

Fisherman's Retreat

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Memorial Day weekend started with cool weather but this Sunday it warmed up nicely. Not a lot of the members came out to the field today but those who did were met with gentle winds and comfortable temperatures.



Terry Talkington showed up with this P-51 foamy that is about 40 sized. It made it's first official maiden flight and it flew beautifully. It's hard to believe what they are doing with foam planes now but this plane flies on a four cell lipo, it has retracts and it looks great in the air or on the stand.



I'm finally getting the bugs worked out of my agwagon and had some very successful flights today. The Saito gas engine supplies plenty of power.



Robert Baznette owns this Extra that he powers with a Zenoah G 38. The plane was put through the wringer today and performs admirably. Robert has a good handle on this plane.



This plane on the other hand gave Robert a run for his money. He told us afterward it was a real handful and once he got it close to the runway he was happy to get it back in one piece. Once he has it set up correctly it should be fine but today was a test for Robert and the plane. I think we've all had a plane that was tail heavy before and it isn't a bit of fun. Robert and Sean both said the CG was correct but it flew from the start like it was tail heavy so I think a little weight in the nose will help this plane a lot.



Ralph Buscemi flew his giant stik without any problems. He can do just about anything with it. Like all stiks it just seems to want to fly.



Al Hess's stik normally flies great but today it was having engine problems so it never got into the air. Al flew his T-28 and his trainer instead of chancing a flame out from a balky engine. A wise choice that if I had made on other occasions would have saved a plane or two for me.



This PT-19 also had problems but will fly another day.

Anthony Vega was also at the field with his trainer getting a lot of air time. Anthony has his Monocoupe repaired and ready to fly and it's looking good but he is concentrating on the basics with his trainer so he will be ready to move up to his more advanced planes. His basics include full circles on the field while inverted. Very nice and smooth, especially with a trainer with about 4 degrees of dihedral. All and all we had a good time at the field. Every one took their planes home in one piece. I think the heat may with us for good for the rest of the year. We have been very lucky having a very late and cool spring but I think that is finished. Bring your sun block from now on and be prepared to stay hydrated.

I'll see you all next week

Harry

Thanks to Terry Talkington for this weeks pictures