

# Plane Talk News

## The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter June 2020

### President's Message from Scott Leonard

Greetings fellow Modelaires!

Summer is here and I know many of you have been taking advantage of the nice weather to get some flying in. I've seen some social media posts about maiden flights and days at both fields. It is really good to see some of you are "getting back to normal" in the midst of everything going on. The board and myself just urge that you all continue to be courteous, use common sense and take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and others while at the fields.

As the newsletter mentions below, all events (including the Monday night training nights) are currently cancelled until further notice. As unfortunate as that is, the board is simply taking the "safer rather than sorry" approach at this time. That said, know that the board will be meeting at the end of June to revisit the topic – we'll update you all when we can.

The West Field had a great work day a few weeks back to get some much-needed runway work done. We had a good turnout of both personnel and equipment which made relatively quick work of what needed to be done. A very sincere thank you to all who participated!

Finally, I hope you've all see some (or all) of the local "Living" magazine articles we've been featured in. That turned out to be a great bit of publicity for the club and grew from a small request from one writer to something that covered most of the Des Moines area communities. Thanks again to everybody who participated.

Hope to see you at the field soon! Take care!

*-Scott Leonard*

### Upcoming Club Events

All meetings and club events are cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will update this as soon as Gov. Reynolds lifts the ban on groups of more than ten people. The Civil Air Patrol event also has been cancelled.

Training nights are cancelled and training for now is by appointment only.

The following article is from the March 2020 edition of “Waukee Living” author Jackie Wilson, used by permission from Shane Goodman, Publisher & President.

**FEATURE**

# NEVER too old

Who says toys are just for kids?

**By Jackie Wilson**

When it comes to childhood necessities, favorite toys often come to mind: receiving them as gifts, growing them up in the toy bin, and countless hours playing with them. Toys captured our imaginations as we roamed Matchbox cars across the landscape, built towering structures with Lincoln Logs, made sand castles with our pails and shovels, and cuddled baby dolls and stuffed animals as we fell asleep.

Today, the importance of playtime is gaining recognition, and it isn't just for kids. Grown-ups, too, can enjoy fun and games. From video games to miniature trains, remote-controlled airplanes, toy collections and more, our residents agree: One is never too old to enjoy toys.

Jack Karmack's "Angus" takes up a portion in the basement of his home. Photo by Jackie Wilson

## FEATURE

### Love of flying

Whether it's small, medium or large, Jack Kamerick has no size preference when it comes to radio-controlled airplanes. The only requirement is that it flies.

Jack's love of flying began as a child when he played with a rubber band wind-up airplane. Then, he flew a toy helicopter attached to a metal rod.

"Ever since I can remember, I've been interested in things that fly."

As a young adult, he joined the Des Moines Modelaires, where he learned how to fly his first model airplane.

"Right after that training night, I flew my first airplane," he says. "I was hooked."

He now owns several dozen radio-controlled aircraft located in a "hangar" in his basement. He also owns a radio-controlled boat and a 4x4 pickup truck. He likes the versatility of his various aircraft. His quadcopter, with a tiny camera mounted on it, can fly inside. Other planes can go upside down and larger biplanes can do acrobatics in the air.

He flies in open fields with the Des Moines Modelaires, with airstrips located near Elkhart and Grimes. He's never lost a plane. Well, not really. One crashed into a cornfield and went missing for four months. A farmer found the plane and contacted him.

"I thought it was a goner. The farmer found it before he ground it up in his combine," he says. "Mice chewed a hole and made a house inside the plane."

He repaired the airplane and added a little extra decoration to the plane to commemorate its time in the field.

"I put a fake mouse on the side of the plane," he laughs.

Jack doesn't have a favorite plane, as each one delivers a different flying challenge.

"I could fly a different model every day. I'll cycle through them, and, if it's not exciting, I'll sell it and get another one," he says.

Jack belongs to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, which advocates for flying hobbyists. He says, recently, safety issues have surfaced due to drone usage and people doing "stupid things" with air devices, such as flying them in restricted areas. The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is considering imposing government regulations on model aviation.

