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April 2015 issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter

Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
April DSC Business Meeting, Social and Show & Tell	Saturday, 11 April 2015	Door open at 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting; 11 AM Show & Tell	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
May DSC Business Meeting, Social and Show & Tell	Saturday Time/date TBA May 2015	Door open at 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting; 11 AM Show & Tell	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham

Note: #1 Changes to a scheduled event will be announced by e-mail to Club members. Check your e-mail on the morning of the event to see if it has been cancelled for an unforeseen circumstance.

[NEWSLETTER PREFACE BY JIM:](#)

The past 3 months have been quite unusual. I have never had so little winter flying as I did this winter. I had to cancel meetings because of a death in my family, family conflicts, severe weather, and unavailability of conference room when I was available and the list goes on. It really isn't an issue as meeting in the winter historically are attended by a very few number of Club members and understandably so.

Minutes of the DSC Brunch Meeting, Show & Tell and Yankee Silent Auction Swap Meeting

[TREASURES REPORT:](#)

Treasurer John Emery reported what the Club had in the Club's checking account (\$393.23) and in its savings account (\$25).

[SECRETARY'S REPORT:](#)

Secretary Mike Farnsworth reported that he had No Correspondence.

MEMBERS PRESENT (SEE PICTURE)



Members and guests not shown are John Seredynski, Paul Johnson, and Sandy Schmidt

OLD BUSINESS:

RC FIELDS:

Background: Paul Johnson has been actively lobbying the town for access to the NASB former Radar site on Old Bath Road. A town committee has been formed which will meet in the near future to discuss uses of the site. Paul hopes to be on the committee. A portion of this large site is allotted for Sports fields; this would still leave plenty of area for a flying site.

Thanks Paul for your efforts.

UPDATE.

BAM Treasurer Sandy Schmidt gave a presentation of what he was going to present to the Brunswick Recreation Committee. It was an excellent written letter that provided detailed history of our request to be allowed to establish a site on the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. In short it said we have been involved since day one in the discussions on the use of the former Navy Base and haven't received any feedback to our ongoing request. After hearing this presentation members said he shouldn't change a thing. Special Thanks to Sandy and Paul for all their efforts.



DSC Christmas Brunch, Swap meet ,and Yankee swap meeting



October Meeting: Club discussed whether or not to have a DSC Christmas Brunch and Yankee swap meeting as we have done so many times in the past. It was unanimous to have it. Jim assumed that we could rent the room for the same price as last year. We discussed what date in December we should try to reserve, if available. Jim left the meeting and found the appropriate Library representative, who was able to reserve our first choice. So mark your calendar for Saturday 13 December from 9am to 2 PM. Plan is to have a brunch meeting. Members can bring things for the Brunch Buffet. Club will provide coffee, hot cocoa, tea, a keg of beer (just kidding on the keg). It will be a relaxed meeting with more social time. We will have the normal agenda with 2015 Officer Elections mixed in. Since we have reserved more time than last year, we have time to have a bigger Show & Tell. This is where we find some good information. What to try and what to not (like Gorilla Shipping Tape).

Guidelines for Yankee Swap: The cost of a present should be \$5.00 to \$10.00; but can be more if you want. So if you bring a present you can exchange for a present.

November:

Jim drew a \$47 check from the Club account to pay for the rental of the room. This locked in our rental of the room for Saturday, 13 December 2014 from 9AM to no later than 2PM. We can end the meeting anytime we want. Reserved time includes plenty of time for cleanup and putting tables away etc.

We discussed if we should have a Pot Luck Brunch and members were all for it. So bring a brunch item to share, if you can.

