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## December issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter

### Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
<b>DSC CLUB MEETING, TO INCLUDE BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION/ MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP</b>	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 OF 17 NOVEMBER 2018**

### **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, Jim Rochette, Kevin Karnes, and mark Higgins.



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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

None:

## **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.

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#### *Indoor Rubber Powered Flying*

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John Curtis said he only had 2 people the last year when he scheduled some Indoor Rubber Powered Flying at the MTM Center in Lisbon. He will schedule some again this year. 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. He will ask how many are going to attend. As long as there is enough interest, he will firm up the schedule with those on the e-mail list. If not enough, he will try another date some other time.

After I wrote the above I received this email from John:

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**From:** [John Curtis](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, December 2, 2018 11:30 AM

**To:** [Emery John](#); [Jim Armstrong](#)

**Subject:** Rubber Power Flying

Hi John and Jim. I have you both on the list. I got permission this week to have Indoor flying on a Wednesday each Month. I thought I would wash a couple of dates by the Gathering at the Xmas Party. Right now, I am looking at Jan. 9th or 23rd. I am going to add Electrics this year and work out a schedule so each type can fly. Maybe that will create a little more interest.

Cheers, John (JEC)

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#### *Flying at the BAM field*

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As usual, DSC has permission to fly at the BAM field on Wednesdays. They don't want any footprints in the snow that would catch a ski or float. So if you fly a foamy do it on the side; so you won't put any footprints in the runway.

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#### *Auburn Indoor Fun Fly (Skystreakers)*

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Forrest Sumner sent Jim this info below on the Auburn indoor Fun Fly,

**From:** <[defield1@maine.rr.com](mailto:defield1@maine.rr.com)>

**Date:** November 30, 2018 at 10:13:11 AM EST

**: Fwd: Subject Auburn Indoor**

From Fritz Hansen . . .

**Note from Jim: Flyer attached to the e-mail I received wouldn't open up in my computer. Send him an e-mail, if interested in finding out the current schedule.**

## **DSC FACEBOOK**

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

We asked Mike Bergerson how the decision by the Club membership to open the DSC Facebook account to others was going. Mike said it was going well and it is creating interest in the Club.

## **ALES CONTEST:**

Contest drew several contestants from away clarion. One was at eastern soring league board member. He would like to see DSC to hold their ales contest as part of the eastern soaring league (ESL) contest schedule.

Mark Higgins said mike Bergerson did a good job running the contest. In recognition of the successful ales event, eastern soring league board member is going to request DSC be included in the eastern soaring leagues' contest schedule.

It appears that the club just about broke even as far as all the costs are concerned. Pictures of the event are on the DSC Facebook.

After a lot of discussion a motion was made to have the altitude limiting electric soaring (ALES) event again next year. The date of the event and the details of the field to be determined. It was approved unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:**

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

Several members liked this build, so Mike Bergerson took the article and the plans. He will have copies at the Christmas holiday meeting. If you would like one, contact him before the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Background***

The Bouncer was one of my first successful R/C designs. Built in the early nineties, it had a 72" wingspan and was re-built so many times that I named it 'Bouncer' as it kept bouncing back for more punishment at my hands!

Powered by an OS.25 originally, it gave very safe predictable flight and along with a Middle Phase glider helped me to learn the

### ***nal fitting of the motor***

Subsequent flights have shown that 'wheeler' landings are easier to achieve with this lightweight model as pulling the nose up bleeds off speed quickly and a bounce usually ensues! Loops, rudder rolls and wingovers are great fun but cruising around slow and low are where this model looks



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

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



### [DAVIS FARM FIELD \(BOWDOIN ME\)](#)

Forrest was asked to go over the 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. -Members questions were answered. The group of flyers at this field may take up the name: "Sebatus Fliers"

Forrest informed everybody that he has marked the side of the runway by the road with numerous broom stick poles. It is hoped that it will keep the vehicles off the nicely rolled field. He thanked Tim Martel for mowing the field several times. It is looking great.

Kevin Karnes asked about flying their in the winter. Forrest said they were going to plow to the berm last year. He will meet with the Davis's to find out what their plans are.(Editors note: Forrest has some great news and will tell everyone at the Christmas meeting

### [SAFETY DISCUSSION:](#)

Our Safety Officer Tim Martel put together a list of items that should be considered when you put your planes/equipment up for the winter and another list for the spring. He is adding an item or two at the meeting. If see something that you would like to add/revise contact Tim. He will laminate it for anyone that want one.

