



# PLANE TALK NEWS

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, 8/4/2015**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Club Meeting  
West Field

**Saturday, 8/8/2015**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

Electrics Fun Fly  
EPJ

**Saturday, 8/15/2015**

**10:00am - 5:00pm**

National Model Aviation  
Day  
West Field

**Tuesday, 9/1/2015**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Club Meeting  
EPJ

**Saturday, 9/5/2015**

**10:00pm – 2:00pm**

Sailplane Fun Fly  
West Field

**Saturday, 9/26/2015**

**10:00am - 5:00pm**

FLY LOW – Jet Fly  
EPJ

**Tuesday, 10/6/2015**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Club Meeting  
West Field

Hi everybody,

We sure had been a busy month since our last newsletter.

We held a static show and flight demo for the city of Elkhart, had a Warbird Fun Fly at EPJ, held a coffee/work day at West Field, and yes I put a P-51 into the corn. Once again Bob Vida's wife provided a wonderful lunch for everyone who attended the coffee/work day at West Field. Thank you Bob, the lunch was fantastic!

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the club hosted the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, based at Camp Dodge, for a demonstration of our hobby and the various types of aircraft available to us. We were able to let a few of the cadets buddy box aircraft for a few minutes. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to get all of them into the air. They are a very pleasant group of young people to work with.



I also wanted to give you all a summary of the club board's activities for the first 6 months of the year.

- Updated our corporate documents with the State of Iowa
- Created a detailed budget to understand club expenses
- Ensured the club ran financially in the black
- Protected our club's reserves for emergencies
- Updated our field rules
- Updated our club bylaws
- Signed a new lease for West Field

The only thing left to do this year is to sign an updated lease for EPJ and maybe the West Field runways lengthened and widened. Next year we need to focus on getting some needed field maintenance at both fields completed.

I have received a number of comments concerning the landing fees at our airplane themed club Fun Flies. The board initiated these landing fees as a way to run the club financially in the black and generate enough revenue to cover our annual expenses and pay for ongoing field improvements without having to dip into our emergency reserves. An alternative to landing fees would be to raise our annual club dues. Due to the ongoing comments I have heard I am proposing a vote at our next general club meeting to establish a minimum landing fee at all our aircraft themed fun flies or to raise the annual dues. So please come to the next meeting to have your comments heard and cast your vote.

Thanks

Alan

**In an effort to get to know our club Board we will profile one Board member in each newsletter.  
Dave Heuton – Club Board Member**

**Who is Dave Heuton?**

Hello, Modelaires members. I'm writing these few short paragraphs to help you better know who I am.

I have a wonderful wife who enjoys and supports this hobby nearly as much as I do. I have three sons (all grown and married) and now have five grandchildren, all of whom live in central Iowa. Each of my children enjoys the RC hobby when they can find the time given the other family commitments that they have.

I have been flying radio control for about five years now, most of that time as a park flyer and struggling with the difficulties of finding a location and time to do so safely. It seems as though the same locations that were ideal for flying were also ideal for many, many other activities. After becoming frustrated with the difficulties of park flying I joined the Modelaires about a year ago and I've jumped into this great hobby with both feet. I enjoy flying all types of aircraft, but must say my favorites are the warbirds.

Until recently, I lived in Altoona, having been there for 30 years. The location was perfect for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is its proximity to the EPJ field. This month (July) my wife and I recently purchased an acreage just outside of Dexter (I know, right? Where the heck is Dexter?) The ultimate plan, with the support of my wife, is to add a runway on the acreage so that we can step out the back door and fly on the calm evenings that don't leave us with enough time to make it to the airfield.

Professionally, I am the deputy director and chief financial officer of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. I have had an incredibly rewarding 30-year career with the State of Iowa, having served in several different departments and capacities. I'm looking forward to retirement so that I can spend more time with family and the many friends I have found in the club.

I hope to meet many more of you over the next several years. Enjoy the hobby, the comradery of our fellow pilots. Good flying!

Dave

## **The Des Moines Modelaires - General Membership Meeting Minutes**

July 7, 2015

The meeting was held at the club's EPJ field in Elkhart Iowa. The meeting was called to order by club President Alan Annear at approximately 7:05pm. There were 15 members present.

The club Treasurer, Denis Roy, presented the treasurer's report reviewing the 2015 budget, expenses to date, and the yearend financial outlook. The treasure report was approved and accepted.

The club Secretary, Keith Page, presented the minutes of the June meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted.

### **Old Business:**

Alan reported that the Elkhart demonstration was well attended, and that we should receive a report about it from Tim Nissen at the next meeting.

Alan asked Ben Erickson how the Monday evening training program was going, Ben stated that it had started slow but that this past Monday's session had about 24 new flyers at it. Ben also stated that more volunteers to help out would be greatly appreciated.

The CAP (Civil Air Patrol) demonstration is scheduled for July 19, at 1:00 PM, there could be as many as 30 to 40 CAP cadets attending. We would like a static display as well as some demonstration flying. We would also like 2 or 3 buddy box trainer planes to allow the cadets to try flying. Ben Erickson and Denis Roy stated they may be able to help. Another member mentioned that Dave Beecher may also have a buddy box transmitter and trainer. Alan is coordinating this event.

Alan reported that he had contacted two television stations concerning the National Model Aviation Day event scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> at West Field but has not yet received any response back from the stations. Alan asked for voluntaries to help with static displays and flight demonstration. A formal vote was taken to donate any proceeds from this event to the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Harvest Huck 3D event is scheduled for Sep 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, and that TV coverage for that event is also being sought to promote the hobby.

