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## **October Meeting**

#### Old Business: None

**New Business:** Tony said that all of the rules that we adhere to at the school site will apply at the new airport flying field. There will be no parking or stopping along the access road for unloading. Parking is allowed in the first 2 rows of the lot nearest to our area. Pickup all trash and take it home with you at the end of the day, don't leave any in Lynx's containers. We are welcome to use the bathrooms and lunch room area at Lynx. Mufflers are still required. Most important, check all leadouts, lines and handles. We can't afford to have any fly-aways, peoples cars and multi-million dollar planes are parked nearby. Bob asked if we are allowed to have a center pad, Tom thought it should be ok. Bob also asked if someone could check into any field improvement grants from the AMA. Tom is looking into grass seed, he thinks he can get 50lb bags for \$110.00 each. We may need at least 3 bags and up to 9 bags. The club passed the hat for donations to help pay for improvements after the meeting. There is a field cleanup day on this Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> at noon, brings some garden rakes. Building sessions will be discussed at the next meeting on November 29, which is the combined Nov/Dec meeting. There will be NO December meeting. Nominations for Club Officers; it was suggested that they remain the same, except for Tom Sontag becoming the Field Marshal.

Voting is at the November meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Sean offered to let anyone else take over the club newsletter. He also asked that anyone please contribute something to the newsletter, even if it's only 3 lines.

**Show and Tell**: Steve Fiskum showed us his Twister that he built according to plans, with just a few minor modifications. Powered by an OS 40 engine he got from Tom, it weighs 44.7 oz. He may bring his Ringmaster to the Frozen Fun Fly.

Jim Gevay



# Naming a New Plane

I'm down in my basement trying to come up with a name for a new plane design. Artists called their workplace a studio, not a garage. Most model airplane builders work in their shop. I just work in the basement. Thinking of an appropriate name is hard. Tiny won't work, the plane is not that small.

Hugermonsterous also will not work, the wing is not large enough using readable lettering.

Animal names are sometimes used but Pig or Hippopotamus just don't seem to work. How about using a bird name? Dodo,

Cuckoo or Coot doesn't sound right. Who wants to fly a Coot or a Pig? Although some really are a pig.

I just wasted your valuable time reading this. The reason for me writing is I promised Sean a newsletter article.

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Sorry about that.

Jeff Lange

## **Grass Seed Fund**

The grass seed fund is at \$466.00. John

## Anyone remember this one?

Dennis Leonhardi



## FLYING DAYS 10/25/2018

The meeting night brought us answers and information about our new flying field. Volunteers were recruited for field clean up and gopher mound rake downs. We also did a donation drive for grass seed and a good number of dollars were collected (*feel free* to add to it).

Also it was time for elections for club officers, all present officers were nominated for another year. We all must like the job that's being done. I heard a comment and have to agree Tony's appointment is to ensure we get the great Chili from Karen master cook for the frozen fly.

### 10/28/2010

Today a large group showed up for the field work these guys will have a lot of pride in this field knowing they helped in grooming this site for model flight. **SO THANK THEM.** 

Steve Scott and Bob not pictured but we were there.



11/18/2018

Today we spread the grass seed with the generous donations we almost covered the cost of the 200 lbs of seed. We do need to ask for another donation to cover the extra cost, so bring your penny's to the meeting.

We met at around 1:00 pm with the two spreaders it was short work even if a bit chilly. When spring gets here we should have a good head start on a great flying site.







Tom and Steve Fiskum



The seeders

Bob Cheney

# New Full Time Flying Field

We are excited to announce that Anoka County Airport and Lynx FBO will allow us to use land on the north side of the airport in Blaine. It is a nice flat area, outside the airport fence, near the Fixed Base of Operation (FBO), and just off of Radisson Road. For the first few years, we will maintain both the Middle School Field the Airport Field. We will discuss particulars at the upcoming club meeting on October 25.

# Here are a few details:

\* We can fly any day of the week (except for two events in the summer)

\* Safety is a must (there are airplanes, vehicles and hangars nearby): test lines and handles regularly

- \* We can fly one airplane at one time
- \* Mufflers are required
- \* No R/C or free flight aircraft
- \* No pulse jets, or other jet engines
- \* We can park in the paved parking at the FBO (Lynx FBO)

\* There is overflow parking nearby (but not

on the road or field)

\* <u>There will be absolutely no parking along</u> <u>the service road or on the field, not even to</u> <u>unload airplanes</u>

\* We can use the bathrooms in the FBO, but make sure our shoes are clean

\* We can help our self to coffee from the pot in the <u>lunch room</u> (not the Keurig in the lounge)

\* We cannot leave anything in the FBO garbage cans – take it home

\* We must maintain cleanliness of the flying field

\* We are preparing the field this fall for green grass in the spring

Tony, Bob, Tom, Keith





**MEETING NOTICE: November 29** – 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