## SHOW AND/OR MTELL

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### **Left UP, Right UP, back UP.**

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Before taking off check your controls by following the saying: Left UP, Right UP, and Back UP. Move aileron to the left and the left aileron goes up. Move it to the Right and right aileron goes UP. Move the aileron stick back and the elevator ? ?. Did you fill in the blank? Neat huh!!!!

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### *TRANSMITTER STRAP*

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Tim Martel demonstrated how his new transmitter strap is positioned over his head and on his shoulders. He said it was real comfortable and takes the weight of the transmitter off of a persons neck.



*Antique tool box*

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Tim purchased this at the Fort Andross Mill Complex flea market. It appears to be an antique tool box that radio/tv repair men used. It is leather and he received several offers on it. He used it the last time he flew and it worked out very nicely.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

### DSC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

After the end of the 17 November meeting, the DSC Board of directors held their yearly BOD meeting. The meeting minutes reflect that we are in compliance with our DSC State of Maine, Articled of Incorporation and addendum.

### 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.

### HERE ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES FROM OUR FIELD MEETINGS AND FUN FLY'S

I had a great time at the Downeast Fun Fly at the DAVIS FIELD Saturday October 13th 8:00 AM. We were going to have a \$3 landing fee with food, but changed our mind to thank those who attending. The weather included some mist, one very brief touch of a shower, brief clearing skies and lots of fun. People stayed and made it a good time. Signals got mixed up and no one brought the hot dogs. Some were thinking about maybe leaving until we broke out my grill. Jim Rochette saved the day by bringing all kinds of food.

People loved the great cheese sausages and other flavored ones (Yummy). Three DSC officers authorizes \$25 to be spent on grill food etc. I donated 2 dozen donuts. However, Jim Rochette brought all kinds of things to eat. Some examples are sausages, rolls, nuts, assorted chips etc.

Jim donated all the food even though I tried to reimburse him. Special thanks to a special guy "Jim Rochette."



Look at them chowing down.



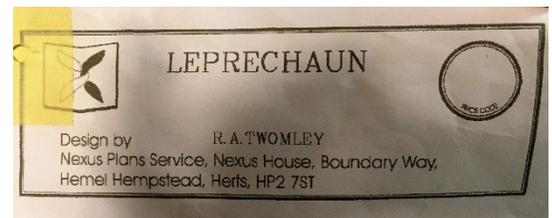


[CLUB MEMBER BUILDING PROJECTS:](#)

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## John Cheetham "LEPRECHAUN"

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John Cheetham built this plane for Jack Pignolo using a short kit. John scratch built a huge amount of this kit from plans. It was like scratch building 6 Playboys. John did an unbelievable fantastic job.



Guess: Wingspan  
Guess: Horizontal Stab span  
Guess: Fuselage length Answers in next newsletter.

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## MODEL OF A CL- 215 BY CANADAIR VIA .EBAY'S SHORT KIT

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

### EARLY WINTER PROJECT.....

What are you doing about all those plans you had..you know, .....repairing that favorite plane, or building that glider you saw in the AMA magazine, and what about your Frog? Have you dusted it off, taken care of that short or changed the Battery?

Well, as for me, I like to build and I like to build planes that we don't usually see around here. My project is the CANADAIR CL-215 known As the Waterbomber. I started with the short kit (very short!), bought too much balsa from Balsa USA, stocked up with wood glue, CA Medium and CA thin, lots of 30 min epoxy and my usual, "What could go wrong" attitude. I figured it would be a "snap" since I opted to eliminate the water tank and the retractable landing gear. I did not plan on doing any water bombing and the the fully built retracts were....(ready for this?).....they were \$ 400.00! Easy decision.

I started work on this plane about 6 weeks ago and if you look at the photos, you might think I'm about 90% complete. When I look at the model I think I am about 40% complete. This short kit came with a full set of strange Canadian grown plans and no instructions. That meant, a lot of time staring at the plans and trying to figure out how to accomplish them. Then there is the sanding! (Very boring and you never know when you are done), The fuselage was easy, the wing was difficult since everything needed to make this thing fly, was in the wing naicels..... again, no instructions.

Just when I thought I had mastered the whole thing, I had talks with Jim, with Forrest and with John Cheetham and, before you knew it was knee deep in Dopes, thinners, brushes and more sanding!

Why? Well when all three were telling me about their mis-spent youths, the idea of SILKSPAN came up. Apparently, Silkspan was the main part of building back in the day and since I was up for the challenge, Silkspan it was! I think I am now a great believer in Silkspan.....providing you can find a supplier....and you don't mind sticky fingers, awful odors and Silkspan tissues that stick to pretty much anything you want, .....except where you want it.

dick rosenberg



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## Jack Pignolo's F7U CUTLASS PROJECT!

