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November issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter

Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
DSC Business meeting	17 November 2018	Start time 9 AM	Topsham Public Library 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
DSC CLUB MEETING, TO INCLUDE BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION/ MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP	Saturday 15 December 2018	Start time 9 AM	Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room; 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 as a result of an unforeseen circumstance. SNOW?

DSC MINUTES

DSC MEETING WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE, OPEN FLYING, AND ALES MINI FLY IN. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Preface in Italics.

Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 9:37 PM

Subject: FW: DSC Meeting Wednesday 6 June, open flying, and ALES mini fly in.

Hi Guys,

Weather looks good for flying this Wednesday. Temperature in the sixties and wind 5/6 mph.

We should have 3 Club Officers attending this meeting and several Club members. I owe Tim Martel and Bob Berry a call. Hope others can make it. Its worth the trip if you can make it. The one great thing about this field is the room. Much more flying area than the Bowdoin field. Beginners should love it. Remember flying before and after the meeting.

Happy safe Flying,

Jim

PS See Ken Baker's comment below.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Ken Baker](#)

Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 3:18 PM

To: jamesiii2010@comcast.net

Subject: Re: DSC Meeting Wednesday 6 June, open flying, and ALES mini fly in.

Hi Jim,

Sorry, but I won't be at the meeting. I do agree that the sanctioned event should happen however.

Regards,

Ken

On Fri, Jun 1, 2018 at 9:55 PM, <jamesiii2010@comcast.net> wrote:

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DSC Meeting Wednesday 6 June, open flying, and ALES mini fly in.

Hi guys,

We are having a stand up DSC meeting at 3 PM on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at the Davis Farm field in Sabattus. This not a DSC field, but we have been invited to have this day for all Club members to participate. Note: please bring something to sit or lay on.

Mark Higgins will be putting us through a mini ALES (Altitude Limiting Electronic Soaring) mini event sometime after 1 PM. Open flying (fly what you bring) starts at 1PM and continues after the meeting.

The meeting is very important as the Club needs to formally approve a Club AMA sanctioned ALES contest on 8 and 9 September.

-- AMA Contest directors are Mike Bergerson and Mark Higgins. See ESL events schedule link below for all the information:

DownEast Maine ALES -

Contest details available at <http://flyesl.org/Contest.aspx?contestid=295>

When Sat Sep 8 – Sun Sep 9, 2018

Eastern Soaring League Mission Statement

"Enhance the sport of radio controlled (R/C) thermal soaring through the establishment and maintenance of reasonable standards for contest operations"

Mike and Mark are hoping that the guys in our Club that have tried ALES will join the fun. They also are looking for the normal volunteers to help setup, breakdown and for someone to be the grill master, as a picnic lunch will be provided on both days. Please let Mike Know if you can help out.

Please let me know if you think you can make it. I would like to talk to each member and give the directions and what to expect. It is a gorgeous field and we are lucky to have permission to fly there on this day.

Jim

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PS In the picture below you can see Forrest doing a fly by with his Polaris. In the 2nd picture you can see Tim Martel setting up for a landing

SUMMARY OF STANDUP MEETING AND FUN FLY

We had had 3 Club Officers attending this meeting and a nice group of Club members. A motion was made to have a sanctioned AMA ALES contest, including a Porta Potty and food. Motion seconded. It was unanimous to have the contest and to end the meeting right here, as members were having too much fun flying. Meeting adjourned





MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE DSC MEETING IN THE LIBRARY.

