of Jan. 1st we had 55 members.
- Dennis also reminded those present that the board would address the issue of absentee voting at the January board meeting.
- The FAA registration process and what it may mean to the club was discussed. The general consensus that we should wait and let the AMA and FAA attempt to resolve outstanding issues before making club policy



Flying the Drake Blimp

There are so many aspects of this hobby it is hard to imagine how anyone can get bored. From airplanes, to Jets, to Giant Scale 3D, to Helicopters, to FPV flying, this hobby has it all. One aspect that I found unique and very interesting is flying the advertising blimp at Drake Basketball games. Sounds easy enough right! How hard can it be to fly a blimp? Well that's what I thought when Jim Lewis was looking for someone to help him fly the blimp a few years ago. Jim has been flying the blimp for Drake University for 20+ years. When his long time copilot's life was getting to busy to give up flying the blimp Jim asked around for help and I was one of the volunteers. What I discovered was flying a blimp the size of a small car inside an enclosed stadium with banners hanging from the ceiling, HVAC fans blowing, shot clocks/baskets in the way, and of course basketball fans everywhere made it quite the challenging target rich environment. Then I found the blimp does not fly like anything else I have ever flown. First you have to maneuver the blimp without hitting anyone or anything while you are dropping coupons on the fans. Not to mention a blimp is not the most responsive flying aircraft you will ever get to fly. Like most things that fly, power management is everything. To go up you have to give the blimp power and to land you have to give the blimp power and lots of it. Unlike a plane or helicopter where you cut the power the aircraft comes down. Cut the power on the blimp and you basically have no control and it's not going to come down. You have to power it all the way down to the landing site which, in this case, is down a tight path between the basketball court and the stands. I have been flying models for many many years and found flying, and landing, the blimp amazingly

difficult. Jim trained me for months before I was able to fly without hitting something or someone during a flight. When asked if flying the blimp was hard Jim would always simply say it isn't easy. Jim is now retired as Chief Blimp Pilot and I have taken on the job with LaVerne Sanders as my primary copilot. I believe LaVerne would now agree that flying the blimp isn't easy. My point is simply this, when you think you are good at flying a plane, try a helicopter, then try something else. Never stop learning and you will enjoy this hobby for a lifetime!

Denis

January 1, 2016 Penguin Fly West Field Photos – Very Well Attended!



If you would like to provide possible content for the newsletter, email to:

Modelaires.RC.Newsletter@gmail.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 is needed. *Dave Beecher*

2016 Calendar of Events

(Dates and locations are subject to change)

Events in italic are tentative

- Club Meetings are generally the 1st Tuesday of the month at alternating flying fields during the flying season
- Coffee Socials are generally the 2nd Saturday of the month
- Fun Flies are generally the Saturday after a club meetings during the flying season

<p>January 1, 2016 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting (West Field 9am) January 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) February 13, 2016 - Indoor Flying (Catholic Church 9am) February 20, 2016 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) March 12 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am) April 5 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm) April 9 - Coffee/Cub and High-wing Fly May 3 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm) May 7 <i>Multi-wing Fun Fly (TBA)</i> May 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) June 6 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) June 7 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm) <i>June 11 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly (TBA)</i> June 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) June 13 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) June 20 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) June 27 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) July 5 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm) July 9 – Warbird Fun Fly July 9 – Coffee (West Field 10am) July 11 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) July 18 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) July 25 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) August 1 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) August 2 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm) <i>August 6 - Electrics Fun Fly</i> August 13 – Coffee & (West Field 10am) August 15 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) August 13 – National Model Aviation Day August 17 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) August 22 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) August 26, 27, 28 – Heli Fly EPJ August 29 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm) September 6 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm) September 10 – Sailplane Fun Fly West Field September 10 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) September 15-18 - 3D Harvest Huck (EPJ) October 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm) <i>October 8 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly</i> October 8 – Coffee/Pot Luck October ? Gasser Fun Fly <i>October ? - Fall Auction - (Catholic Church)</i> November 1 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm) November 12 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) December 6 - Club Meeting and Elections (TDB- 7pm) December 10 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)</p>	<p>Fun Fly Information:</p> <p>April 9 - Cub and High-wing Fun Fly – West Field, John Faust <i>May 7 – Multi-wing Fun Fly</i> June 11 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly, EPJ, Dion Kintz <i>July 9 – Warbird Fun Fly</i> <i>August 6 – Electric Fun Fly</i> September 10 – Sailplane Fun Fly – West Field, Dave Beecher September 15-18 - 3D Harvest Huck – EPJ, Duane Vierling August 26, 27, 28 – Heli Fly EPJ (Matt Coleman) <i>October 8 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly</i> October ? - Gasser Fun Fly, West Field, Denis Roy</p>
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2016 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 #: _____ AMA #: _____

