

Fisherman's Retreat

February 21, 2010

This Sunday dawned to rain in Yucaipa but it didn't dampen the spirits of our club members. The rain quit before we started flying and held off for most of the day.



This tiny Cub of Terry's held it's own in the light breeze. This is the opposite end of the spectrum of the cubs Terry flies. The other end is a 1/3 scale cub. Terry also brought his Bridi Big Bee that he has named the "Lumber Yard", a real monster of a plane that will fly in any weather conditions, it is powered with a Zenoah G-38.



I really like the look of that plane coming over the trees with the clouds in the background.



Tom Bright has a new plane, it is an electric plane that needs a modern update, brushless and LiPo will make it a flyer.

Ralph Buscemi also likes to fly big planes. He has this Big Stik set up with flaps and crow.



On this pass it's going slow and low with the crow up and flaps down. Ralph was also flying his trainer today. It did fine flying but the landing found it upside down at the end of the runway. It was none the worse for the wear but it was fun taking Ralph's picture picking it up.



Here is Rick Ogdens Decathlon with Tom Bright doing the honors of releasing it for flight. Rick always flies the nicest planes.



You have to admit that is a mighty pretty knife edge that Decathlon performs with Rick at the controls. Rick took a Magnum engine out and put in an OS 120.

Al Hess was flying his T-28 a lot today practicing touch and goes. The Parkzone T-28 has become a very popular plane at the field in the past few months. I'm guessing there are at least ten different flyers that now own one.



They are tough little planes as demonstrated here when Al's plane's landing gear snagged a weed and flipped the plane over. Al set it upright and flew it away. Most built up planes would have been going home for repairs after such an abrupt landing. Mine flew into the ground at full throttle and the repair costs added up to \$9.30 and thirty minutes of repairs.



John Ferranti once again brought his Sig Kadet. That covering job is an example of the kind of work John does.

Karn from Helizone brought out one of his helicopters. A T-Rex 700 that he was demonstrating to a friend when it suffered an engine failure resulting in a broken landing gear and some other damages.



Karn also brought this big bird that was having engine problems so he never got to fly it.



This Great Planes wing didn't have much better luck. Karn flew it some but it didn't seem to be right and he was forced to land it.



About midway through the morning the clouds started to break up but the clearing skies weren't to last. By the time we were wrapping up for the day the clouds had closed back in and gotten dark and ominous. It never rained on us though and the wind never got to the point where any of our planes couldn't fly.



Here is another shot of Ralph's Big Stik.

We had some vandalism at the field last week. Jim Wilson and I found it on Wednesday. It isn't anything major and I had a talk with one of the security people at the park but I don't expect anything to come of it. It appears to be the work of kids who just felt like breaking things.

The weeds are coming up all around the runway and in the cracks in the runway. It's time for round-up and weed eating again. I'll get a tractor out to scrape the weeds around the runway. With all the rain we've had this year it is going to be a prime year for weeds.

I'll see you all next Sunday

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