



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society,

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

I left off the last Cockpit Corner that the Yak 54 would be at eh meeting with its new DLE-170. Due to delivery delays that was not possible. I was able to get it up and flying a couple of weeks ago but had a problem with the engine quitting a few minutes into the flight and had to make two dead stick landings.

The problem appeared to be an undersized T-fitting used between the tank, filler and carb. It was replaced together with the connecting tubing. That seemed to resolve the problem and two successful flights were made. The second landing was so sweeeet! Ground speed was almost zero at touchdown.

This past Sunday I took it up for the first flight of the day only to have the flameout reoccur. Sadly the dead stick landing resulted in a dead plane. Now the Yak joins the BFMS *Wall-of-Pain*.

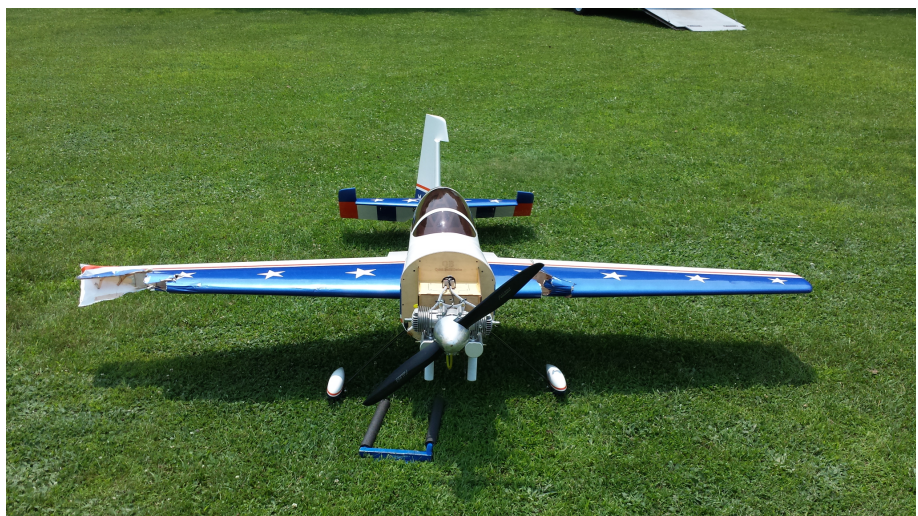
The approach looked OK even though the plane was low on airspeed. It looked like the trees were cleared when a stray branch jumped out, grabbed the end of the right wing panel and tore it off. The plane's momentum caused it to do a spin that would make an Olympic ice skater proud.

On its way to the ground the left wing caught a branch on a pine tree causing a portion of the left wing panel to cave in. Actually this turned out to be fortuitous (lucky for you rednecks) as it slowed the descent enough that when it hit the ground nose first, no other damage was done.

Aeroworks is out of stock on the QB models and has no listing for spare parts. So I am stuck waiting for them to reply to my email asking when the wing panels will be available.

See you Saturday either at the field or, if it rains, at the bar. Either way we can drink a toast to the Wall-of-Pain and hope this is the last entry.

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.



Hats Still For Sale

Scott Voth is the person to see if you are interested in a new club hat. The cost is \$10.00, the price the club paid to have them produced by Valley Athletic Supply Co. of Lansford.

The two styles were decided upon by the members present at an earlier meeting this Summer.

Get your new hat at the next meeting. If you are like me, it is time for a new one because the old hat is sweat stained, and the “oil needs changing.”



Mark Your Calendar

National Model Aviation Day ————— Saturday, August 15, 2015

Beltzville Flying Machine Society Annual Picnic and Fun Fly — Sunday, September 20, 2015

Fly safely and try to stay off the “Wall-of-Pain.”

This has been a slow news period!

Comments and suggestions should be directed to
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Next Meeting,
Saturday, July, 11, 2015
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at the
Field