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## April 2016 issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter

### Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
DSC Business Meeting, Social and Show & Tell	Saturday date 23 April 2016 in Large meeting room	Door open at 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting; 11 AM Show & Tell	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
DSC Business Meeting, Social and Show & Tell	Saturday Time/date TBA May 2016	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.

### **Minutes of 27 February 2016 Downeast Soaring Meeting:**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Johnson, Mark Higgins, Dick Tim Martel, John Curtis, Mike Farnsworth, John Cheetham, Jim Armstrong, Dick McNeil, Dick Rosenberg, Mike Bergerson, Bob Constable, Sandy Schmidt, Frank Bennett, Jim Rochtt, and Forrest Sumner

Jim A. welcomed everyone and took attendance. He noted that DSC member Dick McNeil hasn't been able to attend a Business meeting and therefore hasn't met a lot of Club members. So he was asked to tell the Club a little bit about himself and what were his RC interests. Dick is a friend of Jack Pignolo. Jack told him about all the benefits of being a DSC member. They both are former Airline Pilots. Dick has purchased items from the DSC Fund Raiser Silent Auction and attended the live auction we had at the Lodge in Brunswick, months back. He told Club members that he flies a lot right near his house. He also told us about the Conway NH Club that he also belongs to and that they fly all year long. He noted that he was very interested in sloping and making it to the Promenade someday. Members are asked to let Dick know when they are going to sloping. He would love to participate.

As a result of Dick mentioning sloping, Mark Higgins told us that he went to Beech Hill

last summer and did some excellent sloping. He talked to some people there and they do still allow gliders to be flown from the top of the hill. In fact he said they cleared a good spot on the top to land on. Jim A. mentioned what happened years back when he conducted a DSC meeting at the top of the hill. It brought back a lot of good memories. He said he is going to make it a point to fly there this summer.

Because of the nostalgic discussions Jim A. totally forgot to take a picture of this fabulous group.

### TREASURES REPORT:

None: Treasurer Ken Baker had to work.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Mike Farnsworth provided the Secretaries report:

- He said he had the DSC Web Site Hosting bill for Ken Baker and that he would send it to him by e-mail.
- Mike said he received notice from the State of Maine that DSC's incorporation paperwork was due. Mike said upcoming task is to submit Yearly incorporation paperwork to the state of Maine with revisions (adding Ken Baker) and paying the yearly fee.



## OLD BUSINESS:

### AMA AND FAA RULES:

Members had a long discussion of the AMA and FAA rules. It was very interesting. One thing that Sandy said was that he saw an event or two that required planes to be marked per AMA and with the FAA number of the owner. Wonder if AMA Flying rules will be revised to require both.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

We plan on continuing to cover Upcoming Events in the Old Business section of our newsletter. Members should keep their eyes open for any upcoming events and try to find out if any of the following are planned:

- [KVMA CABIN FEVER SWAP MEET](#)

UPDATE: None

- [BAM Swap](#)
  - [??? TBD](#)
  - [OWLS HEAD Midcoast Model Festival](#) **Apr 2 - Apr 3**

This two-day indoor event features a vast array of models of all kinds including trains, aircraft, boats, automobiles and more! Miniaturists also display their impeccably crafted work. Radio controlled model demonstrations, kids' activities and more highlight this popular family event. Modelers from throughout Maine and beyond display a mix of kit models as well as handmade creations. This show is a celebration of all types of models, and exhibitors are expected to bring everything from antique model steam engines to cars, planes, ships and trains. Models of all sizes will be accommodated.



- [YEARLY PROPSNAPPERS SWAP MEET:](#)

- *When: April 17th*
- *Where: This event will be held at Family Health Center parking lot in Falmouth, Maine, Bucknam road across from Ray & Robins.*
- *Time: Start at 8AM - Till.*
- *FMI: Dan DeSena; President, Propsnappers RC Club; Props.president@gmail.com*
- *See event flyer at the end of this newsletter.*

[Propsnappers Spring Float Fly](#)

- *When: April 30th and May 1st, 2016*
- *Where: Kiwanis Beach at Watchic Lake; RT. 25 Standish, ME*
- *FMI: Dan DeSena; President, Propsnappers RC Club; Props.president@gmail.com*
- *See event flyer at the end of this newsletter.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**



Blohm and Voss Bv 141 [Tactical Reconnaissance Aircraft](#) (1938)

Mike Farnsworth asked Sandy how the building session of the Blohm and Voss Bv 141 Tactical Reconnaissance Aircraft (1938) was going.

