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September/October 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, 10/04/2014	Door open at 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting; 11 AM Show & Tell	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
DSC Business Meeting and Show & Tell Meeting	Saturday, 11/TBD/2014	Usually 2nd Saturday of every month Social 9 AM, 9:30 AM Business meeting starts; 11 AM Show & Tell	If event date is the end of the month it is just a place holder, watch email. Topsham Public Library

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.

Newsletter Introduction:

This newsletter will include the meeting minutes from a meeting held at the Topsham Library Conference Room and one held outside at the Bowdoin Flying Field.

The following e-mail was sent to all Club members explaining some of the problems encountered scheduling Club meetings/Fun Flies. It doesn't mention the time Jim attempted to schedule a fun fly on a Saturday that had calm winds but was so hot and brutally sunny that the members he queried said no way. Or the fact that he has been looking at the wind and tides schedule to see if it would be good to schedule a slope get-together. Or the most recent one when trying to schedule a September meeting at the Library.

From: "Armstrong, James" <jamesiii2010@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 5:02:19 PM
Subject: Club meeting and Fly In

Hi Guys,

In May I tried to schedule a Club meeting in May at the Club field in Falmouth but because only a very small number of members could attend and because the weather turned bad it was cancelled. Remember:

From: "Armstrong, James"

Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2014 10:38:16 AM

Subject: DSC meeting ??? And Directions

Hi guys,

Let me know if you if you can make a DSC meeting at our field at the Falmouth Community Park"

On Tuesday. Based on Response I will announce the meeting by email.

Reminder that this an AMA field and current AMA membership required.

Happy safe flying,

Jim

Below are the directions to our field in Falmouth.

Begin forwarded message

In June we had a Club meeting and Fly In at the Bowdoin field. Remember:

From: "Armstrong, James"

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 4:52:47 PM

Subject: DSC Meeting and Fly In Tomorrow

Hi Guys,

DSC Meeting tomorrow (Saturday 6/28/2014) and a Fly In at the Bowdoin field. Flying from 8am on. Meeting time will be decided by those attending. It will be short stand up meeting as to not to interfere with the flying. As such, it will probably be latter in the morning when the wind usually picks up.

Secondly, we will also have a Fly In at the Bowdoin Field on Sunday too. Forrest cannot make Saturday but should be able to make Sunday.

Happy safe Flying, Jim

- Since the last Club meeting I have been looking at having Club meetings on our Wednesday flying sessions or at the Bowdoin Field, but it didn't happen for various reasons. Weather and people unavailability were the main reasons.
- Hope to have a fall Club meeting and Fly In soon, so watch your e-mail for announcements.

Also, our Club is fortunate to have two new members. I will be contacting them to find out a little about them, so I can introduce them to the Club by e-mail like I usually do.

Happy safe Flying,

Jim

From: "Burne, Cyndi"

To: "Armstrong, James"

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:31:39 AM

Subject: RE: Conference room request

Sorry Jim-- this weekend is our book sale. The library closes Friday at noon to set up for the sale and does not open for regular business until Tuesday, 9/30.

Cyndi Burne

Assistant Director

Minutes of the 12 April 2014 DSC Business/Show & Tell Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Armstrong, Ken Baker, Dick Rosenberg, Bob Constable, Robert Berry Jr., John Cheetham, John Sredynski, Mark Higgins, Tim Martel, Pete Upton and Frank Bennett.



TREASURES REPORT:

Acting DSC Treasurer Jim Armstrong provided the following report:

- Jim reported that there were no changes in treasurer's report since last meeting.
- Jim is looking forward to John Emery coming back from his winter home.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mike Farnsworth was unable to attend the meeting. He provide the following report to be read:

Hi Everybody,

The April DSC Newsletter is available:

<http://www.downeastsoaring.org/newsletters/2014April.pdf>

I will not be at the meeting so here is the secretary's report:

No Correspondence (Larry Smith is laughing right now)

We completed the club re-charter and re-insured the Falmouth site. The club is also incorporated with the great State of Maine for another year.

Thanks,
Mike

OLD BUSINESS:

RC FIELDS:

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Thanks Paul for your efforts.

- Latest status: No recent updates.

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Previous meeting:

Mark said he would like to put on an altitude limited electric Soaring contest next year. He said an ALES contest is easier to put on than the other type of glider contests and is loads of fun. Mark explained how the contest is run and explained what you need to participate. All you do is hook up between throttle on receiver and ESC.

Update: John Seredynski purchased one since last meeting. He passed it around for people to paw. John intends to put it in a glider for people to try and evaluate.

