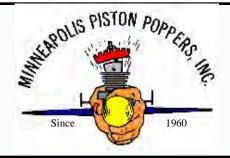
# Prop



## Wash

July 2018

### Prop Wash is a publication of the Piston Poppers Inc., an AMA U-control club

President: Tony Kubes 763-424-1045 Vice President: Keith Sandberg 763-477-9032 Secretary: Jim Gevay 763-780-8140 Treasurer: John Christensen 651-489-1735 Board Member: Keith Sandberg 763-477-9032 Editor: Sean Shug Emery 651-894-4079

Safety Officer: Glen Peterson 651-687-0453 Field Marshal:

Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible. Send to

seanemery2@mac.com

Club web address is www.pistonpoppers.com

### **June Meeting**

**Old Business:** Glen Peterson reported on the Iowa Contest. There were about 6 total participants. Some rain came early, they flew anyway, and then it got windy. Glen got a 3<sup>rd</sup> in something. Sunday was windy, so the contest was cancelled.

New Business: Tony says that everything is running good at the school as of last Wed. The school Porta-Potty is working out good for us, we don't have to pay for one as long as it remains there. Steve Fiskum was at our last meeting and joined the club. He saw us on our web page. Welcome aboard Steve, and thank you Tom for your work!

He started out at 14 but wasn't too successful at it. He is working on a Twister and plans to put an OS 40 on it that he got from Tom. He also has an OS 15 and is looking for ideas on what to mount it on.

**Show and Tell:** Dennis Leonhardi had some plans for sale. Tom Sontag showed us one of his planes from the batch he got from

Boise ID. It's a red full fuselage and an older design of some kind, he has a McCoy 35 Red Head for it.

Jim Gevay

### Click on Photo to go to the website



## FLYING DAYS 6/23/2018

Today this was the perfect day, weather was perfect, the flying was perfect and being with fellow club members was also perfect. As you can tell I thought it was perfect. Now if we can only get more members flying it will change to be awesome.

Ivars was set up for the first flights of the day. His Trophy Trainer looks just as good

in the air as it is sitting on the ground. Jerry was getting the Ringmaster and Skyray ready for flight as I was rolling out lines for the four stroking Tutor. Tom show up bringing with him a free flight flier who is willing to give control-line a try. John was out with his Gotcha.

As for flying Keith brought Rachel out to put the maiden flight on her winter build of a modified Skyray. It sure looks nice, though she said she didn't plan it her clothes were color matched to her plane. Soon the motor was fired up and away she flew. Rachel said it flew well but needed something after a change or two up she went again and was totally pleased.

Tom also had his winter build Keith designed Challenger out for its maiden flight. Another success.

After a few hours it was time to pack it in for the day where many good flights made for that perfect day feeling.





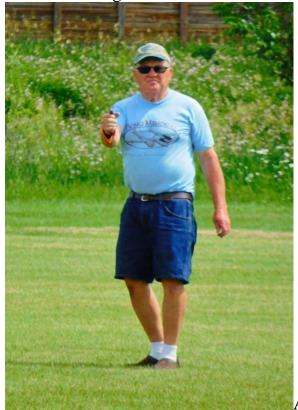
Trophy Trainer on its way with Jerry working the pits



A man and his plane



Challenger and the Wizard



handsome pose Jerry flying the Ringmaster



Rachel's plane, compare her clothes and shoes to her color and graphics



Proud Dad with a very sweet daughter



In flight





Before her maiden flight Rachel flew the Ringmaster. What is interesting here is look at her shorts and shoes at how they match her winter built project

#### 6/27/2018

Wed night fun fly and it was fun, nine of us partook of the great temps and light winds. We were able to get in many flights and a comment I heard and it sums it up best "now this feels like a club". Our newest member Steve Fiskum brought out the Twister wing for some instructions and insight and to help get answers for some of his questions, nice to have builders at the field to turn to.

As for flying Jerry flew the Ringmaster and a Top Flite Tutor. While I was flying the Four-stroke Tutor ARF I have. John had the Gotcha and Keith his Legacy, Shug got in some flights with the Strega. Tom flew the ME-109, Challenger, and the ½ A Wizard.

Just a super night.



Jerry's Top Flite Tutor



The Four-Stroke ARF



Tom and the little Wizard



The Legacy

We kept flying and having a ball but when the moon rose we knew it was time to go.



7/4/2018

Happy Independence Day. It was a hot, humid and rainy day I didn't think there would be a chance to get in any flying. But in the evening Tom gave me a call told me that John and he were going to get out for a couple flights. I decided to go and be a spectator. It turned out to be a good evening with a light breeze and comfortable temps. Glad I went.

Tom had the 4<sup>th</sup> covered with his red white and blue themed planes with stars. John was breaking in a new motor on the Gotcha.

I enjoyed myself watching these fellow club members having some good flights. Hoping the weather holds for the weekend as I want to partake of this fun.



The Gotcha on its way



Chipmunks time for flight



Independence Day planes

#### 7/14/2018

Finally a day without rain or strong winds, though it was a very warm day with high humidity.

Today brought out Ivars with his latest creation. A beautiful stunt plane called a Gypsy. He said he had some knocking knees so he shook off the cobwebs flying his Trophy Trainer. Though he says there's trimming to do it sure looked nice in the air.

John, Jerry, Jim, Keith and I got in some flights nothing spectacular, just having a good time. I had to leave early today so I can't report on the rest of the flying session but as I was leaving Wayne showed up. Hope he flew and enjoyed himself.



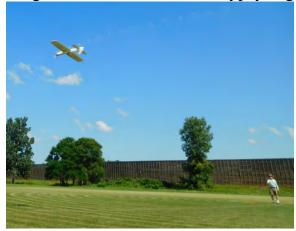




Jim with the electric Nobler



Setting the needle for the first Gypsy flight



The Gypsy inverted and upright



7/18/2018

Wed evening with only John, Tom and myself flying. Had a good time the breeze was manageable, temps were bearable and the flying great.

There are just a few shots from tonight.



My rides



John's plane



Tom's trainer



And the 109 in flight



That's all folks tune in next month. Bob Cheney

### Nice Link to Pitts Special Mertolia Control Liners Society

 $\frac{https://www.dropbox.com/s/km76kzyy8t2w}{eiw/7-July-2018.pdf?dl=0}$ 



### **MEETING NOTICE: July 26** – 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

