



Whirlwind



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

It's finally SPRING! So why is it still below freezing? Does not seem like global warming to me. There were a couple of warm weekends since the last meeting, however, and some members, including me, were at the field flying our winter projects. More on that later.

The good news is that the grub problem seems to have abated. The field is a bit lumpy, however, and will need to be rolled sometime in the next few weeks before the April showers make it to muddy to roll. The porta-poddy has been cleaned and can be used. Arrangements are in the works to have it pumped out and new treated water pumped in. But due to the poor forecast for this weekend's weather the April meeting will be held at Platz's.

All three of my winter projects; Christen Eagle, Seawind w/retracts and the E-Flite P51B 32E all successfully completed their maiden flights. Only two of the three, however, completed the 2nd flight. The P51 (3rd incarnation) never recovered from the spin. The pictures tell the story. A post mortem turned up nothing obviously wrong. I have lost two models (the P51 and the bi-plane) after doing a low throttle maneuver followed by a full power up and then no surface control. It seems that voltage sag is the most likely culprit. Going forward I will not be using the ESC BEC to power the receiver on high power electrics.

The Christian Eagle already has a separate battery for the Rx and is still in one piece. But like any good aviator it is good to plan for the worst case scenario. There I recently installed a camera on the top wing, "just in case". At least this way everyone can watch the crash in a FPV video.

The only early casualty I know of is Larry's plane. He came in a bit steep and a bit hot tearing the landing gear out of the mounting box. At least it is easily repaired with some 5-minute epoxy.

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

PS: Jack and Randy, you better get going if you plan to be the crash leader for 2016! LOL



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.



Apology

Please forgive the tardiness of this issue of the Whirlwind. I believed I had one more week to publish it. I never thought to look at the calendar. Today is the date for the meeting of the BFMS.

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Next Meeting,
Saturday, April 9 2016
about
12:00 PM (noon)
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