NEW BUSINESS:

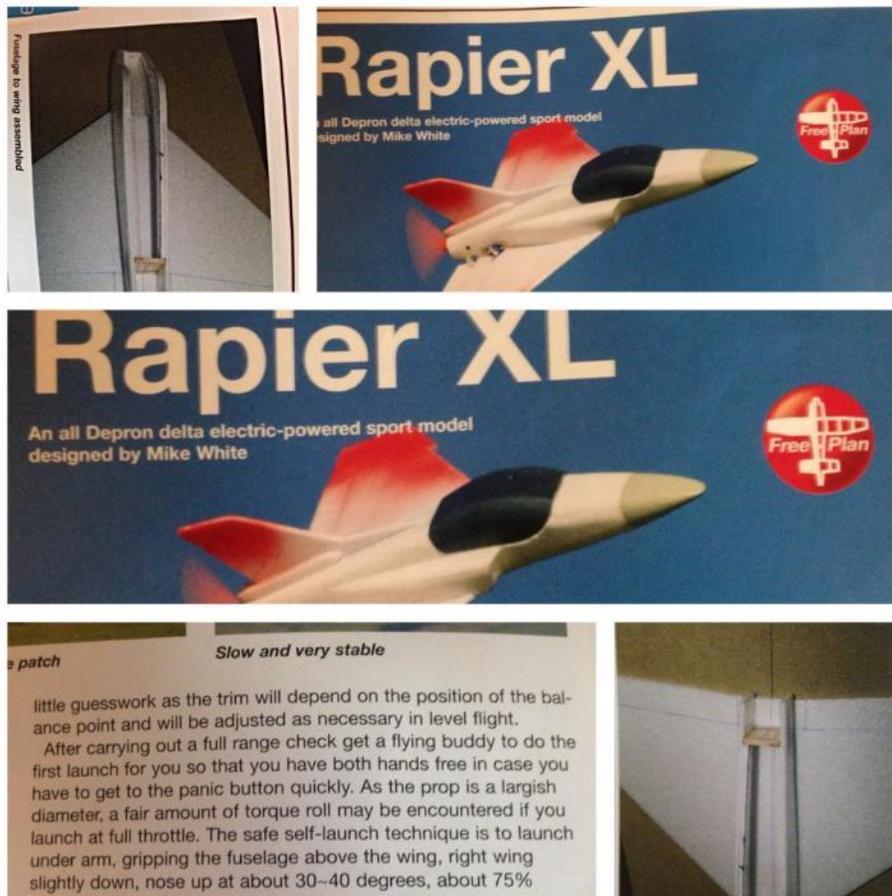
DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Pete Upton gave each member a free RC magazine. Thank you Pete.



DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:

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



SHOW AND TELL

- John Seredynski showed us his painted F22. John said he had some of his Grayson hobbies paint come off his plane when he worked on his hinges. He also found out that his 3M Blendederm hinge tape actually ripped on his elevens because of the high stress put on it when on high rate (90 degrees).



- John also showed us his CAM (Competition Altimeter for Models).

Competition Altimeter for Models

Designed for the new 200m altitude limited electric soaring (ALES) format, the CAM is small, light, and easy to install. Just plug it in between your receiver and ESC. That's it! The CAM automatically shuts your motor down at 200 meters or after 30 seconds per the emerging ALES rules. This new competition format promises to put the "soaring" back into electric sailplane contests. Even inexpensive RTF models can compete!

The CAM has selectable cutoff altitudes of 100m, 150m and 200m, and does not require a computer to program or use. You can easily change the cutoff right at the field. With the CAM you can make multiple climbs to cutoff without having to land. Great for practicing! And, the CAM is designed, built and supported right here in the USA.



- Tim Martel showed us the Slow Boat that he scratch built. He used duct tape, with some sharp looking colors to cover it. He did an excellent job. It still needs the gear installed.



Minutes of the DSC Meeting and Fly In at the Bowdoin field Saturday 6/28/2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members and guests are shown in the picture. Can you identify who were the 3 special guests?



TREASURES REPORT:

Acting DSC Treasurer Jim Armstrong stated that he had recent 5 County Credit union receipts in his wallet. Since this meeting was a stand up meeting at the Bowdoin field, and because we all wanted to get back to flying as the weather was perfect, the receipts were not read.

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- **Update:** This summer John Seredynski and Jim Armstrong tried out his CAM (Competition Altimeter for Models). It worked as advertised. John want everyone in the Club to get a chance to try it out.

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DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Jim put out a pile of magazines on the grass for Club member to go through. Before they left, they had an opportunity to take one home.

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JIM ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Members were so excited to go back flying that they didn't bring up any new business.

SHOW AND TELL

- 8HP TURBO PROP ENGINE:

Ken Baker told us all about his 8HP Turbo Prop Engine. He went over all the particulars, like fuel, starting, safety, running, and how after you shut it off it keeps running to bring down the temperature of the turbine bearings. It was very interesting. He set it up on a table and ran it. If he didn't stake down the table it would have taken off. It had a 22 inch 3 bladed prop on it.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong) :



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>.

NEW BUILDING PROJECTS.

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

JOHN CHEETHAM

John Cheetham and others were at it again. Usually John doesn't do much building in the summertime, but because of the lousy weather we had, he spent more time in his shop scratch building planes, than having fun with his garden, flowers, lawn etc. You will see his projects and others in upcoming newsletters.

SUMMERTIME FLYING:

At the end of this newsletter are some pictures of members flying this summer. Thanks to Forrest Sumner, Mike Bergerson and John Seredynski for some of the pictures.

No particular order: except for the first one. It is of Frank Bennett and I. John Seredynski sent it to me with the caption: "Jim! What's that switch for again?"

Happy safe Flying,

Jim







