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Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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COCKPIT CORNER – by Brian Sherman, did4ways@aol.com HAPPY FEB 2018!

Last month there was a minor glitch when I sent the January article to Scott and all the text was deleted. The same thing happened this month but I caught the problem before the email was sent. Looks like some type of virus. But the virus aside future articles may look just like January's unless the members start contributing ideas for the newsletter because just like Mike Rowe from Dirty Job's, I am plumb out of ideas after doing this for over five years. LOL



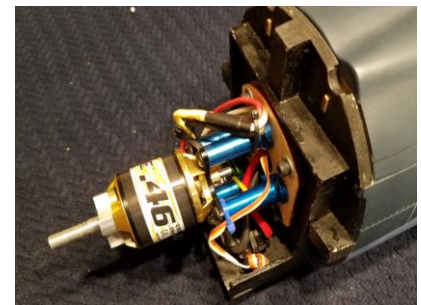
The January article focused on the call I received from Alma Holmes the new BSP manager. We had a great conversation and it turns out that Alma has been there since late spring but due to all the summer activities combined with relocating, Alma has been extremely busy. She did stop down to the field a couple of times during the week but as you know our members are mostly weekend flyers due to our work schedules.



Alma expressed great support for the club's activities and offered to help us promote the Fun Fly and other events as well as assisting us in our outreach efforts to attract young people to the hobby. She mentioned that the park office receives a number of inquiries regarding the use of drones in the park and asked if it was OK to give them my contact information. I said absolutely! Our next step is to provide Alma the dates for the Fun Fly and club picnic which will be finalized at February's meeting.

I spent the past three weekends trying to find the reason my house oil furnace kept locking out at random times. One Friday night I arrive home to find the temperature at 36 degrees INSIDE. Luckily there were no frozen pipes but the fish did not survive. So now I can start to repopulate the tank.

Despite the setback I have been able to spend some time working on the two planes by dad had in the works when he took his last flight. The SDB-5 is nearing completion. For an ARF it turned out there were a lot of laser cut plywood "cockpit decorations" that had to be assembled, painted and installed. All of which are not my strong points. But as you can see from the pictures the result looks pretty good.



On the other hand the Slow Poke continues to be true to its name. I have been working on it during the week at my NJ apartment and realize how much I have forgotten about stick building planes. Especially all the sanding. But I am committed to getting it done some time this summer.



Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

See you at Saturday's meeting.

Hunting Season

Please continue to exercise caution when flying at the field. Hunters may be in the vicinity of the field so wear a bit of orange or other bright colors. Remember also that hunters have the "Right of Way," that is to say, we must give them the field. This is the agreement we have with the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the field for the better part of the year. Thank you!

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:

As everyone should know, the FAA has won their argument over the registration number requirement. AMA is not telling us to ignore it, nor are they saying that we must comply. While they continue the fight, the AMA rule regarding identification located on all aircraft **STILL DOES APPLY**. So until we receive further information from the AMA, please make sure your name, number, contact info etc., is in your plane as it was before.

Any questions or comments
should be directed to
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The next meeting of the
BFMS will be at
(Platz's) P. J. Whelihan's
on Saturday, February 10,
2018 at Noon