

# Plane Talk News

## The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter September 2020

### President's Message from Scott Leonard

Greetings Modelaires!

As always, I hope this newsletter finds you all doing very well and enjoying the current flying season as much as possible. Personally, I've been unable to fly much this year due to job demands but I have been at West Field a few times to catch up with some of you. One of my favorite aspects of this hobby continues to be the general camaraderie among fellow fliers, both experienced and "newbies". I always enjoy the conversations and the tall tales shared at the fields.

As the Covid-19 situation continues, I wanted to post a reminder here that unfortunately all scheduled group events have been cancelled at both fields through the end of 2020. That said, I know the flying will continue and I hope you all are getting out the fields as much as possible but doing in so in a socially respectful and safe manner.

Even with things as they are, club membership is very strong – as high as I've known it to be (around 125 members).

Also, as mentioned further below, the big storm that rolled through caused some damage out at EPJ and a few guys (mentioned in detailed below) pitched and got everything fixed up. A big thanks to them – please let them know your appreciation. Luckily, no serious damage happened at West Field.

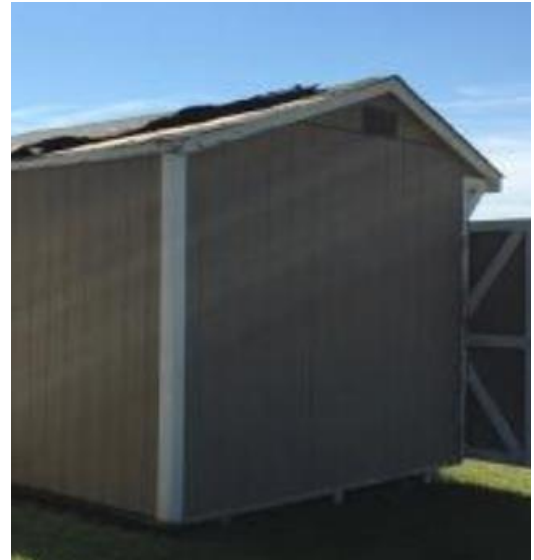
Finally, the club vote for a new shed at West Field was approved by the membership. The she has been ordered and should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. We'll be sure to post pictures as soon as possible.

Thanks everybody!

Take care and happy flying!

*-Scott Leonard*

On Monday August 10th a rare Derecho brought damaging straight-line winds to central Iowa. There was some damage the EPJ flying field. Jim Lewis wanted to share his thanks to those who volunteered and got the field back in shape for flying to resume. A BIG Thank You to Byron, Rich, Vince, and Jim for their efforts to clean up the downed limbs and get them up to the road for the county to pick up. The shingles on the tractor shed have been repaired as well.



## GOLD LEADER CLUB

The club has been upgraded to a GOLD LEADER CLUB status by the AMA.

Thanks to Denis for submitting the needed information to the AMA.

This status gives the Des Moines Modelaires extra "points" as far as consideration for grant approval by the AMA.



## New Pilot Photo Submissions



The first 2 pictures are an EFlite Timber X. The low wing is my EFlite Cirrus SR22. The picture with the plane and pilot is Mike and his EFlite Sukhoi aerobatic plane. I just joined this year have really been flying for just a year at this point.

*Dan Zimmermann 7/12*







## ALMOST ENOUGH FOR AN EVENT!

BY Larry Zimmer

July 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday I again visited EPJ field with my camera. How do you pick photos out of a group of 200? I enjoyed the event/day as did at least 2 dozen others.

It is still difficult for me to believe the amount of power some of those aircraft have. The battery powered ones have almost as much power as the fuel powered and maybe some more! Many of the aircraft had wingspans of more than 8 feet and plenty of power. Most impressive was their ability to stand on their tails and hover and never touch the ground. Also their ability to take off in such a short distance, less than 20 feet was interesting. The details on the models were such that in comparing photos of both the models and the full size craft it would be difficult to tell them apart.

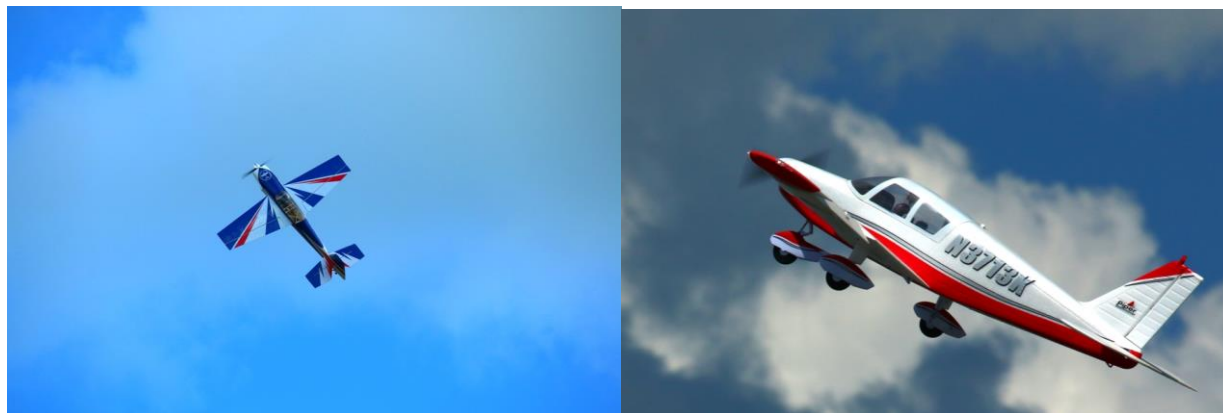
One biplane appeared to be landing on one wheel then did a cartwheel and landed on its top. I hope that the damage was small. One large 2 engine electric, orange and white aircraft, looked like a C-123 but not sure. Of course there was a Jet fighter that finally I was able to get a photo when it landed. Sucking air in from the front and blowing it out the rear seems to allow them to go extremely fast.

