

Plane Talk News

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter Spring 2020

President's Message from Scott Leonard

Hello Modelaires,

I wish this newsletter was coming to you under better circumstances. The current state of things is prohibiting a fair amount of our "normal" lives, including our ability to fully enjoy our great hobby. Along those lines, we've decided to cancel all club events and meetings for March and April. Flying fields remain open; we simply urge you to use common sense and follow any local/state guidelines regarding gatherings, etc.

On a much brighter side, we've had some outstanding publicity lately. Back in January I was contacted by a writer for the family of Iowa Living magazines. After a bit of discussion, we were able to work with their staff writers for several community editions. We've had interviews in the Clive, Urbandale, Waukee, Johnston, Ankeny and other editions thus far – with a few GREAT photos included. A huge thank you to all members interviewed. We even get a small "reward" from the AMA for being in these publications!

One last item to mention – field maintenance. Both fields are in need of a bit of maintenance. I understand EPJ has a couple items:

- Runway fabric staples are coming up in some areas
- Several holes in the ground around the pit areas – most likely from moles

For West field, there's some serious work that needs to be done on the north/south runway (a large amount of erosion, and the winter winds blew up the entire center fabric section. A few guys already attempted some fixing, but the winds would not cooperate that day.

I ask for some volunteers from both fields to step up and organize spring work days (to be done after the covid-19 stuff calms down of course).

See you at the field...hopefully soon!

-Scott



Upcoming Club Events (check web site for possible updates)

- ~~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)
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The following article is from the March 2020 edition of “Johnston Living” author Ashley Rullestad, used by permission from Shane Goodman, Publisher & President.



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NEVER too old

**Who says toys
are just for kids?**

By Ashley Rullestad

Nearly everyone can look back on their childhoods and vividly remember one thing — their favorite toys. It might have been that Red Ryder carbine action 200 shot range model air rifle that your dad was cool enough to let you have at age 8. Maybe it was Rock 'Em Sock 'Em robots, He-Man figures, Barbies, Transformers, My Little Ponys, Lincoln Logs, LEGO bricks, Rainbow Brights, Care Bears or Cabbage Patch Kids.

Some of us keep the memories of childhood alive by collecting the toys we enjoyed as kids or playing with new-found “toys” such as remote-controlled airplanes or racecars that are upgraded versions from the ones that were around when we were kids. No matter the toy, our favorites hold special memories that can transport us back to happy times and more carefree days. Those who have held on to their treasures or found new ones agree! Toys are just plain old fun — and you're never too old to enjoy them.

Jim Myklestad is a radio-controlled airplane enthusiast and has a private collection of planes he enjoys.
Photo by Ashley Rullestad

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In the air

Jim Myklestad was only a kid in Mason City when he saw people flying model airplanes on control lines and thought he wanted to do that someday.

"I got into it as a teenager, but then you discover cars and girls, and you get married and have a family, and I didn't get back into it until 2008."

Now Myklestad is a member of Des Moines Modelaires Club, which

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is associated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the national organization of model aircraft. In fact, they are one of the top 25 largest AMA-sanctioned remote control clubs in the United States.

Club members fly radio-controlled model airplanes at two private flying fields. Both fields have artificial hard surface runways, safety fences, and a spectator area. Meetings are usually the first Tuesday of each month, and anyone interested in RC flying is welcome to attend.

AMA provides the local chapter with insurance and safety guidelines and serves as a go-between with the FAA.

"Safety is a big part of this. These airplanes are real, but they're small, so we have to fly them with those safety regulations. RC is so much simpler than it used to be. Before, you'd have to buy a radio and receiver and build the airplane, buy a motor, build it yourself and hope you didn't crash it. Now you can buy things ready to fly."

It's also not terribly expensive, as hobbies go. It's cheaper than playing golf, he says. For \$200 to \$300, you can be in the hobby and flying. People might fly small electric airplanes, big gasoline-powered ones, turbine jets, sail planes, helicopters, aerobatic models or combat planes.



Jim Myklestad has several radio-controlled airplanes, such as this one, that he enjoys flying.

Anything that can be done with a real aircraft can be done with models.

"Of course, they'll also do things full scale planes can't do, like things a pilot wouldn't survive. There's a lot of camaraderie. Another great thing about it is the careers in aviation. A lot of World War II and Korean War aces started out flying model airplanes... as well as astronauts and aviation engineers. It's a way to get your feet wet."

