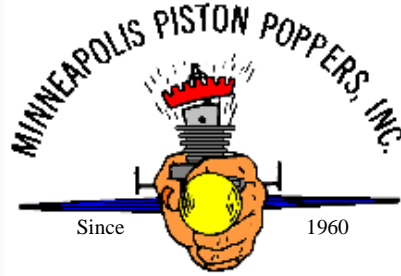


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Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible. Send to seanemery2@mac.com

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September Meeting

Old Business: None

New Business: Tony says that because of Halloween, the next meeting will be on **October 24th**. Nominations for club officers will be accepted then, and voting will be at the combined Nov/Dec meeting on **December 5th**. Tony will get together with our new contact person at the school sometime soon. We are still planning on having the Frozen Fun Fly at the school on January 1st. Tom Sontag talked about our new field at the airport. He used part of this year's fertilizer. Bob Cheney asked if we should use the rest of our grass seed this year, or wait until next spring. Next spring was decided.

Show and Tell: Steve Fiskum showed us his beautiful Thunderbird. It's a project he started 55 years ago when he was 14. He covered it in Brodak silk, and he has the original box still marked for sale at \$11.50. He also has an original Veco 35 in the box he bought back then for \$17.95.

Tom S. showed us 5 planes. Somehow he acquires old abandoned and neglected planes. The red one is a Voodoo, he may put a Fox Rocket 35 or a Norvell 25 on it. He also had 4 other planes, a Sig Akromaster, a Sig Fokker D-7 profile, some kind of biplane and a Banshee, all looking for good homes and someone willing to make them fly again.

Jim Gevay

Airport Field Report

The airport field is looking better with each passing month. Between Bob's most excellent mowing and the application of fertilizer, both dirt and fauna are building. The grass we planted is gaining strength and height. There are still bare patches, but we can cure this as time progresses.

Our tough new grass is enjoying the fall weather.



		Fertizer (lbs)	Recomm. 1/2 Year	% of 1/2 Year
Nitrogen	Total	20.00	30	67%
Phosphorus	Total	14.00	20	71%
Potash	Total	24.20	40	61%

Tom Sontag

FLYING DAYS

The club meeting brought out Tom with more airplanes to be rehabbed and Dennis with motors, planes and assorted bits and pieces we all want or need. But the thing I was most impressed about was Steve and his Thunderbird.

Steve started building this airplane over 50 years ago. Once he found our club thru the web site (*thanks Tom*). Steve became a member and got the bug to finally complete the model.

What a job, with a few suggestions from the members some changes were made. Then he worked his magic and turned out a beautiful Veco Thunderbird that anyone would be proud to own. Ask Steve about the details of this plane it is an interesting story.

In September and October we applied 280 bag-pounds of fertilizer from 10 bags, including starter, winterizer and chicken poop over a course of 3 applications. This amounted to 70% of the late summer fertilizer recommended by the UM Extension Office.

The multiple applications and mixture of bags achieved close to the recommended percentages of nutrients and 70% of the application rate. It also allowed fertilizer to slowly sink in without burning the grass.

We also thinly applied alfalfa pellets and clay cat litter to help build up the soil. The applicator enjoyed some 6 miles of exercise without paying a health club.



10/19/2019

Today it was not snowing or blowing though it started out a little damp.

When I arrived Steve Fiskum was patiently waiting for things to dry up and the sun to shine. After a bunch of hangar talk he decided he could not stay any longer.

Then Jeff showed up and took Steve's place with more Hangar talk taking place. Soon Tom and Dave arrived and out to the field we went.

As each of us were getting in a few flights Shuggy made an appearance with his Mustang and put it through its paces.

Dave, Shuggy and I had many projects to attend to at home so we were calling it quits for the day after many successful flights.

John was showing up about then and Tom was planning to stay and get some more flying done all in all a good day to be out among friends.

Tom flew a Wooten VooDoo combat wing with a Norvell 25 first flight was quick but the second flight was darn right fast. Tom was having a ball. Dave was flying a Ringmaster and his P-40 and I was getting some flights in with my Buster. Tom also had a Peacemaker he flew and after the VooDoo peace was needed.

