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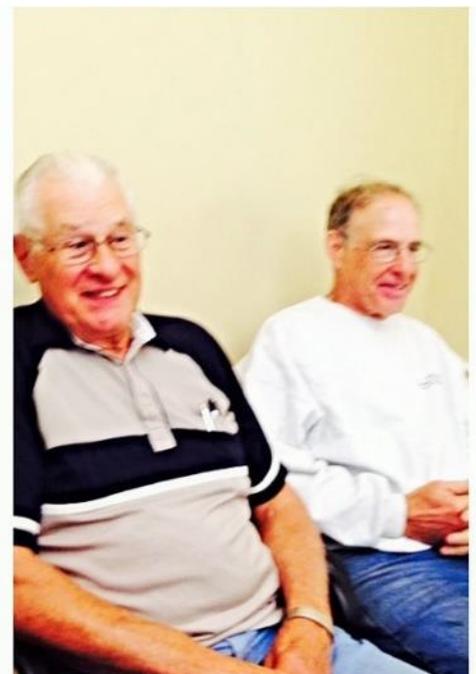
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November 2014 issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
DSC Business Meeting, Social and Show & Tell	Saturday, 11/15/2014	Door open at 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting; 11 AM Show & Tell	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
DSC Brunch Meeting, Show & Tell and Yankee Swap Meeting	Saturday, 13 December 2014	Saturday 9 AM till 2 PM	Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT



Members present: Ken Baker, Jim Armstrong, Mark Higgins, Dick Rosenberg, Tim Will, Bob constable, John Seredynski (the one with the rabbit ears above) and Paul Johnson. Guests: Mike Treadwell and Sandy Schmidt

TREASURES REPORT:

Treasurer John Emery was unavailable for this meeting.

- Jim reported that the club had two new members. One of the checks received for dues has been deposited. The other one will deposited soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mike Farnsworth was unable to attend the meeting. His company was bought by a much larger company and as a result they were awarded two big contracts. Mike only has time for work right now. He even had to quit Scouts, which he really enjoyed.

Prior to this meeting Mike stopped by Jim's house and provided the Officer patches for 2014.

Here is his Secretaries report: Here is my Secretary's report:

No Correspondence (Larry Smith is laughing right now)

Thanks,

Mike

OLD BUSINESS:

RC FIELDS:

Background: Paul Johnson has been actively lobbying the town for access to the NASB former Radar site on Old Bath Road. A town committee has been formed which will meet in the near future to discuss uses of the site. Paul hopes to be on the committee. A portion of this large site is allotted for Sports fields; this would still leave plenty of area for a flying site.

Thanks Paul for your efforts.

Latest status: Paul Johnson attended the meeting but had no updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

GUEST MIKE TREADWELL:

One of the original members of the DSC attended this meeting and rejoined the Club. His name is Mike Treadwell. Mike Treadwell was asked to introduce himself. Mike said he loved thermal soaring and slope soaring. He couldn't believe how much the hobby has changed since he was in it. Jim asked each member to introduce themselves.

DSC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND YANKEE SWAP MEETING

Club discussed whether or not to have a DSC Christmas Brunch and Yankee swap meeting as we have done so many times in the past. It was unanimous to have it. Jim assumed that we could rent the room for the same price as last year. We discussed what date in December we should try to reserve, if available. Jim left the meeting and found the appropriate Library representative, who was able to reserve our first choice. So mark your calendar for Saturday 13 December from 9am to 2 PM. Plan is to have a brunch meeting. Members can bring things for the Brunch Buffet. Club will provide coffee, hot cocoa, tea, a keg of beer (just kidding on the keg). It will be a relaxed meeting with more social time. We will have the normal agenda with 2015 Officer Elections mixed in. Since we have reserved more time than last year, we have time to have a bigger Show & Tell. This is where we find some good information. What to try and what to not (like Gorilla Shipping Tape).

Guidelines for Yankee Swap:

The cost of a present should be \$5.00 to \$10.00; but can be more if you want. So if you bring a present you can exchange for a present.

BAM MOWER:

Paul Johnson, DSC member and BAM VP, and Sandy Schmidt discussed the need for a new mower. Paul said that Sandy mows about 3 ½ acres. Six DSC members at this meeting are also members of BAM. Much discussion on type of mower to get. Sandy was asked a question on what it would cost to have it done. Sandy looked into it and it would cost \$100 a week. The BAM club will discuss it more at their monthly meetings. . We had much discussion on ways to raise the money to pay for a mower that would do the job. Estimated cost of a sufficient Mower is \$4000.00

DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

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



[DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:](#)

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



[OWLS HEAD MODELING EXPO](#)

Sandy schmidt said that Owls head modeling Expo will be held again this March. Usually it is the 3rd week of March.

[KVMA CABIN FEVER SWAP MEET](#)

March 31, 2014 8AM - 3PM Oakland, Maine. See flyer for more information.

AMA OFFICER PATCHES:

Jim passed out the Club's AMA officer patches provided by Mike Farnsworth. Here John Seredynski accepts his Safety Officers patch.



SHOW AND TELL

GORILLA SHIPPING TAPE:

Jim brought in some New Gorilla Shipping Tape. He passed it around for people to view it. Subsequent to the meeting, Jim tried it out. He liked that it was thicker than most packing tape. He found that it doesn't have a high stick factor. This was disappointing as he wanted to try it to hinge control surfaces. However he is going to try it as a paint masking tape.



