

Whirlwind

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

It is my pleasure to report that the turnout for the first BFMS National Aviation Day fund raiser was a full house. Between the plane raffle won by Jason Gross and people's generous contributions, the club was able to raise over \$140 for the Wounded Warrior Project.



Helping to set the mood Joe Plechavy, drove in with his fully restored WW II JEEP, and members sported the WWP T-shirts. Members, family and friends enjoyed a day of great weather, flying and camaraderie. Aircraft ran the gambit from a Joel's Snoopy manned slow cruiser to Ed's screaming ducted fan jet; from small scale CUB park flyers to giant scale 3D planes and helicopters. There was something for everyone and the shared knowledge of the members proved to be a tremendous asset.

Personally I received a great tip for setting up my Giant Scale Yak. I had programmed the ailerons as flapperons in an effort to slow the plane enough to land on the short runway.

Ed Martino noticed what I had done, and said, that was very risky because it could cause tip stalling. Instead, he recommended I change the ailerons to act as spoilerons. This would kill the lift without disturbing the stability. It worked great! *Thank you Ed!*

Of course the day was not without its share of mishaps. Despite Snoopy's motor failure he was able to make an emergency landing in the weeds. A slight crease in one of the aluminum wing struts should not present too much of a challenge for Joel. John was not quite as lucky with his emergency tree touchdown. The heavy **THUDDDD!** when it hit brought images of mass destruction to everyone's mind. After locating the plane high up in a pine tree Joel graciously volunteered to climb up retrieve the plane. John must have had his lucky charms on as only the vertical fin suffered damage.

Come on out and join the September meeting at Bob Beers' house (see John's section for details). Small park flyers, quad copters and similar aircraft are welcome. (Kenny, come on over and pick up your chair. I need the room in my trailer for that YAK. LOL)

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.



Meeting At Bob Beers' Home

Please make your way to Dotters Corner Road and Hell Hollow Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058. Actually this is a mailing address. His house is on the southwest corner and is closer to Kresgeville and Jonas than it is to Kunkletown.

If you are coming north from Lehighton, follow 209 north to the junction of route 534. Turn left at the light and follow route 534 to Barry S Road. There is a lone two story house on the southwest corner. Turn left and continue until you reach Dotters Corner Road. Make a right then an immediate left on to Hell Hollow and a right into Bob's driveway. Park in the rear of the house.

From Jim Thorpe, you can take route 903 north to the junction with route 534. Turn right and continue following 534 until you pass Jonas and arrive at Barry S Road on the right. There is a lone two story house on the southwest corner. Turn right and continue until you come to Dotters Corner Road. Turn right then left on to Hell Hollow Road and then right into Bob's driveway.

Those coming south from Brodheadsville or Stroudsburg follow route 209 south until you come to the junction of route 534. Turn right and continue to follow 534 until you arrive at Barry S Road on the left. There is a lone two story house on the southwest corner. Turn left and continue until you come to Dotters Corner Road. Turn right then left on to Hell Hollow Road and then right into Bob's driveway.

Comments and suggestions should be
directed to
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Next Meeting,
Saturday, September 13 , 2014
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at
Bob Beers Home

Thank You, Joel

Joel Beers took it upon himself to construct and install the signs that now grace the entrance to the flying field and adorn the field itself. Thank you, Joel for all that you have done to make our field so attractive. Thanks also to Bob Beers for all the work both he and his son have performed to make the flying field so magnificent.

The next time you arrive at the field, please take notice of the signs, and when, next you see Joel, give him your thanks for all that he has done to help the club.



Entrance Sign



Field Sign

Thank you, Joe

Although we did not have the community support we hoped to get, we did have some of the atmosphere to help give authenticity to our effort to help the Wounded Warrior Project. Thanks Joe Plechavy for the World War II jeep you provided.

Maybe next year we can find a better way to reach out to the community so that our efforts and our donation to the National Model Aviation Day, Wounded Warrior Project will be better rewarded. Thanks again, Joe!

