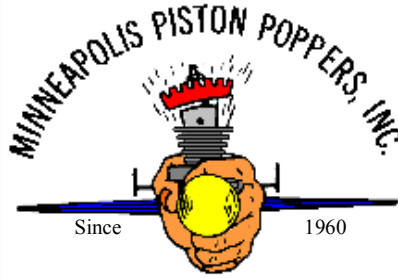


# Prop



# Wash

June 2015

**Prop Wash is a publication of the Piston Poppers Inc., an AMA U-control club**

President: Tony Kubes	763-424-1045	Vice President: Keith Sandberg	763-477-9032
Secretary: Jim Gevay	763-780-8140	Treasurer: John Christensen	651-489-1735
Board Member: Keith Sandberg	763-477-9032	Editor: Sean Shug Emery	651-894-4079
Safety Officer: Glen Peterson	651-687-0453	Field Marshal:	

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

[seanemery2@mac.com](mailto:seanemery2@mac.com)

Club web address is [www.pistonpoppers.com](http://www.pistonpoppers.com)

## May Meeting

**Old Business:** Tony thanked everyone who came out to help today and earlier in the month with field preparations for D.A.D. The Polk City contest is coming up in a few weeks. Bob Cheney asked Tony if he had gotten any letter of recommendation from BAE, he had not. Bob said that he sent a letter to Joe Harris, the airport manager about us looking for a flying site. Tom Sontag is also looking for multiple flying sites for us. He has already talked to the EPA and the MN PCA, and school administrators about 2 or 3 possible sites. There was no new business, Jim Gevay

## Discover Aviation Days

Well, the weekend started off great with a number of us setting up the flying site Thursday night. Check out the photo for the great crew



L to R Shug, Steve, John, Tony, Jeff, Tom, Jim and a friend of Tom's Eli I believe is his name.

Now for the show, where do I start how about day one? We had a great turn out. With so many airplanes I have to take a few shots to get them all in, at one count there was 49 models on the flight line.

Your fellow club members wowed the crowd with some terrific flying with the Shug Bi-Slob, fast flight of Tony's Combat plane. Then what impressed me the most and made me proud was Rachel flying in very stiff winds and the spectators giving her applause after applause for an outstanding job. What great P.R. this was. Speaking of P.R. Tom Sontag did the most flying without ever leaving the ground, placing a model in the hands of kids and parents alike with a handle attached to the lead-outs to help explain the control system. Thank you Tom.

Can you imagine anything as great as this for a sport, super club members with the same passion of flying models front and center at a local airport fly-in. This air show showcases full scale aircraft from the golden days of aviation, warbirds, and homebuilts to modern aircraft. This must be the reason the show is named Discover Aviation Days, because you really can discover aviation at its finest.

On the next day of this two day event we had more of the same from our members, with much more flying as the winds were lighter. Wayne was able to put up remarkable flights with his large PBY Catalina. Rachel was still wowing the crowds and the rest of us took a lot of time between flights to mingle with the spectators. Both Keith and Shug put up the Bi-slob for us all to enjoy. Outrageous maneuvers you have to see to believe.

I'm very proud to be a Piston Popper these days when you see the dedicated club members talking about their passion of model aviation.

Bob Cheney



## Polk City Results

We had a successful event-no crashes and great weather. Our numbers grew this year as we had 20 competitors. Great flying and sharing both days..I was very impressed with the quality in flying and models.

Pampa BG First Rick Bollinger 185.5 Int. Bill Brown-475 Second-Mike Anderson Third-Jim Funk

ADV.-First Kevin Prior 493 - Second Sean Emery 487 -Third Glen Peterson. ADV. Chris Rudd 607-Second Gary Hays 469.5-Third Jim Lee 469.5 [tie breaker-other flight]

Classic First Jim Lee 564 - Second Sean Emery 503.5 - Third Bill Brown 499 -Kevin Prior 452.5  
Old Time Jim Lee 309.5 - Second Keith Sandberg 301.5 - Third Tony Kubes 278

Profile First Keith Sandberg 578 -Second Jarod Hays 506 Third Sean Emery 500.5 Mike Anderson 472

