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August Meeting

Old Business: Last Wednesday was the last day you could fly on Wednesday evenings at our field. We can still fly on Saturday's and Sunday's from 8 - 9:30 until October 31st. The Porta-Potty will remain at the field for a while. The Fargo contest was reported on in the newsletter. The guy from the TCRC club in Jordan thanked Tom Sontag and Glen Peterson for the demo they put on. They all had a nice lunch with the club and are welcome back anytime.

I'm sorry I don't have your name in my records.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Tom Sontag showed us his Ringmaster 15, and a wall plaque made from parts of one of his crashed planes.

Jim Gevay

TCRC Model Aviation Day – Which Way is Up?

“Wow, those planes can fly upside down?!” Such was the loud exclamation of a surprised radio-control flyer as Tom performed a dramatic wingover for the crowd with his Messerschmitt BF-109. Tom, Glen, and Steve represented the Piston Poppers at the Twin Cities Radio Controllers Model

Aviation Day held at TCRC Flying Park in Jordan, Minnesota, on Saturday, August 25. As he was impressing the crowd with a series of precision aerobatics, Tom's OS 0.40 engine burped and sputtered while the plane was high overhead, forcing Tom to execute a premature, but perfect, upside-down landing to the cheers of the crowd!

Glen followed Tom, with his red Twister dazzling spectators with a wild show of aerobatics. High up in the third loop of the Four-Leaf Clover, the Twister's engine sputtered, stalled, and died as its tank emptied of fuel. Not to be outdone by Tom, Glen skillfully brought the Twister down for the second perfect upside-down landing of the day!

There was great camaraderie between the Twin City Radio Controllers and Piston Poppers on Model Aviation Day. Bonding occurred out on the flying field and over a delicious lunch of hot dogs, chips, and soda. The RC flyers enjoyed the opportunity to witness the precision aerobatic capabilities of control line model airplanes. Seems they left with the impression that upside down landings, like upside down flying, are just part of the CL routine! Steve Fiskum

RC Planes on the Tarmac



Preparing the Twister for Flight



Glen, Tom, and Messerschmitt BF-109



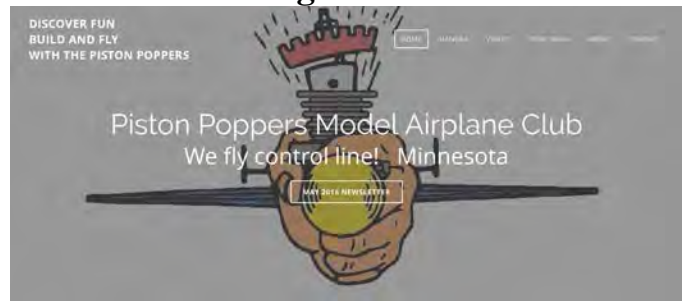
Glen Readyng the Twister for a Maneuver



Tom Flying his Messerschmitt BF-109



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Bob flying photo by Steve Fiskum



John's Cardinal



My ARF Tutor

FLYING DAYS 8/29/2018

WOW! Once again the perfect flying weather. That makes twice this year of days we need to bottle-up the day and save it for the next time we decide to go for a walk in the circle with our models.

John, Jerry, Steve and Tom joined me on this awesome Wed. evening to put in a few flights. With school starting next week this maybe the last Wed. night fly till next year.

We all were having troubles getting a good motor run. Not bad runs just not what we expect, hard starting, bad needle settings, and just plain poor performance. It didn't matter the motor type O.S., K&B even the Saito four- stroke. Must be the weather the motors are not used to this type of weather, cool and dry.

I did notice that Steve Fiskum is getting better, the Ringmaster is flying well and after a little coaching he made a real good landing. Jerry is also improving with some really good looking loops.



