



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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

HO! HO! HO! Welcome to the winter flying season. Which picture will be you this year?



It seems such a short time ago that we were prepping the field for spring flying. A lot has happened in 2017. The club gained some great new members and, sadly, lost a couple. Drone flying has become much more popular, and the club now has some members flying advanced video platforms with amazing pictures and performances. Our heli activity has picked up as well and through the cooperation and consideration of everyone all the platforms are flying safely.

Our hobby does face ongoing challenges from federal regulatory activities which has been made more difficult by the growing number of incidents caused by new comers to the hobby that are not members of the AMA, and do not follow the established safety guidelines. A combination of educational outreach programs as well as efforts to bring these people into environments that are conducive to safe flying (specifically AMA club fields) is the best approach to preventing undue regulation and hardship to this growing segment of the hobby.

The election of the BFMS officers will be conducted at December's meeting. Come on out and join us for a good time, fine food and gratuitous conversation.

See you at Saturday's meeting.

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

Elections

Part of December's meeting will be devoted to the election of Officers to guide the club during the year 2018. The incumbents, Brian Sherman, President, Jack Mertz, Vice President, Scott Voth, Treasurer, and Scott King, Secretary have all been nominated at November's meeting of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society.

Please show your support for these volunteers at the December meeting. There were no other volunteers.

Next Meeting

Please take notice that the November meeting of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society will be held at Platz's also known as P.J. Whelihan's Pub and Restaurant. The meeting is scheduled to start at noon, but come early to order any food or beverages you might want to enjoy during or after the meeting. All future meetings of the club will be held at Platz's until the Spring Thaw.

Dues

Once more we ask you to dig deep, and pay your 2018 dues. This is a **reminder**, that Scott Voth will be collecting dues until January 31, 2018. You can pay at the next or future meetings. You can also mail a **check** to **Scott Voth (BFMS) at P.O. Box 74, Palmerton, PA 18071**.

Dues are still \$35.00 for the year, that is, unless you are a family then just add \$12.00 to the standard amount, and you are paid.

I do not think you will find a better bargain, than flying at the Beltzville Flying Machine Society field for so little. Many thanks to Bob and Joel Beers for all the work they put in at the field for such small remuneration. **At the last meeting, a motion was made and passed by a unanimous vote, to pay the 2018 dues for Bob, Joel and Ron Keiper for their extraordinary service to the club.** We really owe them a great deal of gratitude. We must not forget our Web Master, Bill Magerman, again for a small yearly fee, he looks after our website, and keeps it up to date, Thanks, Bill!

While thanks are all we can give because they serve as volunteers, our Executive Officers, Brian Sherman, Jack Mertz, Scott Voth and Scott King deserve our praise for their service. Thanks guys!

Hunting Season

Please continue to exercise caution when flying at the field. Hunters may be in the vicinity of the field so wear a bit of orange or other bright colors. Remember also that hunters have the "Right of Way," that is to say, we must give them the field. This is the agreement we have with the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the field for the better part of the year. Thank you!

Newsletter Editor

Scott King has graciously volunteered to be the next Newsletter Editor of the *Whirlwind*. Thank you Scott, and good luck in your new endeavor. It is most appreciated by this long time volunteer, John Carrigan.

*Happy Holidays
and
Peace on Earth!*

Any questions or comments
should be directed to
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The next meeting
of the
BFMS
will be at
(Platz's)
P. J. Whelihan's
on
Saturday,
December 9, 2017
at
Noon