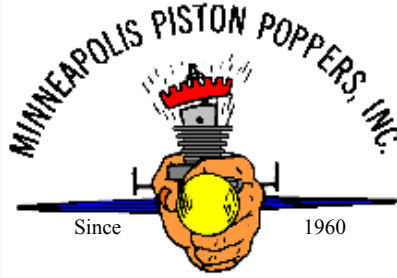


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## October Meeting

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Tony says that we will remove the Porta-Potty at the end of next week, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The weather forecast is showing colder next week and our days out there are limited. Our next meeting is the combined **Nov/Dec meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Tony has not been able to get a hold of our new contact person at the school yet. Tom Sontag and Tony will try and have a meeting with the school Principal sometime. The Frozen Fun Fly is on a Monday this year. It looks like Tony will be in charge of the chili again.

*I know I'm going to get this next part wrong, but Tony's wife or daughter received a nice gift from us last year for her hard work in making the chili. She was really proud of it and appreciated the thanks too. I'm sorry I can't remember her name either, but I do know the chili is very good every year.*

Nominations for club officers: Bob Cheney made the motion to keep all positions the

same as last year, seconded. Voting is next month Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

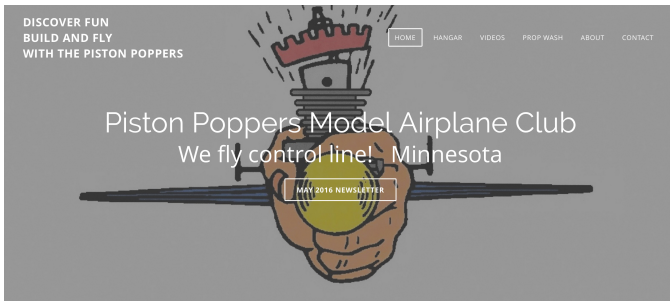
**Show and Tell:** Tom Sontag showed us some carbon fiber tubes he found at the Ax Man, they're about 16" by 1/4", good for pushrods. He also went

to Hancock Fabrics and got some lightweight wedding dress material, it feels like a polyester. He's going to try some out for covering.

Jim Gevay

At the Dec 5 meeting I will show the two methods that I have used to be able to run different motors on a plane.

John Christensen



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## Try Some Indoor Flying

The MMAC (Minneapolis Model Aero Club] has scheduled indoor sessions for November 17th, January 19th, February 16th, March 15th and April 19th from 5 to 7 pm at Christ The King Lutheran Church in New Brighton (1900 7th St NW, New Brighton 55112).

There will be competition in Bostonian (14 gm minimum weight), Butterfly, Firefly, Glider (Hand Launch & Catapult Combined), No-Cal, Peanut & Walnut Combined, Phantom Flash, and another Class for Light Weight models such as the EZB. No microfilm covering is allowed.

You don't want to compete? Go for the fun anyway, it beats sitting by the fireplace complaining about the cold ... The entry fees are modest, you'll find some control line flyers there (Dale Mendenhall is the CD for many of the club's contests), and you'll see some remarkable flights without lines.

Dominick and I made it to one session last year and hope to catch several in the coming year.

Dennis Leonhardi



## Hello from Johann Brentrup

Former club member Johann Brentrup contacted the Piston Poppers in October after finding the website. You will enjoy reading the exchange of fun memories.

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Johann Brentrup  
[johann@brentrup.com](mailto:johann@brentrup.com)

How things come around and turn around....and around...

Found your site and remembered we were among the original founders. My father designed the logo that I see is still in use by you guys! That's great. We were with the originators in the early '60's but the only folks I remember are Jim Sinton (carrier) and Jeff Welliver (stunt).

There were others, that I almost remember, but I'm 74 and suffer from serious COPD, pretty much bedridden and fairly out of it.

My father specialized in scale and semi-scale stunt, I specialized in stunt. I was in my prime at 16 and remember the contests at Mankato airport and Sioux Falls. Believe our contests were at a shopping center on Central Ave.

I remember my father's beautiful Berkely Piper Tri-Pacer and P-47 Thunderbolt. We both built stunt P-39 Airacobras with .25 engines and I fell in love with Steve Wooley's Argus. I built 4 of them before I quit.



I also flew a lot of Rat-Race.

Anyway, it is nice to see my father's logo still in use!

Thanks for the nostalgia!

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Dear Johann,

Thank you for contacting the Piston Poppers and for the history. This is a wonderful hobby, and we have a terrific logo. May we publish your story in the newsletter?

What happened to the Aerocobras and Argus? Perhaps they should be brought to the circle? Would you like to join us sometime at a club meeting or flying field? I am sure Dennis, Dale, Dave and others would like to Catch up on your activities.

Tom

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Dear Tom, and others,

You may publish the history with a couple of notes. I know Jim Sinton was involved in forming the club, but I can't remember much else in that respect. I just remember that my father volunteered to design the logo. Before the club started, my father and I mowed a circle on some land adjacent to ours and owned by a farmer that grew sugar cane.

I remember the names Rick Suss and my old nemesis, Mike Stott. It seemed like it was always a toss-up as to 1st and 2nd with him in stunt. Don't remember Becker Park, but I do remember a shopping center on Central Ave. I think...

There were also a couple of brothers that flew speed and had some of the first piped engines, MVVS or Rossi, I think.

My memory is pretty bad these days with COPD and all, but I was looking at this photo of Steve Wooley's Argus and I remembered my original AMA number, 10517!



I have no photos from this time. I left it all behind when I went in the service. Well, not exactly as I found out I was able to try for the Air Force team one year going to the NATS, and I qualified. My parents drove down to Texas to see me and I was on a break from Okinawa.

