



# Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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**APRIL FOOLS!** For those that missed it, don't worry. Due to the inclement weather in March it was mutually agreed to cancel production of the monthly newsletter. And so much for the old saying "April showers bring May flowers". It's more like "will it ever stop snowing and warm up? ☺"

I hope so! During the winter months I heard from several members that they were busy working on new planes for 2018. Me included and just finished the final assembly and CG checks on the SDB Dauntless this past weekend. Sooo.... many small pieces and parts.



"That's a long looking wing. Hope I didn't miss a panel. Or maybe it's just the photographer"

John and Kay were busy too at the Toledo Expo. Can't wait to hear what's new for 2018 and, most importantly, what John added to his fleet. For those of you that have not heard, Tower Hobbies field for bankruptcy and has been purchased by Horizon Hobby. If the consolidation keeps going, it seems Horizon Hobby King will be the only two large players.



That would not bode well for the traditional RC buyers but as you may have noticed there has been a dramatic shift in advertising over the past two years to drones and FPV racing. In part, this reflects the growing trend of less land for traditional flying coupled with growing concerns of more stringent regulation.

See you at Saturday's meeting.  
Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.



Fly safely this flying season! Please observe both the club rules and regulations, as well as those of the Academy of Model Aeronautics posted at the Field

**Attention:**

Since the weather forecast is calling for one of the nicest days so far this year, it has been decided that this month's meeting will be held at the field. So bring a plane and a chair and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Any questions or comments  
should be directed to  
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The next meeting of the  
BFMS will be at :  
**The BFMS Flying Field**  
on Saturday, April 14, 2018  
at Noon