



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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

Welcome to 2017! On behalf of the BFMS officers we wish you and yours a healthy, happy and fulfilling New Year. Our next meeting will see Scott King taking the reigns as club secretary. We thank him for stepping up to contribute his time and energy to continue the good work John has done.

John's service to the club, however, is by no means over. John has graciously agreed to devote his newly free time to focus on the club newsletter. I know this because he sent a reminder two weeks earlier than normal. And just like normal, I am sending him this article at the 11th hour.

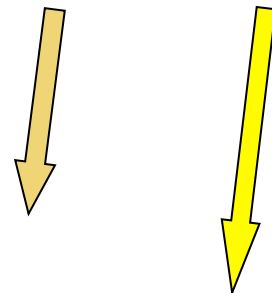
Sorry John. 😊

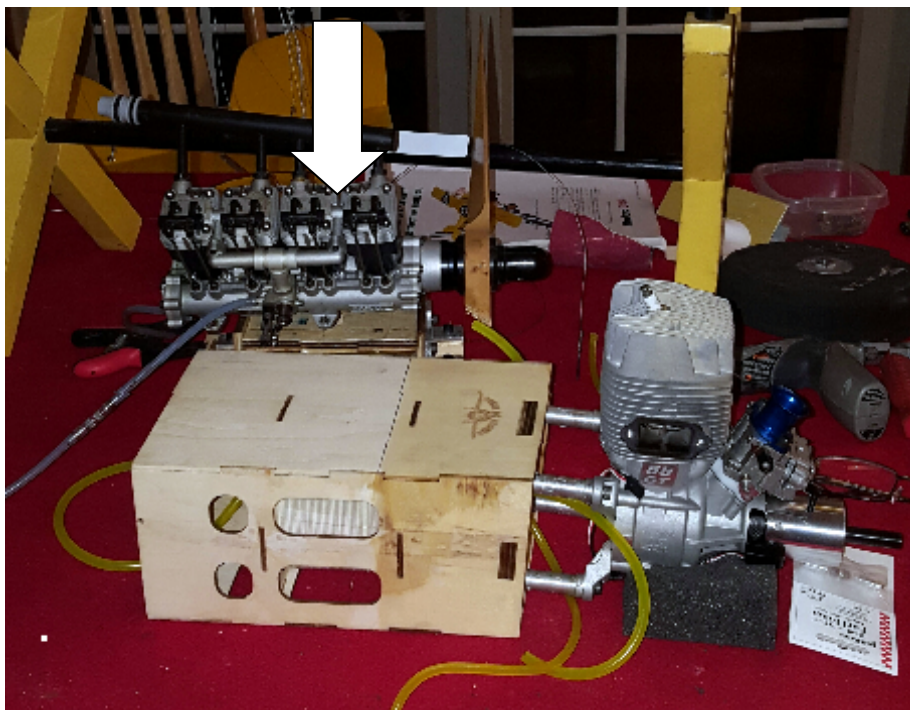
2016 was a good year for the BFMS, and the hobby in general. The industry weathered the threat of the new registration and regulation requirements from Congress and the FAA. Sales of drones, FPV and trainer friendly technologies exploded bringing in many newbies to the hobby and creating a lot of interest around the country in joining community based clubs able to provide a safe, fun and friendly environment to enjoy the new opportunities afforded by these rapid advances in flight technologies.

This trend is reflected in the increase in BFMS membership during 2016. Our new members bring with them a high level of energy and enthusiasm. Their spirit of volunteerism and support is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated. I am sure we all look forward to continued growth in 2017.

Speaking of new technologies, yours truly has had an opportunity to try a couple out this month. The first is the new "never hardening" universal fuel tubing from Sullivan. It's being used for the resurrection of the giant scale Jenny. For those that remember Jenny V1.0 used the OS in-line 4 cylinder four stroke nitro engine. It ran and sounded great, but only put out enough power to barely keep the plane airborne. Ultimately it resulted in crashing the plane after a low altitude stall. Replacing that engine is the OS 50cc.

Although the Sullivan ads show the tubing the color of sand worms, the actual product for sale is a bright yellow and has a very thin wall thickness. The picture below shows the standard Tygon v. new tubing.





