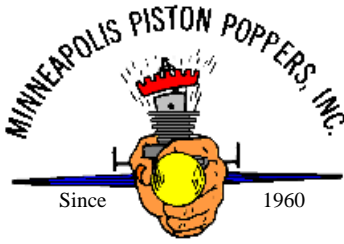


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Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible.

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Meeting Info...?

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

A Tribute to Jeff Lang

My name is Sina and I have been a member of Piston Poppers since 1998 till present, however I am not in Minneapolis any more. I read the news of Jeff Lang's passing in recent Prop Wash

newsletter. It reminded me of many excessive memories of him, therefore I decided to write a note in remembering him.

In 1998, while I was finishing my undergraduate studies in Minneapolis, picked up a Ringmaster kit and LA 46 RC from a closing hobby shop, later I began the building process of the kit. I absolutely had no idea what I was doing. Through the building venture, decided to experience smaller engine on a more compact plane to learn how to fly first. Following the purchase of a Cox Black Widow from Richfield Hub Hobby, the sales person handed me a small Control line plane for free, along a business card which indicates U-Control on it with two phone numbers, Jeff and Bob. For some reason I called up Jeff and

he talked to me with great welcoming and supporting manner and encouraged me to call Bob to set up a time to visit the field since he was going out of town that weekend. That phone call to Jeff has directed my life tremendously.

Later on, a phone call to Bob and visiting the field, a great part of my life was launched.

Over the years, the friendship with Jeff has led me to too many new experiences and memories. These memories range from building with emphasis on having jigs even for building jigs, cutting Skyray ribs, White Castle meetings, when he cleaned his field box at the SIG contest which looked like a traveling hobby shop, flying once a month all year around with Bob and him, Hodaka Salamander motorcycles, holding the handle in a very slow inverted flight for 7 minutes, “half an A” planes, to many other fun stories. In the meantime, the pleasure of knowing his family: his grandchild Derek whom I am sure he is very fine young man by now, in racing events we had at the club and his daughter who was

bringing hot chili to Frozen Fly at the field.

Jeff always had a great participation in club events in spite of his busy work schedule and format which he was always on the road to fix locomotives. He had an active role in building sessions, monthly meetings, building, repairing and maintenance of club equipment and even making lines for club members. His absent will be so visible.

Beginning with that phone call to Jeff and becoming a Piston Poppers member, I have the pleasure of being acquainted to friends such as Keith, John, Bob, Tony and etc., and I have also learned innumerable things over the years. These all took place with that phone call to Jeff and reception of me.

Jeff, many thanks and rest in peace my friend.

Always remembering you,

Sina

April 2021, Tehran

Norm Anderson

Norm Andersen has passed away on the morning of April 4th. For those of you who have not met Norm, he was an artist, professor of art, professional sculpture, musician, and builder of some of the most unique control line planes one might ever see. Some examples were a flying candy cane, snow shovel, hockey stick, union suit, and saucer style sled.



Field Report

Hi All

I stopped at the airport flying field on April 8th. Jerry's work on the gophers is effective. There is one mound by the fence, but it is pre-rain.

The grass is greening nicely and seems to be filling in. Won't need mowing for awhile. This is slow growing grass (perfect).

I'll lay down spring fertilizer in the coming weeks, and probably seed in patches.

Maybe we can have an opener celebration in May. Grill some burgers on a warm Saturday and put up a few flights.

We will work to add a cement circle to the center this year.

Take care,

Tom Sontag

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Dennis Leonhardi





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mixed Nuts will be run Friday, Saturday and Sunday on any open circle.

We hope you can join us to celebrate 64 years of control line competition in Fargo, North Dakota!

FRIDAY:
Circles will be open for test flying all day

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

Stunt: AMA 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 & II combined, Class II & III combined, and .15 Carrier beginning at 10:00am until 5:00pm.

Club sponsored picnic at 5:30pm.

Balloon Bust: after picnic.

SUNDAY:
Chapel Service 8:00am

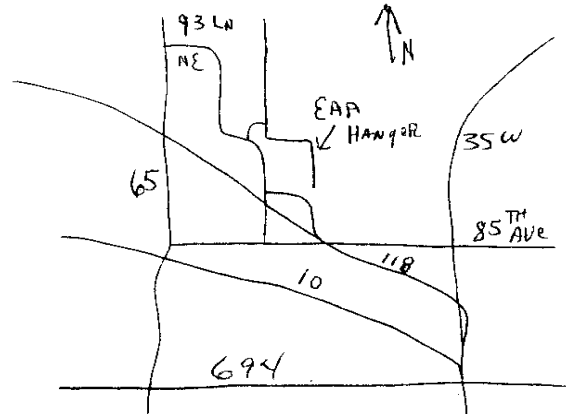
Stunt Fly off 9:00am until 11:00am

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

Special Slow Rat Race: about 11am

An Awards Ceremony will follow the last event!

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



MEETING NOTICE:- No Meeting due to Covid-19 Restrictions...that I am aware of at this time.

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 EAA Hanger.