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

Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
November DSC meeting	Saturday, 23 rd of November 2019	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 14 December 2019	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/afternoon of the event to see if it has been cancelled as a result of an unforeseen circumstance.

DSC MINUTES 29 OCTOBER 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE DSC MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

Forrest Sumner, Kevin Karnes, Mike Farnsworth, Dick Rosenberg, Jim Armstrong, John Emery, John Cheetham, Tim Martel, John Curtis, Jim Rochette and guest "Newton Clark."



You can see our guest Newt at the bottom left corner of above picture.

Not in Photo: Forrest Sumner

Special "Thank You" to Forrest Sumner for taking lots of pictures.

TREASURER REPORT:

DSC Treasurer John Curtis provided a detailed Club treasury report, John report: \$300.25 in the Five County Credit Union, \$1118.46 in Pay Pal, and ~\$60 cash. Funds include \$100 from the ALES contest.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

DSC Secretary Mike Farnsworth reported "No New Business."

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 is going to schedule some Indoor Rubber Powered Flying at the MTM Center in Lisbon in the fall. 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.

John reported that they had a good time last month. Next one is scheduled for 13 November at 9am.

Flying at the BAM field

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.

ALES contest:

Jim Rochette provided an update. He gave us a complete run down on ALES.

The Great State of Maine Air Show Announces Blue Angels Return in 2020!

PRESS RELEASE PR Newswire
Sep. 13, 2019, 09:15 AM

BRUNSWICK, Maine, Sept. 13, 2019 /PRNewswire/ --
The Great State of Maine Air Show Presented by Bill Dodge will return to Brunswick Airport on August 15th and 16th, 2020.

[AMA AND FAA RULES](#)



FAA is now giving a test when you renew your FAA Hobby Drone registration every 3 years.

Spent some time discussing the 400 foot rule.

NEW BUSINESS

DSC CHRISTMAS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION/ MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP

Discussed having our yearly Christmas meeting. Motion made to spend \$50 to reserve the Grand Ballroom at the Topsham Public Library. Motion passed unanimously.

DSC 2020 DSC CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Nominations for officer positions should be made at next meeting. Officers will be voted in at the Christmas Party.

DSC CLUB VIDEO AND BOOK LIBRARY:

Discussed passing around the video and book library to interested members

SAFETY DISCUSSION

DSC safety officer Tim Martel everyone to keep planes away from the pit area.

DSC safety officer Tim Martel reported that he had an ESC and motor burn up because he didn't have the exact size prop that was damaged in a hard landing. Tim and Jim used one that Tim had on hand, which was a little longer in length. In hind sight they should have shortened it.

Tim provided members with an article on brushless motor basics and would like to use this for some discussion at next meeting. Discuss choosing the right propeller, how to determine how big of an ESC is required for a specific motor and what do you do if you don't know any of the specifications of a brushless motor or ESC.

Tim asked if anyone needed a copy of the preflight checklist that he developed. He asked if something needed to be added. Nothing mentioned. If you don't have one, let him know and he will make one available for you.



DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

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



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST:

We had some good fun and laughs. So much so that this may a yearly event. We had candy for everyone:



CONTESTANTS FOR THE DSC HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WERE JOHN

CHEETHAM (SHIRT SAYS “THIS IS MY COSTUME”), TIM MARTEL (HE SCARED SOME OF THE KIDS IN THE LIBRARY), AND KEVIN KARNES (A CMP LINEMAN SUPERVISOR)

AND THE WINNER WAS TIM MARTEL



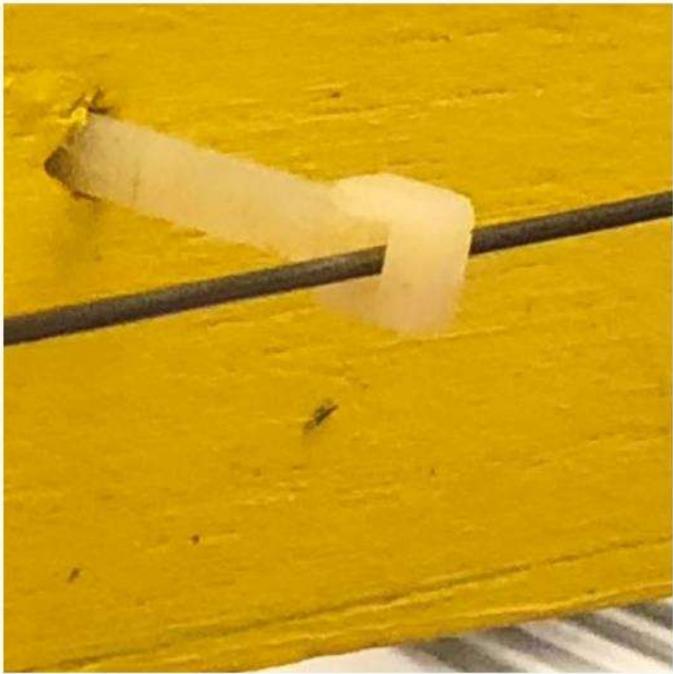
TIM'S PRIZE WAS A 6 CHANNEL 2.4 MHZ DSM 2 RECEIVER. IT WAS PACKED INSIDE THE PUMPKIN HEAD WHICH HE ALSO GOT TO KEEP.