Background: BAM member, John Frothingham, has cancer of the pancreas. Mike worked with John at Maine Yankee.

John's family had a bucket list discussion with him as he isn't doing very well. In August John moved to an assisted living in NH. He said he really wanted to see the 141 completed. **Despite its radical and unorthodox layout, the Blohm & Voss Bv 141 actually did fly and was produced in some 20 examples.**

John did mostly free flight. The family checked into a professional building service and they quoted a cost of \$12,000 to complete the plane. The Brunswick Area Modeler volunteered to complete it. Several BAM members have been meeting several times a week to complete the plane. Sandy showed pictures of the disassembly and repairs that needed to be completed. Currently it is covered, but needs paint etc. to complete. When finished they will bring it to him where he currently resides in NH.

### [DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:](#)

A plans from a Club magazine was pulled out and shown to members for checkout.



### [DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:](#)

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



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong):



### NEW BUILDING PROJECTS.

- **From:** Jack Pignolo  
**To:** "Jim Armstrong"  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2016 9:05:17 PM  
**Subject:** It Shouldn't Fly! \$6 - 48" Power or Glider Wing - RC Groups

Jim this is the slope wing that I built 15 years ago... I plan to build another one this summer. Tell the guy that has the fan fold that I want 4 sheets. Do not separate the sheets....

Jack P.

NEW VIDEO LOST AND FOUND, updated 2/6/14

The Lost KF48 \$10 Flat Foam Homemade Glider Slope Plane - they said it wouldn't fly. (2 min 10 sec)

The Lost KF48 \$10 Flat Foam KF Step RC Flying Glider Slope Plane Wing →

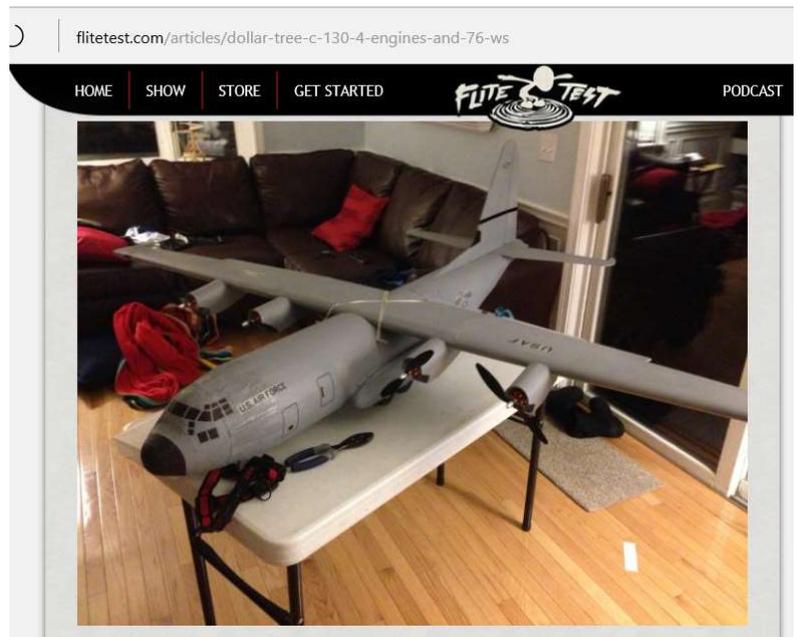


See: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=685204>

- Dick Rosenberg is in the process of building a C130 out of foam. He is somewhat following the information on Flite Test.

