

Fisherman's Retreat

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Here is a little note about today's event and some pictures from the last couple of weeks. I forgot to bring a camera today so no pictures. We had a glider contest today with three club members and a guest competing and a bunch of power pilots witnessing the competition. As is usual for our glider events we didn't have great thermals working today but we did have a nice little wind coming down the runway with small pockets of lift for those lucky enough to find them. Our guest today was Frank Corsaro, a fine glider pilot and a real gentleman to compete against. Frank normally flies with Henry Arance and hasn't flown power planes for years so he normally wouldn't have a reason to come fly with us. Our glider contest brought him out. He was flying a self designed and built two meter plane that handled beautifully for him.

Representing the club were myself, Jim Wilson and Rick Ogden flying John Ferranti's plane. We each flew three flights and in the end Frank was the winner with a total time aloft of 10:39, I was second with 8:21, Rick was third with a time of 4:53 and Jim Wilson had a time of 4:23 for three flights. We were finished by 10:30 and turned the field back over to the power planes. Thanks to Pat Morgan for letting us use his high start, it would be nice to find out where our timers are.

Henry Grenier reports he was in Big Bear this weekend and came across a garage was full of kits and engines that the family wants to sell. The man who originally bought them all is ill and can

no longer build or fly planes. If anyone wants to contact the family they can call 909-866-7656 to see what is available. Henry said there are some really old kits that can't be had any more and some newer kits, it sounds like a great find for those who like to build.



Well it seems the plane I couldn't identify is out at the field almost every week and belongs to Rick Ogden. It has a gas power plant and flies like all stiks, fast and agile with no bad habits. Jim Wilson replaced his World Models T-34 Mentor. He has been flying the same plane for years with no mishaps then a couple of weeks ago for some unknown reason killed itself a couple of weeks ago. The replacement looked as though it flies just as well as the original, there is no picture but I thought I would report it anyway..

We are heading into the summer months, Steve McGill reports he saw a big rattler this morning coming into the field so be careful especially in shady areas where they might be resting during the heat of the day. I'll see you all next week unless you are going away. Harry