SHOW AND/OR TELL

JOHN CHEETHAM SHOWED US HIS SCRATCH BUILT ELECTRIC PLANE.

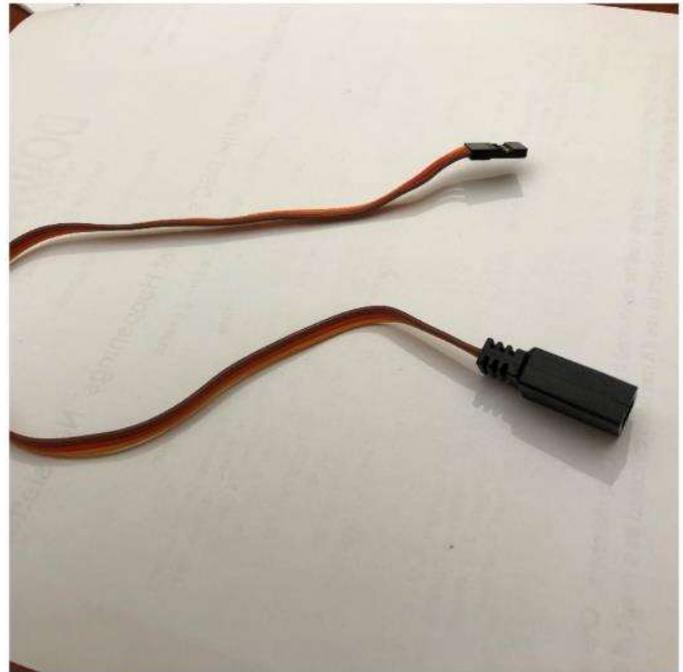
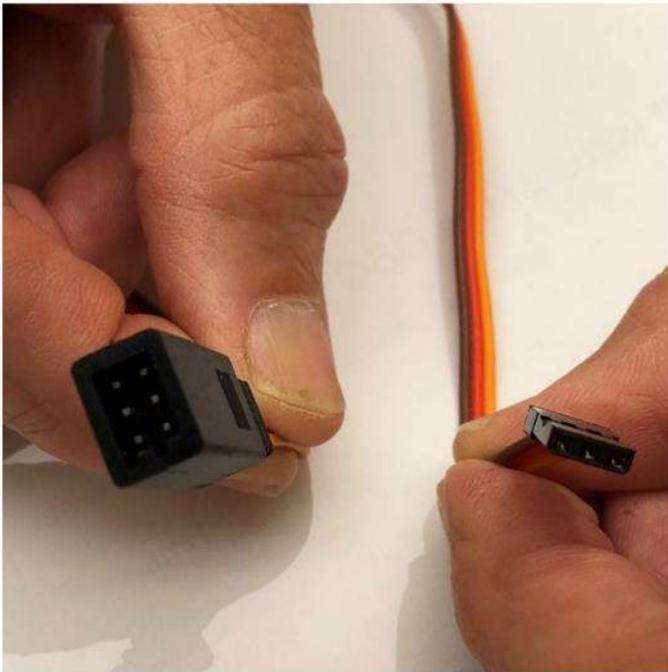
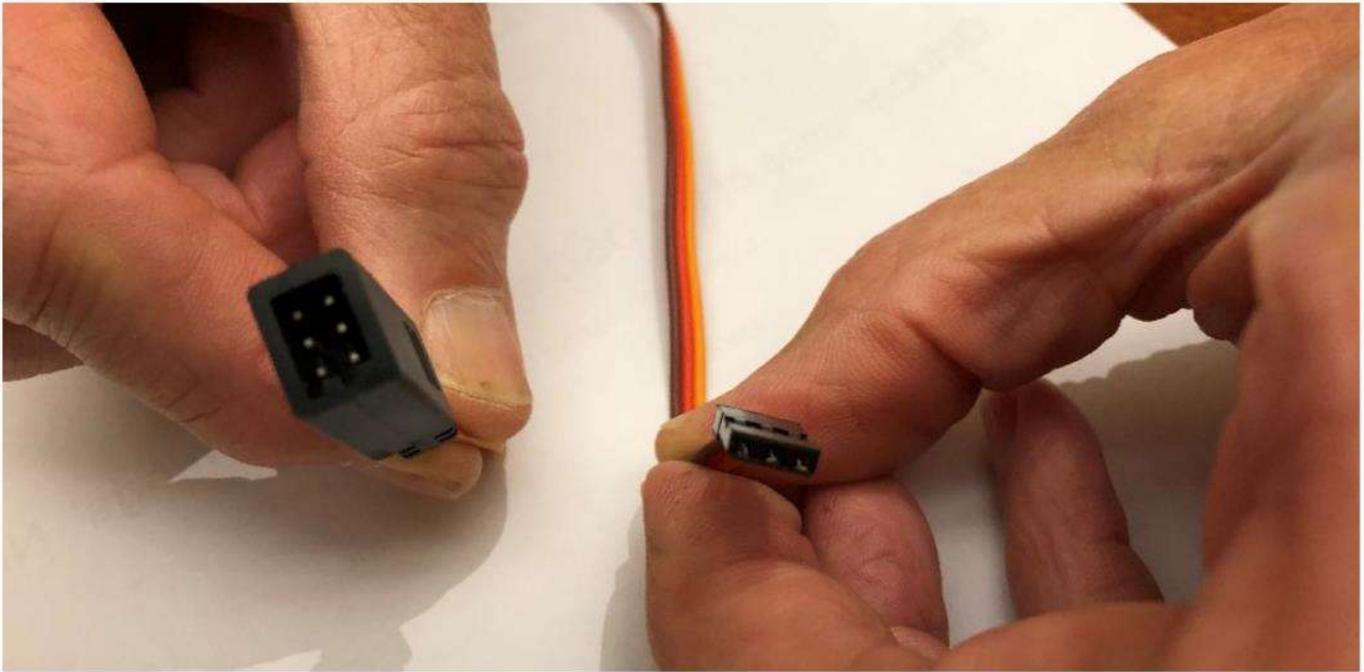
John blew up a Free Flight Plan from one of the RC Magazines and converted it to electric.

