



PLANE TALK NEWS JANUARY 2022



Hello Everyone,

Clubs are created by people having a common interest and a desire to share and exchange knowledge and help each other. There are lots of ways to share, especially in today's world with social media. Covid has made sharing more challenging. I admit I am old fashioned. I enjoyed getting the monthly newsletter with information about club activities, meeting minutes, modeling tips, fun facts and information about members. With that in mind, I am going to try my hand at reviving the monthly newsletter. I will publish it in as many formats as members want (email, website, Facebook, print, etc.).

Club general meetings for January and February have been cancelled. The board will continue to meet. Members can attend board meetings but can only observe. You may contact the board by email at dsmmodelaires@gmail.com.

December election results:

President – Alan Annear,

Vice President – Ray Pick

Treasurer – Greg Ireland

Secretary – Connor Johnson

Board Members – Greg Helton, Jeff Ireland, Curt Bennick, Vince Stefanski, Bill Botts,
Rich Huyck, Larry Petersen

Club History

When I joined in the 1990's, Chuck Blake was producing a club history book which he updated each year and sold to members. Here is some information from that book and some old pictures that have been passed down to me.

Club founded in 1934 by Bo Watson. A membership list from May 1940 shows 15 members. Members flew gas and rubberband powered free flight models at Ft. Des Moines.

Members from the 1940's included E. Paul Johnson, Fred Miller, Dick Arland and Joe Campopiano. These men continued to be members until their passing, with Joe just passing last year.

Maxey Hester and Hazel Sigafosse Hester of SIG Manufacturing were once members of this club. Hazel was President at one time.

There are many fun facts in our club history. I'll put some in each month. I hope you enjoy it.

I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me at my email or by phone.

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Penguin Fun Fly

First Penguin Fun Fly at Bill Chase's sod farm January 13, 1991. Al Grier CD. 23 flyers attending. This picture is from 1993.



2022 Penguin Fun Fly at Westfield

Guys in the clubhouse at Westfield. Nine guys attending. Six flying or attempting to fly. Penguin Flys are a little different than in 1993. Good food for potluck.

