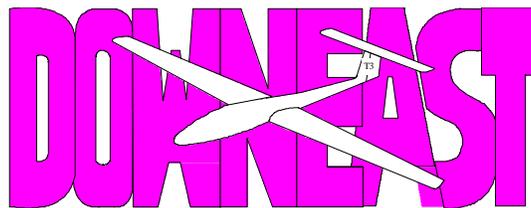


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NEXT MEETING:

May MTG / No Host Slope Soaring Pizza Festival	Saturday, 5/12/2001	Business meeting 11 Pm till Noon, Flying before and after.	Clark's Cove (low tide 9:27pm)
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Minutes of the Saturday, 10 March 2001 Meeting



Background: On the day of the meeting a blizzard hit Maine. Three brave soles fought their way to the meeting. They were Tim, Jim and Forrest. Most business was tabled because they felt that more members would want to vote on the motions. However they had several items they felt comfortable approving.



NEW BUSINESS:

CLUB DRAFT CARD: Jim brought up that he had talked to the BIW Credit union and the Club could get a Draft Card against its checking account. This would allow Jim to make purchases that would not have to be reimbursed and would be documented in Checking accounts monthly records. Examples of items, that would be bought using the card, are stamps, envelopes, Club badges, VCR tapes, printer ink, paper, and contest purchases. Everyone thought it was a great idea.

DSC MEMBERSHIP: Forrest Sumner brought up giving Paul Tempesta a free membership to the DSC for making the metal templates used to cut foam cores for the Club's RES MAXX Club building project. He spent a lot of his own time re-computing the coordinates so the machine would cut what was needed. Motion passed.

AMA INTO PILOT INSTRUCTORS:

Jim made a recommendation that the DSC pay for DSC and BAM Intro pilots @\$5 per instructor. Each Club can have up to three Intro Pilot Instructors. Plan was to sign up Jeff Carr and Tim Acord under DSC and Jim and Chris Fuchs under BAM. Motion passed.

SHOW & TELL



After this meeting, members went to Ken Mac Donald's house to cut cores for the Club's RES MAXX Club building project.

Left: Forrest Sumner guides the wire cutting the foam cores.
Right: Some of the foam cores cut during this session.



Minutes of the Saturday, 14 April 2001 Meeting

Presided and recorded by Jim Armstrong

Members present: Jim Armstrong, Larry Smith, Brian Lawrence, Mike Farnsworth, Chris Lawrence, Nelson Frost, Jeff Carr, Rick Hallett, Marty Feldman, Mark Higgins, Brad Danse, Forrest Sumner, Kenneth F. Mac Donald, Tim Acord, Evan Truner, Lawrence Smith, Bruce Molsen, Chris Fuchs, and Robert Buxton.

Guests: BAM President Paul Johnson, Marty Feldman's friend Don Seales. Guest were welcomed.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Club Secretary Larry Smith provided Secretaries Repot.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Ken Mac Donald provided a report of Club funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLUB DIGITAL CAMERA:



Jim reported that he had purchased the Club's digital camera. It is the 2001 model of the one that Nelson Frost recommended. It is a Sony DCRTRV530. Best Buy had it for \$999. Jim got a very good buy on it through Philly's Camera, PA. Camera, UV filter, Floppy disk adapter, soft case, 2 tapes, 12 hour battery, 64 meg memory stick, and 4 year video warranty came to \$1,200.

CLUB WEB PAGE: Mike said Club Web Page is registered as www.Downeastsoaring.org. The old address will redirect you to the new address. Mike made some great changes to the member section. Members are now able to change their own member information. Examples are Frequency changes, E-mail address changes, address change. Members will be able to enter items for sale in the POP OFF section.

To enter member section you will enter a unique password that each person will make up for himself or herself. Most people have already done this. If dues are not current, access will be denied and you will be brought to an application form.

Administrators will be able to update events and personnel info for members on-line (especially for those that don't have on-line access to change their own data).

Mike was asked if he could add a section for frequency used on electrics. He said he would. Mike described how all-current members (with e-mail addresses) could be automatically addressed in e-mail. There is a slight problem with it that Mike is working on. For some reason everyone (with an e-mail address) get the message except for those that are on Blazenet. Jim, Mike and Nelson are on Blazenet. So if you sent out e-mail to the group this way and didn't get a response from Jim, Mike or Nelson you now know why. You can forward them the e-mail you sent and they will get it.

COMPUFOIL: The CompuFoil program upgrade the Club authorized came in and was used to print the actual airfoil template files that the RES MAX's designer had provided.

Jeff Carr is the one authorized to maintain the Club's copy of the CompuFoil program. He will run the "Airfoil Templates to Order". Club members can obtain any airfoil templates of any airfoil they want that are in the big CompuFoil database. As new airfoils are developed, their coordinates can be put into the program. Jeff said he has been using the new program and it is very good. Jeff will make an order form so people can provide all the information he needs to give them exactly what they wanted. Items like skin thickness, wire size, washout need to be specified. Otherwise the adage "garbage in, means, garbage out" becomes true.

VCR TAPES: At a previous meeting the Club authorized Jim to purchase some videotapes for the Club video library. Here is what was purchased. As soon as they arrived they were checked out at the Wed. Night building session at Ken Mac Donald's house. It is a nice selection of tapes. Should have something for everyone. Rave reviews on "Lift Ticket" were not exaggerated. If you haven't seen Endless Lift 1 and Endless Lift II, view them before Lift Ticket. You won't be disappointed.

