

Fisherman's Retreat

Hello folks, the news letter is going to combine the last few weeks as I've been neglectful in getting one out lately. I'll start out with some good news. Danny Steinbrugger has a Cub and it flies well for him. Danny has had a few problems with getting cubs off the runway but this one has flown successfully.



Rick Ogden brought a collection of Stiks to the field, Both his Hanger 9 Ultra Stik light and his Model Tech Joss Stik which has a gas engine.



I had the Dragon Lady with me and it was running great and looking good after Henry Grenier's repair job. Terry carried it to the runway for me and as I ran it up the strangest thing happened. The vertical stab popped out of the fuselage. Someone did a lousy job gluing it in. It's a great looking plane and it flies great



But I'm thinking all the surfaces need to be permanently mounted. It seems the person who put it together also used epoxy on the CA hinges, so that's a weak point I'm addressing with pinning the hinges to the control surfaces.



Shawn Newman has the T-28 that started out as an electric EPP foam model that he converted to glow fuel. It is a very good flying plane but the engine and exhaust heat seems to be melting the front of the fuselage away. It is very light but shows good characteristics when flying and even penetrates a pretty stout breeze. Shawn came into the club the same time that Danny joined and they are both great new members who have brought new perspectives to the club.



Shawn also brought this profile plane that Sig put out as a kit. It has the same wing profile as the Something Extra from Sig. I don't believe I've seen him fly it yet. I think it's called a Fazer. Speaking of Sig airplanes, I refurbished a Sig Astro Hog that Kenny Owen built years ago and brought it to the club on the 31st for its first time back in the air in who knows how long. Kenny built it from the kit then pulled everything out of it for other projects. When he moved it was one of the planes I got from him. I put a Saito 80 in it and it really flies nice with that power plant.



Anyone who knew Kenny would recognize his signature colors. It seems almost everything he covered was yellow or red or a combination of both. His planes are always very visible so he must have known what he was doing.



Another Sig plane is this something extra owned by Danny Steinbrugger, you can see the similarity to Shawn's Fazer. It also flies very well and is a great design in a few different sizes up to a 120 version.



Al Hess flies this little Fokker. It's a little tricky getting off the ground but once it's flying it is an outstanding plane in the air. He has a small four stroke engine on the plane that is plenty for the little plane. Quite a bit different though than Al's big gas powered Kadet.





Dave Miles is now the owner of this nice little plane after making a trade with Danny for this P-51 that he put together after winning it at a club raffle.



We had a couple of guests from the Redlands club out to fly. One of them brought this Cloud King, a really nice old timer that many of our more senior members will recognize from their early days of flying, what a sweetheart it was in the air. A real contrast in flying compared to his 3D plane sitting next to it.



Terry was flying his Super Bee again. This plane is big and graceful and shows why all the Bridi planes are so popular. Terry has enough power on it that it seems to go vertical from a rolling start, which is pretty good for a plane with a ten foot wing span.



Lee Silvester has been recovering from a surgery and we have been seeing a lot more of him at the field lately. A couple of weeks ago he had his cub with him and this last weekend he brought out his Tigermoth but I failed to bring my camera but here he is with Rick Bass starting his cub for him.



That's it for this news letter. Hopefully I'll remember my camera next week as we have trainer races to fly with open flying between the race heats. We also have a meeting scheduled for 08:30, try to make it if you can.

Harry Hill