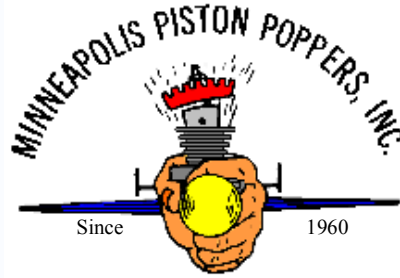


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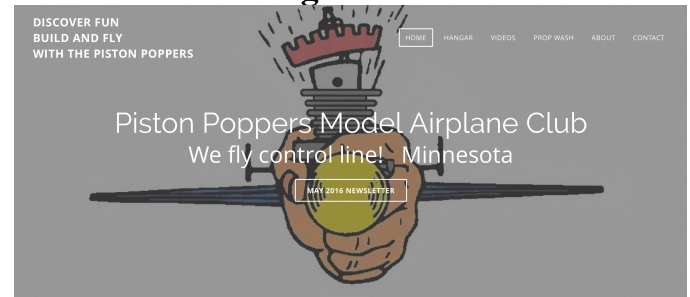
## December Meeting

**Old Business:** Next Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Frozen Fun Fly. Starting at 11 am to 1, Tony and Bob have all the good food arranged for a cold but fun filled time. Building Sessions; all are on Sundays starting at 9 am, dates are January 14, February 18, March 25 and April 8. Donations are requested by participants. Tony has all of our upcoming 2018 meetings setup on the EAA calendar web site.

**Show and Tell;** Jeff Lange showed us a couple of ideas. One was having a peg board set flush in your workbench and having a vacuum underneath to suck up the sanding dust. Another was to use a square fan with a furnace filter taped to it to collect dust in the shop while sanding. Bob Cheney showed us an OS 25 that he cleaned up by soaking it in antifreeze while being boiled in a crock pot.

Jim Gevay

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## Building Sessions

Here is a list of proposed dates for our 2018 building sessions...

Sunday February 18th

Sunday March 25th

Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Tony Kubes

## FLYING DAYS

Tonight at the meeting we talked about the Jan 1<sup>st</sup> frozen fly. (*Canceled due to a number of poppers being ill*).

Jeff Lange gave us a thought about a dust collection system when sanding on our models. It was a Redneck collector of a furnace filter duck taped to a box fan. It worked.

Who is willing to come up with another idea to share at the January meeting? My best trick is mowing grass which will have to wait till spring.

**1/14/2018**

Our first building session started out with a beautiful red sunrise. We also had a good group to build with. Ivars, Jeff, Tony, Wayne, Tom, Dave, Keith, Rachel and myself.

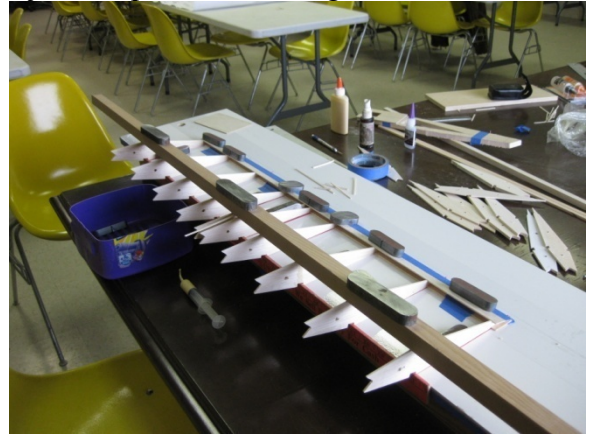
Projects were started, repairs being made and a continuation of projects that were already started. Ivars worked on a project he has been working on at home he said it was a sorta Buccaneer 740. Tony was repairing his Mo Best, Tom building a Challenger wing, Wayne was guiding Rachel in the building of a Skyray wing. Dave V. had a Ringmaster that

was built without the lead-outs and looking for advice on how to fix it, Jeff and I started construction of Riley Wooton's Fury. Wayne brought in his P-38, big plane and oh so nice. I didn't see what Keith was building but he did team up with Tony to solve an issue with an adjustable lead-out guide.

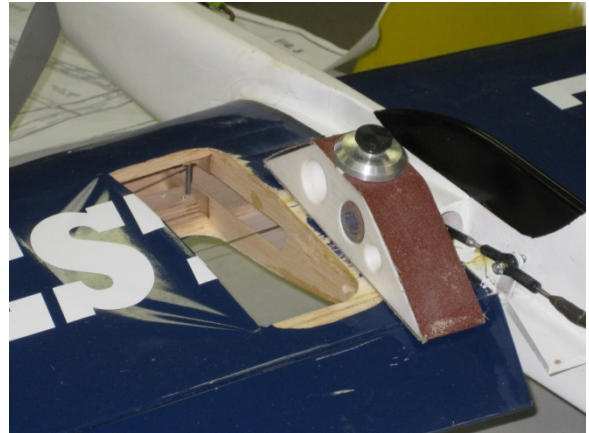
You know this was a fun outing so why don't you all come out and join us as ideas are shared and accepted.



