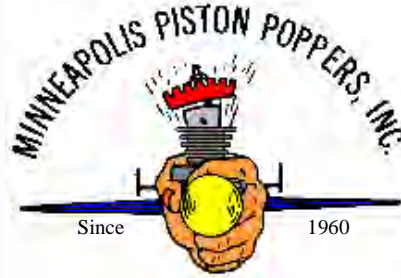


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July Meeting

Old Business: Tony got an e-mail from the school saying that because of school activities on August 31, there will be no flying that day. Tony also reminded us that there is no parking except in designated areas, also there is no dropping off of planes and equipment at the circle and then parking. This is part of our agreement with the school in allowing us to use their property.

New Business: The Fargo contest is this weekend. Steve Scott is planning on attending a city hall meeting about TCAAP, other than that, there is no new news.

Show and Tell: Tom Sontag showed us his completed "Stickstir". Keith and Rachael showed his newly painter Grumman Tiger back from the shop. We took photos of Rachael with a handle and lines and Keith holding the plane for release.
Jim Gevay

Message From Keith on Flying Field

Part of the agreement Tony and Tom agreed to when they worked so hard to secure us the flying site we use at the school was to only park/drive in the lot. This does not, never did include the sidewalk. Again it has been brought to our attention that some of our members are. I have given this issue great thought and the only two reasons I can

come up with for breaking this simple rule is either not healthy enough to walk that far, but since we walk around in circles for eight minutes flying our planes that makes no sense, or to lazy and inconsiderate to care about losing this site for the other members. Now before we go pointing fingers lets all pay attention to the squad car that patrols the school to stop the vandalism and the security cameras on each end of the sidewalk that is being driven on. Happy to answer any questions.
Keith

POLK CITY 2016

Hi, I'm Rachel Sandberg. I went to Iowa to fly planes. I climb a certain tree there too. This year I was in the tree reading and a park officer kicked me out because he must have seen people fall out of trees. But I've climbed trees for years and never fall out (very rare for me). I flew my Ringmaster. My Dad and I had to fly against each other on 1/2 A Stunt because it was getting windy and the other people chickend out, no offense. Also I beat my Dad because he didn't fly very well. His flight lasted about 4 laps and a flip at the end. Mine last the WHOLE flight but the wind fought against me until I landed bouncy with 2 flips. I won! I flew my Baby Ringmaster when I beat him. It had pokedotted wings and a hot pink body. We fly at a big park with lots of trees and deer, so me and my Dad went exploring. There were lots of paths. There was one that was kind of secret. We skipped rocks there. On one path there was a family and a 3

year old came up to me and said hi. She was so cute. She said, “want to go swimmen.” I said, “no, I don’t have a suit. She said, “well watch me.” Anyway, the mom was fishing and lost a hook and couldn’t see it, so they would only let the girl put her feet in and her feet got all muddy. So she had to wash them off. My Dad brought up the time when I got a fish hook stuck in my eye. Because we were going fishing with one of his firefighter friends, because he’s a firefighter. I was practicing fishing in the grass and I was trying to get the hook unstuck by pulling and it came out into my eye. Next thing I know I’m at the hospital with paper cups over my eyes and a whole lot of people staring at me. A doctor put a scissors in my eye to get the fishing hook out of my eye. My Dad was yelling “that’s not how you do it!” Because he’s seen at least 1 person have the same thing. Lucky I still have two eyes. He said be careful to the doctor. I won 2nd and 1st place in Iowa. I won against my Dad in ½ A Stunt flying. I also helped hand out awards. Me and my Dad played catch with a baseball. It rained one day and it was sunny and not the other 2 days when we were in Iowa. We flew at Big Creek State Bark. These are my friends at the contest: Bob Baldes (Iowa), Tom Creasy (nice guy), Jim Lee (Kances), Bob Brookens (Iowa), Sean Emery (Minnesota), Ray Nyce (Colorado), Bill Brown (Liwisiana), Tony Kubes and Wayne Willie (my best friends from Minnesota). Thank you for reading my report. I hope you liked it. The end!
Rachel Sandberg

Attention!

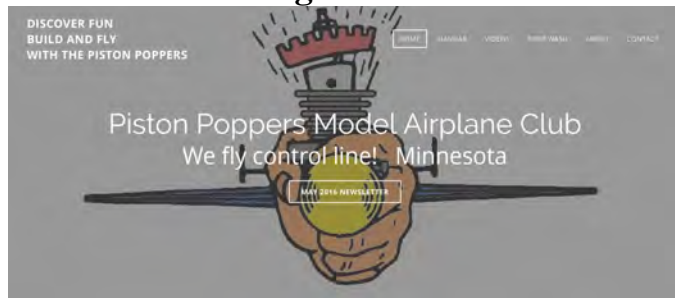
Dear Members. We are in need of your input. This newsletter is for the whole club but I only ever get articles from the same few members. You may want to thank them (Bob and Tom) when you see them and thank them for good reading material. Please submit a short article or even just a photo to share. Thank you. Your editor Sean

Here's a few photos from the Frozen Fun Fly 2007.

Being this time of year, I thought that some cool weather photos might be fun in the newsletter.
Jim Gevay



New Piston Poppers Website
Check it out. Thanks to Tom and Carey.
<http://www.pistonpoppers.com>
Click on Photo to go to the website





On the way to Fargo they had I-94 down to one lane in three locations, but because traffic was not heavy the delay was not a problem. But on the trip back it was a different story. Traffic was down to one lane in two places on I-94 with the delay at ST. Cloud a major problem. It took 37 minutes to get through the delay.

