



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society,

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

Alfred Hitchcock has unleashed the BIRDS and our field is under attack. REALLY! The damage is getting worse every day. Bob has literally spent hours every night watching the field trying to identify the vandals. All he got for his efforts was a serious moon burn. (Well that's another story. LOL)

Last weekend my dad and I went down and found Bob out again vacuuming the field. It was too windy to fly so we watched the clouds of dirt coming up around the pickup trailer and worried about the amount Bob was breathing in. (Bob, the club will be happy to give you some dust masks.)

After he finished we talked and learned that he had talked with several landscapers to find out what was destroying the grass and leaving dust bowls all over the runways and pit areas. In the picture below the runway looks more like a harvested hay field than it does a nicely groomed grass runway. IT'S the CROWS!!! Hordes were gorging on the grubs that are themselves feasting on the grass roots.



During one of his day trips he witnessed the flocks of crows on the field thereby confirming the problem. Although it is too late for the 2014 season, the only solution is to apply grub killer come the spring. After the grubs die off the next step is to seed the denuded areas with the right type of grass seed.

The club must plan to purchase and apply the chemicals in the spring in addition to laying down grass seed in the denuded areas. (Likely starting shortly after the field thaws.)

The BFMS Nov meeting is scheduled to be held at the bar and tavern at the cross roads of Pohopco & Penn Forest Rd (the road to our field). Please come join us to nominate officers for 2015, discuss ideas on how to prepare for the field maintenance expenses next spring and help with the 2014 field "winterization" efforts that are planned for after the meeting, weather permitting.

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

Hats 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.”

Scott now has a few to sell since he picked up the new order.



Caution: Hunting Season

Remember fellow Radio Control flyers that we are guests in the park. At this time of the year, hunters have the right of way. Please wear some orange if you intend to fly at the field. If hunters are present, they have the field, so to speak, that is, do not attempt to fly.

Work Afternoon

After the meeting at the Beltzville Bar and Grill we will adjourn to the field, weather permitting. There are a few things that have to be taken care of so you are asked to bring your work gloves, rakes and shovels. If you can spare a few trash bags that would be great.

Comments and suggestions should be
directed to
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Next Meeting,
Saturday, November 8, 2014
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at
Beltzville Bar and Grill

Nominations for December Elections

The November Meeting will see the nomination of candidates for election to the executive committee for the 2015 term. It is hoped that a few of the club members will come forth and volunteer to oppose the incumbents who have served over these past number of years and deserve an extended rest.

President Brian Sherman, Vice President Wayne Sherman, Secretary John Carrigan, and Treasurer Scott Voth are the incumbents, and are dedicated to their positions, but would appreciate a few members stepping forward.

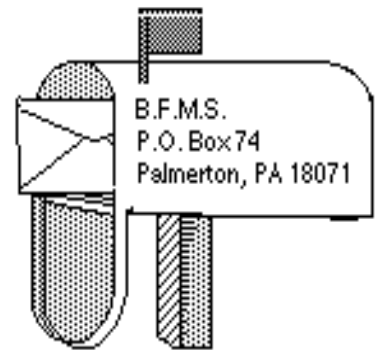
Serving as long as we have, we are technically in violation of the By-Laws of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society.

Dues

Well, it is that time of the year when dues for the year, 2015 are to be paid. As of this writing, the dues are still \$35.00 for the year, however, Brian, in his cockpit article mentions an extraordinary expenditure due to the attack of birds on our field. I believe that the topic of a raise in dues will come up at the next meeting, but have very little chance of passing a vote of the membership.

Nevertheless, dues can be paid in cash at the next, and future meetings. You can also write a check, and mail it to Scott Voth, Treasurer at P.O Box 74, Palmerton, PA 18071.

Please be sure to renew your Academy of Model Aeronautics membership. Also, please fill out the renewal form that is part of the newsletter this month, and return it, completed with you dues. We wish to keep our records up to date.



Beltzville Flying Machine Society

2015 Membership Renewal

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

AMA Membership #: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Radio Frequencies Used: _____

If you are applying for Family Membership, Please list the names of those to be included.

1. _____ AMA Number _____

2. _____ AMA Number _____

3. _____ AMA Number _____

Please Sign Here _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates that you will abide by the rules of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society, and the Academy Model Aeronautics while flying at the field.