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## September Meeting

**Old Business:** The Westwood School has moved equipment onto the area that we fly from. Tony and some others will go out there this weekend and pick a spot to mow so we can use it until the remainder of the flying season. Wednesday night flying is pretty much over, but we can still fly on Saturdays and Sundays. Tony had a quick reminder that there is no driving on any of the school grounds, except the parking lot.

This weekend is the Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon, you have to put up 5 laps to qualify.

Bob Cheney talked about the caravan to Fagen's Museum in Granite Falls on October 15. We will meet at the EAA hangar at 8am and drive from there. Bob and Keith will use their trucks and at this time there are 6 seats open. There is a minimum of a \$10.00 donation to the Museum and gas money for the drivers. We may stop for lunch somewhere on the way back, and we'll be back home by around 6pm.

**New Business:** None

**Show and Tell:** John Christensen showed us his kit and plans for his Mo'best, he'll be using an ST 51 on it.

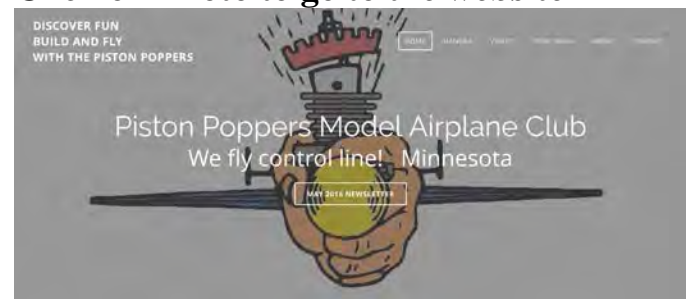
Jim Gevay

## New Piston Poppers Website

Check it out. Thanks to Tom and Carey.

<http://www.pistonpoppers.com>

**Click on Photo to go to the website**



## FLYING DAYS

**9/29/2016**

Meeting night was attended by a sampling of our group where we learned that we can still fly at the Westwood school fields. I'll be there Sat morning with a few of us to pick out another spot and get it mowed.

We also watched as Rachel presented our new member Dave Vandergrift with a profile Mustang complete with the trusty Fox 35 mounted and ready to fly.



Saturday will be the 9<sup>th</sup> Ringmaster Fly-a-thon. I'll post the results of our group later.

We also talked about the field trip to Fagen Fighters Museum, scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. I'm excited, again you will read about the fun we had later in the month of my ramblings.

**10/1/2016**

Overcast and cool to start the day, we picked out a new spot and got the circle mowed.

Jim showed up to make his maiden flight on his most recent build, a profile Curtis Kingfisher with electric power. After a couple of flights he decided to work on some trimming adjustments at home. Good looking plane.



Curtis Kingfisher



John was flying his Magician which after many different tanks and adjustments he finally hit on the right combination and had some good runs. He says a few more tweaks and it will be dialed in.

Today was the Brotherhood of the Ring day where Ringmasters rule the sky. Not as good of a showing this year, for this first day there were three Ringmasters, four pilots with eights flights. (*Hope Sunday will produce more*). I made a number of flights



with the ugliest plane, Tom got a flight with the warped wing Ringmaster, both Terry and Dale made flights with the best looking Ringmaster from the hangar of George Muellerleile. Could not get Ivars, Jim or John to try a flight with a Ringmaster.



Ugliest Ringmaster Fox 35



The warped wing Ringmaster Fox 19



Best looking Ringmaster OS 40



Terry flying the Ringmaster

The ringmaster Fly-a-thon continues tomorrow I plan to get out and make more flights, getting our club noticed.

**10/2/2016**

Today brought out some more Ringmasters to fly. We managed to get another 18 flights to make a total of 26 Ringmaster flights with 8 different models and 7 different pilots. Not bad but we can do better. Some noted highlights were that our members Terry and Dale were there to make Ringmaster flights as well as Tony, Keith and Rachel. Congrats to all.

While we were flying Sunday afternoon a local family we met once before came by and decided to participate in a kid build this winter. Keith will head up this adventure with this family.

Now what we are all waiting for, the photo's of the day. Remember this was the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon.





Not Ringmaster's



Still not Ringmaster's



Finally Ringmaster's

The way the planes were pitted it appeared that everyone had brought out yellow planes that just happened to be pitted in a row. Must be an air taxi service.



Air taxis anyone?





Tony with his Magnum



**10/9/2016**

Shug has told me he needs to put the newsletter together early so this will be a short rambling for the month.

Got out today to join up with Jeff, John and Shug at the flying field, little cool and breezy but very flyable. This was the first chance that Shug has had for a long time. He may have felt a little rusty but I sure couldn't tell.

John was flying the Magician and I put up a few Ringmaster flights. We had some good quality flights and it was a pleasure to see Shug put in a few flights with the Primary Force and his Strega.

The next exciting thing that will happen this month will be the Field trip to Fagen's Fighters museum.



Rachel at the end of a loop just look at that concentration.

Finally, Rachel flying her Shark 402 with a proud papa looking on.



Inverted Primary Force



Strega in action



That there Strega is a pretty big plane. I also bet it tugs a bit on the handle in the breeze.  
Bob Cheney

## Flight report from 10/8:

Jim, Ivars, John and Tom enjoyed a nearly perfect afternoon at the circle. I thanked Ivars once again and told him how much I enjoyed the light and maneuverable Super Twister. Then I blabbed that I hadn't crashed it since over a year ago. Oops. Two flights later, I lost the moment, she got ahead of me in a death triangle and I pancaked the Super Twister into Mother Earth. What a dork!

Tom Sontag

## 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**



**MEETING NOTICE: October 27 – 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.