Kevin Prier 465 - Jim Funk 459 - Glen Peterson 449 - Tony Kubes 448.5--Profile Bg. - Int.-First Rick Bollinger 185 - Second Matt Bollinger 29 - Joe Johnson 18

1/2A First Larry Lindberg 462.5 - Second Jarod Hays 426.5 - Third Glen Peterson -Keith Sandberg 73 - Rachel Sandberg 67.5

Ringmaster First Keith Sandberg 306 - Jared Hays 233.5 - Third Jim Funk 83 - Rachel Sandberg 69

Some of the scores are high but as long as the judges maintain consistency its good. I give a big thank you to the judges and all of the other workers. Bob Baldus AMA 651 Old Guy

## Email From Fellow Flyer

Hi Shug,

Thanks for the note and the link. Sorry to hear you are looking for a flying site more local to you. One reason why rural can be better.

You are all welcome to come fly here. We will have to introduce ourselves at the next fly-in at Fargo or Winnipeg. I have only one flying area but one is all I need and I am willing to share.

You can google earth our address. The map comes

up close. Look for a long and narrow pond - I won't tell you what my wife says it looks like.

The flying area is at the top of the hill between the pond and the house/garage/shed.

It's so good that this sport is still alive and well now that there is time to enjoy it once again.

If you guys get together to fly, I would welcome an invite even on short notice.

I will be glad to host in return sometime soon. We'll BBQ and have a campfire.

Best wishes,

Mick Shogren

Biggin Hill Field

8588 East County Rd L

Bennett, WI 54873

## Rachel Being Interviewed Jim Gevay Photo



## Flying Site Updates

Hello All,

YES, WE have a new flying site at the Westwood Middle School!

We have site reserved for the club, at the north, north-east part of the school property as shown on Tom's map.

Our Club has the field on

Wednesdays 4pm-9:30pm

Saturdays 8am-9:30pm

Sundays 8am-9:30pm

We will have a mowed circle, (thanks, Bob)

Safety will be of the utmost importance, sharing an

area with children.

Therefore, there can be NO solo flying, there must be at least two club members, one to keep an eye on things while the other puts in a flight, We don't want anyone wandering into the circle, or otherwise placed in harms way.

If there is a change, it will be in the newsletter, and/or E-mails.

Work on the other sites continues, the Ramsey field "wheels" are turning.

I want to thank Tom Sontag, for all he's done to get things rolling, and his continuing efforts, Jim Gevay, for getting our insurance issues lined-up, making it possible to cover the clubs liabilities at our flying sites. also, Bob Cheney and Jeff Lange, for their continuing efforts to find a field. and Sean Emery for his efforts and support.

If there any questions, feel free to contact me...  
Tony Kubes

Hello All,

I stopped at the Westwood school today (Monday 22nd) to check on the progress on the underground sprinkler system installation. The flags were still scattered in our designated flying area. I went to the maintenance department, and found the head man, and had meeting/conversation with him, very nice guy.

He told me, as I was told weeks ago, that the sprinkler system was to be completed by now, however, he said that he had just talked to the contractor, and he promised to get back at it and possibly complete the installation as early as Wednesday.

The head of maintenance has given us permission to fly in the area (between the ball field and the school building) directly west of our designated area, until we can get our circle mown. Please be VERY CAREFUL in this area as it is fairly close to the building!

We are not authorized to fly anywhere else on the property, like the football field/track area. We are to be North of the tennis courts.

Also be aware of noise, try to fly your quieter planes, we want to keep our neighbors happy.

It looks as things are moving forward on our Ramsey site, we've been given some "green lights" by the State, but the next step will be to get the city of Ramsey land management department to agree to our use of the area. Tom Sontag and I will be in contact with them soon, as early as this week. Once that is accomplished, it will be back to the State.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me.

Tony K.

### **My new Electric Super Clown**

Hoping to get out and maiden it soon. Bench ran it and it feels to have some good pull.

Shug



Minneapolis Piston Poppers, Inc.  
c/o Sean Shug Emery  
302 S. McCarrons Blvd  
Roseville, MN 55113



**MEETING NOTICE: June 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.

