

Fisherman's Retreat

April 19, 2009

We had a fine race day preceded by a short monthly meeting. At least most of the members had a good race day. I started the day off losing sight of my trainer in the air and losing it. This is the first time I have lost a plane in the air this way and it was very disturbing. Then Dave Miles lost his plane in the races but I think those were the only mishaps. The races were won by Jim Wilson.



Jim is always a strong and consistent flyer who is a threat with anything he flies. Second was Richard Rittmiller.



Richard has had problems with his trainer the last few races but this month he was right in the groove finishing well in each heat.

Chris Gautier was a strong third. Because of his work schedule we only see Chris on race days but he always comes to the races even when he is coming straight from work.



Also competing were Rick Ogden, Dave Miles, Al Hess and Scott Gibbons. Scott has been a member for a few years now but doesn't get out on Sunday's too often so it was good to see him at the races.



As said earlier I was going to compete but I lost my plane while staging for the first race. The worst part about this is I also crashed my last trainer while racing. I think I'm beginning to see a pattern here. Just in case I'm wrong though I will get another trainer to see if I can break this curse.



This is Richard's Ugly Fokker. I don't know if he got to fly it this week as the wind came up just as the races ended. It was blowing hard enough during the last heat that the racers had a hard time making the upwind run.



I'm not sure who this little stik belongs to. Truth be told I don't even remember taking this picture. It's a cute little thing though and if it's like any other stiks it's a great flyer.



Richards trainer before the races. It went home in the same condition.

I am going to bring a tractor and mower to the field this Thursday to try to get in control of our weed problem. The wet spring weather followed by the warm weather has really got the weeds growing strong. Any one who can make it out will be welcome, especially if you bring your weed eater or any other tools.



Above is Roberts Super Chipmunk, it flies like all chipmunks and is a fun aerobatic plane with no bad habits that I could see.

This is all I have to report for this week. Hopefully I'll remember to take a few more pictures next week and the report will be a little bigger.

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