



# Whirlwind



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

Have a lot of pictures of your early days in RC planes, interested in seeing pictures of your peers from that era or want to post some pictures in your collection; then the AMA “Generations of Flight” web site, <http://generationsofflight.com/>, is a great place to visit.

During one of the recent cold nasty weekends I had nothing planned so I spent some time browsing the postings. It was really interesting how many good memories it triggered of being at the flying field with my dad, brothers and friends learning to fly, watching the planes fly out of site due to signal loss, and then tramping through the meadowlands swamps in New Jersey trying to find said planes. The site is populated solely with pictures from members like you and me. Check it out, I think you’ll like it.

The winter of 2016-2017 will certainly go down as my most prolific repair and resurrection period. After sitting in the basement for many years the Curtiss Jenny 105” is 99% completed. The in-line OS 4 cylinder four stroke has been replaced with the OS GT55 gas engine that use to be in the Wyvern.



The prop is going to be a Jack Mertz 24 x 6-10 replacing the 22 x 10 used on the Wyvern. The throttle and choke servos are mounted on the engine box and covered with self adhesive heat reflective tape. The metal coating should help to reduce stray RF ignition noise from entering the Rx system.

I am looking forward to getting it up in the air the first warm weekend.



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

## Dues

While the initial period for paying dues without a penalty has past, I am almost positive that Scot Voth “**will let you slide**” if you come to the next meeting and hand in your dues in person. The cost remains the same, \$35.00. If you desire to mail your check for that amount, you can address the envelope to: Scott Voth, P.O Box 74, Palmerton, PA 18071. Just be sure to e-mail Scott Voth at: [vothsc@ptd.net](mailto:vothsc@ptd.net) so he knows to look for your check in the mail.

All dues for the year 2017 should have been paid by January 31, 2017. Renewing your membership after that will require an initiation fee of \$12.00 to be paid in addition to the dues. **Let this be the final notice!**

## Safety and ...

While winter languishes, and I try to work up the energy and gumption to finish the five planes I have started over the past several years, I was reminded of my laziness in both spirit and physical energy by Brian’s article. While I struggle to sit down at the work bench, I am reminded of the batteries that sit dormant, in need of attention. If I soon don’t check them, or recycle them, or recharge them, they will be useless come the flying season.

Make this confession a **safety alert** for you, and check your batteries. There is nothing worse than finally catching the bug to fly on the first warm day as Spring approaches, and finding out that your batteries are not ready. Overnighting from Tower Hobbies is not always an option. Hobby Shops are few and far between these days, and not open on Sundays, usually. It still takes at least overnight to get a good charge on most batteries.

I think Brian has the right idea, repair the planes you have crashed, and are waiting to fly again. Now is the time! If you are anything like yours truly, try to get the strength of spirit to finish what you started while you can. I will try!

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**The next meeting  
of the  
BFMS  
will be held  
at  
Whelihan’s (Platz’s)  
about 12:00 PM (noon)  
on  
Saturday,  
February 11, 2017**