"It's disheartening to see what might come up. We've flown safely for years, and now they're lumping all of the rules, which could

affect modeling as a whole," he explains.

Despite the possible changes, Jack finds pleasure every time he can take one of his planes flying.

"Some people play golf or others read books to relieve stress," he says. "It's a good feeling flying and a lot of fun. It's a great stress reliever and a way to meet new friends."

**The club received a grant for the new EPJ runway and the new fence at West Field from the AMA for \$1300.00**





## May 2<sup>nd</sup> Runway Repair

The runway at West Field has been repaired and is now usable again. Thank you to Steve Clime for bringing out his skid loader to smooth out the dirt and to everyone who was able to help during these crazy times. It was a lot of work but we should be good for the season.





I had to try copying a photo from June last summer. You can't believe anything you have seen as a photo for a long time. The attached photo is full sized. The plane in the middle was the original and all the rest are clones of the same. The sky color seems to match and is difficult to see where the copies were added. Larry

## **2020 Visit to EPJ Field**

By Larry S. Zimmer

Finally, my first visit to EPJ field in this new crazy year. It is May 25<sup>th</sup> Monday and a holiday to boot. The weather was 83F and cloudy but was a great day to see those fantastic machines. There were less than 10 folks there but even with the grass, in the process, of being mowed did not slow anyone down. Ok the Pilots did make sure the location of the person moving was known and out of any possible harm. The day was all electric but of course you could notice the different motor noise. Just the high-pitched whine and not a rumble and no vapor trail were of course the tip off to the Electric engines.



As per usual some of the Electrics were extremely fast and I had to wait until they were landing so they were slow enough for me to catch up with and get a photo. I attached just a few photos (6 out of 48).

The first photo mostly white and had the fancy wheel covers/fenders.

The green fan jet was extremely fast and I did not notice retractable landing gear!

The Lawn mower is out of the way of the Jet.

As you can see there are not too many vehicles in the parking lot.

The balloon tires made the plane look like a Piper Cub in Alaska.

The grey Wart Hog made a few flights. No lost planes as the crops are barely coming out of the ground and all planes used the runways.

As you can see, I am ignorant on the models and parts but really enjoy seeing them in the air and in take offs and landings.







## Learn to Fly RC! CURRENTLY ALL TRAINING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Have you ever wanted to learn to fly Radio Controlled (RC) Aircraft?**  
**If so, come to our West Field (just est of Grimes) on Monday evenings**

We hold **free** public training at our **West Field** every Monday beginning Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 through Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are over 14 years old you are welcome to attend this program for up to three evenings. Club instructors and equipment will be available from 6pm until dark, weather permitting.

You will be able to actually fly our training aircraft and learn about our club and the best equipment options if you do decide to continue flying.

**Flying RC aircraft often turns into a lifelong hobby and is a wonderful way to meet new people who also love to fly.**



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

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
West Field	Denis Roy (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:DenisRoy81@gmail.com">DenisRoy81@gmail.com</a>	(515)-249-1617
West Field	Pat Nestvedt (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:plnest@hotmail.com">plnest@hotmail.com</a>	(515) 201-8112
West Field	Scott Leonard (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:scott@sjleonard.com">scott@sjleonard.com</a>	(515) 494-2011

If you would like to have a lesson at our EPJ field, please contact one of these fine instructors for an appointment:

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
EPJ	Jim Lewis (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:clone2tb@gmail.com">clone2tb@gmail.com</a>	(515) 289-1144
EPJ	Tim Nissen (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:nissentimothy@mchsi.com">nissentimothy@mchsi.com</a>	(515) 975-1091
EPJ	Doug Griffith (Airplane)	<a href="mailto:duggriff@yahoo.com">duggriff@yahoo.com</a>	(515) 480-1585
EPJ	Kelly Brown (Helicopter)	<a href="mailto:kbrown@brownsmedicalimaging.com">kbrown@brownsmedicalimaging.com</a>	(515) 494-4884
EPJ	Matt Coleman (Airplane & Helicopter)	<a href="mailto:colemn615@gmail.com">colemn615@gmail.com</a>	(515) 782-9499



