

Whirlwind

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

Sunday was an awesome weather day. Maybe the last of the 2015 season but let's hope not as the long T-Day holiday is just around the corner. When I arrived at the field Larry, Rich and Herb were already there and had flights in. Randy arrived shortly thereafter. (Wayne pleaded out he was tired but we all know the Jet's were playing at 1:00pm!)



Randy had his new plane ready courtesy of Jack. The engine did not want to cooperate at first but after a few wraps on the spark plug electrode to narrow the gap it was purring like a kitten. (I think Randy said something along the lines of maybe he should purchase a new spark plug. Sounds like a good idea to me!)

Right after takeoff it looked like Randy was flying an old reed system. A few trims later, however, and it was dialed in and performed flawlessly. Of course Randy being Randy he didn't

need to empty the tank after landing. LOL

Speaking of Randy and Jack; all I can say is:

I Win The Wall-of Pain Contest !

The pictures just below tell the whole story. I am still figuring out why I lost the RF link but the plane hit the deck vertical about 40mph. The electric motor was buried past the firewall. The 6S 5000mAh LiPo looked like crumpled newspaper. It is a wonder that it did not burst into flames.

Believe it or not all the electronics still work. Not sure if the motor shaft is bent or not but, if not, I already know what plane I want for Christmas. (HINT!)



On the positive side, the Percival made a successful maiden flight and should be a keeper after I work out a few minor bugs.



Just a **SUBTLE REMINDER** that the November meeting will be used to nominate candidates to stand for election for the 2016 President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. A few incumbents have served with both dedication and excellence for many years. The club is actively seeking help from its membership to fill those positions in 2016. Come out and be counted!

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.



Caution: Hunting Season

Remember fellow Radio Control flyers that we are guests in the park. At this time of the year, hunters have the right of way. Please wear some orange if you intend to fly at the field. If hunters are present, they have the field, so to speak, that is, do not attempt to fly.

Next Meeting

The Beltzville Bar and Grill is located on Beltzville Road just south of the stop sign where you turn heading toward our field (Pohopoco Road). It is on the right after the second stop sign if going south, and on the left just before the first stop sign driving north.

Comments and suggestions should be
directed to
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Next Meeting,
Saturday, November 14 , 2015
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at
Beltzville Bar and Grill

Note From Scott

If anyone needs a new radio - Horizon Hobby is offering cash for your old FM radios in trade on new Spektrum radios. **Trains and Lanes Hobby Shop** may be also offering this as they are a Spektrum dealer, but you'd have to check. I didn't really need a new radio, but couldn't pass this up and got a 12 channel Spektrum plus \$150 off for trading in a old 4 channel Hitec FM that I probably didn't pay \$150 for new. The new radios talk to you - maybe it'll say pull up when I'm too low. Most of the deals aren't this good for less channels - you could get \$50 for that old radio you're probably never going to use again though.

Thought the hunters
among the membership
might be interested in a
few pictures I captured on
a trip out west in
September!



We were very close to the
big bison as we drove
through the herd. We
could almost reach out
and touch them.



The Buffalo herd can be found in Custer Sate Park, South Dakota. We drove through half the park's herd of 1500 animals.