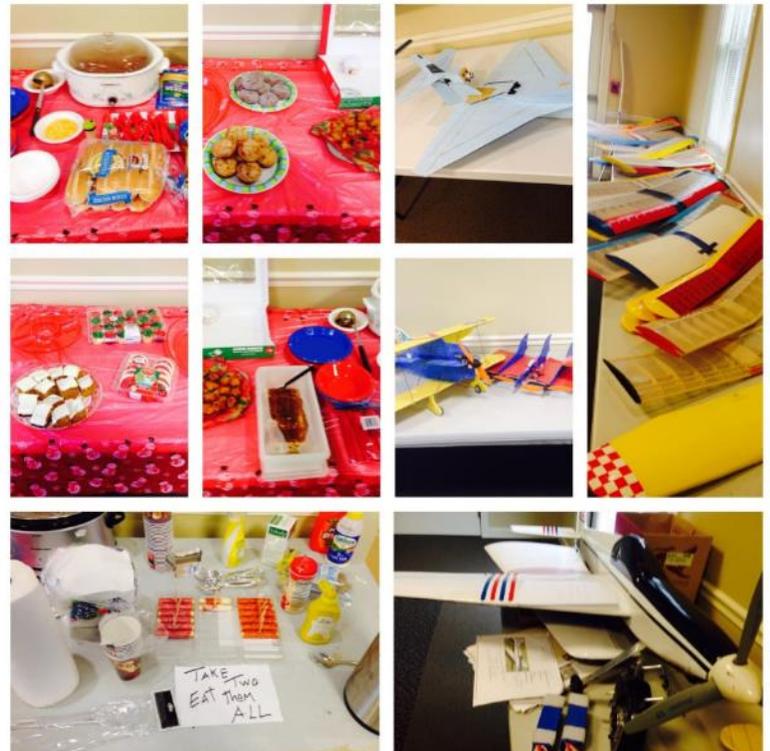
Mark asked if we were going to have a silent auction/swap meet.

Members thought it would be a good idea. Jim will find out from the Library director if we can have it, similar to what we had last year. Mark said he has some kits etc. that he will sell dirt cheap. He kept saying dirt cheap, cheap.....

UPDATE:

The DSC Christmas Brunch, Swap meet, and Yankee swap meeting was fantastic.

Food was exceptional and there was a lot of it. Members found some dirt cheap swap items (OK Mark?). Some swap items were sold to raise money for the BAM mower fund.



BAM MOWER:

Previously: *Paul Johnson, DSC member and BAM VP, and Sandy Schmidt discussed the need for a new mower. Paul said that Sandy mows about 3 ½ acers. Six DSC members at this meeting are also members of BAM. Much discussion on type of mower to get. Sandy was asked a question on what it would cost to have it done. Sandy looked into it and it would cost \$100 a week. The BAM club will discuss it more at their monthly meetings. . We had much discussion on ways to raise the money to pay for a mower that would do the job. Estimated cost of a sufficient Mower is \$4000.00*

Update: DSC member and BAM VP Paul Johnson and BAM Sec/Tres. Sandy Schmidt attended this meeting and provided BAM's plan for raising money to pay for the mower.

BAM is holding off the purchase of the lawn more until spring. They need to buy a commercial mower so that they can mow close to the ground, which unlike a regular home owner mower, it must be very durable considering how many acres are mowed each week.

Maybe with a good mower other areas could be mowed. Some members would like the path to the North mowed more often and a little wider like it used to be. These are the areas that don't have to be mowed every week but once in a great while would be nice.

Currently they have designated \$2500 from the BAM club savings. It was voted on and passed at an official BAM meeting. Additionally they sold the old mower for \$200. So this brings the current total to \$2700. The commercial mower would cost around \$4000. So between now and spring, I'm sure the difference could be raised, because of the generosity of all the BAM club members and guests that use this field

They are going to try to sell some real nice planes on eBay. The biggest concern is the cost of shipping these items. Only concern with using eBay for large items is the shipping costs. But if you can find the right person that wants that item, they will pay the shipping.

BAM also plans on trying to sell donated items at the Big swap meet in the spring. There is a big one, announced by Ray and Robs Hobby Shop and the Portland Prop Snappers, every springtime.

It was brought up that they might consider the Oakland swap meet this winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SWAP MEET:

When: April 19th

Where: This event will be held at Family Health Center parking lot in Falmouth, Maine

Rain Date: April 26th

Time: . Start at 8AM - Till.

FMI See: HTTP://PROPSNAPPERS.ORG/LETTERS/SWAP_MEET0415.PDF

- [GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIR SHOW IS RETURNING ON LABOR DAY OF 2015.](#)

Mark your calendar for the 2015 Great State of Maine Air Show to be held in Brunswick September 5-6 2015

BRUNSWICK, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- The world famous Navy Blue Angels flying team returned to Maine Thursday, but one plane slipped off the runway because of ice.

