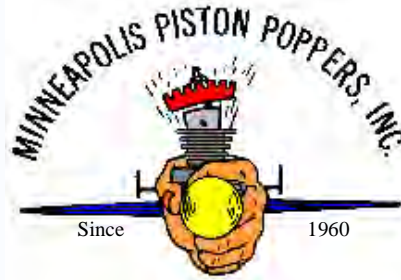


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January Meeting

Old Business: Tony has all our club meetings scheduled on the EAA web site for the rest of the year. The January 1st Frozen Fun Fly was cancelled because of too many people being sick, the first in about 25 years since it started in 1990.

Building sessions; the next one is February 18th at 9 am. There were 9 members in attendance at the last one. The club swap meet is at the next meeting on February 22nd, bring everything you have to sell, 10% go to the club.

Tony has our flying site at the school set and reserved for all of 2018. Starting March 31st, on Saturdays and Sundays, it's 8-9:30 pm, through October 31st. Weather permitting, the club can still fly after that. On Wednesdays we start on June 8th from 4-9:30 pm until August 30th. He also reserved the field on January 1st 2019. The school has received no complaints about us and they have been very happy with us. There will be a Porta-Potty next summer, just like last year.

Show and Tell: Dennis Leonhardi brought in some books, magazines and other things to sell for an estate sale. He also had a Nobler in the box for sale. Jeff Lange showed us a cut off wheel he got from Harbor Freight. It's similar to a Dremel cut off wheel but larger. He used it in a drill press to cut slots for control surface hinges.

Building Sessions

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

Sunday March 25th

Sunday April 8th

Tony Kubus

Click on Photo to go to the website



Discover Aviation Days

I spoke with Craig Schiller at Flight Line Gifts in Blaine. He sits on the board of Discover Aviation Days. Craig asked me to let the club know Discover Aviation Days will be held June 2nd and 3rd. He said they will invite the Piston Poppers to fly demonstrations. They have new organizers this year, so if the club doesn't hear from them in a month or two, we should contact them at info@discoveraviationdays.org

Also put in a good word for Flight Line Gifts. It was a fun aviation shop with plastic models, clothing, aircraft memorabilia, panels of airplanes, framed art, calendars, wall stickers of airplanes from 1-8 feet long, toys, and other aviation goodies. Their number is 763-784-6400, and address is 1033 109th Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55434. They are just west of Hwy 65 on 109th.
Tom Sontag

FLYING DAYS

It was meeting night and where was everybody? Tony gave us an update on the flying field for this coming year, some new and improved times.

Dennis brought some books and a couple planes to sell. Jeff was again our demo man showing how he cuts hinge slots with a drill press.

The building sessions were brought up, our first had nine people working on projects and lending a hand where needed, or tools, supplies, or good advice. Why don't you come and join us to offer some of your insights, or just come because your part of the club.

Bob Cheney

Bob Taylor - Minneapolis Piston Popper - 1966

Some of us (who aren't kids anymore) remember Piston Popper Bob Taylor from the '60s. Here he's pictured on the front cover of the February, 1967 issue of Flying Models magazine with the P-51B Mustang he flew at the 1966 Nationals. The model had a wingspan of 37", weighed 4-1/2 pounds, and was powered by a SuperTigre .46.

The club had a few very good scale builders - OK, **craftsmen** - at the time.

Bob left the area in the late '60s or very early '70s, as I recall, to assume a position as editor of a newspaper in northern Minnesota. I was fortunate to purchase a Corsair with a Max .35 and throttle control as he "cleaned house". The model was a lot of fun for several years; touch and gos on both asphalt or grass were always crowd pleasers, and there was more than enough power for several consecutive loops. But I would have much

preferred to see Bob stay with the club - he was a real gentleman, and always more than willing to offer help or share his building methods.

Thanks Bob!

Dennis Leonhardi



Building Session

Here are a few photos from today's building session, I think Bob took a few too.

Jim Gevay



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Past Photos of Piston Poppers from Jim Gevay and Bob Cheney

A few from SIG 2004.

Jim Borg, Ryan Heath and Keith S.

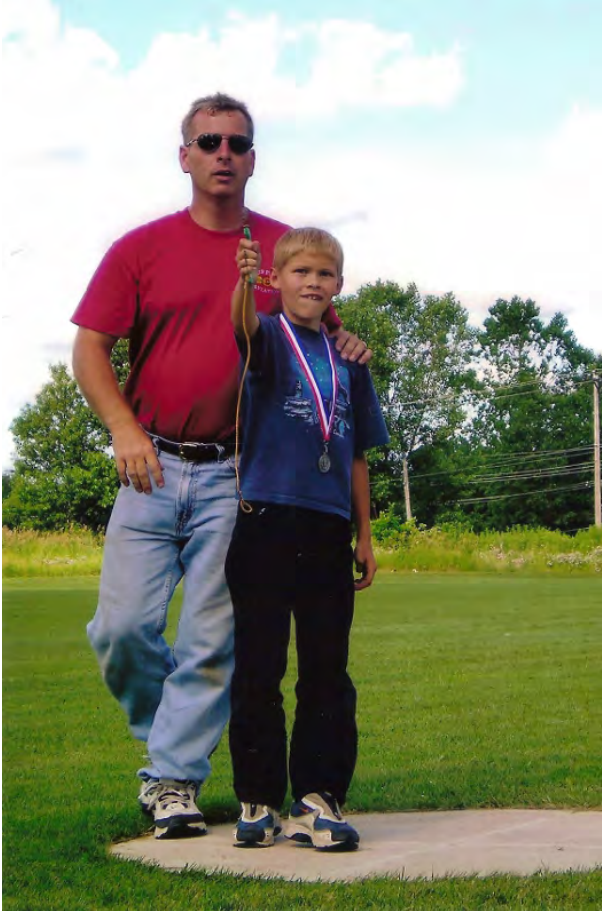
Mike Pratt and Sina with his Force.

2 from the Kids Kontest 2004, Keith training 2 of the kids.

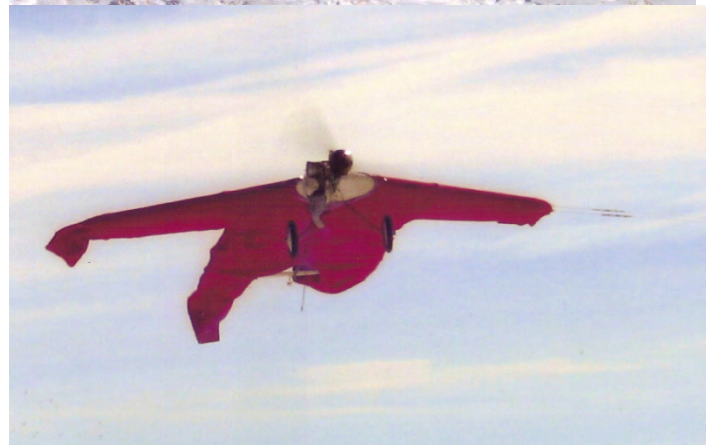
3 from the Frozen Fun Fly 2005, a group photo, Norm Anderson and his candy cane plane, before and after.

Wayne and his fleet in 2005

Group photo from the Frozen Fun Fly 2006



Photos are from 2007, a group photo and Norm Anderson and his flying red underwear.
The second 2 are from 2008, a group photo and Norm's flying Christmas wreath,
The last 2 are from 2009 and are both group photos.





MEETING NOTICE: February 22 – 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.

