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## March Meeting

**Old Business:** Tony said that the building sessions have had a good turnout, especially the last one. The last session is on April 8<sup>th</sup>, on a Sunday at 9am. The Iowa contest and DAD are on the same weekend, June 2-3. Bob Cheney wanted to know if there were going to be enough people at DAD to make it worthwhile to set up anything. Looks like there may be 6-8 people there at least part of the weekend. It was proposed to have a sign/board at DAD listing the flying times so we didn't have to be at the circle all the time. Example; flying at 9-10, 11-12 and 1-2pm. I have sent in the paperwork and insurance for the DAD weekend.

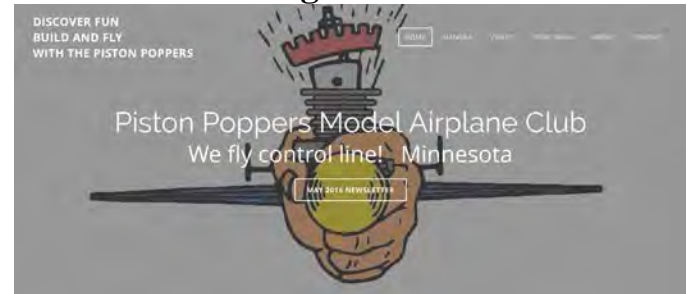
The flying field conditions were discussed. Flying starts on April 1<sup>st</sup> on Saturdays and Sundays from 8-9:30 through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday flying starts on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-9:30 through August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Porta Potty will be installed sometime around late May.

**Show and Tell:** Jerry Lundholm brought in his Sterling Mustang that he's had for some years now. He had a Fox 35 in it and crashed it, so he repaired it and it now has an ST 35. Tom Sontag showed us copies of an original plan he found for

the J. D. Akerman flying wing, built in 1935 at the U of M. He donated the set of plans to the University and it will be placed by the actual plane that hangs in one of the U of M's buildings.

Jim Gevay

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## 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](mailto:info@discoveraviationdays.org)

## FLYING DAYS

The last build session of the year is over lots of different projects were started with some close to completion. I know that there will be new planes in the air this spring.

Today Jeff and I got off to a good start mounting gear, motor and figuring out final tank design on my Fury. Speaking of my Fury when it came to finishing I silk spanned the wings (*doctor exam paper*) and painted with Krylon rattle can paint. This looked good till I tried to clear-coat the finish then wow, the undercoat wrinkled and bubbled up. So I ended up using a paint stripper to remove the paint and silk span. I've been trying to find something I can use other than dope to paint with during the winter months. I've tried Rust-o-lum and Latex with bad results so went back to an iron on covering and Lusterkote paints. So it is what it is at least it is finished and ready to fly.

Today saw Tony continue on the Mo-Best repair, Ivars with the Trophy Trainer repairs (*which look flawless*) he was also adding trim to the Gypsy he has been working on this year.

Jerry brought in a new laser cut Sig Skyray kit and had the wing framed up before he left. The kit was far better than some of the first ones I purchased and built. Laser cutting has made kit building faster with better fitting joints without the sanding to fit or the die crunch wood to deal with.

Keith was working on the Brodak Blue Angel while Wayne has the P-38 up on the gear. This is a massive plane, I can't wait to see it finished and in the air.

Dr. Dave as we like to call him is starting a Brodak Ringmaster ARF after suggestions on how to get started Keith invited him out to his house for some one on one building. What a guy, just another reason being involved with the Piston Poppers is so great. Dave plans to use the Ringmaster in the Brotherhood of the Ring flights later this year.

Tom brought in an older Chipmunk that needs some minor repairs; John was there with suggestions and advice which is much appreciated.

Now just a few photo's from today.



As you can see my Fury is ready for first flight





Tony and the Mo-Best repair



Jerry getting started on the Skyray



What a great repair. This plane received heavy damage at Polk City.



P-38 Bigger is better

**FM SKYLARKS 62nd ANNUAL CONTROL LINE CONTEST**

AMA Sanctioned "AA"      Fargo ND, Aug 11/ 12, 2018

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT OUR CONTEST DIRECTORS:

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**      Mixed Nuts will be run Saturday and Sunday on any open circle.

**SATURDAY:**  
 Events Registration 9:00am to 12:00pm  
 Pilots meeting at 9:45am

Stunt: AM A Precision Aerobatics Classic Stunt, and Beginner Stunt, will fly 3 flights on Saturday, 10:00am until finished. The top percentage of each class will fly off on Sunday from 9:00am until 11:00am.

Speed Limit Combat: 4 rounds beginning at 10am until finished.

Carrier: Profile, Profile Electric, Class I & IE combined, Class II & IIE combined, and 15 Carrier beginning at 10:00am until 5:00pm.

Club sponsored picnic at 5:30pm.

Balloon Bust: starting right after picnic

**SUNDAY:**  
 Chapel Service 8:00am

Stunt Fly off 9:00am until 11:00am

F2D Fast combat: 9:30 until finished. Will try for triple elimination based on number of entries

Special SlowR at Race: about 11am

An Awards Ceremony will follow the last event!

Entry fee: \$30.00, this covers all events  
 \*Refreshment available onsite for purchase

We hope you can join us to celebrate 62 years of control line competition in Fargo, North Dakota!



**MEETING NOTICE: April 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

