

# PLANE TALK NEWS

Des Moines Modelaires

## Upcoming Events

### Indoor Fly / Swap Meet

March 15th 8AM - 5PM

Our Lady Immaculate Heart  
Church

510 E First St Ankeny, IA

### Club Meeting

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### Club Meeting

April 1st

West Field

### Toledo RC Show

April 4th, 5th, & 6th

Toledo, Ohio



## Spring?

The temps are slowly warming up and this weekend we might actually see 50 degrees. It's time to bring your lipos out of storage and start going over your planes and helicopters. Don't forget to replace your old fuel lines and check all servos and wire connections.

I don't know about you guys, but it seems to be one of the longest winters, with harsh cold and off and on snow. We have had a few breaks with indoor flying helping to fix the itch to fly. The club has one more indoor fun fly coming up March 15th. This event will be held at Our Lady Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny. We will also be holding the annual swap meet at the same time. This is a great event to move some of that old gear or find something new for the season. Also a great time to hangout with your flying buddies and enjoy some indoor flying. Our April meeting will be held out at the field-OUTSIDE!!!

See you at the field, Duane

The Des Moines Modelaires Micro-Electric Indoor Fun Fly / Swap Meet / Membership Meeting is only one week away. Please make plans to attend this exciting event! Even if you don't plan to fly you will get to hang out with some friends and maybe even find something on a swap table that you "just had to have"!

**Non flying family and friends are more than welcome to join us.**

**What:**

Micro-Electric Fun Fly / Swap Meet / Membership Meeting

Fly anything under 12 ounces!

- Airplanes, Helicopters, Quadcopters – if it can fly, and weighs under 12 ounces, bring it and fly it

**When:**

[Saturday March 15, 2014](#)

[10:00am to 5:00pm](#)

[1:00pm](#) – We will hold a short membership meeting. **There will be no flying during the meeting.**

**Where:**

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church  
510 East First Street  
Ankeny, IA

**Cost:**

Zero! That's right, there will be no charge to fly, swap, or just watch! No charges at all! So why not come out and enjoy this event?

**Safety:**

- To provide a fun and safe event there will be 5 or 6 flying stations set up limiting us to 5 or 6 fliers at any one time (just like at our flying fields)
- To minimize midair collisions there will be several short time intervals during the event when only airplanes can fly and times when only Helicopters / Quadcopters can fly. These times will be "called out" based on how the event is going.

**Details:**

**This event is for current 2014 Des Moines Modelaires club members only**

- Please bring, and display, your current 2014 club membership ID card as you would at our club fields
- All non-member children, who want to fly, must be closely supervised at all times by an adult club member
- There will be no formal swap meet time. Setup and sell any time during the event.
- There will be no concessions provided so "Bring your own food and drink"

**Directions:**

- Exit 92 on I-35. Go west on 1<sup>st</sup> street. The church is on the North side of the street. Enter at the doors on the West side of the building.



## NTSB judge rules FAA ban on commercial UAS/Drones unenforceable

In a ruling late Thursday, 3/6, NTSB Administrative Law Judge Patrick Geraghty ruled that the FAA policy banning the commercial operation of unmanned aircraft is “non-binding”, hence unenforceable. The judge found that the policy wasn’t written as part of a formal rulemaking process and the FAA hadn’t complied with the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act. The FAA policy was published in the Federal Register in 2007 and has effectively banned the operation of commercial and public use UAS in the national airspace over the past seven years.

This finding came as part of the judge’s ruling on attorney Brendan Schulman’s motion to dismiss FAA’s Order of Assessment against Raphael Pirker, aka “Trappy”. Mr. Pirker was fined \$10,000 by the FAA under 14 CFR 91.13 for allegedly operating an aircraft in a careless and reckless manner while flying a UAS through the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This ruling effectively lifts the ban on the commercial operation of small unmanned aircraft, those aircraft that would otherwise meet the description of a model aircraft.

It’s a bit too soon to say how the FAA will respond to the ruling, or what this means to the UAS community. But, by all accounts, this is a game changer.

### AMA releases statement: NTSB ruling – FAA v. Pirker

M U N C I E, IN March 7, 2014 –Bob Brown, president of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, released the following statement in response to the National Transportation Safety Board’s Administrative Law Judge’s decision to uphold the motion to dismiss in the [FAA v. Pirker Order of Assessment case](#).

“We are carefully reviewing the decision and the judge’s findings. Though the ruling deals primarily with administrative procedures, the safe operation of unmanned aircraft, be it for commercial or recreational purposes, is the primary concern. The members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics have operated unmanned aircraft (model aircraft) in the national airspace for decades and have set the example for operating small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) in a safe and harmonious fashion.”

“This current situation underscores the immediate need for programing to support and govern this activity. The Academy stands ready to lend its expertise and to assist the FAA in developing a safety structure that will enable and allow all sUAS to operate safely and responsibly in the national airspace.”

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has been the nation’s collective voice for approximately 164,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in every state and Puerto Rico since 1936. A nonprofit association headquartered in Muncie IN, AMA sanctions more than 2,000 events and competitions each year under the auspices of the National Aeronautic Association.

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**MAY WE SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_**

MAKE CHECKS TO: DES MOINES MODELAIRES **\*\*INCLUDE A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR 2014 AMA CARD or AMA RECEIPT\*\***

The map displays the study area in Oklahoma, centered around the intersection of NE 126th Ave and NE 72nd St. The South Fork River flows through the area, with several bridges crossing it. Major roads shown include NE 102nd Ave, NE 110th Ave, NE 118th Ave, NE 126th Ave, NE 134th Ave, NE 26th St, NE 38th St, NE 50th St, NE 62nd St, NE 72nd St, and NE 84th St. Landmarks such as Elkhardt, Chichauque Bottoms Greenbelt, and Chichauque Wildlife Habitat are labeled. A red pin indicates the location of the study area near NE 126th Ave and NE 72nd St.

## Des Moines Modelaires

- We fly radio controlled model airplanes at two private flying fields.
- Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month and there is a program of flying interest plus show and tell at each meeting.
- Members are mailed a monthly newsletter.
- We have a club Christmas and Awards dinner.
- The club sponsors Fun Flies and Summer Club Family Picnic Flies.
- We help run the SIG Fun Fly at Montezuma Iowa.
- The Modelaires will demonstrate R/C flying anywhere that we have room to safely fly.
- Members present model building and flying programs to groups in this area.
- We hold a spring swap meet and a large fall R/C auction.
- We have a pilot training program with booklet and award a solo certificate to members that we train (FREE) to fly. There are instructors to help you learn to fly Radio Control!
- We are one of the top clubs in America. You must join AMA before you can join the Modelaires.



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