The F/A 18 plane, that is part of the Blue Angels' flight demonstration team, slid off the runway while taxiing at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

The jet ended up on the grass and the pilot had to kill the jet engines. Airport crews towed the plane out of the dirt and back onto the runway. No one was injured and the plane was not damaged.

The Blue Angels returned to Maine to promote the fact that the Great State of Maine Air Show is returning on Labor Day of 2015.

[Winter Flying at BAM Field:](#)

Previously: Paul Johnson told some of our members that the BAM field will be plowed this winter by [Perry Estabrook](#). So get your transmitter gloves, planes you can hand launch, ones you can fly off snow, or just land on snow ready for get together(s) there this winter.

Update: There was way too much snow to Plow.

[NEW BUSINESS:](#)

[DSC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING \(BOD\) MEETING:](#)

Background from November meeting: Jim planned on having a DSC Board of Director's meeting during this meeting. Jim and John Emery decided to postpone the BOD meeting. Jim missed an e-mail from Mike Farnsworth saying that he would have made this meeting if he was notified. Plan now is to have it at the next meeting.

Jim asked for permission to have a BOD meeting. Member approved. Jim said he would like to have two a year to ensure we meet the minimum of one BOD meeting a year. DSC meeting closed for BOD meeting and then reopened DSC meeting at the conclusion of BOD meeting. DSC Board of Director meeting minutes attached at the bottom of this newsletter.

[OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2015](#)

Background: Jim announced at November meeting, that elections of Officers will be held at the Xmas party meeting in December. Nominations for 2014 Club Officers were opened. Only current officers were interested in running for any of the positions. If only current officers are nominated, one ballot for current slate of officers will be cast.

UPDATE:

Treasurer John Emery said he would not be able to continue to carry out the Treasurers duties because of how much time he would be spending in his summer place in Florida. Special “Thank You” to John Emery for all his help with the Club finances submitting our online tax form, ,and for John’s meticulous treasurer reports. Jim asked for a nomination and Ken Baker was nominated. No one else was nominated.

Therefore Jim cast one ballot for all the unopposed Officer positions. The vote was unanimous. Special “Thank You” to the following Officers for accepting the work of their positions.

President: James Armstrong
VP: Glenn Collins
Secretary: Mike Farnsworth
Treasurer: Ken Baker
Safety Officer (Appointed position): TBA

FILING DSC TAXES ON FORM 990-N ELECTRONIC FILING

John Emery stated he would provide all the info needed for the club’s new treasurer Ken Baker to file 2015 taxes.

DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Each member was given an opportunity to take a free magazine home.



DSC DRAWING LIBRARY: Plan from a Club magazine was pulled out and shown to members for checkout.



SHOW AND TELL

- [BUILD A FOAM RACER:](#)

Previously: Mark Higgins questioned what we do with foam. He suggested that we find an RC foam plane and do some racing with them. He said: "Don't even need the same plane. Just pick a certain motor size." It was decided to use the **Awesome flying simple Delta** plane that John Curtis brought in for Show & Tell. . Tim and Forrest have flown Johns' **Awesome flying simple Delta** John has 2 already built so hew would like Tim and Forrest to use them to get racing started. Mark and Mike said they were going to build one right away Info on how to build it is on RC Groups: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1729627>

Update: Mark said an alternative to the above plane is the "Cheap Fast Racer" he built for \$3.00 and one hour and 10 minutes building time. Used a 400 motor. Let the racing begin. Here it is:



- [“FLYING JUNK PILE”](#)

Bob Constable showed us a plane he built from Plans. He electrified it with a Hacker motor.



- [SUMNER TOWING SERVICE:](#)

Forrest Sumner reminded everyone to keep in mind that he can cradle launch gliders and tow up gliders on his Curtis Robin gas powered plane. He should be able to handle up to 3 meters. He has installed a total release on the Curtis Robin and fabricated a cradle. He has made a towline and dolly to facilitate towing gliders. Dust off your gliders for some fun thermal flying this summer.

- [OWLS HEAD 1923 FOKKER C.IV N439FK](#)

Sandy Schmidt gave the history of the Owls Head 1923 Fokker C.IV N439FK. Sandy scratch built a miniature to scale version of it. It must have been a labor of love. You can see it with 439 on the wing.

