

# PLANE TALK NEWS

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter

## President's Message

\* Hot weather is upon us with a vengeance. We had an incident at Westfield recently that underscores how easily high temperatures can quickly cause serious health problems. Heat stroke and/or heat exhaustion tends to creep up on you and suddenly you've lost it without realizing what happened. One flier found himself laying down on a picnic bench without realizing he was at the start of a serious problem. Fortunately several other fliers were paying attention and understood his problem. A quick dousing with cool water on towels and clothes, lots of fluid intake and a period of rest with elevated feet soon seemed to have things under control. We did realize, however, that the affected person was not recovering as quickly as he should so we called 911 and had the Dallas Center Fire and Rescue on the scene in a few minutes. A quick check established that the flier did have the start of a heat stroke, but it appeared we had caught it before it developed into anything requiring hospitalization, but it was close. The affected flier was driven home, with another member driving his vehicle. A good outcome for a potentially serious situation.



Hot weather and strong sun requires lots of fluids and a good awareness of your personal situation. If you think you're having a problem, ask for help and don't resist if anyone else thinks it appropriate to call 911. The response is free and you might save a life, especially if the affected person insists they have no problem and want to immediately drive home. The person in the above scenario took a good hour before he was really back to good awareness of his surroundings and competent to be driving.

\* Dion Kintz has been the Safety Officer for EPJ for several years but emailed me that he has a lot going on this year and will not be able to spend much time at the field and felt that a Safety Officer should be at the field often so we need to have a member who flies mostly at EPJ step up and volunteer to be the Safety Officer for EPJ.

\* The next membership meeting will be at EPJ. One of the topics of discussion will be what constitutes a guest using our flying fields. We will also talk about the seeming reluctance of some members to pay their dues while still exercising the privileges of a paid member.

Jim Porter

### **Upcoming Club Events**

- June 26 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- 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)



# AMA News

*Announcements, news, and information from the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the elected district representatives*

VIEW FROM HQ by Dave Mathewson, AMA Executive Director

## How to lose a flying site

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**A couple** of months ago, I wrote in my column about how being an asset in your community can help acquire or save a flying site. A member wrote me and suggested

a good topic for a column might be how to lose a flying site. I thought the suggestion made sense.

AMA receives regular calls from clubs that are on the verge of losing a site because of conflicts with neighbors. The issues are nearly always either noise complaints or complaints about models flying over neighbors' property.

A number of years ago, we had a complaint from a neighbor of the club I belonged to when I lived in New York. The individual lived virtually across the street from the field. His complaint was "You guys come out for your couple hours of fun and go home. I have to listen to your fun all day long." He had a point.

Instead of ignoring the complaint, the club took actions to mitigate it. We created a sound rule, restricted flying to certain times—especially during early

morning hours on weekends—and put a cap on membership. The neighbor saw that the club was trying to be good a neighbor and was satisfied.

The club could have ignored our neighbor, but I guarantee that if we had done that, the neighbor would have enlisted the support of other nearby residents, they would have gone to the town with their complaints, and the field would have been lost.

AMA has created a document that can help your club abate sound issues. It can be found at [www.modelaircraft.org/files/927.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/927.pdf).

Another problem when flying sites are in jeopardy is flying over your neighbor's property. First, doing so can be incredibly unsafe if you're flying over unprotected people and property. It's a violation of the AMA Safety Code. When a model goes down, and we all know they do, the safety issue is reduced markedly because we fly in a footprint that precludes flying outside the boundaries of the field.

Maybe more importantly is that flying over someone else's property could be considered trespassing. See AMA document [www.modelaircraft.org/files/2012revisedmodelfliersandneighborsdoc.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/2012revisedmodelfliersandneighborsdoc.pdf).

The law is abundantly clear. As modelers, we simply do not have the right to fly over someone else's property without permission. And doing so agitates neighbors and emboldens them to do whatever they can do to shut the field down. In these instances, it's almost certain that a club will lose its field.

Many clubs also feel that, because the field might have been in existence long before new housing was developed, that the club has "grandfather" rights. In many cases this is true. However, even so, if we cannot get along with our neighbors then the future will not bode well for us. Local town councils and legislatures are not oblivious to complaints coming from their constituents. They will react to the pressure and that might not always turn out well for us.