## 2020 Calendar of Events (ALL ON HOLD)

(Dates and locations are subject to change – check our website for updates)

- **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 club meetings during the flying season
- **Coffee Socials** are generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

- **January 1, 2020** Penguin fly and Club Meeting (West Field, 9 am, Meeting at 11 am)
- January 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- February 8 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- February 15, - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- March 14, - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- March 21 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- April 7 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- April 11 - Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- April 25 - and High-wing Fly (John Faust) (West Field 10am – 2pm)
- May 5 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- May 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) & Multi-wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- June 1 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 2 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- June 8 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 13 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- June 15 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 22 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 22 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 29 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 4 – Fly Fun & Pot lunch (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2 pm)
- July 6 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 7- Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- July 11 – Coffee (West Field 10am)
- July 13 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 18 – Civil Air Patrol Event (Al Annear – West Field 1 pm – 5 pm)
- July 18 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- July 20 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 27 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 3 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- August 8 - Coffee Social & Summer Fun Fly (Jim Porter – (West Field 10am – 2pm)
- August 10 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 15 – National Model Aviation Day (Alan Annear – West Field 9am – 3pm)
- August 17 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 24 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 31 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)

- September 1 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- September 12 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- Sailplane Fun Fly (John Faust - West Field 10am – 2pm)
- TBD – Fun Fly, Paintball & Raffle (West Field 11 AM)
- September 19 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- October 6 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- October 10 – Club Auction
- October 17 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Fun Fly & Speed Day (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- November 3 - Club Meeting (Merkle Retirement Planning 1860 SE Princeton Drive, Grimes - 7pm)
- November 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- December 1 - Club Meeting and Elections (Merkle Retirement Planning 1860 SE Princeton Drive, Grimes - 7pm)
- December 12 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- January 1, **2021** Penguin fly and Club Meeting (West Field, 9 am, Meeting at 11 am)
- February xx, 2021 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- March xx, 2021 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)

### Fun Fly Information:

- April 25 – High wing Fly (John Faust – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- May 9 - Multi-Wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- August 8 - Summer Fun Fly (Jim Porter – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- September 7 – Sailplane Fun Fly (John Faust - West Field 10am – 2pm)
- October 10 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Fun Fly & Speed Day (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)

## 2020 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**The following Membership dues are in effect through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020**

**New Member**- Adult \$100, after July 31<sup>st</sup> \$60

Youth \$15

Spousal \$50

**Renewal** – Adult \$100, **after March 31<sup>st</sup>, \$120**

Youth \$15

Spousal \$50, **after March 31<sup>st</sup>, \$60**

Adult – 19 & over at anytime during 2020

Youth – 18 & under through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Send this membership application, a copy of your AMA membership card, FAA registration and a check (made out to Des Moines Modelaires) to:

Alan Annear / 2101 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. / Perry, IA 50220

Cell# 515-491-9039

Email: [dsmodelaires@gmail.com](mailto:dsmodelaires@gmail.com)

## 2020 Club Officers

Position	Name	Email Address	Phone
<b>President</b>	Scott Leonard*	scott@sjleonard.com	(515) 494-2011
<b>Vice President</b>	Alan Annear **	raannear@gmail.com	(515) 491-9039
<b>Secretary</b>	John Faust**	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866
<b>Treasurer</b>	Denis Roy *	DenisRoy81@gmail.com	(515) 249-1617

## 2020 Board Members

Email: dsmmodelaires@gmail.com

Name	Email Address	Phone
Jeff Ferriss **	advorthotics@gmail.com	(515) 967-6881
Jeff Ireland *	woodensplinter@msn.com	(515) 883-0305
Jack Kamerick**	jdkamerick@gmail.com	(515) 971-0347
Pat Nestvedt *	plnest@hotmail.com	(515) 201-8112
Jim Porter **	airporter96@gmail.com	(515) 986-0512
LaVerne Sanders*	Ldsanders2807@mchsi.com	(515) 745-0305