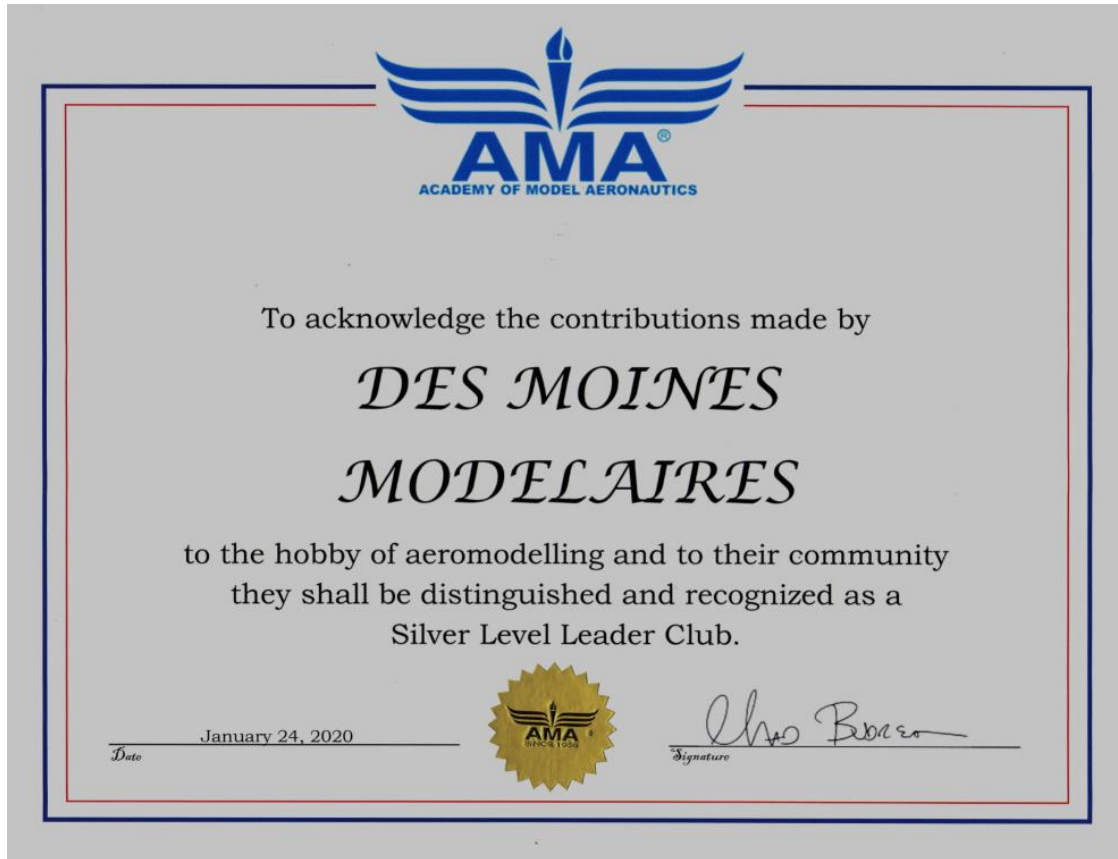
Myklestad, 72, admits he may be a little stuck in the past when it comes to his planes. While most guys are flying electric-powered airplanes now, he flies 4-stroke internal combustion airplanes and old-fashioned sport

aerobatics. About half of his planes are ones he's built himself, but he also buys planes that are ARF (almost ready to fly). He buys the frame and installs the other components because it's actually less expensive than building it completely from scratch. You can also buy a completely ready-to-fly plane. Just take it home and stick a battery in it, and it's ready to go.

Every week during the summer, the Modelaires have training nights. They furnish airplanes and instructors, and anyone can come out.

Those interested in learning more about model airplanes or flying remote control can visit www.desmoinesmodelaires.com. ■

The Modelaires received this certificate from the AMA for our club's hobby and community activities.



Plane display at on 2/23 West Field while the photographer was taking pictures for the Clive Living publication. It was a great collection of aircraft from club members.







Modelaires February 15 and March 14 Indoor Flying Events

The 1st indoor event of the year was very well attended, with the flight line busy. Models ranged from micro-quadcopters to larger models. Likely around 30 pilots and observers attended on the 15th. The 2nd event was a little lighter in attendance due to spring break and impact of COVID-19 response, but flying was enjoyed by the pilots.



Learn to Fly RC!

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 1st 2020 through Monday August 31st. 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)	DenisRoy81@gmail.com	(515)-249-1617
West Field	Pat Nestvedt (Airplane)	plnest@hotmail.com	(515) 201-8112
West Field	Scott Leonard (Airplane)	scott@sjleonard.com	(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)	clone2tb@gmail.com	(515) 289-1144
EPJ	Tim Nissen (Airplane)	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091
EPJ	Doug Griffith (Airplane)	duggriff@yahoo.com	(515) 480-1585
EPJ	Kelly Brown (Helicopter)	kbrown@brownsmedicalimaging.com	(515) 494-4884
EPJ	Matt Coleman (Airplane & Helicopter)	colemn615@gmail.com	(515) 782-9499

2020 Calendar of Events

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

- **Club Meetings are generally the 1st 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 2nd 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 31st of 2020

New Member- Adult \$100, after July 31st \$60

Youth \$15

Spousal \$50

Renewal – Adult \$100, **after March 31st, \$120**

Youth \$15

Spousal \$50, **after March 31st, \$60**

Adult – 19 & over at anytime during 2020

Youth – 18 & under through December 31st, 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 1st Ave. / Perry, IA 50220

Cell# 515-491-9039

Email: dsmodelaires@gmail.com

2020 Club Officers

Position	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Scott Leonard*	scott@sjleonard.com	(515) 494-2011
Vice President	Alan Annear **	raannear@gmail.com	(515) 491-9039
Secretary	John Faust**	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866
Treasurer	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
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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
EPJ	Tim Nissen	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091
West Field	John Faust	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866

