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What a great day for flying. Except for the clouds, the wind and temperature were perfect. Not many fliers though to enjoy things.



I finally finished the repairs on the P-6 Hawk. I left the wheel pants off as you can see. They have a tendency to grab debris from the run and cause nose over problems when landing if there is anything to get caught in them on the runway. I also had the Rearwin Speedster out but it had a receiver problem and didn't get airborne. The repairs John Ferranti did look great so I'm looking forward to flying it again.



Dave Miles is really giving his trainer a good workout lately but he has been having engine problems that continued to haunt him today. His first flight went great take off to landing but the second flight the engine failed on take off and put the plane back out of duty. Let's hope it's ready for next weeks races. Speaking of next weeks races. This will be the final race of the season and Rick Ogden and Jim Wilson are pretty close in the standings. Rick had a plane at the field today that looks like a real contender, fast is an understatement. Somehow I managed not to get a picture of Ricks plane but the way it was flying we'll all know what it looks like after next weeks races. Jim Wilson didn't bring his trainer out today but he did bring his Lucky Stik which I believe he uses to secretly practice going fast and turning left with.



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I did get a picture of Rick's Tiger. It is equipped with a Magnum 80 four stroke and air retracts. He was using it today to help Lawrence get some stick time on a low wing.



Terry Talkington had his Ultra Stik at the field today. Somehow he managed to save the plane after the engine died with no altitude and no airspeed at the end of the runway. He got it turned around going about 1 mph and down safely.



There is a lot to be said for having lots of wing and low wing loading, and some skill as a pilot doesn't hurt.

Al Hess had a couple of planes at the field. An Ultimate with an 80 fourstroke that decided to not want to run properly for him and a gas fired Extra 300 that flew fine but lost a wheel on landing so had to go back to the hanger for repairs.



His nephew Terry brought his T-6 and Hanger 9 Raptor. The Raptor had a run in with a T-post that crushed the leading edge of his wing but didn't look like it did too much damage.



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John Ferranti had this little plane that is powered with a 56 four stroke. It was zipping around the sky like a bullet. John always has planes that have lots of speed.



See you all next week.

Harry

The Christmas party was really nice last week. Though not a lot of people came the group that did attend were well taken care of by the staff. The raffle went well with a broad selection of raffle prizes. Something for every one and then some. Carolyn Hodge took lots of pictures so I expect we will see a few from Larry in the near future.

Don't forget we have a meeting next week before the races begin. There will also be breaks between the heats so that those who aren't racing can still fly their planes and enjoy the day. Henry Granier is planning on building some AMA starting benches, I should say Henry is planning some work parties to put some together. Let him know if you want to help with the construction. I believe the benches will be a real benefit to the club and if we all pitch in and help we can get them done without too much effort on any one person.

If you don't plan on racing next week come out anyway and help with the pylon judging. We can do a potluck if anyone is interested. E-mail me or call John Ferranti if you plan on bringing anything.