There are also times when a club prevails, but it's akin to winning a battle and possibly losing the war. If the neighbors aren't successful in having a site shut down, their anger will not subside. The club will always be faced with angry neighbors and the field will always be at risk.

So, what's the moral of the story here? The models we fly today are bigger, faster, and in some cases louder than in the past. We need to remember this. Flying sites are becoming more difficult to find. Urban sprawl continues to encompass open land, especially in the more populated parts of the country. If a club loses a flying site and can't find a new one, chances are the club will not survive for long.

The best thing we can do is to put ourselves in our neighbors' shoes. Ask yourselves, if you were a neighbor, would you be comfortable living alongside your club's flying site? If the answer is no, be proactive and do something about it before it's too late.

See you next time ... 

## **June Member's Meeting at West Field, submitted by John Faust**

Board and Club meeting held [June 6th](#) at West Field, meeting called to order at 6:10. Jim P., Allan A., Lavern S., Denis R., Ed N, Tim N., Dave K and 3 members present.

Meeting minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

The Board discussed comments from several members concerning some past members who had not renewed their membership but were flying at Modelaires fields. The board discussed: 1. How to entice past members to renew their membership sooner. 2. Better define the term "Guest" for flying at a Modelaires Field in our by-laws and field rules

A motion was discussed and past to recommend to the general membership to change the dues schedule to charge a late fee of \$20.00 to those who renew after [January 31<sup>st</sup>](#) as a way to motivate more members to renew sooner.

Allan offered to write a draft definition of guest for consideration at the next meeting.

The board then had a general conversation concerning the risk to the club of non members flying at our fields.

Meeting adjourned 6:50

## **RC Related Items for Sale**

Racer's Edge 400x2 (2 channels 200 watts on each side, comes with case for charger) with E-Fuel Power supply \$110 OBO





TopFlite P-46 60 size kit \$110 OBO



Sig Dornier Do 217 kit \$50 OBO



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**EPJ Friday May 26 by Dion**



**New benches at West Field donated by Ed Niles. Thank you Ed!**



**Newsletter and Events**

If you are an event coordinator I would be happy to run a poster or other advertisement for your event, just email it to me. If you would like to add an event check with the board, and let me know when it is approved. 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*



**Fall Meeting Location Change**  
***Jim Lewis has arranged for the club to be able to meet at an indoor location for the September, October, November and December monthly meetings. The new location for the fall meetings is at Weiss-Merkle Financial , 5409 NW 88th, Johnston. The building is west of the Price Chopper on 86th in Johnston. Thanks to Jim for helping making this location available.***



# ***EPJ June Jet Fly Update***



**JUNE 17-~~18~~, 2017**   
**FLYLOW JET FLY**

**No Landing Fees**

AMA will be required to fly.

EDF, Ducted Fans, and Flat Profile Foamie Jets are welcome (waiver required for Turbines).

**Spectators Welcome**



**10 a.m. –  
sunset**

**PILOT MEETING  
AT 10 A.M.**

**EPJ Field  
12559 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> St  
Elkhart, IA**

**360' Petro-Mat  
Runway (600' total)**

**Open Grill/  
Outside Electric**

## **CONTACT**

**Matt Coleman**  
Dion Field

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dionm615@gmail.com

***Dion will not be able to host the Flylow Jet Fly this year. Matt Coleman has volunteered to host the Jet Fly as a one day event, to be held on June 17 from 9 AM to 6 PM. Thanks Dion for hosting in past years and Matt for volunteering to step in for 2017.***

## ***June 5<sup>th</sup> Training Night***

***We had one student – Paul from Ankeny, who flew four packs with two instructors on a nice but windy night.***





**National Model Aviation Day  
Flying Demonstrations and  
Fun Fly  
Saturday August 12, 2017**



The Des Moines Modelaires is a radio controlled aircraft club with about 120 members. To celebrate National Model Aviation day the club will open our flying field to the public on August 12, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Our pilots will be happy to demonstrate a number of radio control models, and answer questions about the hobby. If the weather cooperates, there will be an opportunity to try out flying a radio controlled aircraft with an experienced instructor. The instructor will have ultimate control of the aircraft, while letting a visitor fly the aircraft using a trainer transmitter.

If you are already an accomplished RC pilot and are a member of the AMA, you may fly at West Field that day (after a quick "check ride") as a guest.