The Sullivan tubing is a bit on the expensive side so I am using it only for internal tank plumbing. But if it lives up to its advertising the tubing will be much more cost effective and less labor intensive than having to remove and replumb every gas tank prior to the start of each new season.

On the high technology side the new Eflite VTOL Convergence made it to my home in time for New Year's. (General release is scheduled for end-Jan.) It's really amazing what Eflite has been able to do with the new integrated receiver and flight stabilization module. Because the module utilizes DMSX (which I discovered after I found out I could bind but not operate it with my JR transmitters) I ended up purchasing a DX6e transmitter. The other option was to send in my JR x'mitters for a \$75 + S&H update. Maybe in the future.



Although it has been too cold and windy to fly outdoors, I have successfully flown it off my carpeted living room floor in the VTOL mode. It is important, however, to get past the ground effect mode as quickly as possible to achieve a stable hover. (I took the plane to my NJ apartment which has wooden floors but the absolutely sound bashing noise, and extended ground effect problems put a quick halt to that endeavor as the neighbors thought something was crashing through the walls. LOL)

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

B.F.M.S. Elections

The election results for the year, 2017 are as follows: Brian Sherman remains President; Jack Mertz will continue as Vice President; Scott King was elected to replace John Carrigan as Secretary; and Scott Voth stays on as Treasurer.

Thank you to the huge number of members who came to the meeting not only to pay their dues, but to vote for the volunteers for executive office for the year 2017

For Sale (List on Page Four)

Jack Mertz transported a number of kits, "from my brother's store in North Carolina. No built planes, I am keeping those to crash myself. All are New in Box, either Kits or ARF's. Some are sealed as they would have been from Tower, Omni, Horizon, etc. I know what my older brother would like to get for them, but my younger brother in California, his partner, has given me the OK to accept any fair and reasonable offer."

In the note Jack sent to me you can read exactly what he has in mind, so don't be bashful, give him a call at the number in the margin at the bottom of the list, 570-368-4290 or come to the next meeting and talk to him in person. His address also in the margin at the bottom of the list is: 647 Oak Grove Drive, Lehighton, PA 18235-9601.

Dues

Your 2017 club dues can be paid at the next meeting. The amount remains the same, \$35.00. If you desire to mail your check for that amount, you can address the envelope to: Scott Voth, P.O Box 74, Palmerton, PA 18071.

All dues for the year 2017 must be paid by January 31, 2017. Renewing your membership after that will require an initiation fee of \$12.00 to be paid in addition to the dues.

Any questions or comments
can be directed to
John Carrigan
At
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**The next meeting
of the
BFMS
will be held
at
Whelihan's (Platz's)
about 12:00 PM (noon)
on
January 14, 2017**

PLANE NAME

TYPE

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. DYNA FLITE GLIDE R | KIT |
| 2. [REDACTED] PROFILE (60?) | ARF |
| 3. FOAM F6F | ELECTRIC |
| 4. FOAM P51 | ELECTRIC |
| 5. FOAM GB R-C | ELECTRIC |
| 6. CAP 110 (VG) | ARF |
| 7. RCM FUNSTER | ARF |
| 8. SKYWARD 40 | KIT |
| 9. SHOESTRING [REDACTED] 60 | ARF |
| 10. LITTLE TONY - 60 | ARF |
| 11. KMP HAWKER TYPHOON | ARF |
| 12. SIG CITABRA | KIT |
| 13. GOLDBERG ELECTRIC CUB | KIT |
| 14. SIG ASTRO HOG | KIT |
| 15. Balsa USA PHAETON II | KIT (2) (1-60, 1-90 size) |
| 16. DOUGLAS A-26 VQ TWIN | ELECTRIC or NITRO |
| 17. KMP DHC-6 TWIN | ELECTRIC |
| 18. BH EAGLE 540 (GIANT SCALE) | ARF |
| 19. INSPIRE 90 | KIT(?) |
| 20. T-REX | ARF |
| 21. SPACE WALKER 46 size | ARF (Single Seat) |
| 22. SEPTEMBER FURY | ARF |
| 23. [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| 24. EZ SPORT 40 | ARF |
| 25. DRAGON LADY | ARF |
| 26. ADVANTAGE 40 | KIT |
| 27. HOBBICO STAR 60 TRAINER | ARF |
| 28. GREEN MILITARY TUCANO (90-120) | ARF (SEAGULL) |

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