This was mainly a combat contest as we had five people in expert stunt and fewer in classic stunt. Terry Taylor was alone in beginner stunt. Glen and I put in some practice flights Friday and it was very humid and uncomformable. I put in two and Glen put in three flights. Saturday was more comfortable as the humidity had dropped. There was enough of a breeze to keep you on your toes when flying. The top three flyers were Glen and two flyers from Nebraska and they flew off Sunday. Now Sunday there was a wind and flying was an adventure trying to figure out were to place your maneuvers. Glen took second place.

Carrier was flown on Saturday. I did not watch carrier up close, but there did not seem to be many flying three maybe four people. But the level of flying in carrier is at a high level.

Three events were flown in combat. There was at least twelve combat flyers with three of the flyers being juniors. The last event FAI combat was won by an eleven year old junior. The combat matches were interesting to watch as the action was at a high level.

Mouse racing and what we call Fargo Racing events were held on Sunday with few flyers.

They have hamburgers, hot dogs and stuff for lunch. Supper was supplied on Saturday.

This was basically a combat contest with matches that very interesting to watch. Because this is a park there were people passing through and the combat matches provided entertainment.

John Christensen

Fargo Contest Report

Glen and I attended the Fargo Contest July 30 - 31. Other people from MN were Terry Taylor, Dave Fisher, Steve Wilk, Pete Plunkett and Jim Ellen. Some of you will not recognize all these names as some of them were club members a number of years back.

FLYING DAYS

The month of Aug. is starting out like July with the weather working in our favor.

Now on with the activities:

First up was the July Piston Poppers meeting where we were treated to Tom's show and tell of his Stirstick 1 model. It will get its maiden flight Sat. morning.



We also got to see Rachel on the handle of a very big plane. (*Dads Grumman American Tiger*). Hold on tight Keith it may tug a bit.

The wing was damaged from having a light fixture dropped on it so off to the repair shop to repair and do a complete repaint job. It looks brand new.



7/30/2016

Saturday flying started with Tom flying his PT-22 it sure looks good. While I believe he is still making some trimming adjustments it sure flies really nice. I can tell by the proud fatherly grin he puts on his face each time it's in the air.



Shuggy's Strega looks great reaching for the sky. Another plane that is still in the trimming stage.

That's all for now, got to get ready for Sunday morning as Keith, Rachel, Shug, Tom, myself and many more I hope. This is just way, way too much fun to pass up.

7/31/2016

Sunday was another great day at the field; the winds were a little bit more breezy than Sat. but very flyable.

Tom was Flite Streaking through the air while Shug was working with the Strega and Privateer. Keith and Rachel were taking turns with the Shark 402, for me it was the Flying Fool time.



Tom Flite Streaking



Shuggy with the Strega



Keith and the Shark402



Rachel with the Shark 402

I wanted to see the Flying Fool from outside the circle so I asked Rachel to put up a flight. What a girl, she had a great looking flight better than me by far.



Rachel and the Flying Fool

We had a neighborhood family who saw our planes poking over the highway fence on the overhead maneuvers and came to investigate. Hope they return again. The Blaine police officer we met a few weeks ago also stopped by to watch us for awhile.

All in all a great way to start off the flying days of Aug. John and Glen were at the Fargo Skylarks contest I hope they have good stories to tell.

8/3/2016

It's now a Wednesday fly night and John, Keith and I were at the field doing a whole bunch of hanger flying. To windy to fly, so during the hanger flying we made plans for an early Sat morning get together.

8/6/2016

Saturday morning was clear and bright with light winds comfortable temperatures most importantly low dew points.

Sad part is it was just John, Keith and I to enjoy it all. John just being back from the Fargo contest and was flying his Pathfinder. I made a few flights with the ARF Flitestreak and Keith was making us both look like amateurs with the masterful way he graces the sky with his Legacy.



John's Pathfinder taking off

At the end of flying, it was time for more hangar talk; one of the topics discussed was getting a group of club members together for a field trip.



Keith's Legacy reaching for the sky

During one of our meeting nights a year or so ago some of us talked about going to Granite Falls to take a tour of the Fagen Fighters museum. We can carpool from the E.A.A. hangar on a Saturday morning. Granite Falls is about 140 miles west of the Anoka County Airport the museum is open at 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM. This is a self guided tour. Cost would be donation to the museum plus a

donation to the drivers for fuel. As of now all Saturdays are open in October.

8/13/2016

Freshly mowed, light winds, low humidity and temps in the upper 70's. I have an important question: What is wrong with this picture?



What is wrong here?

Back to the flying days of August where are you? It seems that the same few members are out flying. Ivars and Jim, John and myself, I know that this is Shug's working time of the year but where are the Tony's, the Terry's and Dale's and the many more that make up this club. We only get a short time each year at the school, which ends in October as the school year starts. So come on guys let's put some air under our wings and enjoy time spent with our fellow club members.

Well anyway tomorrow is another perfect Sunday not only will I be there but John will be flying along with Keith and Rachel and many others I hope.

8/14/2016

Sunday did come as a promised perfect weather day. Wayne was able to make it up from Albert Lea, Keith and Rachel joined us and shortly thereafter John came out and we spent about six hours flying and having a ball. Even met some neighbors' with young children they seem interested hopefully they will join us soon.

Now on to the flying part of the day. Wayne was up challenging the sky with his Navy themed Challenger.



Me I was just boring holes in the air trying to smooth things out with my Smoothie.



Rachel was flying with the sharks with her beautiful Shark 402.



Then John was looking for the right path with the Pathfinder he was flying.



Course Daddy Keith was showing the legacy he is in our club of stunt fliers with another great flight of his Legacy.

The day then ended. Going back to the question does anyone know the answer? Where was our club members, the field was perfect for flying. No long

lines or wait times you're going to be missing this
come winter.
Bob Cheney



**MEETING NOTICE: August 25 – 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 start at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