Lunch will be available for a cash donation.



The event will be at the club's West Field, located west of Grimes.



<http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com/>

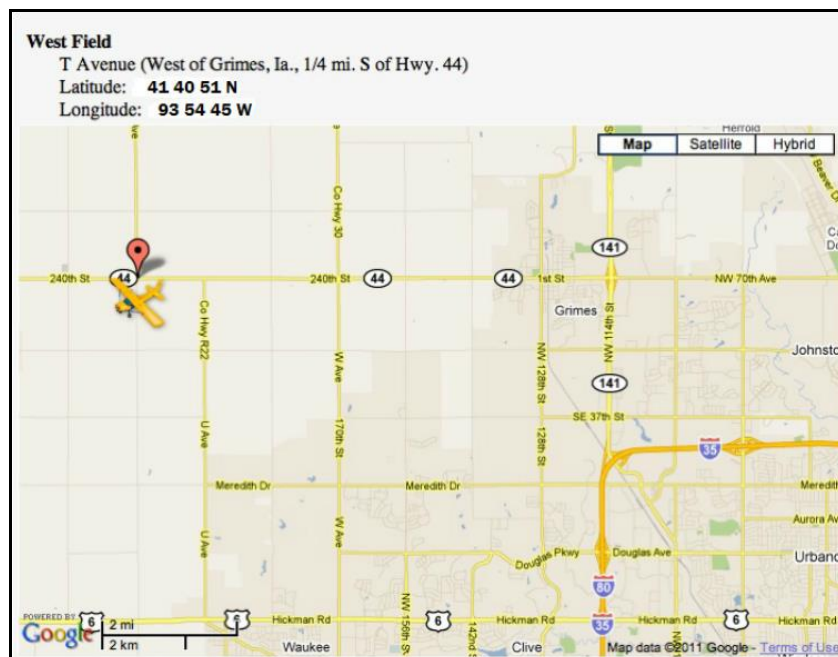


**Have you ever wanted to learn to fly Radio Controlled (RC) Aircraft? If so, come to our West Field (just west of Grimes) on Monday evenings**

We hold **free** public training at our West Field every Monday beginning Monday June 5th through Monday August 28<sup>th</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 on days conducive for flying. 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.

**Our West Field Instructors are:**

**Denis Roy** [DenisRoy81@gmail.com](mailto:DenisRoy81@gmail.com) 249-1617  
**Dave Beecher** [db500\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:db500_1999@yahoo.com) 661-2456  
**Pat Nestvedt** [plnest@hotmail.com](mailto:plnest@hotmail.com) 201-8112  
**Scott Leonard** [scott@sjleonard.com](mailto:scott@sjleonard.com) 494-2011





# MIDWEST CHOPPERS

**AUGUST 25TH-27TH**

**PRIZES**

**BUDDY BOXING**

Hosted by Des Moines Modelaires at EPJ Field  
Address: (use google maps) 12559 NE 72nd St. Elkhart, IA  
For those traveling on I-35: take the Elkhart Exit 96 and head east on NE 126th Ave through Elkhart to the T,. Can't miss it.

Open to all, AMA required to fly (\$20 landing fee includes 1 meal voucher);  
Turbine (with waiver), gas, electric, and nitro welcome

**DES MOINES MODELAIRES**  
AMA CHAPTER 1000  
ESTABLISHED 1958

**HOBBY HAVEN**  
Your Family Hobby Center  
Urbandale, IA



# AMA FOUNDATION JET RALLY 2017

**AUGUST 24-27,  
OTTUMWA, IOWA**

## AMA Foundation to host inaugural jet rally

The AMA Foundation will be hosting its inaugural AMA Foundation for the Future Jet Rally, August 24-27 in Ottumwa, IA. This event will be held in conjunction with the annual Fly Iowa event hosted by the Ottumwa Regional Airport on a 100 x 3,500-foot runway closed to full-scale aircraft for the weekend. Register now and save.