\* Term expires on December 31, 2020

\*\* Term expires on December 31, 2021

## Safety Officers

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
<b>EPJ</b>	Tim Nissen	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091
<b>West Field</b>	John Faust	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866

## Membership

For all questions/comments regarding membership (such as joining, renewal, etc.), please contact:

**Alan Annear**  
2101 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Perry, IA 5220

Phone: (515) 491-9039  
Email: dsmmodelaires@gmail.com

## Newsletter

**Dave Beecher**

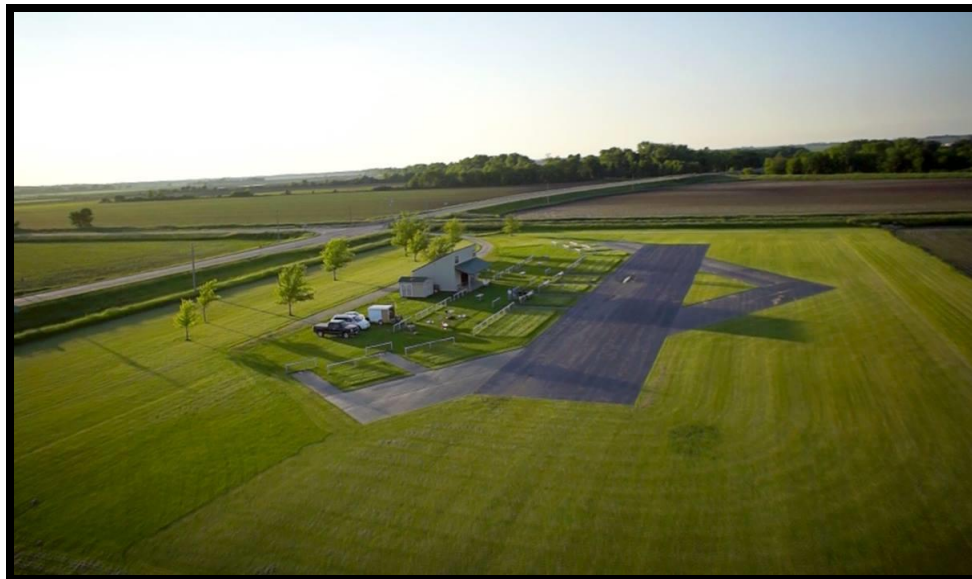
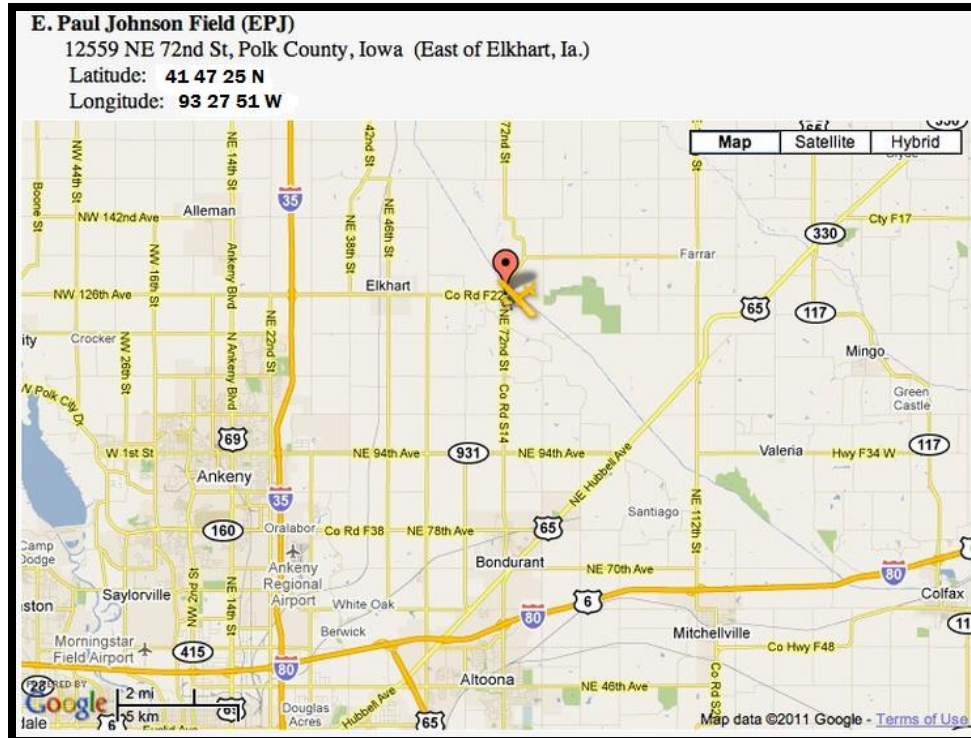