Sunrise on a cold morning. Seven degrees below zero, just the perfect time to go inside and BUILD.



The start of a wing



Crash repair underway



Ivars Sorta Buccaneer 740



A Keith Sandberg designed Challenger



Tom cutting wood



A big P-38 getting closer to flight



Team working



Wayne may be helping but Rachel is doing the building



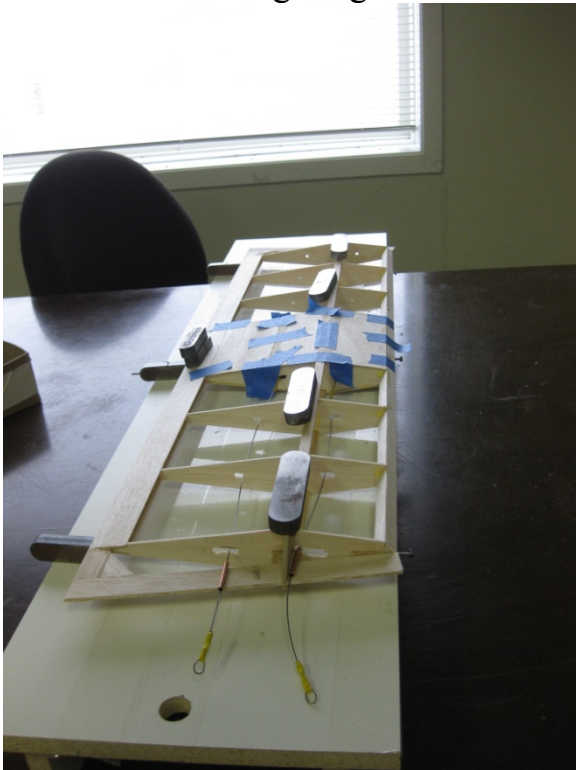
The wise old Owl is adding his eyes to help Rachel



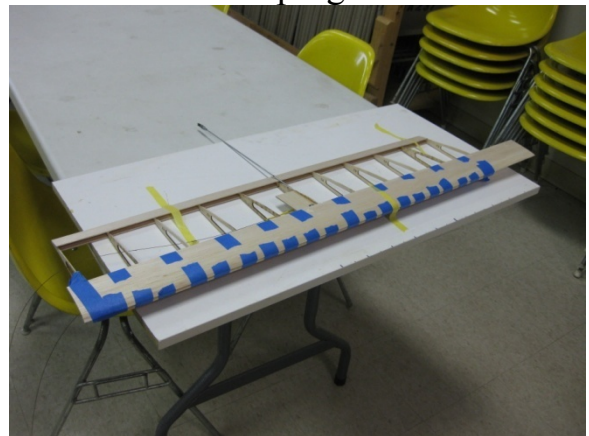
Rib gluing



More progress



Progress



Tom had good progress also

So as you can see we are all on the way to having some new planes in the air this spring. It is not too late to join us with your new project as our next session is Feb 18 9AM till whenever.

Bob Cheney

## **Last night I had a dream....**

The blue Nobler ARF was complete and it needed paint. My plan was simple: white wing tips and tail tips, like the airplanes held by John Brodak and George Aldrich in a recent Model Airplane News. I remember in my dream's eye painting the wing tips white, as planned, by dipping them in paint. I guess cans of dope are bigger in dreams. Apparently I couldn't stop there at simple, and I must have opened more cans of different colors.

When I stepped back to observe the completed beauty and to marvel at my work, it was the ugliest airplane I ever had seen. While out of my dream's eye, I had added wide alternating red and yellow stripes to the blue wings and other such trim to the fuselage and tail.

It's peculiarity far exceeded the green and yellow 1/2a airplane painted in my youth! Good luck to all this building session, and don't paint in your sleep.  
Tom Sontag



**MEETING NOTICE: January 25 – Anoka County Airport at 7:30 PM**

The Piston Poppers Club meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Anoka Co. Airport in Blaine, MN. Enter the airport road from the automatic gates on the West side, turn right and go south past the airport beacon to the 2

hangar. It's the Blue hangar between Thunderbolt Aviation and the Golden Wings Museum, next to the road. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