Birth Day: Mo ____ Day ____ Year ____

Email Address: _____

(Used for club newsletters and club informational emails)

- **Flying Membership:** Must have a current AMA membership and Club membership. Can fly at both our fields, be a club officer / board member, vote concerning club business, take part in all club activities, and receive club newsletter via email.

Annual Dues are: Adult (19 & over at any time during 2016) \$100.00, Youth (18 & under) \$15.00. Dues are in effect from January 1st through December 31st, after July 31st, adult flying membership dues are \$60.00 through December 31st.

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

Denis Roy
1872 NW 150th 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 clubs 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 to join the AMA and to learn more about the benefits of AMA membership and their insurance coverage.

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West Field – John Faust

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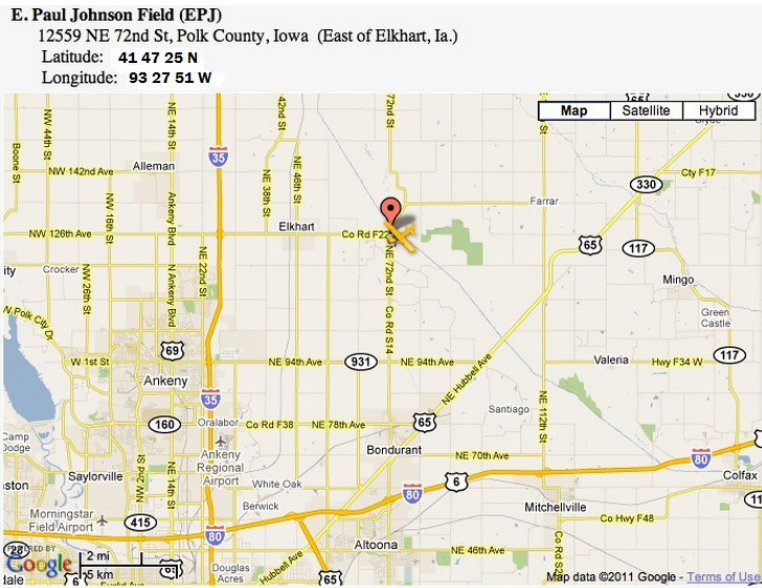
Club Training Team

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

Denis Roy	249-1617	DenisRoy81@gmail.com	Airplane
Jim Lewis	289-1144	clone2tb@gmail.com	Airplane
Tim Nissen	964-9307	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	Airplane
Doug Griffith	480-1585	duggriff@yahoo.com	Airplane Mode 1 & 2
Kelly Brown	494-4884	kbrown@dwx.com	Helicopter

Our Field Locations:

EPJ



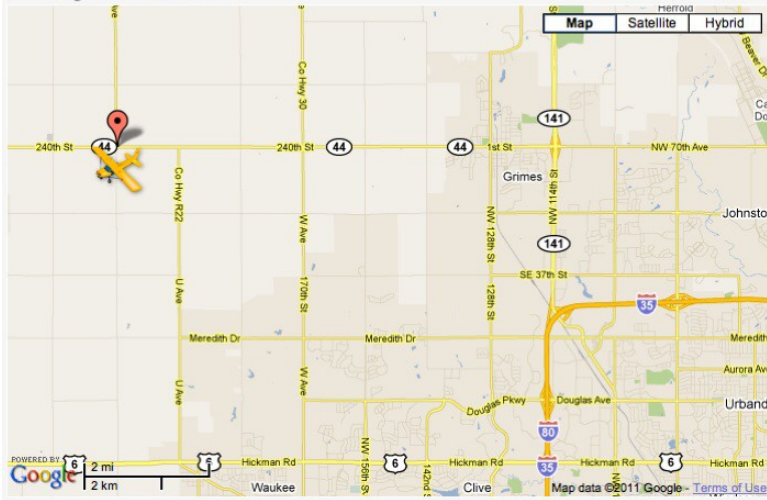
West Field

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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 monthly 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