

# Fisherman's Retreat

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This week we had a fun-fly at the field.. For those of you who haven't attended a fun-fly I'll explain what it is about. The CD of the event, in this case Tom Bright and Terry Talkington, choose a series of "contests" for each pilot to complete. Some are timed and some require that the pilot exhibit skills, some require both. The first contest required the pilot to take off, fly around and land, seems simple enough but it all has to be done in exactly 60 seconds and the time starts when the wheels lift off and ends as soon as they touch the ground. Surprisingly most of the pilots were within seconds of the mark, one hit 60 seconds exactly.

The next contest was a accuracy event. The pilot had to take off, climb for thirty seconds, then kill the engine and land and stop inside of a ten foot circle marked on the runway. Once again surprisingly, six of the nine pilots stopped inside the circle, one within four inches of the center. Who knew we had some many accurate pilots.

We also had the crap shoot. The pilot has to roll the dice to establish a number, then take off, do three loops, then land and go back and roll the dice until you get the original number.

The last event was the Dixie of Death. The pilot has to take off, do three loops, three rolls and three spins then land, and it's all timed. Since we were all flying different types of planes from trainers to 3-D planes the times vary greatly. One plane couldn't get out of the spin and screwed itself into the ground and another either rolled or looped to close to the ground and met it's untimely death, but most of the planes went home fine.

I know scores were kept and I think in the end Rick Ogden had the best score, I know I had the worst score but with the good time we all had I think we all were winners today. After the good times we all went over to Terry and Kathy Talkingtons for burgers and sides. Terry wanted to show off his birthday present from Kathy. She had painted a mural on their garage wall next to their patio. A picture of the mural is on the page following this report.

Thanks to all the pilots who came out to play today, Rick Ogden, Richard Rittmiller, Al Hess, Lee Silvester, Tom Bright, Terry Talkington, Dave Miles, Shawn Newman, Danny Steinbrugger, and myself, plus Steve McGill for keeping score, John Ferranti and Galen Baltzer and Jason Hess and Janette Steinbrugger for helping. I think everyone had a good time, Floyd Phillips was also at the field to help. Also thanks to Terry and Kathy for having us all over and feeding us.

I have received a great response on the request for license plate info and vehicle information. Anyone who hasn't responded will most likely get stopped at the gate.

