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

Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
May DSC meeting	Thursday 23 May 2019	Start time 6 PM	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.

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[PREFACE:](#)

President Jim Armstrong was not able to be there for the party. He was installing kitchen cabinets with the help of his brother, who could only come to help from Massachusetts this particular weekend. John Cheetham helped him put up 2 cabinets the night before the DSC party.

Jim was able to be there for setup. Jim brought his Yankee swap present, a Pot luck item, magazines, raffle tickets, and all the items he purchased for the Pot luck (plates, utensils, paper goods, coffee, etc). He brought a plane to be sold to raise money for the "Sabattus Flyers" Money would go to Forrest. He asked to be called when the events end. He planned on coming down and helping clean up. He maintains the DSC party items that can be used next year.



By the end of the weekend Jim and his brother installed the microwave which was installed to the ductwork that Jim had previously raised over 3 inches in the kitchen. And had to move the exterior vent up 3 inches to make room for the taller cabinets. Cabinet soffit was completed and molding over cabinets and around the rest of the kitchen was also completed. Jim saved well over \$6000 by doing the old kitchen rip out, plywood flooring install, new kitchen design verification, kitchen cabinets install, soffit and molding install. He purchased a laser level and new large levels to install bottom cabinet to the level requirements for the granite counter top.



Jim has been having a lot of computer problems with both of his laptops. The laptop he uses for the newsletter has a broken hinge that he used hot glue to secure it permanently in the open position. Not very portable. The antivirus program he uses had to be reloaded by Best Buy on his old laptop and isn't working on his new laptop after they activated it for a second time. He can't use his new laptop for sending a group email to DSC members even after he consulted Comcast. Since he doesn't have MS word he can't use it to put out a newsletter.

The old laptop has been worked on several time by Best Buy Geek squad. They take over the computer over the internet. He does have to be available at times to do certain functions or authorize a task. Last week they had control for 6 hours reinstalling some programs. He couldn't send out a group email to DSC members. Now he can again send out a group email using Windows 10 email. It still isn't working using Comcast even though he contacted them numerous times. He hopes he will be able to send out a reminder on the upcoming meeting.

DSC MINUTES 15 DECEMBER 2018

VP MIKE BERGERSON:

With the absence of the president, Mike chaired the DSC meeting and Christmas party. DSC Treasurer John



Curtis said he did a good job running the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE DSC MEETING IN THE LIBRARY



See pictures for members New Member Pete Ventre (bottom right corner of picture above). Pete Ventre said: I am look forward to my introductory flight lesson! When you meet him at the next meeting, please welcome him.

MEETING DETAILS:

Minute details of the meeting are provided by DSC Treasurer John Curtis and DSC Safety Officer Tim Martel

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

To: "John E. Curtis" <johncurt57@yahoo.com>

From: James Armstrong <jamesiii2010@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: December Meeting

Wow! You did a very good job. Now I have no excuse for putting out a newsletter. Darn! Great to have the support from you and Tim as Officers. I very much appreciated it. Warmest regards, Jim

From: jamesiii2010@comcast.net <jamesiii2010@comcast.net>

To: timbev70@comcast.net

Subject: Re: DSC Annual Meeting

Tim you're a rock star. Thank you for your input. I'm going to send a copy of your email and this one to John Curtis. I'll ask him if he has any other input other than what you gave me. Before I do I will give him a quick call to see if he has any input Written down. John Is a very good helping out.
You're flying buddy, Jim

TIM MARTEL'S REPORT:

From: timbev70@comcast.net
To: Jimmy3
Subject: DSC Annual Christmas party Meeting

Jim,

This is my take on the meeting.

0900 – Almost 1000 Socializing

Almost 1000 Meeting commenced/ Yankee swap tickets were hands out

New member introduced and welcomed

Treasurer's Report - Complete

Secretary's Report – Secretary absent no report given

Old Business:

Davis Field Flyers'

Editor's note for clarification to those that aren't informed:



DAVIS FIELD FLYERS MEET EVERY OTHER WEEK AT MCDONALDS IN TOPSHAM

The Davis Field flyers' flying field is a private site. Field is not sanctioned with AMA. The field is not a DSC, BAM etc. field. It is a private entity. For example donated money to purchase a used 25hp 50 inch Toro mower was from a core group of the Davis Field Flyers ,who just happen to be members of DSC/BAM.

Forrest said that the Davis flying Field road would be plowed down to our runway so we can fly this winter.

Forrest said that he had given the money donated, which was \$15 per participant in 2019, to the Davis family. They very much appreciated the thoughtful gesture and were pleasantly surprised as they didn't expected anything.

Tim Martel asked how much money has been collected and/or pledged toward the purchase of a mower

Forrest named the members who have either donated or pledged to donate and Tim Martel pledged to donate \$100 toward the club lawnmower and as I recall we have approximately \$500-600 pledged toward the mower. Nobody else pledged at the meeting.

Indoor Flying - Lisbon Falls 18 School Street Wednesdays Drones and small electrics ok also.

ALES Contest Mike talked at great length about this and is looking at the last weekend in June for the ALES Contest

Indoor flying was discussed and we were encouraged to try it.

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



New Business

Kevin Karnes told us about something that he learned about Spektrum radios and accessories

Owners of Spektrum radios, AS3X Stabilizers and Spektrum Receivers can go to Spektrum web site and make real time stabilization adjustments at the field to compensate for emergent wind conditions, etc. Kevin said that the process is remarkably simple and it will enable the rc pilot to compensate for almost any in flight challenge.

Jim Rochette showed us some small electric motors and serves that he purchased from BP Hobbies

Yankee Swap commenced about 1030

Somebody that took a gift, did not bring one

Jim, this is all that I remember.