He went over in great detail the Owls Head restoration of their full size version of this plane. It was very very interesting. Sandy covered all aspects of this planes design and restoration.

One of the very unique features of this plane is the fact that the radiator retracts during flight to increase the speed and repositioned during startup.

In the bottom left picture of Sandy, you will see a scale hanger for his two miniature scale planes. See how the door opens. Real cool.



1923 FOKKER C.IV N439FK	
Owl's Head Transportation Museum	
SPAN Top	13.69 m (44.9 ft)
Bottom	11.25 m (36.9 ft)
AIRFOIL	Gottinger 418
LENGTH	9.32 m (30.6 ft)
WIDTH	1.08 m (3.6 ft)
WEIGHT	1450 kg (3190 lbs)
Gross	2270 kg (4992 lbs)
POWERPLANT	ROLLS-ROYCE EAGL
	270kW (360 hP) @
	1.8:1
Gear ratio	
FUEL consumption	91 l/h (24 gal/hr)
PROPELLER diam	3.25 m (10.66 ft)
Pitch	3.35 m (130 in)
SPEED max	214 km/h (133 mph)
RANGE	1200 km (746 miles)
CEILING	5500 m (18050 ft)



- [#11 SCALPEL BLADES WITH SCALPEL HANDLE](#)

Jim showed the box of 100 #11 scalpel blades with a scalpel handle that he purchased on Amazon at a fantastic price. He likes to use them rather than number 11 X-Acto blades, as they are much sharper and cost less when purchased this way.

- Forrest Sumner said he purchased some button lithium cells from Amazon for \$2.83, which was an amazing price. John Cheetham said that Big Al's had some for a good price the last time he was there.

- [FLITE TEST STORCH](#)

John Seredynski showed us the Flite Test Storch Kit he was giving to John Cheetham. John explained that the FT Simple Storch is a fun and relaxing flyer for new and experienced pilots alike. It is a 4 channel plane with the options of flaps, flaperons, and even leading edge slats just like the full scale Storch! With it's wide speed envelope and stol (short takeoff or landing) capabilities this is touted as a park flyer.



- [GEE BEE-Y](#)

John Curtis showed us a Gee Bee-Y foam kit he bought out



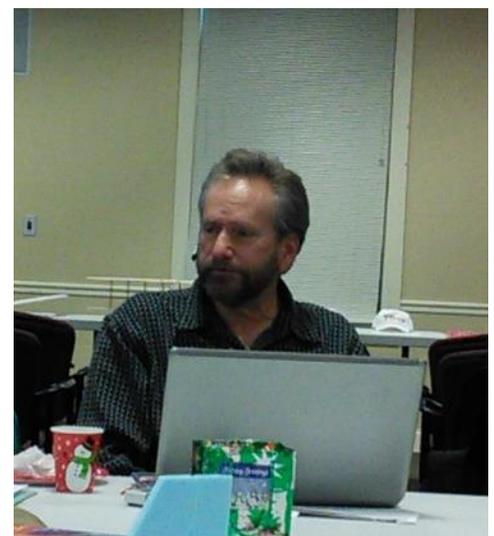
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong):

PAYING DUES AND FOR SILENT AUCTION/SWAP ITEMS:

The Topsham library changed its policy for money exchange in the Highland Community Room. We can now pay our dues or purchase Silent Auction/Swap items. However we still can't exchange monies in the small conference room.



BOWDOIN FLYING FIELD:

This bears repeating. Questions on the use of the Bowdoin Flying Field keeps coming up. For \$15 a year you can use it anytime the rules allow. Field use fees pay for mower gas and remainder goes to the farmer for the use of his field and are paid to Forrest Sumner.

Nonpaying DSC members can use it if DSC has permission to hold a meeting their or a Fun Fly like we have in the past. Forrest Sumner who controls the field, is anxious for us to get some gliders ready for towing up. His powered plane is ready. It has a tow line release ready to go. Now all we need is more gliders with nose releases.

NEW BUILDING PROJECTS.

Our Club is fortunate to have a bunch of prolific builders.

- *Forrest Sumner's LT40 ready to maiden, just need a battery for receiver.*



- Forrest Sumner's Spirit 100 ready to maiden.