Steve's Ringmaster ARF



John with one more tweak to Tom's Vector





The Vector is a pretty sight going by



Doing a wingover catching the evening sun
8/30/2018

Meeting night was just an update from the Fargo attendee's and a report from Tom and Glen the club members who attended the TCRC Aviation Days. Tim from TCRC also was at our meeting to thank Tom and Glen and to offer us an invite to next year's festivities.

For show and tell Tom again stole the show with a way to downsize an airplane for transport in today's smaller vehicles. I don't recommend it. He also brought in a wall plaque he made from the remains of another OOPS. He is a recycler.

It was also confirmed that our Wed. evening flying has come to an end for this year but Sat. and Sun. are still good through Oct.

Well Sat is almost here and time for another mowing and fly date with the field see you there.



Downsizing for transport, up-line broke what a shame. Let's all check our equipment, so we don't see any more downsized planes.



Recycled tail feathers, turned into a conversation piece for the shop wall.



Tom covered this Ringmaster with Monokote using tips from Ivars that was learned during our winter build sessions. The best place and time to learn, and pass on the tricks of model building.

9/1/2018

Another great weather start to the weekend, warm and a little humid with light winds.

I pulled in right behind Steve got busy with the mower so we would have a pristine runway. While I was mowing Dave showed up ready to fly.

With the mowing done Dave took to the air had a good flight and Steve was preparing to go next. I made the a flight with the Skyraider and then we repeated this a few more times, as we were the only club members to make the flight line today.

Unless the rain and wind don't spoil our Sunday I'll be out there again.



My Skyraider S.T. 51



Dr. Dave having a good flight



Steve's Ringmaster pretty site against the blue morning skies



A happy pilot Steve Fiskum

9/8/2018

Another Saturday at the flying field, what a place to be. Good weather and great friends.

Though we were a little light on club members John, Steve and I had a good time. Winds were light to start with but began to increase as the morning came closer to the noon hour.

John was flying the Gotcha still having some issues will the motor changing form a lean scream to a rich burble, he is going to check for dirt or something [in](#) the fuel system. Steve got in some

flights with the Ringmaster, he appears to be improving with each flight. I myself was flying the Skyraider and having fun. That's what it is all about, so come out and join us.



John and the Gotcha



Another Ringmaster flight smooth and steady



Another John and Gotcha



Looks more relaxed on the handle
9/9/2018



Steve and the Ringmaster

Another breezy day with one flight put in by one flier, John and the Gotcha 2000.



The Gotcha 2000 and John
9/15/2018

Got out to the field around 9:00 AM to find no football practice happening. Mowed the field and got ready to fly. Dave and John showed up and before the first flight of the day Steve and Jerry arrived.

We all got in a flight when a spectator showed up (*I didn't get his last name but Dale caught my ears as a first name*). He comes from Somerset, WI learning about us through Shugs videos. We will see him again.

John has gotten his motor issues solved with the Gotcha 2000 come to the club meeting and see how he solved this problem.

I have had some inconsistent runs with the Super Tigre 51 on the Boise plane, so I changed for a different Super Tigre 51 I had. Wow what a difference. With a few more flights I think I will have it dialed in just right.

Dave has had some medical problems this year which has kept him out of the circle. He appears to be better and his flying is getting better also.

Every flight that Steve and Jerry put up show improvements, from the flight before. Keep it up guys.

Shug came out today to join us, did not fly but he is on the mend from shoulder surgery. He must be getting better though because he had his Prowler in the car ready to fly.

Hopefully we will have a bunch of good weekend weather for the rest of the season, so come out and take advantage of this year and your fellow club members.



John helping Dave



Dave



Inverted Gotcha 2000



Nice shot of Dave



Steve and the Ringmaster

My SIG Akrobat from 1988

I found some old pictures of my SIG Akrobat that I built in 1988. Bought this kit at a hobby shop in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands while performing on cruise ships. Flew home with the box between my knees. Crashing it working on inverted flight...gave up instead of down. I did re-build it and it flew many more times before I crashed it for good. It was my first foray into the Piston Poppers many years ago. Shug



MEETING NOTICE: September 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

