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## How to set the time on wildgame innovations feeder

01-25-2016, 12:32 AM #1 Ten Point Join Date: May 2010 Location: Katy,Texas Hunt In: Anderson County, Colorado County Wildgame Innovations Feeder/Timer Issues I have a 6 volt Wildgame Innovations feeder, with the Wildgame Innovations timer that I used for the first time this year. Twice this season I have gotten on stand only to not have my feeder throw. After checking the feeder both times, I realized the battery was dead both times. I put the first brand new 6 volt Energizer alkaline in it in late September and set it to throw twice a day (morning /evening) for 5 seconds each throw at Hi speed. Battery was dead by opening weekend. Based upon trail cam pics, I would estimate it died about a week before opening day. I replaced the dead battery with another brand new Energizer, on opening day, and changed the motor speed to medium with a 6 second throw twice a day, and assumed that would get me through the end of the season. Went out just after Christmas, and the battery was dead again. Replaced with a third Energizer, and was very frustrated to say the least. By comparison, I have been running the same programmable Moultrie 6 volt I picked up for \$40.00 in 2008, which sits out year round, with no problems. I place a 6 volt Energizer in it in September of each year, set it to feed 2 times a day for 5 or 6 seconds, and the corn is usually gone by February or March, but I just allow it to continue to spin to keep it from freezing up. Each September when I swap out for a new battery, the old battery still has anywhere from 50-75% battery life remaining according to the battery meter on the LCD timer display. I never would have imagined such a drastic difference in battery life with the Wildgame feeder. Has anyone else experienced a similar battery drain issue with their Wildgame Innovations 6 volt feeder? Trying to determine if it could be the motor pulling too much juice, or if it is the digital timer. If I had to guess, I would speculate it is the timer mechanism, as the motor looks to be a standard 6 volt type motor. If you think it is the timer, can you suggest a replacement timer that performs well, and does not drain the battery excessively fast. Before I get flamed for having a Wildgame Innovations feeder, I know firsthand about their quality control issues, as a bought 3 Wildgame trail cams a few years ago, and all 3 died before the end of the season. Just thought a feeder/timer was a pretty basic and full proof item. I have noted some other companies appear to have the same, or at least very similar, feeder/timer. Specifically I believe Remington is one of them. Any insight would be appreciated. 01-25-2016, 05:20 AM #2 Ten Point Join Date: Jul 2014 Location: Cut and Shoot Hunt In: Houston County I had one cam that lasted a year. Worked great while it did. A few timers that are kind of a pain do mess with. Kinda hit or miss with them. 01-25-2016, 06:03 AM #3 Eight Point Join Date: Dec 2015 Location: Port Neches, TX Hunt In: Mexico Everything Wildgame Innovations makes is JUNK. 01-25-2016, 06:04 AM #4 Pope & Young Join Date: Sep 2014 Location: Porter Trash Hunt In: San Augustine I have 2 feeders with the wild game motors and timers and 2 with moultries. All 4 have solar panels and I will still have to change batteries at least once in the wildgame motors during season. The moultries stay at 100% all the time. 01-25-2016, 06:13 AM #5 Pope & Young Join Date: Mar 2009 Location: Corpus Christi Hunt In: S. Texas If you add a solar panel and battery, they will work fine. Ours did the same thing with regular batteries. Not sure why they use so much energy but they do. 01-25-2016, 06:13 AM #6 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2014 Location: New Braunfels Hunt In: Central Texas, Kansas unit #6 & 8 Quote: Originally Posted by hogslayer78 I have 2 feeders with the wild game motors and timers and 2 with moultries. All 4 have solar panels and I will still have to change batteries at least once in the wildgame motors during season. The moultries stay at 100% all the time. X2 01-25-2016, 06:22 AM #7 Pope & Young I'd also recommend upgrading to the "sealed led acid" batteries as they take a charge, and hold it, way better than what you're currently using. Those Energizers aren't really designed to be charged. This isn't a feeder head issue in my opinion. You may even have an exposed wire somewhere causing a short. I've had the same two Wildgame feeder head for longer than I can remember with the solar charger. The one time I had to replace a battery was when the Raccoon's decided they'd use the wire going from the battery to the solar panel as their own personal monkey bars and ripped it apart. 01-25-2016, 06:49 AM #8 Eight Point Join Date: Dec 2013 Location: Midlothian Hunt In: Wichita county,Wilbarger county Ours worked okay this year,gonna put solar panels on this year hopefully less messing with them,our cameras seem to work well. One battery change in 4 cameras. 