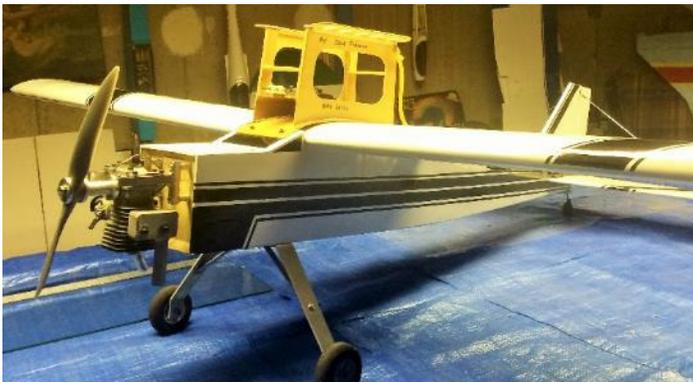
- [MENTOR:](#)

Here is the Club's GAS powered Tow plane that Forrest put together.

Forrest said: Just finished programming the Mentor and checked The balance and it sits level. Now for the weather and Sun to let us get out and give it a try. Anxious to show it off.
Forrest



Forrest



- [PLAYBOY:](#)

1. Dick Rosenberg recently finished scratch building a Playboy glider. This is not his first Playboy. He built another one because it is an exceptional design and fabulous flying glider.



2. Dick has several planes ready to go.
From: "dick rosenberg"

To: "JIM ARMSTRONG
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:03:19 PM
Subject: ??

This goes to Jim as President and High Mucky Muck and to John C. as Jim's partner in crime. Between them, they should come up with an answer.

What should I do, I have this swell model of the Playboy Senior all finished, nice and cool and ready to fly, but I can't seem to find a spot to do it in.....Too much snow and no skis to install.

Where is this Spring I've been hearing about? When do we get our turn?

I also have....waiting in line....an Ez Fly, a Yardstick, a Gambler, an Eagle, a Slow Boat, John's rebuilt and refurbished plane (with the foam tail) and, of course the old reliable but still yet to be flown Minimoa.

Waiting in the wings are the Telemaster 40, The Fun Cub, and the Fiesler Storch (ARF).

As president it is incumbent upon you to do something about this. We rely on you'....that's why you get the salary you do.

Dick

JOHN CHEETHAM:

John has been at it again THIS WINTER. Because he couldn't get out at 6 AM and fly this winter he spent more time building. I will put some of his creations in the next newsletter.

- SNOOPY:

However I owe you a completed picture of his Snoopy. Quite an interesting design.



JOHN SEREDYNSKI



John is extremely missed. He was a great friend. One that made one's life more (not less) enjoyable. I am fortunate to have spent the time I did flying, texting, disagreeing (nicely), socializing at the field and spending many hours at Tim Hortons with him. He was a very generous person and helped me a lot. He gave me his P-51 and gave planes to others. If he didn't give them away. he gave people a bargain. That was John. I owed him a meal at the Fairgrounds Café and wish he had collected. He won't be forgotten.

*Happy Flight,
Jim*

DSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2014

1.Call to order

James called to order the regular meeting of the Downeast Soaring Club Board of Directors meeting at approx.: 10:30 AM on December 13, 2013 at Topsham Public Library, Topsham, ME. .

2.Roll call

BOD members present: Michael Farnsworth (BOD registered agent) conducted a roll call. BOD Officers include Secretary Michael Farnsworth (present), President James Armstrong (present), Vice President Glenn Collins (excused), and Treasurer John Emery (present).

3.Approval of minutes from last meeting: Not Used.

4.Open issues

5. None

6.New business

- a) James Armstrong read the Articles of Incorporation for the Downeast Soaring Club, including attached addendum. The purpose of the Club was highlighted.
 - Each BOD member acknowledged that the DSC Club was meeting the purpose of the Club.
 - Each BOD member acknowledged that the DSC Club was meeting requirements of the Incorporation's attached addendum.
- b) James Armstrong asked if there was any more New Business. It was noted that all responses were NO.

7.Adjournment

James adjourned the meeting at approx. 10:45.

Minutes submitted by: James Armstrong

Minutes approved by: Michael Farnsworth