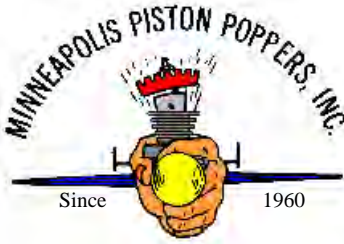


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Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible.

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## July Meeting

There was no Treasurers report

**Old Business:** none

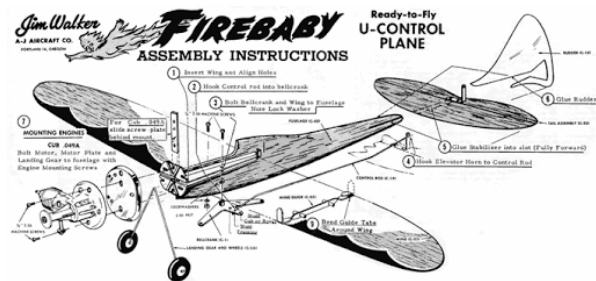
**New Business:** Outdoor activities are still shut down at the Westwood School. Tony has been trying to get in touch with someone there without success. He has no idea when things might return to normal. Dave Kruse's wife thanked the club for the nice card. Our club lawnmower is having problems. A seal is bad and is leaking on the belt drive. With some cleaning adjustments, Bob has been

able to at least limp through a field cutting for now.

**Show and Tell:** Tom Sontag brought out 4 planes he's been working on. Three will be powered by Enya 15's and the other is a 1/2A. They have an assortment of wings, combat and Challenger, one has been stretched fuselage to look like a muscle car. The 1/2A is a parasol type and looks like a Sopwith Swallow.

Jim Gevay

## Old Ads from Jim Gevay





## Steve Mrachek's Nobler

Steve Mrachek contacted me in July via the club website.



Here is what he said:

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A long time ago I picked up a control line stunt plane. It's been hanging in my garage collecting dust and I would like to move it along to someone that would appreciate it. I do not do any model flying anymore.

I did some research on the internet and found that it [may be] a Gieseke Nobler built back in 1968. Apparently, Bob Gieseke won the Walker Cup in 68 shown with that plane.

I am not sure if this is the exact plane but it is decorated the same. I never did find a kit so I am guessing it is stick built. It is in really good condition with only a small puncture. I don't remember where I got it.

I am in Winona but do get to the metro area less now than before because of the virus. I would be glad to meet somewhere if there is an interest.

Steve



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Steve and I met in Redwing a few days later, and he handed me this nice airplane. It is hard to know the exact origin, partially because it has been recovered, but it certainly has the markings and color of a Gieseke Nobler.

She is nicely built, straight on first look, mounted with a muffler-free Fox 35, and weighs 42 ounces. Bob Gieseke built a series of Noblers in the late 60's and early 70's. He claimed if you wanted to compete with a Nobler at the national level using a Fox 35 then you must build it light at no more than 40 ounces.

That is pretty close to this airplane. Here is Bob Gieseke with one of his Noblers (Stunt News). Please read the tribute and memorial to Bob Gieseke in Stunt News May-June 2015.



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Steve: It was nice to meet you and it looks like the plane is in good hands

now. I started picking up model plane stuff at garage sales for 20 years.

Collected a few pretty beat up RC planes mostly to add the engines to my little collection. A few old ignition engines showed up along the way.

The Nobler showed up on an online auction and I placed a bid ( I think \$32) and got it only seeing a small photo and no description. I was really happy after picking it up seeing that it was a control-line model and in good condition.

After finding out what it was on the internet it took a prominent place in my den. Hope you enjoy it and let me know if it gets back into the air.

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Steve, I look forward to seeing it fly again. Thank you for this nice gift to the Piston Poppers.

Tom Sontag



## VIDEO by Sean

Control Line Flight Action-Cam 3  
POVs



## My Repaired Planes



Flew the Score already. I did OK.

Need some tweaks



Flown the Privateer and it is  
flying real good.





MEETING NOTICE:--August 27 at Club Field 7:30PM.

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