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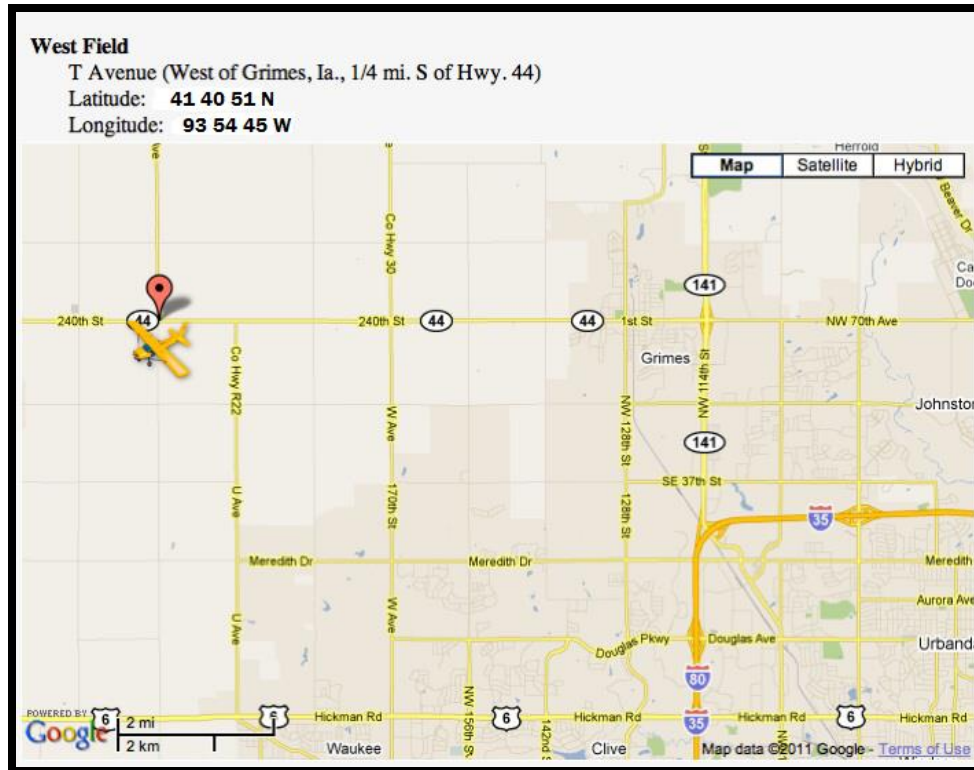
## Flying Field Locations

The Des Moines Modelaires maintains two high-quality, friendly flying locations in the Des Moines area. See below for address and map information:

### EPJ



## West Field



## About the Des Moines Modelaires

- We fly radio-controlled model airplanes, helicopters, and quad-copters at our two private flying fields
- We hold monthly meetings typically the first Tuesday of each month
- We produce a newsletter for our members and the general public. Please send photos and articles about RC and our club to [db500\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:db500_1999@yahoo.com)
- 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 instructor pilots