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

DEPARTURES: It is with great sadness that I report to you that a valued member and former club president, Harvey Sterner, has taken his final flight to the great flying field in the sky. Harvey passed away late Tuesday night after suffering a heart attack on the job. Harvey had many achievements during his life. GOOD FLYING HARVEY! You will be missed by all.

On a lighter note the weather has been unpredictable at best, but it was still possible to get in some flying time. Herb finally got in the maiden flight on his new Yak and all went well. The plane is remarkably stable and has rather docile handling in all flight modes. On the other hand the massive barn door ailerons roll the plane at unbelievable speeds. Joel had his newly refurbished Christian Eagle ready to go. The plane looks awesome taking off and in the air. After several minutes of flight time Joel set up beautifully for the landing. But mother earth reached up and grabbed the plane at the last second causing some damage to the landing gear and under carriage.

I had planned to be able to give Bill the videos to post on our new website but my laptop had other plans and will be on its way to the scrap yard as soon as I off load all my data. (Of course it was not backed up.) As soon as I become "connected" again the videos will be finalized and posted.

The BFMS May meeting is scheduled to be held at the field this Saturday, May 10th. In the event the weather does not cooperate, the meeting will be convened at Platz's. Come join us for the meeting and bring your planes!

Comments and suggestions should be
directed to
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Next Meeting,
Saturday, May 10, 2014
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at
The Field

We Will Miss You, Harvey!

The photograph says it all. This is the way I will remember Harvey Sterner. Scott Voth combed the records and found that Harvey joined the club in 1994 along with his son, Rodway. Harvey had just left the West End Wings after their flying field was lost to development as a ski area. Since my memory is not what it used to be, Scott provided the following details from his recollection of events: "At the time, I believe that Gil Walters was president. After a few years, Gil wanted to step down as President and Harvey volunteered to be President so long as Gil would be Vice President. Harvey was President for many years until about four years ago when because of health issues, he decided to retire as President." Harvey, so I have been told, has always had a keen interest in aviation, so much that his son is now very active in the field of aeronautics, and travels all over the world, even to Aberdeen, Scotland where he is presently working in the field.

Scott related this interesting anecdote about Harvey, "Back when we were putting on shows at the Carbon County Airport, and Gil still had his full scale Piper Cherokee, he offered Harvey a quick flight. As you may or may not know, Harvey was interested in all things aviation so he wasn't going to pass up this chance, On rollout Gil was wondering, why isn't this plane climbing and only after leaving the ground did he think to ask Harvey how much he weighed. It was then that Gil figured out that between the two of them, the plane was overweight, and Gil had a cruising prop on the plane. They barely cleared the trees at the end of the runway. When they got back, Harvey said, he thought he might get to pick some apples on takeoff!"

Another story Scott related: "The one thing that I particularly remember when the club participated in the Tuscarora Aerorama Show. We had a member putting on a flight demonstration when Harvey, wearing his old straw hat and overalls, pretended to be drunk and wandered onto the flight line. He grabbed the transmitter out of the pilot's hands and started flying the plane all over the place. Someone finally came out with a pair of shears and cut the antenna off the radio. Harvey did such a good job that I heard several parents telling their kids to stay clear of him. Soon one of the park rangers - a young Irish lass- came up to Harvey and said, I'll have to be a-resting you now. We had to go and tell her it was just an act or Harvey would have been spending the afternoon somewhere else.

Rest in peace, Harvey. We will miss all that you did to help the club grow in members, activities and memories.



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 plenty to sell since he picked up the new order.



Please give this some thought and possibly ordering one at the next meeting!

It would be nice to see the entire membership at the field on August 16, 2014 in “uniform.”

Would you purchase a T-Shirt to wear on National Model Aviation Day, August 16, 2014? If yes, just send a check for \$10.00 and a note indicating you size (men’s S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X 4X) to John Carrigan, 6528 Montour Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. I will send the club’s order as soon after the May 10th meeting as possible. It would be nice to see all those present on Saturday, August 16, 2014 wearing one of the NMAD T-Shirts.

Remember the proceeds from the sale of these T-Shirts benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Club shirt order will be sent to the AMA shortly after the May meeting.

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*Shirts are available without the Wounded Warrior Project inscription and date for those holding events in support of another charity or on a different date.

Learn more about registration, T-shirt ordering, and more by visiting:

nationalmodelaviationday.org