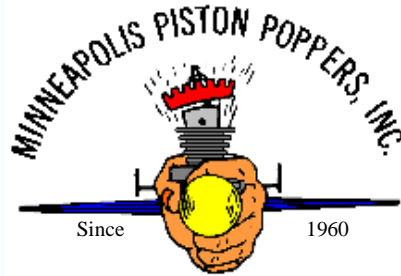


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## August Meeting

**New Business:** Our Wednesday night flying at the school yard is over for the year, we still have use of the field on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of October. We also have the school reserved for our January 1<sup>st</sup> Frozen Fun Fly. The Ramsey site; Tony has talked with the city and the MPCA. The city would like to build a building on the site, the MPCA doesn't want it and they would like to see us there instead. The city is thinking we may need a permit, \$200 to apply with \$800 in escrow for a hearing. Tony has talked to Tom Sontag about the possibility of the Fridley site again.

Bob Cheney has sent in a few e-mails to the airport manager and has not received any replies yet, he's trying to get a face to face meeting with him. There was no old Business, Raffle or Show and Tell.

Jim Gevay

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

I had a very promising meeting with Mr. Glen Burke airport Manager for Anoka and Crystal airports.

The proposal I submitted was accepted and he has been working to find a place for us. Talking to him he mentioned that the Anoka site could possibly be only a temporary place. So he had in mind an area

at the Crystal airport. He showed me a site within the airport grounds which I think would work well.

The area I think is better than the Anoka site as there is a possibility it will never be able to be developed. The ground is higher so no wet ground issues. The area is flatter, we would have code gated access and there are bathrooms on site. I can now a circle to our own desires.

We would be put on a schedule so the airport can put out NOTAM to pilots using the field. (*Something like Wednesdays 4:00PM till dusk and Saturdays 10:00AM till 6:00PM*).

The next step is that Mr. Burke will get together with his boss to get the approval. (*He has already talked to his superiors they are not all together for it, but will concede to what Mr. Bruke decides*).

Another request is that we may be asked to participate in a father's day program at the Crystal airport along with the Discover Aviation Days we already do.

So what do you think? I will keep you updated when I receive any more information.

Bob

## Rookie Corner Quiz:

I pancaked the Flight Streak into the turf inverted. Carnage seemed limited to the tail feathers and a badly bent spring on the needle valve of the OS 25. After a few weeks of putzing with the stab and vertical stabilizer, replacing jingles, and popping in a new needle, I carried the patched ship to the circle

for a spin.

It didn't go well.

Control surfaces worked fine, but the engine just wouldn't run for anything. We twisted the needle to multiple setting while the motor sputtered lean or rich, with no consistent run.

The needle seemed tight to the assembly with poor control of speed, especially with the needle at the closed settling. Further, the needle seemed overly tight in advance of the closed position.

Rookie question: why? What was wrong?

Answer: after changing the glow plug, cleaning the filter, fiddling with fuel lines, and blowing the needle valve assembly clean, I decided to remove the NVA. Now in plain sight, the spray bar was bend from the impact of the pancake maneuver.

With Sean's generous provision of a new needle valve assembly, the engine was happy once again.

Rookie lesson: after a rookie crash that impacted the needle or Venturi, do not assume everything broken is made of wood or visible. Check for not obviously damaged metal parts!

Fly on, friends!

Tom Sontag



## Wed Club Fly

Our last Wed. night fun fly of the year at the Westwood middle school brought out a bunch of club members including a visitor from Knoxville, Tenn. Michael Jennings.

Michael is a builder and flier of control-line aircraft. He brought with him a military styled Navion and a P-47 stunter. Both appeared well built and flew great.

Michael has family and friends here in the cities and comes to town a couple of times a year, in his own words "I'll be back to burn some Castor with you all again" "thanks for a good time"

Michael holding the P-47 was joined with his buddy Dad Peterson and I believe his grandson Ben.

I hope they come back soon.

Bob

## Flying Site...get out there!

### Westwood Middle School

711 91st Avenue  
Blaine, MN 55434

### Directions from 65

West at the light at 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue (where there was a gas station)

North at the light at NE Polk St

West at the light at 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE

5 blocks then turn North on School Road

Park near the tennis court

The flying field is between the old baseball fields and the school building at this ti

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**MEETING NOTICE: Sept 24 – 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 start at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

