

Whirlwind

Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society,

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

Thanks to all the members that worked so hard to make this year's combination Fun Fly and Charity fund raiser one of the most successful ever. The Beers did their usual awesome job prepping the field while many of you took time to post the flyers in stores and boards everywhere. Jack went above beyond by not only contributing the RTF jet as one of the charity prizes but reaching out to the West End Wings members who conducted an awesome aerial combat display. It was the first one I have ever seen live and it was very impressive.

Our event was well attended by both members and non-members alike. The balsa gliders were a hit with the younger generation and Gil and John combined for some great aerial shots of the field from Gils quad copter. Randy did his usual great job of flying the WWI Nieuport-17 including the classic demonstration of tail flutter induced resonance destruction.

PIECES EVERYWHERE.

Not to be outdone yours truly provided a lessons learned example of programming the choke switch the wrong way and accidentally hitting it at slow speed. The Sukhoi 3.1M made a vertical descent turning the landing gear into a metal pretzel.

A variety of cold soft drinks was provided by Scott and a welcome relief from the hot temperatures. All in all everyone had a fun day and the best part is that the BFMS was able to raise over \$200 for this year's charity selection recommended by Ron Keiper, the Monroe County Conservation Camp.

Yours truly and the extended Sherman clan will not make the August meeting as we are currently in the woods of Ithaca on our annual camping party.

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.



West End Wings Support

We wish to thank the members of the West End Wings for their moral, physical and financial support for our Beltzville Park Fun Fly on Sunday, July 17th. We appreciate all you did by displaying your aircraft, and to the wonderful Combat Flying Show that can only be the climax to a magnificent day of flying and fun for the spectators.

Now it is our turn to reciprocate! Members of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society, please show your gratitude and support to the West End Wings Club by showing up on Saturday, 20 August 2016, from 10:00 AM - 3:00PM, at their field to fly and help them celebrate National Aviation Day.

Directions:

From A-B-E: Route 22 to Route 33 North to Route 209 South. At second traffic light, turn right onto Route 715 North (Wawa on Corner). Continue for approx. 2 miles and turn left on to Effort-Neola Road. Follow the signs 1/2 mile to airfield.

From PA Turnpike (476): Exit 34 Mahoning Valley to Route 209 North. Continue approx. 13 miles through Brodheadsvile to traffic light at Route 715 (Wawa on Corner). Turn left onto Route 715 North. Continue for approx. 2 miles and turn left onto Effort-Neola Road. Follow the signs 1/2 mile to airfield.







Prize Winners

The Monroe County Conservation Camp is the recipient of a little over \$200.00 to provide a young lady or young man to a fully paid week at the M.C.C.C. Thank you to all who help us to realize that amount.

We wish to congratulate the winners of the three prizes. First prize, a RTF Drone, was won by Ralph McElvar of the West End Wings. Second Prize, an ARF F-86 Sabre Jet, was presented to Gil Walters of the BFMS. Third Prize. another RTF Drone, was won by Ed Pirchik.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated.

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**Next Meeting,
Saturday, August 13, 2016
about noon
at the Field**