



Whirlwind



Newsletter of the Beltzville Flying Machine Society

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

November 2019 is shaping up to be one of the most difficult and challenging months for our club since I joined the BFMS.

First, it is with sadness that I report that long time member and VP, Jack Mertz, 71, took wing on his final flight Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, after being admitted to St. Luke's Hospital. Jack was active in several RC and gun clubs and will be missed. His surviving siblings and relatives live in NC and CA. Funeral arrangements will be private and held at the convenience of his family.

On behalf of the BFMS officers and members we extend our sincere condolences to his family and thank Jack for his contributions to the BFMS in his role as VP and fellow RC flyer. More information and links to the funereal home are available at: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tnonline/obituary.aspx?pid=194294089>.

As you know the club needs to nominate its slate of members who will run for election as club officers for 2020. The positions of President and Vice-President will be open and all members are encouraged to seriously consider stepping up to volunteer to run to ensure the club's future viability.

At the meeting we also will need to start discussions on ideas to maintain mowing of the field. After years of volunteer service, Bob Beers has advised that he will be unable to continue regular mowing in 2020. For those that don't know, Bob stepped up to the plate and volunteered for the job shortly after the club lost "loud Eddie" to his final flight. Bob has done an amazing job and asked only to be covered for his gas costs. Bob will continue to be an active club member and offered to help with one-off events like knocking down the high grass. For all his hard work and support the club extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

In closing, congratulations are in order for our former secretary, John Carrigan. John celebrated his 80th birthday this year. Unbeknownst to John, his daughter Kathy, together with other family members, surprised John with a gift of a flight in a real P-51 war bird as well as several other flight events both in the USA and Europe. The attached slide show documents his adventures as well as his level of enjoyment. It likely will be a while before that smiling grin releases its grip on his face. Good going John!!!!!!!

Until next time keep the cockpit up and be safe.

PS: The November meeting will be held at Platz's this Sat, 11/9, at 12:00pm. Please come on out and help the club organize and plan for a successful 2020 season.

Nominations for the 2020 officers will take place
at this month's meeting

Attendance is encouraged
Volunteers are encouraged

Step up to help keep our club alive!

Any questions or comments
should be directed to
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The next meeting of the
BFMS will be at:
PJ Whelihan's (Platz's)
Saturday, November 9th
at Noon