



# Whirlwind



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

This month's article is dedicated to the tale of two crashes or "I won't be fooled again". Flash back to the 2016 Fun Fly; the Sukhoi is pulling out from a flat spin, air speed is very slow and the motor quits.

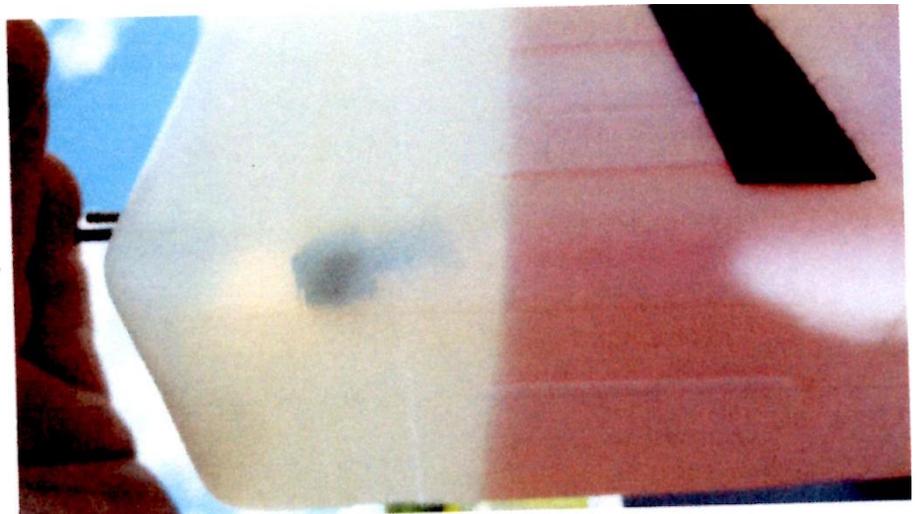
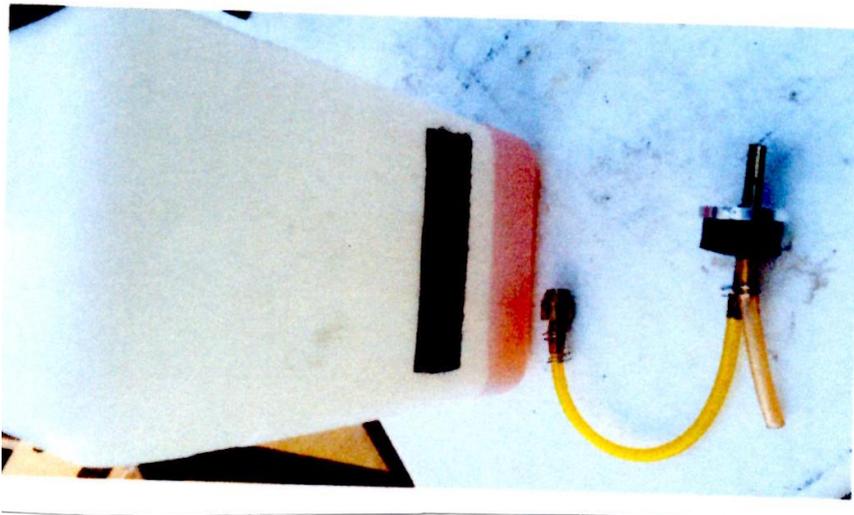
Emergency landing mode is executed. The result is not good; trashed the landing gear and lower cowl. The internal battery tray is splintered apart from the vertical g-force. A postmortem concludes that the x'mitter choke switch was activated causing the engine to flood out and die.

Fast forward to Labor Day weekend. Repairs are done and the switch has been reprogrammed. All looks good and time to fly. The flight is going great for the first few minutes when all of a sudden the engine stops dead. It's too high to land straight and too low for a normal approach. OK time for some S-turns. I misjudged my position and ended up pancaking the plane on the cross runway tearing up the front under carriage.

So what happened? I assumed that because the tank came pre-assembled with a compression collar seal on the stopper similar to a Roto tank that the tank was maintenance free. The pictures speak for themselves. "I won't be fooled again!" Don't allow yourself to be fooled either. Check those gas tanks before the first flight each and every season.

Don't be fooled because you fly Nitro. Just this weekend Kenny came to the field with an old trusted high winger. The engine would run reliably on the ground. After pulling out the tank to check the feed tube, which was aluminum, not brass, broke in half. Inside the rubber stopper. It was filled with AL rust. When it was replaced the engine ran great and Kenny was up flying around like a pro!

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



# Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Come early and stay late. This is a day to relax with the family, and your fellow BFMS members. It is a day to fly, and enjoy the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided by the club. Liquid (water and soda) refreshment is also provided by the club. Your contribution is the salad, desert or other dish that you wish to share with your fellow flyers, and their families.

Shade is a concern, so be sure to bring a canopy, and for your additional comfort, a small table and chairs would be helpful.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and our season ending event will bring to a conclusion a very successful Spring, Summer and Autumn of flying. There should be plenty of parking as seen below.



**Comments and suggestions  
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**Next Meeting,  
Saturday, September 10, 2016  
about noon  
at the Field**