



# Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society,

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## COCKPIT CORNER – by Brian Sherman, [did4ways@aol.com](mailto:did4ways@aol.com)

Spring is just around the corner and mother nature, with its scattering of sunny days in the 50's and 60's, is doing its part to inspire us to complete our winter projects. I can't wait to try my two new planes, the Christian Eagle 46-72/EP and the Flyzone Seawind dual surface RxR model. This Seawind is the first one I have found that has a fully retractable tri-pod landing gear and rear water steering fin. Now it is possible to take off from water and then deploy the gear to land on the ground and vice-versa. The third model is my reconstructed Eflite P51B. And this also happens to be its 3<sup>rd</sup> reincarnation. I do so like this model.

What have you been working on this winter? Send us some pictures for the April edition.



Since our February meeting the AMA and FAA have had multiple meetings to clarify multiple questions from AMA members and the public at large. A key clarification is that registration requirement is an individual mandate and in no way places any enforcement or compliance responsibility on the AMA, its officers, member clubs and members.

Therefore the BFMS officers have agreed that the information in last month's news letter that BFMS members are required to register and supply their FAA number to the club is hereby null and void. In practical terms this means you are free to choose whether or not you want to register and be subject to the FAA penalties for non-compliance. So for any those that feel the FAA's regulation is in violation of FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 - Section 336 and want to choose to test that belief, your membership in and access to the flying field is not contingent on registering with the FAA.

At the February meeting Bill Murtoff undertook the initiative to establish an indoor flying venue at the Jim Thorpe Area High School gym. Aply assisted by Gil to solicit attendees and John to obtain the required insurance certificate Bill provided the information to the school only to be told that now a \$500 use fee was required. Although Bill explained that that fee was never mentioned the school administrator told him it did not matter, the fee was \$500/use. Sadly that put an end to this attempt to find a indoor venue. If anyone knows of a nearby local facility that is willing to host this type of activity without charge, from Bill a message. His email address is [bmurtoff@gmail.com](mailto:bmurtoff@gmail.com).

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

## 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.



## Membership List

The membership list is also included with the newsletter. Please check the list for your name and check to see that the information listed is correct and complete. I can be reached by e-mail with and changes you wish to make. Thank you!

Comments and suggestions should be  
directed to  
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Next Meeting,  
Saturday, March 12, 2016  
about  
12:00 PM (noon)  
at  
**P.J. Whelihan's Pub**  
**at Platz's**  
**101 Harrity Road**  
**Lehighton, PA 18235**