01-25-2016, 07:25 AM #9 Pope & Young Join Date: Jun 2011 Location: Nordheim, Texas Hunt In: Karnes, Western DeWitt County Wildlife Management This is why I build my own 12 v units with good timers 01-25-2016, 07:46 AM #10 Ten Point Join Date: Oct 2011 Location: Georgetown, TX Hunt In: Ranch Owner, Lampasas TX Had multiple issues with WGI units not operating, even after swapping timing units and batteries. Finally switched over to an all seasons unit and added an eliminator spinning plate. Goes off when its supposed to, no more lost corn and no need for a varmint cage. Attached Images 01-25-2016, 07:46 AM #11 Ten Point Join Date: Jan 2011 Location: Wills Point Tx Hunt In: Rotan tx, Coleman ok Quote: Originally Posted by Slickrick Everything Wildgame Innovations makes is JUNK. X2 01-25-2016, 07:49 AM #12 Pope & Young Quote: Originally Posted by Arrowslinger1 X2 X3 01-25-2016, 07:53 AM #13 Ten Point Join Date: Jun 2012 Location: Hondo Hunt In: Home, MN, WY, South Africa Quote: Originally Posted by Slickrick Everything Wildgame Innovations makes is JUNK. Sorry for your troubles...I feel this way too ^ Only thing worse is their customer service. Good luck. 01-25-2016, 08:07 AM #14 Ten Point Join Date: Sep 2015 Location: Fannett Hunt In: Marion Co, Jefferson Co I had issues with one of my two WGI feeders this year. I just had an expensive season and couldn't afford to put anything better out. Next year they will be replaced. 01-25-2016, 09:19 AM #15 Spike Quote: Originally Posted by Slickrick Everything Wildgame Innovations makes is JUNK. pretty much sums it up !! 01-25-2016, 08:23 AM #16 Pope & Young Join Date: Oct 2006 Location: Wimberley Hunt In: Where ever the wind takes me..... I have one WGI timer that works like a champ and have had it running non stop for over 7 or 8 years. But on the other hand I have also gone through 3 on another feeder in that same time frame. I have switched all my feeders except this one to The Timer with 12V motor and eliminator plate and they work flawlessly. I also have a solar charger on all my feeders. 01-25-2016, 08:24 AM #17 Ten Point Join Date: Feb 2013 Location: Flower mound tx Hunt In: Mitchell, County Change to a 12v with a solar panel. Only change batteries when they go bad and you throw corn 20 yards. Will never go back to a 6 v. Also powers through anything that might try to clog it 01-25-2016, 08:28 AM #18 Pope & Young Join Date: Feb 2012 Location: Casper,TX Hunt In: Nacogdoches,TX The only people who still buy wildgame innovations products....are those that have never owned a wildgame innovations product. 01-25-2016, 08:30 AM #19 Eight Point Join Date: Oct 2006 Location: SE Houston Friendswood Hunt In: Zapata-San Ygnacio I use their timers. But that is it. Motors and units are easy to build/repair. 01-25-2016, 09:26 AM #20 Pope & Young Join Date: Aug 2014 Location: Central Tx Hunt In: NTX Quote: Originally Posted by Slickrick Everything Wildgame Innovations makes is JUNK. x2! Sell it and upgrade ASAP 01-25-2016, 09:26 AM #21 Pope & Young Join Date: Sep 2009 Location: Seguin, Tx Hunt In: S/Central Tx Might try replacing the motor--that's the big power consumer in the rig, not the timer itself. 01-25-2016, 10:37 AM #22 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: San Antonio Hunt In: Lampasas Their feeder motor is junk but I only paid \$60 for the whole feeder. The battery usage is horrible, clamps, wires, timer all are junk. But I added a solar panel and rechargeable battery, they will work fine. Moultrie is hands down the best..i have one running for 2 seasons on the same 4 AA batteries.has never let me down. 01-06-2018, 04:51 PM #23 Ten Point Join Date: May 2014 Location: Shady Shores Hunt In: Hall County In the blind and I have two feeder 100 yards apart from each other. Neither went off had both set for 430. Never really a lot of issues with the wgi timers but noticed recently they weren't keeping accurate time. Frustrated I got out of the blind check one has a full charge. Time is correct and feed times are correct. Only works on test. Anybody had this happen ? 01-06-2018, 04:54 PM #24 Pope & Young Join Date: Sep 2014 Location: Porter Trash Hunt In: San Augustine Quote: Originally Posted by Guerrero88 In the blind and I have two feeder 100 yards apart from each other. Neither went off had both set for 430. Never really a lot of issues with the wgi timers but noticed recently they weren't keeping accurate time. Frustrated I got out of the blind check one has a full charge. Time is correct and feed times are correct. Only works on test. Anybody had this happen ? Yes I got rid of all the timers and motors I had of there's. Always issues of some kind with them. I didn't have to get rid of there cameras. They quit working before I could. Moultrie for me now. 01-06-2018, 05:19 PM #25 Pope & Young Join Date: Sep 2010 Location: Knickerbocker, Texas Hunt In: coke county, tx Nolan county, tx Brand new feeder timers this season and had issue with both of them. 01-06-2018, 06:13 PM #26 