

# AMAA

## Fisherman's Retreat

### February 22, 2009

Hot dog, today was a great day at the field. Lots of flyers and planes and really nice weather made for a fun day. It was cloudy but not cold and even though an occasional rain shower came through it was never enough to make anyone stop and put their gear away. My Rearwin Speedster flew great but once again the landing gear collapsed upon landing. This is really getting frustrating.



At least the P-6 Hawk is staying together and getting up and down without any problems.



If you look close at the Speedster you can see the landing gear folded back and the nose of the plane sitting on my jump box for support. It seemed as if the last repair was holding together pretty well until today. Oh well, tear it apart and try something else. Eventually I'll get it right.



Another plane having trouble today was Dave Miles Spacewalker II. The Spacewalker is normally a very stable plane but this one is a handful. I'm sure Dave will get it worked out. Dave has a new plane he just got from Terry Talkington. True to Terry it is a gasser and a tail dragger. It's also one of the best planes there is to just have fun with. The plane is a Sig Kadet with a 22 cc gas engine on board.



There may not be a better plane to get introduced to gas and tail dragging with.

Al Hess has a sister to Dave's plane with this Kadet, another one of Terry's creations.



It was pretty entertaining watching both of the Kadet flying together. Rick Ogden has also been bitten by the gas bug. I think this is a Joss Stick that Rick has installed an 18 cc weedwacker engine on that Terry converted to RC use a while back. Rick had to chop a few inches off the nose in order to balance but the set up worked great. There is nothing like a stik for just fun flying, add to that the convenience and economy of a gas engine and this makes a really good combination.



You wouldn't really notice the front of the plane being shorter until you compare it to Jim Wilson's Great Planes Stik which hasn't been modified to carry a gas engine. Of course it is only carrying a .46 sized engine and no one is making a gas engine that sized yet but if they do we might get Jim flying a gasser.



This is Wilson's plane with Rick Ogden standing in the background. In the picture of Rick's Stik Jim Wilson is standing in the background. I didn't plan this but it happened anyway.

Al Hess also brought his Killer Bee to the field. I keep taking pictures of this plane but I don't remember seeing it fly yet. The next time Al brings it out I will have to pay closer attention.



Wait a minute, Al did fly the Killer Bee, he lost a wheel in flight and we had to dig into our flight boxes to come up with a spare tire and wheel for his plane.



A perfect match though he did have to do a little corrective trimming, it might have been a difference in weight. Be that as it may the club almost got Al's Killer Bee almost again.



Rob is another convert to the gas engine scene. He brought one of my favorite planes out today, Rick Ogden used to have one that he flew with an OS 91 fourstroke but Rob decided gas is the way to go.



The Dragon Lady flies as good as it looks. So did Robs other plane, this profile fun flyer.



Our newest member Danny brought out a really nice low wing plane that I failed to get a picture of. Dang I hate when I do that. Danny was accompanied by his wife and children. His wife Jennifer also flies and she likes the jets, the thing is though she doesn't like jets with propellers stuck on the front. I understand that completely. Since we don't allow turbines at our field I think she may have to get a ducted fan jet in order to be able to fly her jet at the club and still not have to look at a prop out front.

Remember we have a club swap meet and fun fly coming up on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I sure wish I could be there for this one. We also have a meeting coming up on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 08:30.

Thanks to Tim Green for spraying the weeds on the runway. This is going to be a good spring for weeds I think. Be prepared for a few work parties. If I can get a tractor out there this Saturday I will move some dirt back to the runway and fill in the squirrel holes. I'll send out a note Friday evening if I am going to have a tractor for Saturday. I know, this is short notice and I won't blame anyone who can't make it. There is only so much we can do with one tractor anyway. If you have a weed eater or any such tools though, we can clean up around the pit area and the taxi ways.