

Fisherman's Retreat

November, 2009

Hello everybody, it's been awhile but here comes another one. We had some trainer races a few weeks ago. There were lots of fun and lots of fliers. I can't remember who placed where or even all the fliers, I was a DNF every heat



It is very possible that Jim Wilson placed well with this plane. Jim is just very consistent and his plane is fast, a great combination.



This could be Terry's plane as I don't see a nose wheel. We modified the rules so that tail draggers could also compete.



John Ferranti brought this plane as the model of the month. I think it's a Kadet Senior that he rebuilt and recovered, beautiful job John.



The Dragon Lady is still being flown, I think Al has it now. I just beat it up when I had it so I'm glad someone has it that is enjoying it. It seems we keep recycling the planes amongst the club members until they permanently expire.

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Al also flies this Ace Biplane. I believe he told me it has been around for quite a few years. It flies great and is a real pleasure to watch.



I think the Mustang in the next picture was Danny's, I say was because the next week it met with an unfortunate meeting with the ground, too bad as Danny seemed to have a good time with it.



There was a good article in one of the RC magazines about making our planes crash proof. I know I saw some of the mistakes I make that shorten the life of some of my planes.

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Above is Lee Silvester's Commanche, A very nice sport scale model that is produced by Great Planes. The plane looks good in the air and lands like it has magnets in the wheels. It just settles in and sticks without a bit of bounce.



The Corsair belongs to Terry, it's a foamy made by Parkzone, the same people who make the T-28 Trojan pictured below.



A couple of weeks ago the club had another swap meet. Terry Talkington and Tom Bright were the sponsors. They did a great job of advertising as it was well attended. Unfortunately there weren't many buyers but there were lots of raffle prizes, many of which were donated by Karn, the owner of Helis Zone Hobby Store, with other donations from Ralph Buschemi and raffle prizes purchased by the club. When you see Karn or Ralph thank them. I would also like to remind our members that you should only donate what you can, these events are fund raisers for the club and no one should expect to be reimbursed for their expenses unless a previous agreement has been reached with the club. It was reported to me that someone had stolen an engine from one of the sellers. It wasn't reported to me until the person was driving away so I don't know who the thief was. I hope if he shows up to the next swap meet some points him out to me so that I can make sure he doesn't feel the need to return.

I'm not sure what is going on with the park right now but I went and talked with the manager to find out about the gate passes. She told me we were never supposed to be part of that deal, we will just need to show our club membership card to enter. The next week I got a report that our outhouse had been removed and when I called her to ask her she was less than cordial and wasn't sure we are entitled to a restroom as once again she doesn't have a copy of our lease agreement, she also stated that she thought we were not paying enough for all that land. I'm not sure what it all means but it seemed not to bode well for us. Our lease is paid for this year but we need to be aware of what the park's intentions are. We also want to make sure we aren't overflying the park and that we obey our end of the lease agreement. Be prepared to show your membership card every time you enter the park. Don't get mad or argue with the guards, they are just doing their jobs and it is our responsibility to make sure we don't violate the lease. They have the right to stop us and write down our vehicle license plate number and check our ID. I will leave a copy of our club ID card at the gate to make their job easier. The manager thought anyone with an AMA card was allowed to fly so I told her they had to be members of

the club or guests of the park or our guests but not every AMA member belonged to our club but all our member are members of the AMA. Enough business, let's get back to fun stuff.

The club Christmas party is December 5th, Saturday at the Denny's in Redlands at 06:30



Pat finished our display stand for the AMA convention. This will help us draw attention to our booth and keep the plane out of harms way. Al's granddaughter is making a looped CD for us to play on a laptop showing our planes in a static setting and some videos of the planes we fly. Once again we will be raffling off a complete RTF trainer to help with our fund raising.



Sean bought this little profile stik from Russ and it flies great, just like all the other stiks out there. It's a forty sized plane that Sean looks like he is having a lot of fun with.

I like this next plane but the only thing I recognize in the picture is our Vice President Terry walking in front of it. I'm sure one of you will remind me who the owner is which model it is.



The next plane is my Cessna Agwagon which should be flying soon. On the day the picture was taken I had put a new receiver battery into the plane and forgot to

charge it before I brought it to the field, dooh!



Everyone please have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday and I'll see you all on Sunday. The next meeting is the second Sunday in December which will also be the final trainer race of the year.

***Remember the Christmas Party
Saturday, December 5th at 06:30
at the Denny's on Alabama in
Redlands, bring something for the
raffles if you want to.***