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My latest 3mil Depron foam sheet project! F7U Cutlass , Gross weight at TKO , 4.3 oz , thrust at full power 5.1 oz .. Video to follow.



Merry Christmas 🎁🎄

Jack Pignolo

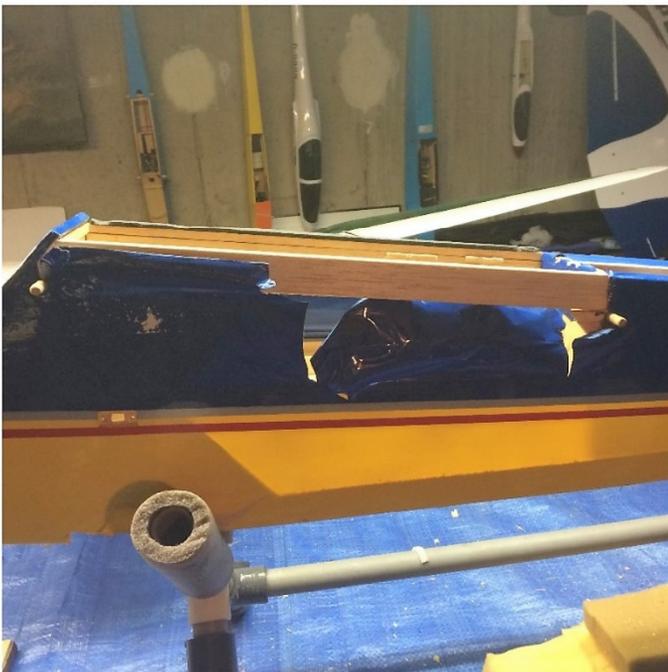
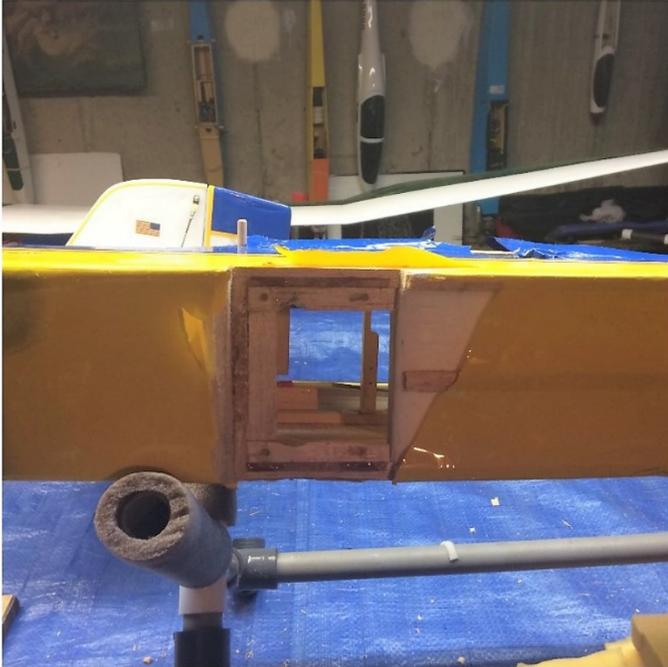
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## Forrest Sumner's Telemaster repairs

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Forrest said:

Note on the Telemaster: Repairing the landing gear mount that was ripped out and one side of the fuse wing mount was broken. Two damaged areas on the leading edge of the wing are next on the agenda.



I am looking for a 3/4 inch tail wheel. The smallest I have are 1 inch and are too large for the tail gear. I am working on the Senior Telemaster and it is a good project!! Any help would be greatly appreciated!  
Forrest.

## **INDOOR FLYING**

I was able to download the following:

**From:** Fritz Hansen <[fritz@fritzfritz.com](mailto:fritz@fritzfritz.com)>

**Subject:** Ingersoll indoor flying season

**Date:** November 6, 2018 at 10:54:57 AM EST

**To:** Fritz Hansen <[fritz@fritzfritz.com](mailto:fritz@fritzfritz.com)>

**Cc:** "[defield1@maine.rr.com](mailto:defield1@maine.rr.com)" <[defield1@maine.rr.com](mailto:defield1@maine.rr.com)>

I hope all of you had a great summer, and wanted to let you know that we are starting back up with flying at the Ingersoll arena in Auburn Saturday mornings from 7-9 am (\$5 per pilot).

I heard from more than a few people that this time doesn't work for their schedules, and I am working on getting some other times on the calendar that will not be so early, but I feel great about getting a consistent time available for us to fly.

Please spread the word and join us if you can!  
If you want to be removed from the list, just let me know.  
Fritz Hansen

Happy safe Flying,

*Jim*

President/Newsletter Editor