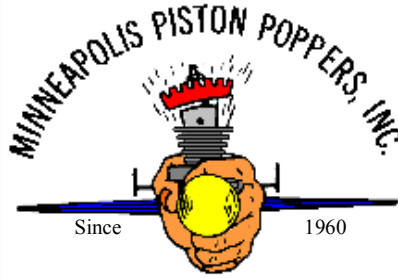


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June Meeting

Old Business: Polk City contest; 6 members attended and had some good results.

New Business: Last Wednesday was the first time we used our new flying field at the school. Tony spoke briefly about the site rules and the schedule. He'll make copies of the rules and times for the members. For now, the times we are allowed there are Wednesdays from 4 to 9:30 through August 26th, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 9:30 through October 31st. We are also on the schedule for January 1st for our Frozen Fun Fly. A question was asked why we only have the field on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. This is kind of a trial basis, and it goes back to the times and days we had at the Vo Tech school, remember, we share this field with a school and their activities. Also, **NO SOLO FLYING**, you must have a least 2 people there to fly to prevent anyone else from walking into the circle.

Tom Sontag spoke about the Ramsey site he's working on. The MPCA has given us the go ahead, now it's time to talk with the city. The site is approximately 200' by 200'. It's going to take some ground work to make the field flyable for next year. Al Sandberg has promised to bring in his bucket loader to help make the ground smoother. Terry

Taylor asked if we need to use mufflers at the Ramsey site. It was agreed that we will use mufflers wherever we fly.

Bob Cheney spoke about the information packet he recently sent to the new airport manager.

Show and Tell: Dale Mendenhall showed us a brand new Dyna Jet.

Jim Gevay

From Tony

YES, WE have a new flying site at the Westwood Middle School!

We have site reserved for the club, at the north, north-east part of the school property as shown on Tom's map.

Our Club has the field on Wednesdays 4pm-9:30pm

Saturdays 8am-9:30pm
Sundays 8am-9:30pm

We will have a mowed circle, (thanks, Bob)

Safety will be of the utmost importance, sharing an area with children.

Therefore, there can be NO solo flying, there must be at least two club members, one to keep an eye on things while the other puts in a flight, We don't want anyone wandering into the circle, or otherwise placed in harms way.

If there is a change, it will be in the newsletter, and/or E-mails.

Work on the other sites continues, the Ramsey field "wheels" are turning.

I want to thank Tom Sontag, for all he's done to get things rolling, and his continuing efforts, Jim Gevay, for getting our insurance issues lined-up, making it possible to cover the clubs liabilities at our flying sites. Also, Bob Cheney and Jeff Lange, for their continuing efforts to find a field. and Sean Emery for his efforts and support.

If there any questions, feel free to contact me...

Tony

Westwood Middle School

711 91st Avenue
Blaine, MN 55434

Directions from 65

West at the light at 89th Avenue (where there was a gas station)

North at the light at NE Polk St

West at the light at 91st 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 time.

Flying Field

Hey Poppers we have a mowed flying site. For all the time and effort spent Tom Sontag and Tony Kubers deserve a great deal of credit.

Having flown a few times at this school I have noticed that there are just a few locals that come by either taking a peak at what we're doing or just passing by. I have not seen any of our club members racing around, but I have noticed some cars that go to different parts of the property appear to be driving through the lots at quicker speeds than they should. Let's be sure we're not like these people. Be safe.

I have mowed a circle; it is a 75' radius circle. Be sure to be aware that we do not over fly the sidewalk and if you wander away from center, at 6'

to 7' outside of the mowed area is a baseball backstop that would do wonders of re-kitting a model in short order.

As for my update for a flying site at the airport I've had a chance to confer with the airport manager. He was interested in our proposal and talked about our club and activities that we do. He voiced his concerns as he was not totally aware of what control-line flying was. After a short history he said he will present our proposal at his staff meeting. If all goes well we will need to have a demo to show what we do and the safety issues we use.

This again is a promising possibility for a flying site. And is exciting to be where general aviation is combined with model aviation.

Bob

John Christensen flying his Pathfinder at the new school field



DRIVE

Hello everyone, Shug has asked a question; "What drives you in this hobby?"

For me there are many things. I consider myself just a sport flier with just a little desire to compete. But I feel very proud to be associated with and friends with the top fliers in our club.

One thing that drives me is a perfect day with temps in the upper 60's to low 70's a light breeze and no rain in sight. I'm at the flying field with my fellow club members searching for that perfect pattern.

To see a beautiful model take to the air and perform a good pattern gives me great pleasure to watch. To be around these humble people and have them help teach me to build and fly is awesome feeling.

Another item that gives me great pleasure is to see my fellow club members helping newcomers succeed, in their passion of model building and flying. And all of us being treated as equals.

So these are some of the things that drive me and make me proud to be a Piston Popper.

Now what is your drive?

Bob

My drive in the beginning was just to find a place to fly. Last year I realized that progression is accelerated through the tutelage of club members. Having members give you critiques and advice and tips and encouragement for sure seemed to speed up my learning curve on flying a stunt pattern.

Now my drive is to get as good as I can on the stunt pattern. The quest for a perfect flight is elusive and thrilling.

Sean Shug Emery

**Please Submit an Article for Newsletter))))))
Anything will be appreciated by all club members.**

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**MEETING NOTICE: July 30 – 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.