## 2017 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, 2017 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting 11 am (EPJ 9am)
  - January 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
  - February 4 - 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 - Indoor Flying (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)
  - April 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
  - April 8 - Coffee Social and High-wing Fly (John Faust) (West Field 10am – 2pm)
  - 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)
  - June 5 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - June 6 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
  - June 10 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) & Little Plane Day Fun Fly 10 – 2 (Denis Roy, West Field)
  - June 12 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - June 17 – Flylow Jet Fly (Matt Coleman – EPJ 9 AM -6 PM)
  - June 19 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - June 26 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - July 3 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - July 8 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
  - July 10 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
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  - 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 25,26,27 – Mid West Chopper, (Matt Coleman - EPJ)
  - August 28 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
  - September 5 - Club Meeting (Weiss-Merkle Financial 7pm)
  - September 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) Sailplane Fun Fly (Dave Beecher - West Field 10am – 1pm)
  - October 3 - Club Meeting (Weiss-Merkle Financial 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 7 - Club Meeting (Weiss-Merkle Financial 7pm)
  - November 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
  - December 5 - Club Meeting and Elections (Weiss-Merkle Financial - 7pm)
  - December 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
  - **January 1, 2018** Penguin fly and Club Meeting (West Field 9 am, Meeting at 11 am)
  - February 17, 2018 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)
  - March 10, 2018 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9am, Club Meeting 1pm)
  - **Fun Fly Information:**
  - April 8 – High-wing Fly (John Faust - West Field 10am – 2pm)
  - May 6 - Multi-Wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
  - June 10 – Little Plane Day (Denis Roy – West Field 10am – 2 pm)
  - June 17 – Flylow Jet Fly (Matt Coleman)
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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

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<b>Vice President</b>	Dave Kalwishky **	(515) 314-7060 dave@kalwishky.com
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\*\* Term expires on December 31, 2017

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### Public Relations Officer

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Safety Officers

**EPJ** – TBD

**West Field** – John Faust

**Membership** Denis Roy  
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### Club Training Team

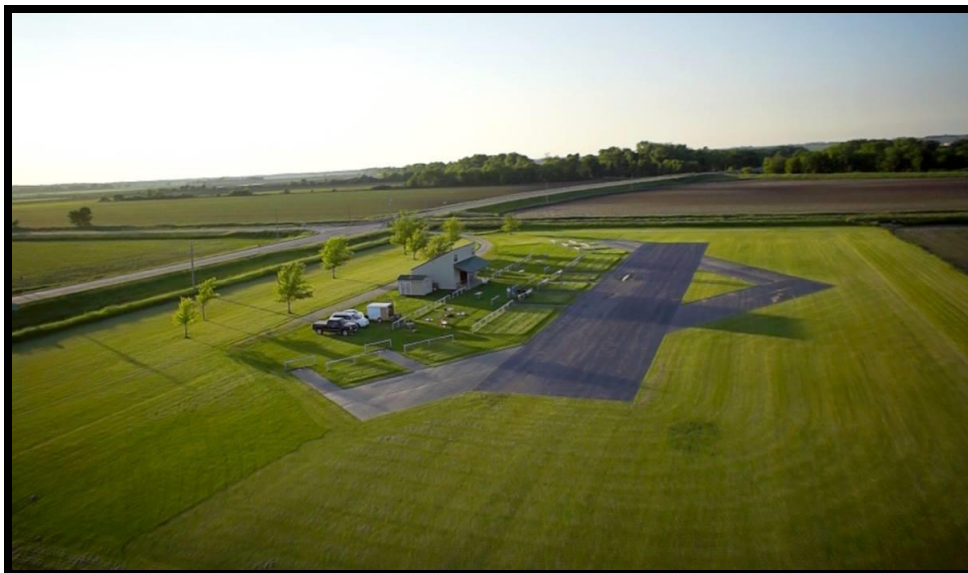
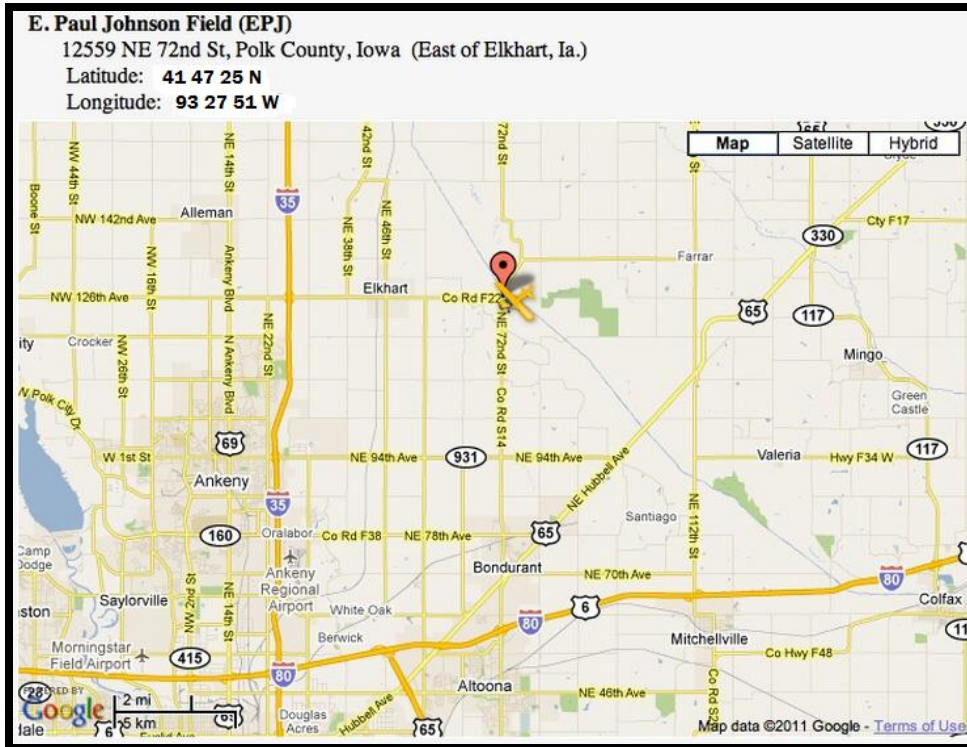
If you are interested in learning to fly please contact any one of these fine instructors

