

Fisherman's Retreat

February 15, 2009

Well, it seems as though the weather gods didn't want us to have a trainer race in February. On the eighth we were rained out so we moved the race date one week and got blown out this weekend. Though we have held races in worse winds it was decided we really didn't need to destroy planes just to race or freeze our tails off. Hopefully April will find better weather. The MARKS club was hosting the first warbirds race of the season this past weekend also but I haven't heard if they raced or not. They might be better protected from the wind down in the quarry.

We did get a visit from a couple of guys who are thinking about joining our club, Dan and Sean came by the club last fall and must have liked what they saw as they came back and test flew their planes to see how the field felt to them.



This is Dan's T-28 Trojan foamy converted to glow. It sports a .15 glow engine and is light as a feather. Dan flew it in winds bigger planes might have struggled in and it did pretty darned good. I was surprised to see the penetration it got on the upwind runs. Landing was just about a hover though. Not much rollout.

Tim Green has been flying with Tom Bright on the buddy box on Sunday's and on Wednesdays with Henry Grenier and Terry Talkington. His Right Flyer 60 took a hard landing last Wednesday and he wrecked the wing but he had another one on the plane and ready to fly on Sunday. The rest of us pretty much stood around with our hands in our pockets watching Tim and Al Hess and Dan fly while we complained about the cold and the wind. It is good to see the members using the flight stands along the poles and on the taxi way. I would like some input from the members at the next meeting on where the members prefer the stands. Most clubs put the stands in front of their shelters. The problem with that is the prop wash blowing into the shelter area. It does make it convenient to set up your plane though and it keeps you in the shade while getting ready to fly. Think about it and let's talk about it at the next meeting. It is nice not having to kneel down to start our planes. The AMA stands support our large planes just fine and the poll mounted stands seem to handle the planes up to 60 sized without any problems.

Please pay your dues if you haven't yet, there is field maintenance that needs to be done and it's our dues that pay for the lease and maintenance we need to do to keep our field flyable.

Don't forget the swap meet and Cub funfly on March 15th, food, fun and great deals, what more could you ask for?

On a final note, Jim Wilson's trainer got taken out by his flight box on the way to races when another car pulled in front of him causing him to slam on his brakes.