

Fisherman's Retreat

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Happy Valentines Day to all our spouses and loved ones who encourage us to come to the field. I'm going to start out this time with my plane that Laura gave me for my birthday. It's a Cessna Agwagon with a Saito FG 36 gas four stroke engine. With the help of many of our club members I finally got the plane airborne. It flies great and the sound of the four stroke is awesome.



I had a problem in the beginning with the engine dying after the plane got airborne. Even though it ran good on the ground, the general consensus was the engine was running lean. With the help of a temp gun and good friends we got the carb tuned and flew the plane successfully. I was a happy camper to say the least. With a little more tuning I put the cowl on and flew again without a problem.



Anthony Vega, shown here with Tom Bright, is our newest member and has been doing well with his flying. Anthony is a student at Cal Poly Pomona studying aeronautics. He has to fly a plane in a wind tunnel and is learning to fly to help his studies. That's his story, I think he also likes flying RC airplanes.



He looks like he is studying hard here. I don't remember having this much fun in college.



Ralph Buscemi is the owner of this beautiful Tiger Moth. Today was the first time I saw it fly and other than one dead stick landing it flew great.

Al Hess owns this Ace Biplane. It was built in 1976 and is still flying. I don't know how many times it has been covered but it looks great and flies like it looks.



It is easy to see and smooth in the air.

Al had some bad luck with his Bridi Big Bee, as he attempted to come out of a spin the wing bolt blocks pulled loose from the fuselage and the plane was destroyed causing a sad end to a nice plane.



Terry Talkington likes to fly this Big Stik when he isn't playing with his Parkzone electrics. On the completely opposite end of the spectrum he has a tiny little cub that has about a ten inch wingspan that I didn't get a picture of but I will with it sitting on the stick for a comparison.



I'm pretty sure the cub will fit in the cross on the wing of the Big Stik.



Jim Wilson is one of our club members who is always at the club doing what needs to be done. I'm just guessing but I think what we see here is Jim flying his T-28. It sure looks like he's enjoying himself.



John Ferranti recovered this Sig Kadet and then had to build a new vertical stabilizer as the first one was cut down to clear gliders when it was used to carry them aloft. John, as well as Floyd Phillips, is one of our go to guys when a plane needs repaired and or recovered. John has been building planes for years and it shows in his craftsmanship.

Lee Silvester has been in the Midwest for awhile so I'm pretty sure he was happy to be in sunny Southern California today with his electrics.



Rick Bass was also at the field today with his helicopter. Yes, it's flying upside down.





Steve McGill brings this electric that he built from a kit. In this day when most of us are buying ARF's and flying them, Steve takes the time to build one and cover it himself.



This is Rick Ogden with his Sig Four Star that I believe was also built from a kit, the covering job definitely isn't an ARF job. Powered by a four stroke glow engine the plane flies like it's on rails. Mostly because of Rick's skill as a pilot. Rick is often called upon to do the maiden flights on another pilot's new plane due to his skill as a pilot.

Okay everybody, I hate to keep harping on this but if you haven't paid your dues you have two weeks left before I turn the roster in to the AMA. The dues are \$80 this year. Currently if you haven't paid your dues you are not a member in good standing and you may not use the club field. If you don't pay your dues before I turn the roster in to the AMA you will have to pay dues and initiation fees to rejoin the club. Of course this doesn't apply to life members, and if you have already paid your dues please ignore this part of the newsletter.

Ralph Buscemi has been working hard on the webpage, if you haven't visited it lately go by and take a look, it can be found at www.amaachinofliers.com . Thanks to Terry Talkington for many of today's pictures.

Harry Hill, President / Secretary