### **New Business:**

As announced in the newsletter, Alan presented the revised club Bylaws for discussion and vote. After a short discussion a vote was taken to accept the updated Bylaws as presented. The updated Bylaws were accepted by unanimous vote.

Alan announced that the Board has approved a \$200.00 expenditure for supplies regarding the October Swap Meet and Auction. Ray Pick is coordinating this event again this year and is looking for volunteers to help.

Alan also announced that the Board had revisited and discussed the landing fees instituted for the aircraft themed fun flies. The landing fees are designed to cover all event cost such as food and prizes and generate some revenue for the club. The goal was to generate at least \$5.00 revenue per pilot for the club. Further discussion illustrated that the Fun Flies were meant to bring together flyers of a particular type aircraft (trainer, multi-wing, glider, electrics, EDF, etc.) together, but would not necessarily preclude other people from flying that same day. Also, the 10:00am to 2:00pm guideline was just that - a guideline, and not a requirement.

Alan reported that Dave Beecher has volunteered to serve as Public Relations Officer, and that the position is a non-board member position such as field Safety Officers.

Alan stated the next coffee day on July 18<sup>th</sup> at West Field will also be a work day as the runways need some staples replaced, new doors for the work shed need to be installed, and some of the cornfield barrier fence posts need to be replaced. The next club meeting is scheduled for August 4, at 7:00 PM at Westfield.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**Submitted by Keith Page**

## 2015 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

January 1 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting (EPJ 9am)  
 January 10 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)  
 January 31 - Indoor fly/Club Meeting (Catholic Church 9am)  
 February 12 - Club Meeting (Catholic Church 7pm)  
 February 14 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)  
 March 7 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)  
 March 14 - Indoor Fly/Club Meeting (Catholic Church 9am)  
 April 7 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)  
 April 11 - Coffee/Cub and High-wing Fly (West Field 10am)  
 May 5 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)  
 May 9 - Coffee/Multi-wing Fun Fly (West Field 10am)  
 June 1 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 June 2 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)  
 June 6 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly (EPJ 11am to 6pm)  
 June 8 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 June 13 - Coffee Social (West Field 10am)  
 June 15 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 June 22 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 June 27 - City of Elkhart Demo (12-3pm)  
 June 29 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 July 6 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 July 7 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)  
 July 11 - Warbird Fun Fly (EPJ 10am)  
 July 13 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 July 18 - Coffee/Workday (West Field 10am)

July 20 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 July 27 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 August 3 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 August 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)  
 August 8 - Electrics Fun Fly (EPJ 10am)  
 August 10 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 August 15 - National Model Aviation Day  
 August 17 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 August 24 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 August 31 - Training Program (EPJ 6pm)  
 September 1 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)  
 September 5 - Sailplane Fun Fly (West Field 10am)  
 September 17-20 - 3D Harvest Huck (EPJ)  
 September 26 - FLY LOW Jet Fly (EPJ)  
 EDFs, ducted fans, and flat foam jets welcome  
 Waiver required for turbines  
 October 6 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)  
 October 10 - Gasser Fun Fly (West Field 10am)  
 October 24 - Fall Auction - Ray Pick (Catholic Church)  
 November 10 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)  
 December 1 - Club Meeting (Jim Porter's House 7pm)  
 January 1, 2016 - Penguin Fly/Club Meeting (West Field 9am)  
 February 13, 2016 - Indoor Flying (Catholic Church 9am)

### Fun Fly Information:

April 11 - Coffee/Cub and High-wing Fun Fly (West Field 10am to 2pm) - John Faust, \$10 Landing Fee (includes lunch)  
 May 9 - Coffee/Multi-wing Fun Fly (West Field 10am to 2pm) - Alan Annear, \$10 Landing Fee (includes lunch)  
 June 6 - EDF/Jets Fun Fly (EPJ 11am to 6pm) - Dion Kintz, \$5 Landing Fee (includes lunch)  
 July 11 - Warbird Fun Fly (EPJ 10am to 2pm) - Ray Pick, \$5 Landing Fee  
 August 8 - Electric Fun Fly (EPJ 10am to 2pm) - Ben Erickson/Duane Vierling  
 September 5 - Sailplane Fun Fly (West Field 10am to 2pm) - Dave Beecher  
 September 17-20 - 3D Harvest Huck (EPJ) - Duane Vierling  
 September 26 - FLY LOW Jet Fly (EPJ 10am to 4pm) - Dion Kintz, \$5 Landing Fee

This is an AMA sanctioned event - EDFs, ducted fans, flat foam jets welcome, waiver required for turbines

October 10 - Gasser Fun Fly (West Field 10am to 2pm) - Denis Roy, \$10 Landing Fee (includes lunch)

**Club Officers**

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\* Term expires on December 31, 2015

\*\* Term expires on December 31, 2016

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**West Field** – John Faust / Dave Beecher

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Mode 1 & 2

Our Field Locations

**E. Paul Johnson Field (EPJ)**  
12559 NE 72nd St, Polk County, Iowa (East of Elkhart, Ia.)  
Latitude: 41 40 51 N  
Longitude: -93 54 45 W



**West Field**  
T Avenue (West of Grimes, Ia., 1/4 mi. S of Hwy. 44)  
Latitude: 41 47 25 N  
Longitude: -93 27 51 W



## 2015 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)

May we share your email information with the club membership? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- **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 2015) \$75.00, Youth (18 & under) \$5.00. Dues are in effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, after July 31<sup>st</sup>, adult flying membership dues are \$40.00 through December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

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

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Please make checks payable to: Des Moines Modelaires

### Why joining the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is so important.

For just \$58.00 per year (\$48.00 if over 65) 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](http://www.modelaircraft.org) to join the AMA and to learn more about the benefits of AMA membership and their insurance coverage.

## 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



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