Though this may be the last weekend to fly without a jacket I do hope we can get out again before the snow flies for good.

The VooDoo hard to catch this little guy zipping around at about 3seconds a lap



Tom's Peacemaker



Shuggy's Mustang



My Buster





The Mustang diving in for the attack



What's wrong with this launch



The Peacemaker

Bob Cheney

SV-11 ARF

Got myself an SV-11 ARF from Brodak to assemble this Winter. Looks like a well made ARF. Will try to get it straight and true. It is just pieced together for the sassy photos.

Shug







Competition Stunt Model

Specifications

Wing Span	60 1/2"
Wing Area	676 sq. in.
Overall Length	49 1/2"
Engine Size	0.51 - 0.65

Kit Features:

- Fully pre-built fuselage
- Pre-built wings with heavy duty bellcrank, lead-out wires, adjustable lead-out guides, and outboard weight box already installed
- Complete hardware package
- Detailed and illustrated instruction booklet
- Decals

Specifications

- BA-102 1 oz. CA 1
- BA-205 4.5 oz. #30
- BA-107 1 oz. Gap
- TC-100 Testor's® Cement f
- B017 1/2" Mask
- Assorted
- Excel K-1 Knife a

Try It, I Think You'll Like It - \$9.19 will bring an 8 ounce container of "Yellow Instrument Glue" from Lutibers Mercantile to your mailbox.
<https://www.lmi.com/glue/2977-lmi-yellow-instrument-glue-8-oz.html>

Here's why you might like it -

- Excellent holding strength
- Water clean up
- Non-toxic
- Excellent sanding properties - won't gum up sanding belts
- Fast drying - you can machine sand glued parts in as little as 90 minutes

Did You Know? Most of us who enjoy model airplanes are probably familiar with Germany's "Red Baron" (Manfred von Richthofen) and the iconic Fokker Dr.I Triplane he's often associated with. But, do you know the back story on that triplane?

The (British) Sopwith Aviation Company produced a triplane which began to appear on the Western Front in February of 1917. Despite having a single Vickers machine gun for armament, it proved to be clearly superior to the more heavily armed Albatross D.III fighters then being flown by the Germans.

The Germans were so impressed they sought to duplicate the performance, more than 30 triplane prototypes were created in Germany and Austria. Dutch designer Anthony Fokker studied a downed Sopwith "Tripe" and the first of his triplanes arrived at the front for evaluation in August of 1917. By the spring of 1918, it was in widespread service.

And that's how the Fokker Dr.I Triplane came to be.



