



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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COCKPIT CORNER – by Brian Sherman, did4ways@aol.com

For sure flying season is just around the corner. It must be, I'm sure because April is the last pre-scheduled meetings at Platz's. From next month on the meetings will be at the field, weather permitting. Another sure sign, I finished the last of my winter projects today.

I finally have a WWII German aircraft in the hangar, SIG's Bf-109 EP ARF. It's powered by a RimFire .15 out runner, swinging a Master Airscrew electric wooden 11x9 prop. The finish is SIG's painted shrink covering. It looks great, but is easily damaged by any type of solvent and CA glues.



There are whispers going round that one or more members have converted to the dark side and will be flying new eye's in the skies, aka DRONES. Are the drone wars coming to the BFMS Fun Fly/Aviation Day Fund Raiser for the Monroe County Conservation Camp "sponsor a child" program? I hope so. It would be an entertaining follow up to the combat demonstration last year.

Speaking of events up for discussion at this month's meeting is spring maintenance at the field. Jack stopped by this week and said the field looks to be in decent shape but could use some attention to prepare it for the warm weather.

Come on out to the meeting this Saturday. If it's reasonably nice, I am sure some members will be heading to the field after we finish.

Until next time, keep the cockpit up and be safe.

Safety

Now that Spring has really arrived, and Winter is just a bad memory, flying your winter projects is probably on everybody's mind. At least we know from reading the Cockpit Article that Brian is ready.

Make sure to recycle your receiver and transmitter battery packs. It is a good idea to make sure the batteries give you the flight time you expect. It might not be a bad idea to recheck all the connections on the airplane you select to make that first flight.

When you get to the field do not forget your flight line manners. When others are on the flight line, it is not a good idea to taxi your plane from the pits to the flight line. Carry it or hold the tail and wheel it to the flight line, for safety sake. Remember to call your take-offs and landings. Fly the pattern established by the wind direction.

If you have not purchased a restraining device for you plane, now would be a good to do it. Actually you can make one from clothesline or nylon rope by simply looping both ends of a 24 inch piece of rope. Wrap the rope around the tail section (empennage) of you plane, and put a large screwdriver through the loops and into the ground behind your plane. It works quite well.

Please observe all the club rules, as well as, those of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Enjoy yourself, but remember those around you while flying.

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**The next meeting
of the
BFMS
is to be held
at
Whelihan's (Platz's)
12:00 PM (noon)
on
Saturday,
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