Notice the pilot and how John used zip ties for pushrod standoffs.



I (EYE) CONNECTOR

Jime brought in an I CONNECTOR which is a replacement for a Y connector, which eliminates some of the Y connector wiring. It serves the same purpose as a Y connector just less wire.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong):

DSC Newsletter pictures



Special thank you to Forrest Sumner for taking newsletter pictures,

Club Building Projects:

WEDGE FAN FOLD FOAM PLANE:

John Cheetham is building a Wedgie out of Fan Fold Foam. The plans were out of an old Model airplane news around 06. Notice wedge shape of fuselage.



Here is what it looks like now:



SKEETER GLIDER AND MOUNTAIN MODELS DISCUSS GLIDER

Dick Rosenberg recently completed both these models. Thank you to Dick who provided the following via e-mail.

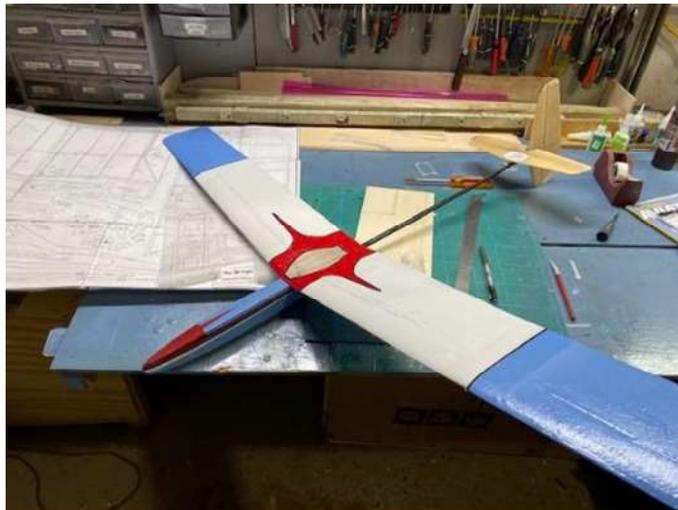
Jim

The two planes look alike because I used the only covering I had....but if you look close you'll see the Skeeter is a small unposed glider...made for a mini HiStart. It's an older kit that Jim had and he gave it to me because I was bored. Nice easy kit. Went together well and I'm looking forward to using it on a mini hi start



The second plane is a discus type and, except for the red, they look alike. The discus was a kit I bought from Mountain Models. It was an OK build but there were two things wrong: the fiber glass tape they included was in terrible shape but I Jesse it anyway. Mistake! Now it's bumpy and uneven. Phooey

The second mistake was that the kit had a foam wing that required the bad tape and fiber glassing. Between the kink take and my expertise at glassing, it's not a pretty sight. But.... it will probably fly. We'll see.



Both kits were easy. The Skeeter was the better of the two. As soon as I get the mini hi start, we'll try it out

Happy safe Flying,
Jim A.
President/Newsletter Editor