



Whirlwind



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

All week the weather threatened to rain on our annual picnic. Multiple emails went back and forth between the club officers as to how to call it. Fearless John Carrigan said “damn the forecasters; they are never right” so the picnic was ON!

As usual, Fearless John was right, almost. Many of us woke up to scattered sprinkles. By 9:00am things were looking a little better so I headed out to the field. On the way were pockets of rain, drizzle and fog. Going down 534 an amazing sight befell me. There was an area of sunshine that appeared to right over the field surrounded by dark storm clouds. It was then I was certain everything was going to be alright.

When I arrived many members already were there and Ron had his humongous BBQ all set up and ready to roar. As the appointed hour drew closer more and more members, spouses and guests continued to arrive. A wide assortment of planes and helicopters were poised on the flight line ready to go. The day was filled with good food, great friends and lots of conversation. And some really interesting flying. Like the father/son dual by the Beers, some tree top landings and dead stick harrier landings.

There are just too many good pictures to include here so we compiled a PowerPoint slide show for your entertainment viewing. By the time you read this, the file should be posted on the BFMS.

Thanks to all for making this a great day and bringing your specialty dish for all to enjoy. A special thanks to Ron Keiper for the roaster and the Beers for the tables and great field condition.

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

Hunting Season

Caution should be exercised when you plan to use the BFMS flying field during hunting season. We have an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Park Commission, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission that hunters have the “right of way” during hunting season in the Beltzville State Park.

It would be a good idea to wear something orange at the field. If hunters are in the area, do not fly. They might think your plane is a Pheasant or Grouse or maybe they would just like to practice a little skeet shooting.

Power Point Slide Show

As much as I tried to make the Power Point presentation a part of the newsletter, I could not do it, therefore, I will send it as an attachment to an e-mail. Please forgive my ignorance with regard to the current technology.

BFMS Meetings

Please note that the meeting for October will be at the field. In all probability, November’s meeting will be at Platz’s. All future Winter meetings will be there unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

Some Notices

Dues for the year, 2017, remain unchanged, Still \$35.00! They can be paid at the next, and future meetings.

Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be accepted next Month, November’s Meeting. Please give some thought to volunteering your services to the club. We need your help!

Elections are scheduled for December’s Meeting.

**Comments and suggestions
should be directed to
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**Next Meeting,
Saturday, October 8, 2016
about noon
at the Field**