



# *Whirlwind*



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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

Now is the time to enjoy the fall foliage throughout the Northeast. I was really surprised how fast the colors are changing. Just overnight the trees in my yard changed so much I thought maybe I had Rip Van Winkle'd.

Due to personal commitments the Sherman clan has not been at the field much in September but this weekend looks like it might actually be decent flying weather and we are looking forward to Saturday's monthly meeting being at the field. One of the agenda items is to start looking for nominees to fill the club officer spots for 2018. The official nominations will be done at the November meeting with the election at the December meeting.

Both Scott Voth and I have served way beyond the period specified by the BFMS by-laws and it would be great to see other members step up and volunteer to take one or more of the four positions to give us a break.

On another note I'd like to share my recent experience with the Hyperion LiHV batteries and their lack of vendor support. As some of you know last April I started to switch over my aging batteries to the LiHV to enjoy the higher voltage and capacity ratings. The initial performance was very good and I was pleased with the results.

Last month, however, one of the batteries had a cell drop out. So I filled out the on-line RMA request form but never received a reply. Shortly thereafter another battery lost a cell. So again I filled out the form and explained that I was still waiting for a reply to my first request. Well, you guessed it, no response to that request either. So yesterday I went on their website to the "Contact" form and sent them an email explaining the entire sad story and asking them to honor the warranty.

Nope, not another "no response" but an invalid email address per the below. Clearly Hyperion does not stand behind its products and at this point cannot recommend their products and have no plans to purchase anything from them again. I will, however, be filing claims with the BBB and other protection agencies in hopes of preventing others from the same experiences.

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

**Do not forget, hunting season is upon us. Wear orange at the field, Remember, hunters have the right of way!!!!**

# BFMS Saturday Meeting, October 14, 2017

Yes Jack, and all the others that wish to fly; **the meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017 will be at the field.** We must take advantage of Mother Nature's gift . Enjoy the good flying weather while it lasts. At this writing, I have not heard from Scott Voth with regard to reservations at Platz's, but I did read Brian's article, and Jack Mertz's e-mail dictum, "Hi guys, weather for Sat. is projected as about 69 degrees and not much wind. I'd like to get another days or so in before we get blown off. **Meeting at field?** If I don't get to PJ's, **that is where I will be.** Hope we can do it, there. Later, Jack."

## Volunteers

I would just like to reiterate what Brian mentioned in his COCKPIT Article, please give some serious thought to volunteering your services to the club by giving a small amount of your time to be nominated to one of the executive positions in the club.

There will also be an opening for Newsletter Editor in January, so if you are at all a little handy with a computer, we will need a new Newsletter Editor in the not too distant future. Please help!

## Dues

Once more we ask you to dig deep, and pay your 2018 dues. This is an **early 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. 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!

Any questions or comments  
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The next meeting  
of the  
BFMS  
will be at the  
Field  
12:00 PM (noon)  
on  
Saturday,  
October 14, 2017