Thank you for the club or field meeting invite, but I'm afraid that is not possible anymore.

Thank you all for the memories...

Best,

Johann.

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Excerpts from later email:

Tom: OK, I can't help myself, here is one more picture of me with some kids in Iowa that wanted to examine my Challenger. The times have changed, but kids still love airplanes.

Johann: Contests were Junior, senior and open, always used VECO tanks with the wedge on the outside. Don't know Vectors and Tutors, barely know Monokote and don't care for that stuff. What kind of engines do they use for stunt these days?

Tom: We use a variety of engines it seems. I've seen a lot of the LA and FP series from O.S. The O.S. 40FP and 46LA are popular. The O.S. start well and don't require much break in. For larger stunt ships, the Super Tigre 51 and V60 are popular, and the 4 strokes from Saito.

Johann: Back in the day, it was almost always Fox. Never cared much for the build quality, but we used .25's, .29's and of course, .35's. Used to disassemble them and clean out all the flashing before running. Used a lot of Super Tigre for rat. Like the looks of the STLA and always wondered about 4 strokes for stunt. Seems as though they would run slow but maybe dig in when called.

Ah, well, all remembrances anyway. Always wanted to build one more Argus, but never had enough time.

The moment that Argus came out in Model Airplane News or whatever, I was out with the wrapping paper scaling up the plan. Built all 4 the original color scheme...

Thanks for the info on the engines!

Tom Sontag

## From Dennis....

You may not know who Mike Patey is, but this video shows what he is like. Last month he crashed the plane he calls Draco, now it looks like he may rebuild it. He's also building something he calls Scrappy because he says he's building it from scrap parts.

When he's done, it will no doubt outperform any other existing STOL plane.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO8HQNsiYCw>

## Airport Flying Field

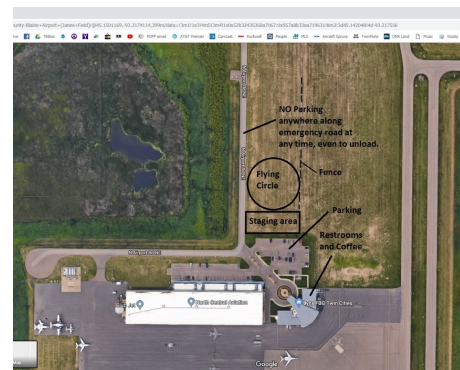
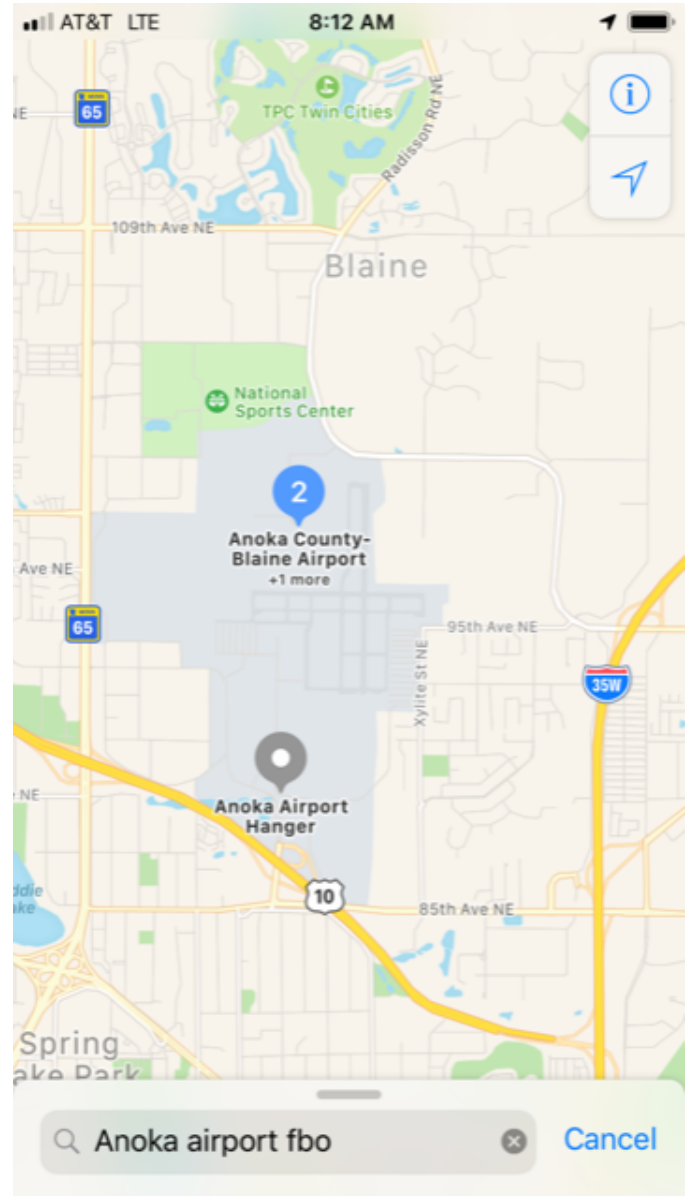
Lynx FBO Network  
9877 North Airport Road NE  
Blaine MN 55449

The airport flying field is at the north entrance of Anoka County airport in Blaine, and just north of the Field Base of Operations (FBO).

Route 1: Go north from 694 on Hwy 65, east on 105th, south on Raddison about 1/2 mile to the north entrance of Anoka County Airport, right on N airport road, follow to parking lot next to flying field.

Route 2: go north from 694 on 35w, go west on 95th, at light continue straight onto Raddison Road, follow Raddison around to the north entrance, turn left at North entrance, follow N airport road to parking lot next to flying field.

Just above the "2" on the map.





**MEETING NOTICE: December 5, 2019—**  
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