Airport Flying Field

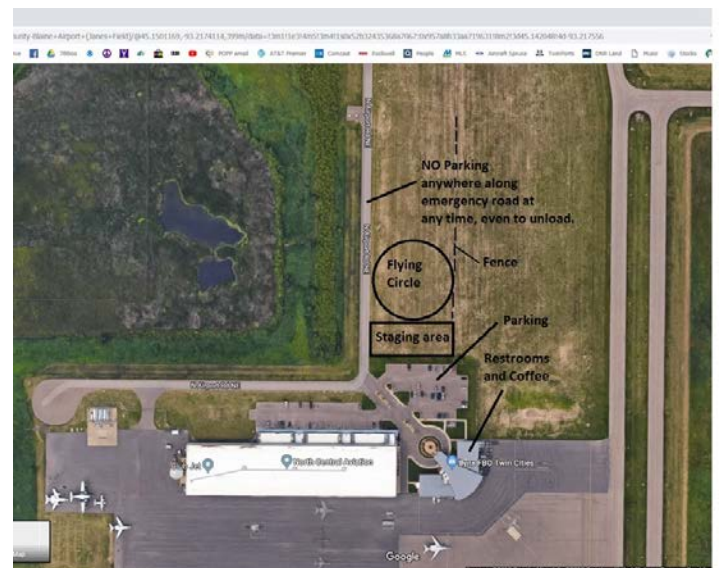
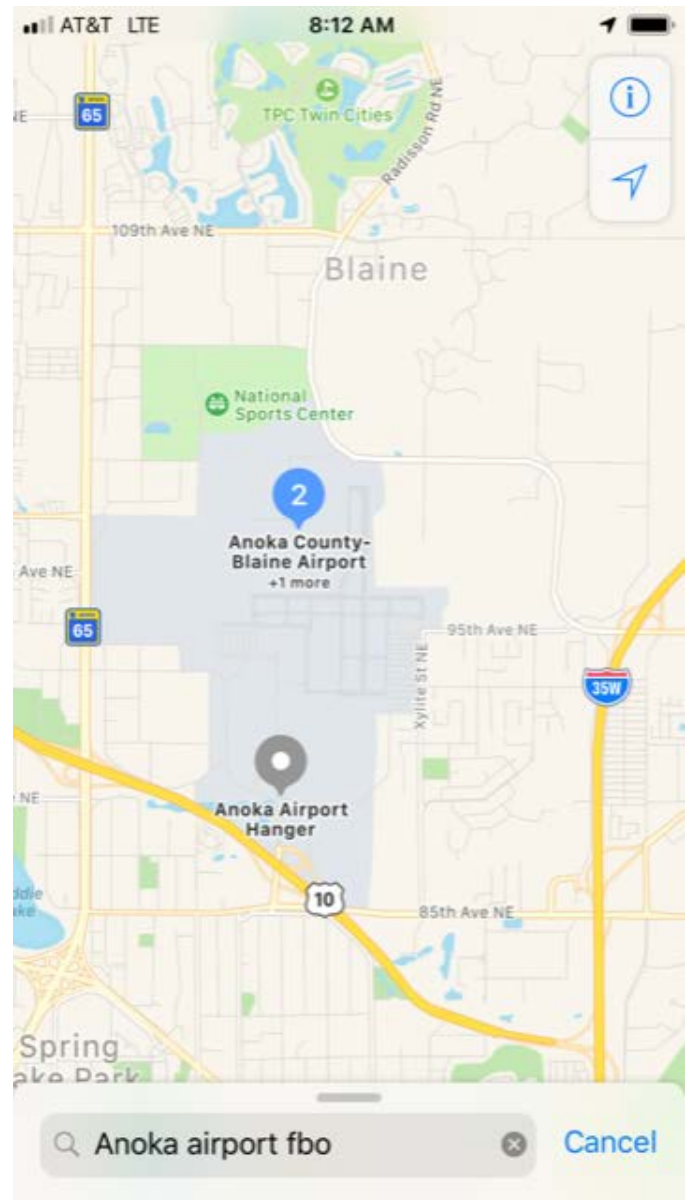
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9877 North Airport Road NE
Blaine MN 55449

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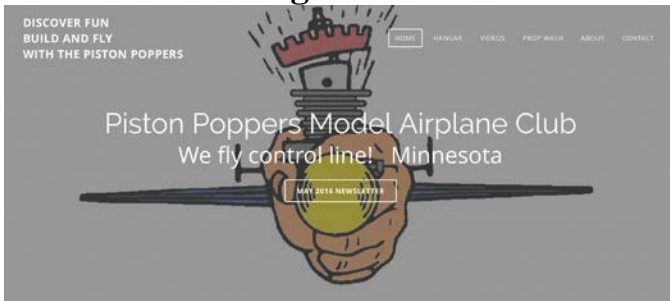
Route 1: Go north from 694 on Hwy 65, east on 105th, south on Raddison about 1/2 mile to the north entrance of Anoka County Airport, right on N airport road, follow to parking lot next to flying field.

Route 2: go north from 694 on 35w, go west on 95th, at light continue straight onto Raddison Road, follow Raddison around to the north entrance, turn left at North entrance, follow N airport road to parking lot next to flying field.

Just above the "2" on the map.



Click on Photo to go to the website



MEETING NOTICE: October 24, 2019–
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

