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### **July Meeting**

Old Business: The club is flying out of the new field on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The grass there is long, but thin and shouldn't be a factor on your lines. Sean brought a large piece of cardboard to take off from last Sunday. About 5-6 members will be at the Fargo Contest this weekend. Tom Sontag gave a nice presentation at the EAA Chapter 25 meeting in Lakeville. It was about 1:15 long and he had engines, planes and a video or two. About 35 people attended and he presented them with a copy of the Akerman plane blueprint.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: John Christensen had a wing with some kind of covering. *Sorry I missed some of the details*. Glen Peterson demonstrated a Uniflow tank system. Jeff Lange showed how he makes foam filters for his venturies. He uses a green foam like lawnmower air filters and cuts them with sharpened brass tubing. Tom Sontag showed an old 1963 plane called the 'Wing Thing' from the Gilbert toy company. It's like the

old parasail hang gliders with flexible sailcloth.

Jim Gevay

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#### **FLYING DAYS**

The meeting night turned out really good as Glen, John, Tom and Jeff had some show & tell or informative demos.

So after the business side of the meeting Glen showed us the workings of a uni-flow tank vs. a standard tank and how they work.

Up next Tom showed us a model called a Wing Thing from 1963 it was quite interesting I had never seen anything like it but some others did. Tom also told us about a demo he did for the Lakeville chapter of the EAA.

Then John showed us some new iron on film called Neucover he was impressed with how it appears to work (*I went on-line typed neucover and it took me to the site where you can order from Value Hobby*).

Next was Jeff's turn with the new field at the airport my concerns of dust and dirt getting into our motors prompted me to ask Jeff to show us his idea of air filters. Really simple in fact so simple even someone like me can do it.



Glen explaining uni-flow



The Wing Thing



Air filter **8/11/2019** 

Just got back from another successful flying day and wondered where everybody was. John and I had very light winds, comfortable temps, with a cloudy sky; sun was not in our eyes just the perfect flying day.

I know this has been a poor year for me to get out but I am able to keep the fields mowed so I do hope everybody is out using them. After mowing the Airport site it looked very good, it maybe a little rough on the take-off and landings but we have had worst in the past and will only get better with more use.



John's Cardinal coming out of a loop.



Nice inverted flight with the Cardinal.



My ride for the day.

#### 8/14/2019

Got out to play tonight, super nice weather with light winds that were a little tricky at times. John with his Pathfinder and I with the Tutor II started the show with Jerry and Steve coming a little later.

John's first flight was not so good just as my first two motor runs were kind of bad also (found a big wad of gunk in the fuel filter). Next flights were a lot better us both.

Jerry brought out an original Top Flight Tutor and his Skyray both made flights. Steve brought out his repaired ARF Ringmaster got in a couple of flights before we called it a night. A very successful night I might add as we all were bringing home aircraft in one piece to fly another day.



John's Pathfinder



What a pretty sight



Jerry's Tutor



Jerry flying the Skyray



Steve's Ringmaster

Hope to see you all soon. Bob Cheney

## **Submitted by Dennis Leonhardi**







# **MEETING NOTICE: August 29, 2019**– Anoka County Airport at 7:30 PM

The Piston Poppers Club meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the

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