See: *Dollar tree C-130. 4 engines and 76" WS by lupine*

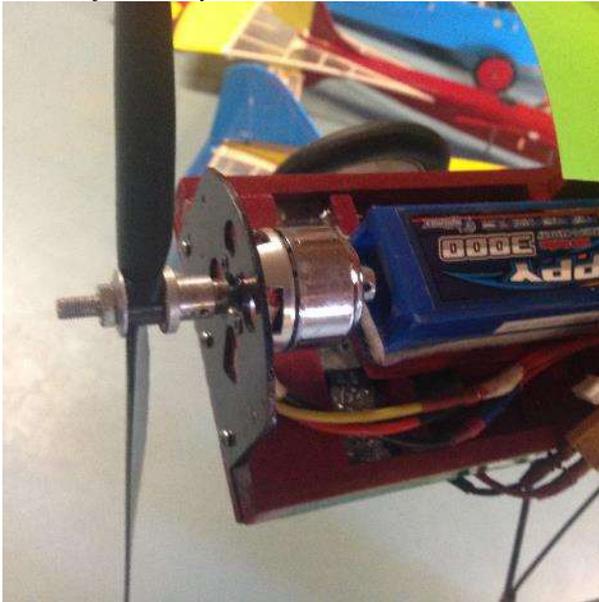
<http://flitetest.com/articles/dollar-tree-c-130-4-engines-and-76-ws>



- John Cheetham was building “The 1939 Zipper” from a partial kit when I started the newsletter.
- He finished it recently. John said it flew great right off the board. It required no trimming at all.



- *John Cheetham built an Ugly Stick fuselage with an Old Timer Wing design by Henry Struck. Powered by a 450 watt can brushless motor on a 4 cell 4000 Mah LIPO. Flies sweet and with the 3000 LIPO it flies till you're tired.*



- *John built another one from a kit he purchased in the sale. It wasn't complete, so he had to fabricate what was missing. Since there was no paperwork, can't tell you what its name is.*



- Jack Pignolo's Radio Controlled Micro Float Plane Inum

Jack said: *It was way too windy for this test flight, but what the heck...It looks good in the air, mucho power from that tiny HK C-10 brushless on a 2cell 150 Mah LIPO... I think I will be able to really slow it down in a calmer wind situation...Gross weight at TKO 3.8 oz...Jack P.*



See it fly at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4G6XszUotY&feature=em-upload\\_owner#action=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4G6XszUotY&feature=em-upload_owner#action=share)

- How to set up the throws on a V Tail:

Treat a 'V' tail, (ruddervators), just as the word says, rudder and elevator.

Tilt the fuselage so one surface is vertical and set the movement just like a rudder, then tilt the other surface vertical and do the same.

For an inverted "V" tail just follow the above, just keep tips of surfaces down rather than UP.

- *John Curtis built this electric plane. Playboy? John said:*

*" Needed a little weight in the nose. I think I will make lead cowl cheeks.*

*Cheers, John (JEC) "*



### DSC APRIL MEETING:

I couldn't get the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of April for our meeting. However, I was able to secure the Large Topsham Library hall for our meeting on Saturday 23 April 2016. Bring items to sell/swap or show & tell. We have lots of room. We can't set up tables to display but we will have lots of floor space. Look forward to it being a good meeting.

*Happy safe Flying,*

*Jim*

PS: See the 2 flyers below.

# Swap Meet - April 17 2016



Place 5 Bucknam Rd Maine Medical Center  
Falmouth ME



**Sellers Must Provide Their Own Tables or sell from the back of their vehicles.**

## Directions

**No Restrooms, Admission Free. No Flying Allowed**

### From I-295 Northbound and Southbound

- Take Exit 10, Bucknam Road in Falmouth.
- Turn left on Bucknam Road.
- The Falmouth Family Health Center will be on your left before the traffic light at Route 1.

### From Route 1 Northbound

- At the intersection of Route 1 and Bucknam Road in front of the Falmouth Shopping Plaza, turn left at the traffic light onto Bucknam Road.
- The Falmouth Family Health Center will be on your right before the entrance ramps to I-295.

### From Route 1 Southbound

- At the intersection of Route 1 and Bucknam Road in front of the Falmouth Shopping Plaza, turn right at the traffic light onto Bucknam Road.
- The Falmouth Family Health Center will be on your right before the entrance ramps to I-295.



# Spring Float Fly April 30 & May 1 2016

Kiwanis Beach At Watchic Lake: Rt 25 Standish, Me

Sponsored By Propsnappers R/C Club  
Portland Maine.

Open To The Public  
Admission Free  
Starts At 9:00 AM

**Pilots**

**2016 AMA Card  
&  
FAA Reg Number  
Required**

**No Dogs Allowed On Beach**



**There Is A Registration  
Fee For All Participants.**

\$10.00 For One Day. \$15.00 For Two Days  
Saturday & Sunday  
All Fees Donated To Kiwanis Club

Model Boaters Join Us At The Lake Sat / Sun  
Same Fees As Above Apply