Jim Armstrong, Forrest Sumner, Dick Rosenberg, Tim Martel, John Curtis, John Cheetham, Mike Bergerson, Forrest Sumner, Robert Constable, Kevin Karnes and Bob Berry



TREASURER REPORT: John Curtis provided a detailed Club treasury report,

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mike Farnsworth provided the following report for the meeting:

Jim,

I have to help move my son Eric on Saturday and will not be able to attend. Here is my Secretary's report for the meeting:

- 1. The DSC AMA 2018 charter has been mailed to AMA.*
- 2. You and I need to get together before April 15 to renew the corporation.*
- 3. Mike B and Mike Farnsworth are admins of the DSC face book group. We have to approve all requests for people to join. We can delete all posts (as in we have the ability to completely moderate the site, if needed). Admins can remove people from the group who are bad actors or make inappropriate posts. It is pretty simple and we have complete control provided that we maintain two or more admins at all times. I would be up for making club officers admins, but, this should be discussed at the meeting.*

Mike

OLD BUSINESS

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.

Indoor Rubber Powered Flying

John Curtis has started up Indoor Rubber Powered Flying at the MTM Center in Lisbon. If interested in attending let him know that you want to be put on the list so you can find out when it will be held next. Another Club is having indoor Flying, in an indoor Soccer field. Contact Sandy Schmidt for more info.

Flying at the BAM field

Sandy Schmidt gave update on the proposed sale of BAM field. Field has been surveyed and they are trying to establish house lots. Since the land near 201 is wetlands, it looks like the only place they can establish house lots is out back near Rt 295.

DSC FACEBOOK

Mike Bergerson told us all about the people that want access to our DSC Facebook account.

It was decided by the Club membership to open the DSC Facebook account to others as follows:

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NEW BUSINESS:

CUMBERLAND FLYING FIELD:

Jim A. and Forrest S. flew at Cumberland field. It is a nice field, but you do have to watch out for the dog walkers, which were very nice. There are times when you can't fly there because of athletic activities.



[DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:](#)

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

Flying Millie Bob
e I must say this model is one of the nicest models I have ever flown. It flies like it is on rails, which must be the damping effect of the large tail surfaces. What a pleasure it is just to turn up at the field, plug in the LiPo and fly. I'm hooked on electric! Does anybody want to buy a shed full of I/C models?

-- We discussed use of the Davis Farm Field. Several members found that when the ground is soft and soaked from heavy rain. People should stop at the berm and walk a little way to the field. The clay/rock road that is inclined and the grass is real slippery if you have to drive on it to turn around.

--Forrest gave Jerome Davis and Jerry Davis money collected as a Christmas present to express our gratitude for the use of the field.

-- Mr. Davis said he would plow the road to the top of the berm, so we could park there and use the field in the winter time.

-- Forrest went over restrictions and guidelines for the use of the Davis Farm field. Forrest offered to go **to** the field with Club members the first time they go there to fly. For example, He can point out the areas that flyers must be aware of and answer any questions they have.

Update:

Members questions were answered.

SAFETY DISCUSSION:

Previously: The club had various discussions on safety. Club's Safety Officers, who is appointed by elected Club Officers, is Tim Martel. Tim said he would like to have a 5 minuted safety discussion at every meeting. Members agreed.

Tim said: As the Safety Officer for the Downeast Soaring Club, I would like to do a conscientious job for the club, help to prevent personal injury and damage to private property while ensuring that the club is in compliance with AMA's safety regulations. I need your support in order to do my job. I don't believe in nagging but if I see something that appears to be unsafe, don't be surprised if I mention it at the field. I hope that you will understand my role and not be offended when I raise an issue. That said, I would like to begin by gradually discussing AMA Safety Regulations with members and publish them in our newsletter. Our Safety Officer Tim Martel discussed **LIPO SAFETY**, He went over the high points of what AMA has for guidance on LIPO safety. It was evident that we all need to have periodic refreshers on this.

As promised in a previous meeting, he put some bullets of his presentation on a handout and provided copies.

Discussed LIPO fires; how to prevent and contain properly. Tim provided everyone a LIPO Safety handout. It would be a good idea to put one in your shop. Please send any recommended changes to Safety Officer Tim Martel.

Tim had a revised handout on safety. He went through it and provided copies at the meeting. It was noted that FAA requires FAA numbers and would not accept your AMA number in lieu of a FAA identification.

