

Fisherman's Retreat

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This month's meeting kind of snuck up on me. We moved it up a week because of Mothers Day and I forgot. Thanks to Henry Grenier for reminding me or I would have been late. It appears a lot of people forgot as the meeting was not too well attended. Not a lot of fliers made it out to the field and they missed a great flying day.



Rick Ogdens Ultra Stik shows up well against the blue sky. The wind was mild and right down the runway and it never got over about 70 degrees. Here is Rick's plane on the ground. It looks good no matter where you see it.



I believe all the varieties of the Stik model fly great except for one spectacular flop from Model Tech called the Sport Stik. What a wreck.



Terry had his Bridi Super Bee at the field again. This is a plane that was literally gathering dust in the rafters of my barn when Terry got it and cleaned off the dust and cob webs to make it a great flyer. Of course Terry has a gas engine on it. If Terry can come up with a 40 sized gas engine we'll probably get him racing trainers.



Last week Danny Steinbrugger got hit with a dust devil during take off and tore off the left wing tip. As you can see he got the left wing tip repaired only to tear off the right wing tip this Sunday. At this rate Danny will end up with a clip winged cub before the end of the month.



This is Danny's Sig Something Extra, it has shorter wings so he doesn't poke the runway with them. The Something Extra is a great tail dragger to fly and Danny seems to have a lot of fun with it.



Here is another version of the Stik with a gas engine on it. I know who it belongs to but at the moment I'm suffering from old timers disease and can't remember who it is. I do remember it's a great flying plane.



John Ferranti owns this Piper Tri Pacer. John is also the owner of this great looking Stik. It seems everyone in the

club has a stik to fly but me so I need to change that and get one of my own.



Floyd Phillips brought out his GWS slow stik which is probably the ultimate slow flyer in the stick format.. I don't have a picture of it but that doesn't mean it wasn't there, What I do have a picture of is Al's trainer.



Now that I think of it I think that Stik in the left column also belongs to Al. If not someone sell it to him so I can quit worrying about who it belongs to. By the way Al's trainer is amazing to watch fly and when Al lands it is almost always a three point landing.

Dave Meyers flew his big blue Kadet that he and Terry are trying to work out some carb problems on, they don't quite have it right yet.. Even not running correctly though the plane flew pretty good. There is nothing like a Kadet to keep flying under any power situation

Jim Wilson was flying his Lucky Stik, it must have been stick day at the field.



It flew great for him but he did have a real unusual experience with his World Models T-34. He has been flying the plane for years with never a problem but today on the first flight of the day it snapped right on take off then it snapped left and Jim couldn't get it to settle. Eventually it went into the ground. It looked like it could be fixed but I'm sure Jim is worried about what happened. It was almost like the plane was getting a second set of signals.



Al's Decathlon didn't have any problems. It always performs well. Al has it powered with a four stroke glow engine.

We spent a lot of time trying to get the club trainer running correctly but just couldn't get it right. Air leaking somewhere was causing the engine to flame out while flying. One thing we did notice was that the fuel tank was very low in comparison to the carb so John is

going to rework the engine mounts to get things closer. Hopefully next Sunday we will get back to lessons for our new members.

A special thanks to Henry Grenier and George Read for taking lawn mowers to the field and getting the weeds down to a reasonable level that landing is mostly pretty safe if you have to land off the runway. I didn't see any planes go over on their nose this week, at least because the weeds grabbed the landing gear. Henry told me Jim Wilson and Tim Green have both been helping keep the weeds under control. We are very lucky to have members close to the field who are willing to spend their time working for the club. I know many would like to who just live too far away to come out when they have a little spare time. They will always help though if we have a weekend work party. The field is looking pretty good right now. Tim has been filling in some of the cracks on the runway also so the runway is looking better.

I don't expect too many members will be out this Sunday because of mothers day but I look forward to seeing all who do make it out.

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