



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

August, 2017 (News Extra)

Calendar of Events

BFMS Annual Picnic, Sunday, September 17, 2017, all day.

The club will provide Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, along with liquid refreshments. This is a basket social, and you are invited to bring along your favorite salad, desert or other picnic item you desire to share with the members attending. Be sure to bring chairs for your comfort, as well as, a canopy for shade. Oh, don't forget your airplanes, this is a Fun Fly event.

Warning, Bees/Wasps

Jack Mertz reported that the bees/wasps have returned to the hole in the gatepost. Jack said, he spayed, but is not sure if it will last. Be careful when approaching the gate to unlock it.

Contributions to MCCC

Trains and Lanes Hobby Shop donated the gliders that were available to the children that attended the National Model Aviation Day Fun Fly on the 22nd of July. Brian Sherman reported that his Dad, Herb Sherman, donated the first prize, Horizon Hobby- X-Vert-VTOL, and that Trains and Lanes Hobby Shop made the Verso by Dromida and the Dromida Hover Shot available at their cost. Jack Mertz donated the Starter Kit in the Case as the final prize. Thank you to all these great prize contributors, and to all the members and spectators who contributed to the success of the raffle. We collected \$272.00 for the Monroe County Conservation Camp as reported by Brian Sherman in his Cockpit Article in the earlier August, *Whirlwind*.

Any questions or comments
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The next meeting
of the
BFMS
is at the
Field
12:00 PM (noon)
on
Saturday,
August 12, 2017

Tree Climber

During the course of the afternoon flying, a candidate for membership who, I think, wants to remain anonymous, became victim to our infamous plane eating trees. Fortunately, Bob Beers was able to make a phone call to a friend of his, Lloyd Lisk who just happens to be a professional tree climber. He retrieved the plane, in not so bad condition, and everyone flew happily ever after. Thank you, Lloyd, for your help to make one of our fellow flyers happy again.

Remarkable Attendance

Twenty members and guest flyers showed up at the field on July 22, 2017, to help the Beltzville Flying Machine Society celebrate both National Model Aviation Day and our own Beltzville State Park Fun Fly. A special thank you to Ed Prchlik, Herb Buiecler and Douglas Altimose all from the West End Wings, who again put on a couple of aerial demonstrations for the spectators. Thanks also to a former member and now a member of the Ashfield Club, Eddie Martino, who also gave a good account of himself as an expert model pilot.

Thanks also to all the members who helped to make this year's program a real success.

Thanks, Herb!

I believe that I express the beliefs of the entire membership when I say that we will very dearly miss Herb Sherman. The club was at a very low point when he joined the Beltzville Flying Machine Society. Not long after that, we lost a long time President and were not sure where our next Leader would emerge. Herb just happened to mention his son might be convinced, if only the meeting day could be changed to Saturday. Well, you know the rest! We gained four members out of that deal.

Herb was a very active member of the club and a fervent aviator. He liked to talk and could always have a story to tell on any subject, naturally, it almost always was about aviation. If a motion was needed during a meeting, Herb was nearly always the first to respond. Please take a moment, and join in a motion to honor Herb in your own way!