The War Birds from WW1 were there with many being TRI-winged and were slow enough that I was able to get many photos. I think some were gasoline powered with spark plugs! Most had big enough wheels they took off and landed in the grass. They also had very large wings and main body.

One blue and white aircraft had transparent wings and flew great of course. I left at about 4pm and there were no major crashes and no one lost an aircraft in the bean field. All together it was a beautiful day even though the wind changed directions from time to time.

**It was great day to get out/away from being quarantined at home and forget the present crazy situation!**

I selected 14 photos out of 200 and included them here.











## 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	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

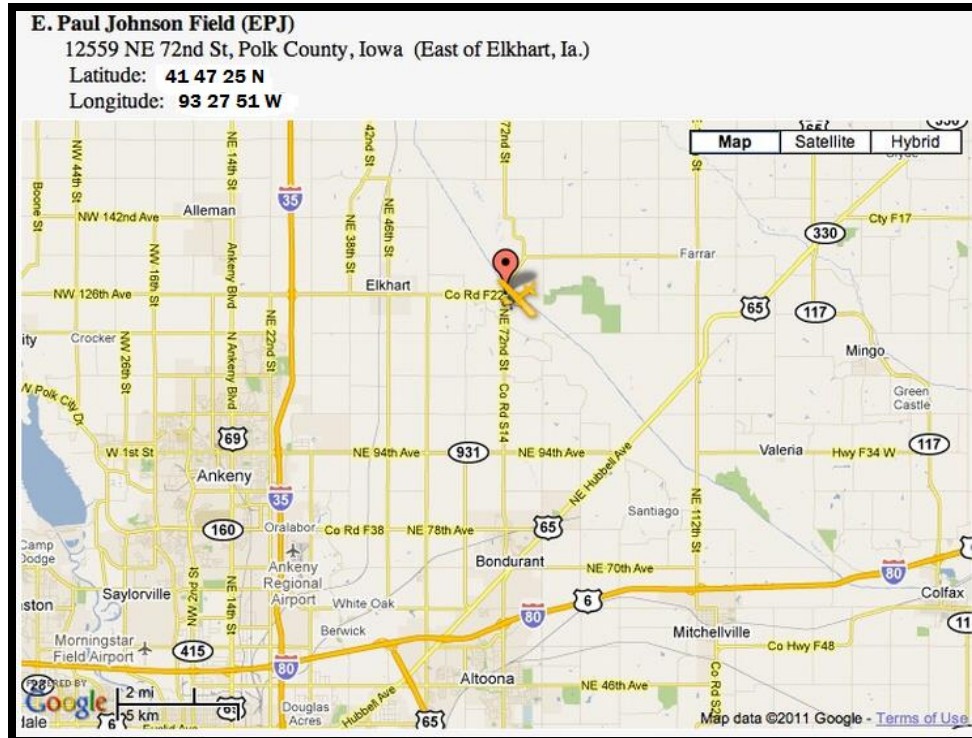
**Dave Beecher**

Email: db500\_1999@yahoo.com

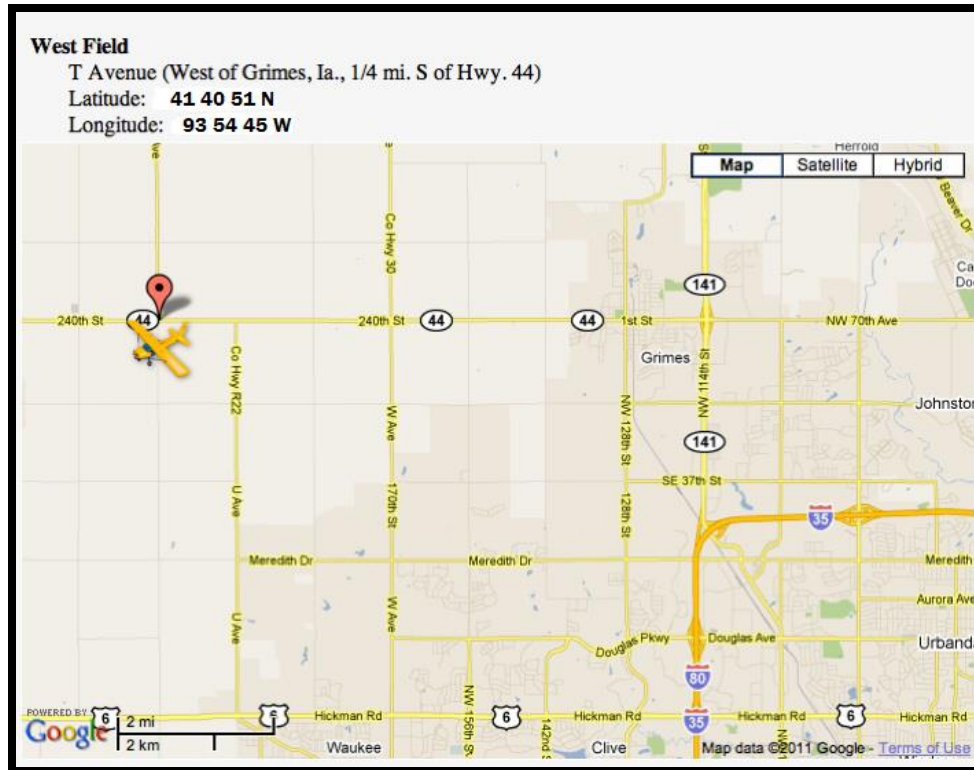
## Flying Field Locations

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