



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

November, 2016

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

It's ELECTION time again; not only for the BFMS 2017 officers, but for the President of the United States of America. Your voice counts, at the local level, and the national level. With over a year's worth of vitriolic speeches, negative advertising and an inside look at just how crooked and incestuous the political process really is, you may feel a sense of hopelessness and apathy.

It's OUR country, not that of the political and financial elite. They have done an unbelievable job of ignoring that fact by pandering to various groups and client states as was politically expedient at the time. You also may be one of the millions that feel neither candidate is fit for office. But one of them will be!

It is time for the silent majority to speak. Make your voice heard & vote for someone. Be it a ballot candidate or a write in candidate. Get engaged and stay engaged. The next four years may well decide what type of country we will leave for our children and the future generations of America.



And don't be shy about running for office yourself. All four BFMS positions are available! It's a great place to start honing your public service skills. John has more to say about that elsewhere in the newsletter.

Wow! Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The leaves have turned and fallen; sure signs that the flying season is over for all but the hardiest flyers. Personally I have been bitten by the repair bug. My Seagull P1B has not flown since it crashed in the trailer area at Don's campground severely damaging the wing and rudder. The repairs are done and the plane is ready to go again. Just need one more decent weekend!

The Folker tri-plane has been hangered for several years after it flipped on landing and broke the upper wing in half. The framework was completed just before I started writing this article and is ready for covering. I hope the two photos above/below inspire you to think about your winter projects and to "catch the bug".

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



B.F.M.S. Nominations

The election process for club officers is set in motion at the next meeting when we call for nomination to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society. Please give some thought to volunteering your services to the club for the year 2017. We are always looking for fresh ideas and “young blood” to help the club keep up with the changing times.

Once nominations are closed, those nominated will stand for election at the next meeting in December. Notice will be given in the December Newsletter. The fortunate four will then take office in January, 2017.

Hunting Season

Hunting continues in the area of our field. Use caution when you fly. It would not be a bad idea to wear an orange hat and vest when you go to the field. Remember that the hunters have the “right of way.” Do not fly if you know that hunters are in the area.

Club Meetings

This month, November, our meeting venue changes to Platz’s, that is, P. J. Whelihan’s Pub and Restaurant, 101 Harrity Road, Lehighton, PA 18235. The time of the meeting remains the same, 12:00 PM (noon). Come early, any time after 11:30PM, to place your order for Lunch.

Yes, Saturday November 12, 2016 at noon, is the date and time of the meeting.

Dues

Your 2017 club dues can be paid at the next meeting. The amount remains the same, \$35.00. If you desire to mail your check for that amount, you can address the envelope to: Scott Voth, P.O. Box 74, Palmerton, PA 18071.

Any corrections or
questions can be
addressed to
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Next Meeting
Saturday, November 12, 2016

P. J. Whelihan’s Pub
(Platz’s)
about
12:00 PM (Noon)