SCOTCH EXTREME FASTENERS:

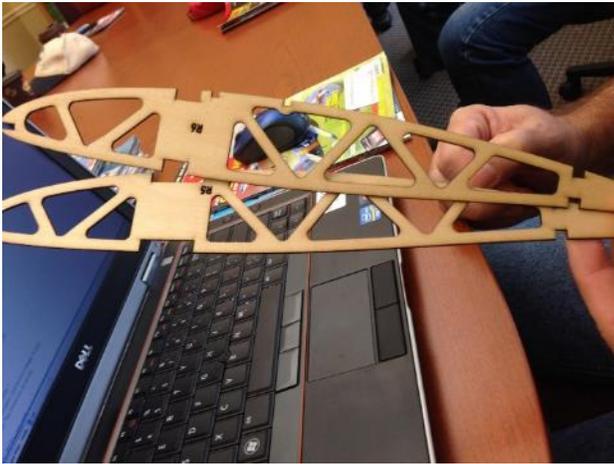
Jim brought in Scotch Extreme fastener. It locks 3X Velcro. Subsequent to the meeting he tried it to secure an Eagle Tree Guardian which uses proven



inertial stabilization technology. It must be installed securely in order to provide true wing leveling stabilization as well as precise fly-by-wire control. It worked great.

LAZER CUT WING RIB:

Ken brought in some wing ribs he cut on his new laser cutter. The ribs belong on a 1938 vintage glider called a Sperber Junior. The models wing span is 189 inches. On Ken's bucket list to build someday.



COMPOSITE DLG FUSELAGE

Mike Treadwell brought in a composite DLG fuselage he purchased at <http://clm-pro.com/> . He is planning to use it on a Mark Drela design called a SuperGee.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong):



DECEMBER YANKEE SWAP BRUNCH MEETING:

We can use the **Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room** coffee maker, refrigerator, etc. I will pick up coffee, cups, napkins, cocoa, cream, and sugar. Members are encouraged to bring goodies to share for the Brunch. Absolutely no staining items are to be brought into the room: Examples: **red** bug juice, **blueberries**, etc.

The Club is responsible for any damage. Application said: *I have read and agree to abide by the Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room Policy and understand that I accept liability for any damage to the facilities and/or equipment both, personally and on behalf of the organization. Furthermore, I agree to confine the organization's activities to the assigned areas and, if refreshments are served I responsible for all supplies and clean-up.*

2015 DSC Dues: One of the rules of the Topsham library is "The Conference Room may not be used to ... exchange money or other property..." end quote. Therefore, at the Topsham Library, Dues, ETC... may only be paid before or after the meeting in the parking lot.

TWO DSC GAMBLER-AG FOR SALE:



The DSC Club has two gambler kits for sale/ with motor mount. Now is the right time to build one. **Cost is a bargain at a Club discount price of \$65. You save a lot because there is no shipping cost, a free motor pod is included from Allen Wright, and clear covering is provided free.** Add it up and see how much you save. Go to <http://www.wrightbrothersrc.com/> for FMI on Gambler AG.

Video of Jack Pignolo's Gambler

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqDNK8iF2R0>.

BOWDOIN FLYING FIELD:

Questions on the use of the Bowdoin Flying Field came up. For \$15 a year you can use it anytime the rules allow. Field use fees pay for mower gas and remainder goes to the farmer for the use of his field and are paid to Forrest Sumner.

Nonpaying members can use it if DSC has permission to hold a meeting their or a Fun Fly like we have in the past. Forrest Sumner who controls the field, is anxious for us to get some gliders ready for towing up. His powered plane is ready. It has a tow line release ready to go. Now all we need is more gliders with nose releases.

[KVMA CABIN FEVER RC SWAP MEET](#)

John Daley, KVMA President sent me this info for our newsletter. I sent the first e-mail he sent me to all memvers, a while back. Please note that the date has changed.. John said: ***Date corrected, it's the 21st. John*** "John & Abi" <daleyflyer@gmail.com>

March 31st 2015 8AM- 3PM

Granite Leisure Time

85 High St.

Oakland, Me.



Note: Bring your own tables

[NEW BUILDING PROJECTS.](#)

Our Club is fortunate to have a bunch of prolific builders.

[FORREST SUMNER:](#)

Forrest said: I have slowly been working on the Cub. it is a work in progress and a learning process. There is a long way to go but I am looking forward to finishing it for next year!



[MIKE TREADWELL:](#)

Mike is scratch building a DLG (Discuss Launch Glider). Here is a wing that he cut out of foam, covered with fiberglass/epoxy and is vacuum bagging.



JOHN EMERY:

John Emery purchased the last sheet of the Club's Fan Fold Foam from me. Rumor has it that He scratch built a Ducted Fan Jet and it flies great. Can't wait to get pictures and see it fly.

JOHN CHEETHAM:

John has been at it again. Here are some of the recent ones:

SEEK:

John scratch built the SEEK an old time free flight, that was in a 1957 Flying models magazine. I had the pleasure to see it fly. Real nice flying plane. Notice the engine blocks sticking out on both side of the fuselage. They will be silver next time we see it.





SKYVOLT:

John built this kit between scratch build projects. He said the new kits are a lot easier if laser cut. Scratch building opens up more of a selection. John likes to scratch build the weird/different ones that can't be found in a kit. The plans say "Full Electric Aerobatic Flight Capable". Flies like a dream. Maiden flight didn't need any trim.



NEWSLETTER HELP:

Special thank you to Ken Baker for providing input for the newsletter.

GUESS WHAT THIS IS:

John is currently scratch building this plane or is it? You have to guess what it is. Answer revealed in next newsletter.



SHOW & TELL TURNIGY VIDEO CAMERA

At the Flying field Forrest Sumner showed us his video camera that records in full 1080P HD video. It is the Turnigy Action Cam and produces vibrant, sharp video quality that rivals that of industry leaders such as GoPRO.

He plans on taking video when flying and aero towing gliders.



Happy safe Flying,

Jim