

# PLANE TALK NEWS

## Des Moines Modelaires

### Upcoming Events

#### Training Night

Each Monday

6PM - Dark

EPJ Field

#### Club Meeting

Aug 5th

7:00PM

West Field

#### Multi Wing Fly

Aug 9th

10AM

West Field

#### Multi Wing Fly

Sept. 6th

10AM

West Field

#### 3D Harvest Huck

Sept. 12th - 14th

EPJ Field



Summer is wrapping up but the flying season is still in full swing. These past few weeks have been some of the best weather we have had all season.

There is only a handful of weeks left of this year's training program. This program has had great success this year and has been highly attended. Don't forget that training night is Monday nights at EPJ at 6:00PM. Our last night is August 25th.

This past weekend was the summer warbird fun fly.. We had a great turnout with a wide variety of aircraft. We also had the Bondurant Lion's Club tractor ride stop by to check it out.

Safety, safety, safety!! Sometimes we all need just a little reminder. Please remember to fly the pattern and call out your take offs and landings. Also, remember that the safety line continues past the pit area. We should all keep an eye out for each other so don't be afraid to speak up out at the fields if you see something going on that is potentially dangerous.

Please help protect the hobby. Leave your comments on the FAA's ruling at <http://www.regulations.gov>

See you at the field, Duane

## July Meeting Minutes

Alan suggested we lengthen and widen the runways at Westfield. Vote was taken and passed. Jim Lewis presented the grass catcher for the mowers be purchased for about \$1400.00. This catcher would primarily be used for EPJ and would be available to both fields. Vote was taken and passed. Duane stated that the Iowa Barnstormers would like to give the Modelaires a thank you and acknowledgement for our assistance in the fly-by-wire at their game. The board consented to this, believing it to be good public relations. Duane then led a general discussion regarding drones, photograph, and commercial uses. It appears at this time that the FAA will likely oversee commercial use of drones for commercial purposes. Also, a strong reminder to all our members. FPV flying is so far OK, but it must be within line-of-sight. Of course that means a spotter must be with the pilot doing the FPV. Jim was contacted by DMACC/Pioneer who would like a presentation, re: drones. Duane will take care of this. A reminder was posted as to the Cutty's demonstration for [July 16th](#). Also, the EDF fun fly at EPJ for [July 5, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM](#). Jim stated that the residents at Millpond Nursing Home very much enjoyed the demonstration by some of our members, and relayed a thank you.

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## Response Needed to FAA Model Aircraft Rule

AMA's Areas of Concern Regarding the FAA Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft

On Tuesday, June 24th AMA issued a member alert expressing concern over some provisions in the FAA's interpretation of the [Special Rule for Model Aircraft](#) established by Congress in the FAA modernization and Reform Act of 2012. In that alert, we let members know that we would be following up with today's alert that explains AMA's concerns in greater detail.

We need you to take action now and respond by July 25, 2014 to the FAA Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that was released June 23, 2014. The Academy has reviewed the rule and is extremely disappointed and troubled by the approach the FAA has chosen to take in regards to this issue. [FAA's Interpretive Rule](#)

To help you respond to the FAA, we have outlined AMA's major concerns in the bullets below. A more in-depth explanation of our concerns can be found at [AMA's Concerns](#)

- Throughout the rule the FAA takes great latitude in determining Congress' intentions and in placing tightly worded restrictions through its "plain-language" interpretation of the text.
- The FAA uses the plain language doctrine to create a regulatory prohibition of the use of a specific type of technology.
- FAA's overreaching interpretation of the language in the Public Law is evident in the rule's interpretation of the requirement that model aircraft be "flown strictly for hobby or recreational use."
- Although the FAA acknowledges that manned aviation flights that are incidental to a business are not considered commercial under the regulations, the rule states that model aircraft flights flown incidental to a business are not hobby or recreation related.
- The rule overlooks the law's clear intention to encompass the supporting aeromodeling industry under the provision of the Special Rule, "aircraft being developed as a model aircraft." The rule's strict interpretation of hobby versus business puts in question the activities of the principals and employees of the billion dollar industry that supplies and supports the hobby.
- The Public Law states that when model aircraft are, "flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft (must) provide(s) the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) with prior notice of the operation. However the rule indicates

that approval of the airport operator is required. Although it is understood that making notification to the airport and/or ATC will open a dialog as to whether the planned activity is safe to proceed, there is no intent in the law that this be a request for permission on the part of the model aircraft pilot.

- The Interpretive Rule establishes new restrictions and prohibitions to which model aircraft have never been subject. This is counter to the Public Law which reads, “The Federal Aviation Administration may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft,...” if established criteria are met.
- The Interpretive Rule attempts to negate the entire Public Law by stating, “Other rules in part 91, or other parts of the regulations, may apply to model aircraft operations, depending on the particular circumstances of the operation. This in and of itself makes model aircraft enthusiasts accountable to the entire litany of regulations found in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, something that was never intended by Congress and until now never required by the FAA.

How to Respond to the FAA.

All AMA members, family and friends need to take action now to let the FAA know that this rule significantly impacts the entire aeromodeling community and that this community is resolute and committed to protecting the hobby.

There are four methods to submit a comment. Emailing your comment is the fastest and most convenient method. All comments must include the docket number FAA-2014-0396. [Tips for submitting your comments.](#)

Email: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send Comments to Docket Operations, M-30; US Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**3D** SEPTEMBER 11-14TH  
**HARVEST HUCK**  
 LIVE BAND  
 NIGHT FLYING  
 BBQ  
 PRIZES  
 EPJ FIELD  
 \$20 LANDING FEE COVERS ALL 4 DAYS  
 DES MOINES  
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### MODELAIRES MEMBERSHIP 2014 APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ AMA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU GO SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR PART OF THE YEAR, GIVE OTHER ADDRESS ON THE BACK AND MONTHS YOU WISH THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO THAT ADDRESS.

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS? PLEASE PROVIDE TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER AND CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, WE WILL SEND YOUR NEWSLETTER LAND MAIL  
**MAY WE SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

YOUR AGE \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR BIRTH DATE, PLEASE MO. \_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

1. **FLYING MEMBERS:** NEED AN AMA MEMBERSHIP AND MODELAIRE MEMBERSHIP. CAN FLY AT OUR FIELDS, VOTE AND BE AN OFFICER, TAKE PART IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES, RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER.

2. **SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP:** (NON-FLYING, CAN VOTE, CANNOT BE AN OFFICER) NO AMA REQUIRED, NEED ONLY MODELAIRE MEMBERSHIP. MAY TAKE PART IN ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES, RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER.

**DUES:** ADULT (19 & OVER) \$75, SPOUSE \$20. YOUTH (18 & UNDER) \$5. ADULT PARK FLYER \$30. ADULT FAMILY \$100. AFTER JULY 31, DUES ARE \$40 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. DUES COVER JANUARY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.

SEND TO: Jim Lewis 1479 NW 71<sup>st</sup> Pl. Ankeny, Iowa 50023. EMAIL: [CLONE2TB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CLONE2TB@GMAIL.COM) PHONE: 515-314-7904

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

EPJ Field



West Field





## 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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