Tim

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JOHN CURTIS REPORT:

From: John Curtis <johncurt57@yahoo.com>
To: Jim Armstrong <jamesiii2010@comcast.net>

Subject: December Meeting

I went through the hand-out you gave to me and found some things that might qualify for the next Newsletter.

1. Members attending not on original list: John Emery, Stephan Everett, Fran Cardigan, Bob Berry, Jim Rochette and New Member Pete Ventre. I think there were a couple more but I did not know them by name.
2. Treasurers Report was read and accepted.
3. Indoor Fun Fly was announced by John Curtis for 1/9/19, 9 am to 12:30 PM at MTM in Lisbon Falls. \$5 Donation. John will furnish Coffee and Munchies.
4. Forrest Sumner reiterated Winter Flying Rules at Davis Field. Future Lawnmower for Field was discussed. Tim Martel and Kevin Karnes pledged \$100 and Dick Rosenberg said he would donate.
5. Safety Discussion: Tim Martel handed out new laminated Flight Check Lists. Very well done. All Flight boxes should have a copy.
6. New Business

Present Club Officers were re-elected for year 2019 in same positions.

7. A plan was pulled out of Club Magazine and passed around. (Sorry, I didn't look at plan)



8. Show and Tell

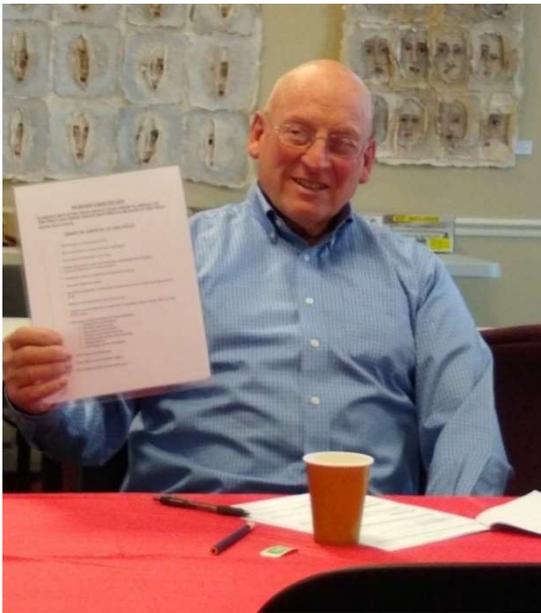
Kevin Karnes explained an App that he downloaded into his Xmtr. that allows him to fly his P-47 ARF in 3 different modes with a Gyro.

(I tried to keep up with the discussion, but got lost on how he downloaded it into his Xmtr.)

9. The Yankee Swap was a Success and new member Pete Ventre received a 2 M Glider which Stephen Everett is going to mentor him on getting it operational.
10. Tim Martel donated 3 glow engines. John Curtis took them and plans to put them on eBay. (A McCoy .19, Fox .35 and one 1/2 A with no markings). All 3 are non-muffled U-Control type Engines.

(Stutter) That's all Folks , John E Curtis

Pictures:



PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):



In the next newsletter I will put the pictures I have of Club member projects.

DAVIS FARM FLYERS:

Background:

With the loss of the Bowdoin flying field in 2018, participants started to look for other fields to fly at. Several were explored.

Forrest Sumner told us about a working farm field that is near his house. It is owned by a neighbor Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis offered it to Forrest when he learned of the loss of the Bowdoin field. He was aware that Forrest had been using it for many many years. It is a working farm and he commercially hays where we fly.

Latter Mr. Davis gave Forrest permission to put in a runway in, after they talked about it. So he loses bales of hay where we have our runway and Pit Area. Forrest started mowing the runway and rolling the runway many times with the mower he used to mow his own lawn and he used to use it to mow the previous Bowdoin flying field. He even received the OK to extend the runway a little, after Forrest found it was a little too short for his fuel planes. This lawn mower completely died last year so he had to purchase a new John Deer to mow his own lawn. In the meantime Tim Martel mowed the field with his personal John Deer rider and we also used a small Toro Personal Pace mower to keep the runway manageable. That is why a core group of the Davis Field Flyers, who just happen to be members of DSC/BAM, donated/pledged money in 2018 to purchase a used mower to cut/roll the huge runway/pit area.

2019 Update:

Forrest recently purchased a used 25hp 50 inch Toro mower. It needed new blades and a little work. It will be used for the first time next week.

Forrest explains the use of the field. Parking and other facilities will not hold the number of flyers that we used to have at the Bowdoin field. It can't be used for large get-togethers. A few cars can park at the Berm area (level space by the manure pile). Others can park on the grass by the Berm area and will be kept to a manageable number. Absolutely NO DRIVING ON THE RUNWAY!

Before you park, your equipment can be dropped off at the designated Pit Area by the runway. Absolutely NO DRIVING ON THE RUNWAY! Then you can drive down past the end of the runway, turn around in a designated area, and go park your vehicle. Later you drive down to the Pit area, load your equipment, drive down past the end of the runway, turn around in the designated area, and go home. Absolutely NO DRIVING ON THE RUNWAY!

Remember: The Davis Field flyers' flying field is a private site. Field is not sanctioned with AMA. The field is not a DSC, BAM etc. field. It is a private entity.

If you want to fly at the Davis Flying Field you need to contact Forrest and he will introduce you to the field. After you learn all the rules for flying there, permission to fly may be given to you by Forrest Sumner. It is also only after a yearly donation is given to Forrest Sumner. The donation is given to the owner of the field each Christmas to show your appreciation for using his field and to help pay for mower fuel etc. The minimum 2019 donation is \$20. Once you are part of the group you can fly there anytime you want with no time restrictions.