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: Midland Hunt In: Tamplias Chiwawa, Mejico Biggest POS units on earth. I speak from experience. I placed the 6 volt, with new rechargeable battery, solar panel etc. That thing worked only when it wanted to throw corn. Never again. Spent a little more this yr on a decent 12 volt. Zero issues. With as many negative threads on here alone I am not sure how WGI even stays in business. Maybe all the suckers do not know, yet? 01-06-2018, 06:15 PM #27 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: Midland Hunt In: Tamplias Chiwawa, Mejico Quote: Originally Posted by Guerrero88 In the blind and I have two feeder 100 yards apart from each other. Neither went off had both set for 430. Never really a lot of issues with the wgi timers but noticed recently they weren't keeping accurate time. Frustrated I got out of the blind check one has a full charge. Time is correct and feed times are correct. Only works on test. Anybody had this happen ? Yep!!!! Numerous times this yr. I would get so freakin pissed I looked like Clark Griswold kickin Christmas decorations. 01-06-2018, 06:23 PM #28 Ten Point If it's got wgi on it, it's GARBAGE!! Get moultrie feeders and no more problems 01-06-2018, 06:34 PM #29 Ten Point Join Date: May 2014 Location: Shady Shores Hunt In: Hall County I haven't had any issues until recently. The timers are five years old. But the last three years I've been going through batteries like dust through a screen door. I'll wack these pieces of s of next weekend. Anybody got any recommendations on a fully functional timer. 01-06-2018, 07:06 PM #30 Four Point Join Date: Dec 2017 Location: SoCal Just like all the other stuff with there name on it. JUNK. 01-06-2018, 09:11 PM #31 Ten Point Join Date: Oct 2017 Location: Lake Fork Hunt In: Texas, Kansas Quote: Originally Posted by JP Weld Had multiple issues with WGI units not operating, even after swapping timing units and batteries. Finally switched over to an all seasons unit and added an eliminator spinning plate. Goes off when its supposed to, no more lost corn and no need for a varmint cage. I experienced the EXACT same thing in that order. 01-06-2018, 09:27 PM #32 Pope & Young Join Date: Jan 2014 Location: Parts Unknown Hunt In: A warm enclosed blind I have one. Total garbage. Will have zero soon! 01-06-2018, 09:53 PM #33 Pope & Young Join Date: Jan 2017 Location: Sisterdale Hunt In: Sisterdale and el dorado , Jeff Davis, refugio/sinton , San perlita Quote: Originally Posted by Guerrero88 In the blind and I have two feeder 100 yards apart from each other. Neither went off had both set for 430. Never really a lot of issues with the wgi timers but noticed recently they weren't keeping accurate time. Frustrated I got out of the blind check one has a full charge. Time is correct and feed times are correct. Only works on test. Anybody had this happen ? I never go off and I think are pure junk so I took them down and replaced them " they are at my blinds " he pulled up and wanted to go hunt them and I said that spot has no deer because his stuff is junk and hasn't worked in weeks these WGI have a 30% failer rating according to amazon ratings 01-06-2018, 10:00 PM #34 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: Houston, TX Hunt In: Liberty County I have been running these for about 10 years now and actually replaced the WGI timers last summer with The Timer. Never had an issue on the WGI timers, just happened upon a good deal on the new timers and heard they with the cat's meow. I have replace one 12V motor, but that was after my feeder was turned over by a huge boar hog, then mangled. Since I replaced the WGI timers, I have had to return and replace two of The Timers. I sorta wish I would have kept the WGI's. 01-06-2018, 10:08 PM #35 Pope & Young Join Date: Jan 2017 Location: Sisterdale Hunt In: Sisterdale and el dorado , Jeff Davis, refugio/sinton , San perlita Quote: Originally Posted by Greenheadless I have been running these for about 10 years now and actually replaced the WGI timers last summer with The Timer. Never had an issue on the WGI timers, just happened upon a good deal on the new timers and heard they with the cat's meow. I have replace one 12V motor, but that was after my feeder was turned over by a huge boar hog, then mangled. Since I replaced the WGI timers, I have had to return and replace two of The Timers. I sorta wish I would have kept the WGI's. I see you hunt in liberty county? But if I hunted there I would run WGI to just so no one would steal them, and if they did it would be revenge when they tried to use them or sell em 01-06-2018, 10:25 PM #36 Ten Point Join Date: Dec 2006 Location: Houston, TX Hunt In: Liberty County « Previous Thread | Next Thread » Posting Rules You may not post new threads You may not post replies You may not post attachments You may not edit your posts HTML code is Off All times are GMT -5. The time now is 12:08 AM. how to set time on wildgame feeder





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