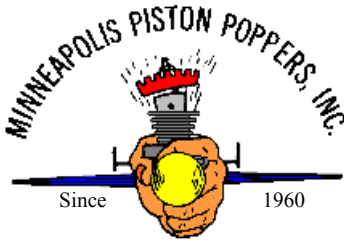


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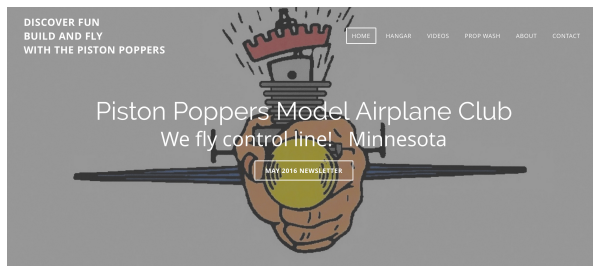
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Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible.

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Meeting Info...

I don't think that we'll be having a January or February club meeting at the EAA hangar, thus no annual swap meet in February

However the Building sessions are still scheduled for the first Saturday's of February and March.

If anyone has questions, they are free to call me... (612) 210-8195 or 763-424-1045
Thanks, Tony

FLYING DAYS 1/1/21

Hello everyone, Jeff and I were out to the Westwood School today for the traditional frozen fly.

Weather could not be better 20 degrees with little to no wind; the chili was warm and very tasty as always the thanks go out to the kitchen of Karen and Tony she's a master we all appreciate.

Though the turnout was small about ten of us I think. There were a lot of smiles so we all must have had a good time. We even seen Tony make a flight with Tom's plane, first time in three years he claims. Jeff was a little unsteady on his feet so would not give my 10 lap Ringmaster a go but it was a welcomed sight to have him at our frozen fly.

Sure hope this helps to start a better flying year for us all.

Bob Cheney



Jim, Tom and Jaydon getting a Shoestring going



The plane that Tony put flew
1st flight in three years



Dave's plane with the winter tank heater



Jaydon's family joined in with the fun today



Jeff was with us but didn't trust his legs to fly, enjoyed being out with the club

This is my great flying Vector ARF from Brodak.

I have an OS 40 FP in it modified by Randy Smith. Ended up doing the whole pattern on first flight as it flew so well. Can't wait to fly it more this coming flying season.

Shug



Hello All,

I Want to thank everyone who came out for the 2021 Frozen Fly. As it turned out, the weather cooperated giving us a pretty nice day, the temperature was comfortable (for New Years day in Minnesota) cloudless skies, and calm wind, made it a good day to fly!

and Fly we did! No less than a half dozen pilots put up at least one flight, some made several.

I want to thank Tom Sontag for bringing out a stove to heat water for Hot chocolate, and keep Karen's Famous Chili hot. Many other members generously brought all manner of treats. Thank You!

It was also very good to see Jeff Lange, come out to share the day.

Although we won't be having a January or February meeting with annual Swap Meet at the EAA hangar, we will continue the Building Sessions as scheduled.

Saturdays, February 6th, March 6th, and April 3rd

The January saw a limited number of participants, which made it easy to distance ourselves, and follow EAA protocol . Some worked on old projects, some started new aircraft construction.

Have a Happy and healthy New Year!

Tony

This is a re-print of a story I have added here before but not sure if some of the newer members have seen it.

Focus...a Control Line Story

By nature I am an external person. I play the crowd.
But as a child I was extremely shy. It was painful. Folks though something was wrong with me.
So I decided to change. Work the room and play the crowd. Play them hard. What does this have to do with focus you may be thinking.
Well, pull up a stool and I will explain.

Getting back into control line 6 years ago has become a quest and exercise in focus.

When the club flew at the BAE plant I was working hard to get the pattern. As I flew, I would often find myself checking to see if those waiting to fly were watching me. That became a deterrent.

As I progressed with the pattern I got more and more advice from club members and with each flight I noticed I was focusing more on the plane, body position, arm and hand movements, horizon and all the things that come about executing a solid flight doing the pattern.

Keith had passed along a wonderful flying Mustang with a Saito 4 stroke and that really upped my game. I focused more and more and found

myself staying on the plane and less on the crowd that may or may not have even cared that I was flying.

So one night at the field I came to fly after my shows at the Minnesota State Fair. It was a beautiful evening and the sun was down and the red sky was as bright as my cheeks on a cool Fall night.

Took off with a terrific engine run. Flew that full pattern. The light was on the red Mustang on the east side of the circle making the flying lines glimmer. As I flew into the bright red dusk the plane became a dark red shape.

As the Saito .40 burped out of fuel, I glided the plane down to a smooth landing. That Mustang just usually landed itself.

I stood there. Quiet. Bugs nipping at my bare legs. Something was new and different. I had stayed with the plane the whole flight even though there were many of us at the field. Nary a glance to the crowd. Not a peep to seek approval.

The plane and I became one.

I was totally consumed by the flight.

Completely immersed in that 6 minute 47 second flight.

I seek in life to find these moments of being drawn in and the rest of the World just going away.

Only a few things in life can take me a way like that.

One is playing music in a good jam. It overrides all.

In my drinking days a good whiskey drunk would get me there. There was always a huge price to pay. Not good. Not good at all.

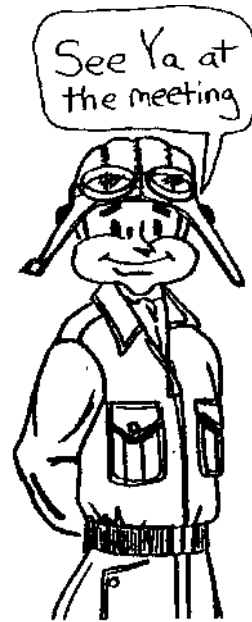
So the journey of getting back to flying control line has brought me to that place.

That complete focus.

It shows itself in my life and work.

Who says we are just spinning toy planes in circles.

Sean Shug Emery



MEETING NOTICE:- No Meeting due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

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