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)
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Jim Lewis	289-1144	<a href="mailto:clone2tb@gmail.com">clone2tb@gmail.com</a>	Airplane (EPJ)
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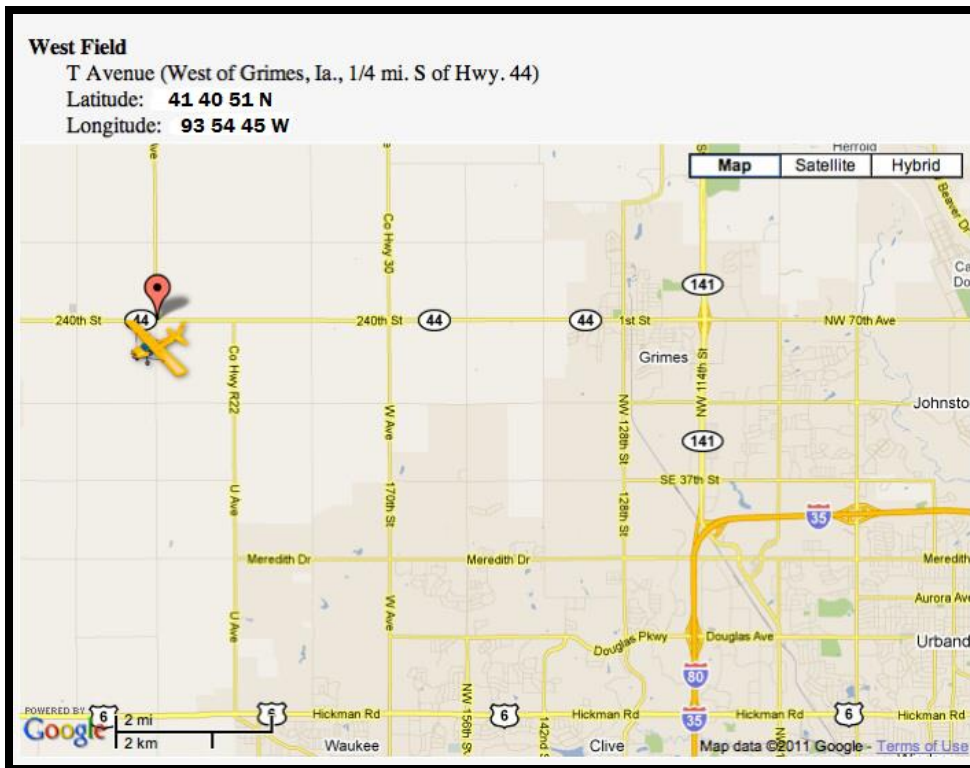


## Our Field Locations:

EPJ



## West Field



## 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