Then we discuss what does AMA require for plane identification. Is it just AMA number, just your name and address/tele number or all of the above?

Some of the old timers said this is what it used to be but really don't know what the actual



requirements are now. We quickly tried to find out exactly where AMA specifies in black and white and couldn't. Do you know????

How many of us know what AMA recommends for the Maximum cutoff voltage per an individual LIPO Cell? List your answer here_____. Hint it isn't 4.2 volts
Do you know how to charge your LIPO to their recommendation???

UPDATE:

At the last meeting we discuss what does AMA require for plane identification. Is it just AMA number, just your name and address/tele number or all of the above? Sandy Schmidt provided the Club with the answer. His email is below:

----- Original Message -----

From: Edward Schmidt

To: James Armstrong

Date: February 18, 2018 at 4:26 PM

Subject: Owners Contact Info

*The AMA still requires all models flown outdoors **be identified with the owners contact information including AMA #.** Can be attached inside the model but must be "easily visible". This is found in second paragraph under General Safety page 5 of the new Safety Handbook that Tim passed out yesterday. I could not find any information about requirement for AMA number "on the wing".*

FAA also does require the operator's registration number be affixed to all applicable models flown outdoors in the National Air Space.

Hope this answers your question. Very nice meeting yesterday; great group of guys!

CAVU Sandy

SHOW AND/OR TELL

Mark Higgins Fox Bat

Mark brought his scratch build Fox Bat. He told us about the design changes he made and now call it TATnic Bat.



BAT - SAFE

Tim brought in the safety battery Box called Bat-Safe. It is designed to help you safely charge your LIPO batteries.



Minimoa

Dick explained that he took off the covering and painted it. He didn't like how the covering went on the round fuselage.



Battery discharging safely

Kevin Karnes told us about his experience trying to drain a LIPO battery. He first put the battery on a load to drain it completely. After leaving draining for quite a while he took it off. The battery leads accidentally touched each other and Kevin noticed a spark. This battery could have started a fire. He then put it in a container of water that had salt mixed into it. He left it overnight and to his surprise the water was black. Battery was completely drained.

Patriot and Scratch Bagged Glider Fuselage

A fuselage that was made by Steve Everett, Mike Bergerson and Glen Collins was put on display.

Mike gave a presentation on the Patriot that he designed and scratch built. Read all about it on Facebook.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

SCHEDULING A DSC MEETING:

A while back, the only meeting time we could get for one of our meeting was Saturday at noon. Most members didn't like it. So we will try to get 9 am start times if at all possible.

It is getting harder and harder to reserve the meeting on Saturday mornings. Other groups are starting to use it regularly.

DSC CHRISTMAS MEETING:

TO INCLUDE BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION, MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP

Club approved having a DSC Christmas meeting: to include business meeting, potluck brunch, Club swap meet, and Yankee present swap as we did last year. It will be held in the Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room on Saturday 15 December 2018, at 9:00 am.

Guidelines for Yankee Swap: Yankee swap is optional. The cost of a present should be around \$5.00 to \$10.00; but can be more if you want. **So if you bring a wrapped present, you will exchange for a present.**

Members are encouraged to:

Bring your items to sell at the RC Swap. Bring lots of cash/checks to purchasing something.

Bring items for the Potluck Brunch Buffet. I will pick up , tea, cocoa, coffee, cups, plastic plates (large and small), serving bowls, trays, plastic bowls, spoons, toothpicks, forks, knives, napkins, creamer, and sugar. Let me know if I should pick up anything else.

Bring a wrapped present for the Yankee Swap.

CLUB MEMBER BUILDING PROJECTS:

model of a CL- 215 by Canadair via .ebay's short kit

Dick Rosenberg is building a model of a CL- 215 by Canadair via .ebay's short kit

John Cheetham has been at it again

See if you can name these 3 planes he built this summer:







Figure 1Plane on the bottom

Happy safe Flying,
Jim
President/Newsletter Editor