Membership

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

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Perry, IA 5220

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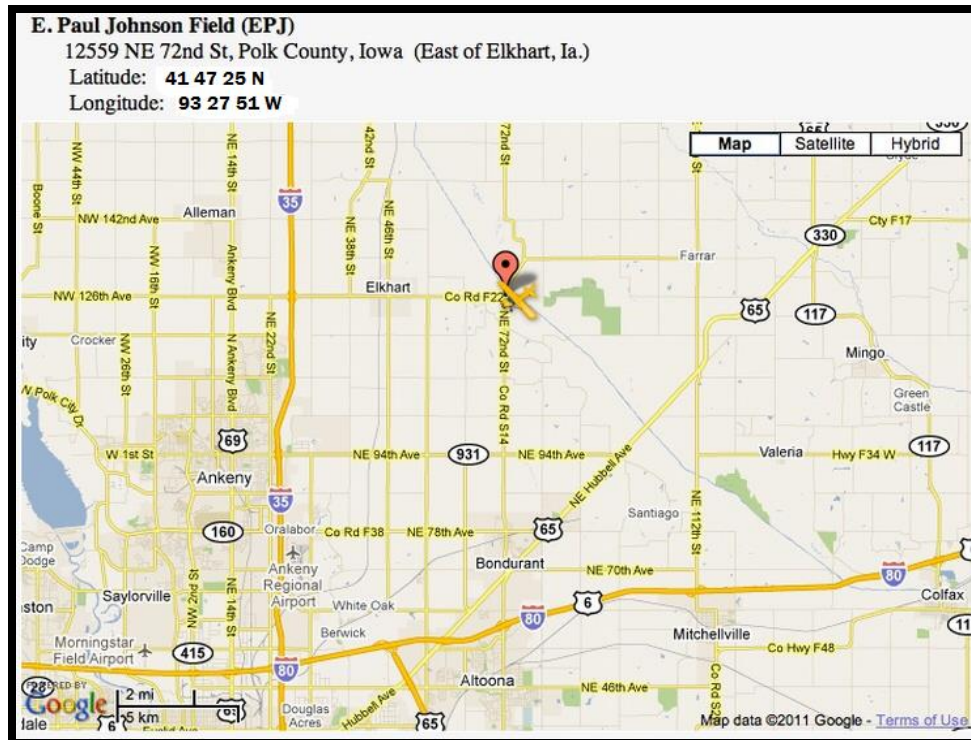
Dave Beecher

Email: db500_1999@yahoo.com

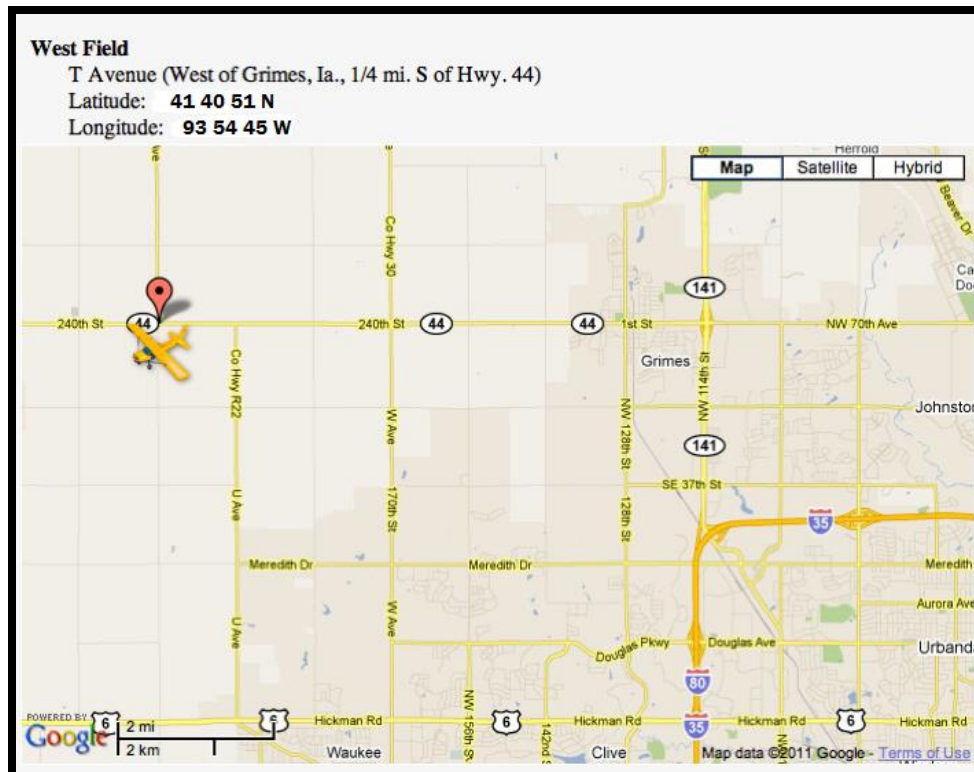
Flying Field Locations

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
- 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