Electric Airshow
International Handlaunch
Lift Ticket
Soar Utah Adventure
Viking Race 98 F3F

NERCSC (NEW ENGLAND R/C SOARING CONVENTION):

The paperwork from the Owl's Head and Transportation Museum has been received. Jim reviewed it and didn't like the 1. Costs, 2. Liability, and 3. Food arrangements. He will be sending Wadsworth Owen, one of the Board members, his concerns.

New Business:

LITE STICK GROUP PURCHASE: Tim Acord explained whom he was contacting for a group purchase of Lite Sticks. Order to date was around 20 planes. Tim recommended that people also buy the APC 9-6 SF prop, which is great for outdoor flying. The prop that comes with the kit is good for Indoor flying. When you purchase a prop make sure it is a SF Slow Flyer (light & rugged props). If you need someone to stress test you Lite Stick see Charlie Kerr.

NEW MEMBERS:

Several people mentioned that they had people interested in joining the Club.

DSC FUND RAISER: Rick Hallett auctioned off a standard glider. After some fierce bidding Ken Mac Donald made the highest bid of \$43.00. Special thanks to Rick for donating the plane, and thanks to Ken and others for bidding for it.

EASTERN PROMENADE:

Discussed the following that relates to a proposal to fence in a portion of the Eastern Promenade for an off-leash area for dogs. People that have e-mail received the attachments. Because of space considerations they will not be included in this newsletter.

- James Armstrong wrote:

Please read Jim Carroll's e-mail below. Hope Ted, Brian, Chris, and others local to Portland will make the effort to go to the meeting on Thursday or at least call Portland's planner. Warmest regards, Jim ----- Original Message -----

From: chaosjc@juno.com**To:** jamesIII@blazenetme.net ; mfarns@standardio.com**Cc:** clawren1@maine.rr.com**Sent:** Saturday, April 07, 2001 3:53 PM**Subject:** Eastern Promenade Site!
*Check out this attached copy of a notice that I received today from the city of Portland, It may affect all of the members that use the site. this is **Very short notice**. Should be discussed at a club meeting but they are not giving any time! I will go down to city hall and review the actual plans Monday and get back if it affects us as it looks as if they are trying to sneak through something very quickly and quietly. Rgds.Jim Carroll*

- Peter Eliot took the following action: Thanks Peter.

----- Original Message ----- **From:** [Susan & Peter Eliot](#)

To: [James Armstrong](#)

Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2001 1:05 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Eastern Promenade Site!

Well, I made some time on Monday morning after dropping my wife off at the jetport to take a look at the E. Prom flying site. I made a mental sketch of the area and composed a map and my ideas for a compromise off-leash dog walk in the same area. I have other commitments laid out for Thursday PM, so I figured a letter was in order. That and a copy of my map went to the head of the Portland Planning Department in the mail Monday PM. I'll bring a copy with me to Ken's place this evening.

Which brings me to the old business. If you get this in time, don't forget the Co2 motor you mentioned. I think I'll back this mail up with a phone call to the house.

See you tonight with an interesting development in the business of supporting full flying foam stab on the RES-MAXX!

Peter Eliot.



- At the meeting Jim Carroll told us that the meeting scheduled at the Promenade on 12 April was rained out. It was rescheduled to 24 April.

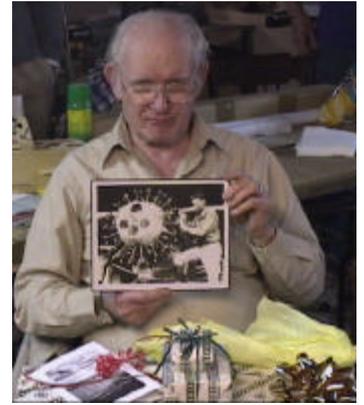
BEACH HILL:

Bruce Molsen reported that one of the most picturesque light/medium lift slope sites in Maine was opened to the public. If you haven't flown there it is worth the trip. A long time back we had a Club meeting there. If there was enough interest we could do it again this year.

KEN MAC DONALD'S 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY:

Ken Mac Donald mentioned how Club members had given him a 75th Birthday Party. He said he enjoyed getting a helium Birthday balloon and that his wife enjoyed the flowers we gave her for putting up with us every

Wednesday night too. Ken was very surprised with the fabulous gifts. People pitched in to get Ken a J3 Pico Stick, with flight pack. Chris Fusch gave Ken a really neat framed picture of one of ken's favorite people "Charles Lindbergh" and Ted Stintson gave Ken 2 HS 50 servos.



SHOW AND TELL:



■ Ken Mac Donald showed his RES MAXX fuselage sides we cut for everybody. Ken donated the light ply. Rick cut the stabs out of foam. Thanks Rick. Ken to send out a group order for the main spar. He took orders for the two pieces of .060 carbon fiber from ACP. Cost would be around \$18 including S&H each.

■ Rick Hallett showed off his "Little Devil." He hoped to be able to slope it for the first time after the meeting.

■ Rick Hallett showed the toothbrush he brought at Tim's recommendation. It seems Tim thought Rick should have something handy to brush the sand off his teeth at the sandpit. It seems the last time Rick flew there he had such a big smile all the time he was flying he collected a great deal of sand on his big grin.



■ Jeff Carr showed a Vacuum switch he purchased of RCSE for \$29. Good from 2-30 inches. Jeff got it within 3 days. See Jeff if you would like to get one to make a vacuum pump.

Aileron Zone: (Jim Armstrong)

SUMMER: Summer is right around the corner. If you haven't already now is a good time to order batteries, make repairs, finish a winter building project, cycle your batteries, and inventory your stable. Do you have a light wind sloper, a heavy wind sloper, a HLG, a bungee flyer (e.g., Aver Vulcan), 2 Meter thermal glider, RES MAX (or equiv.) and one electric.

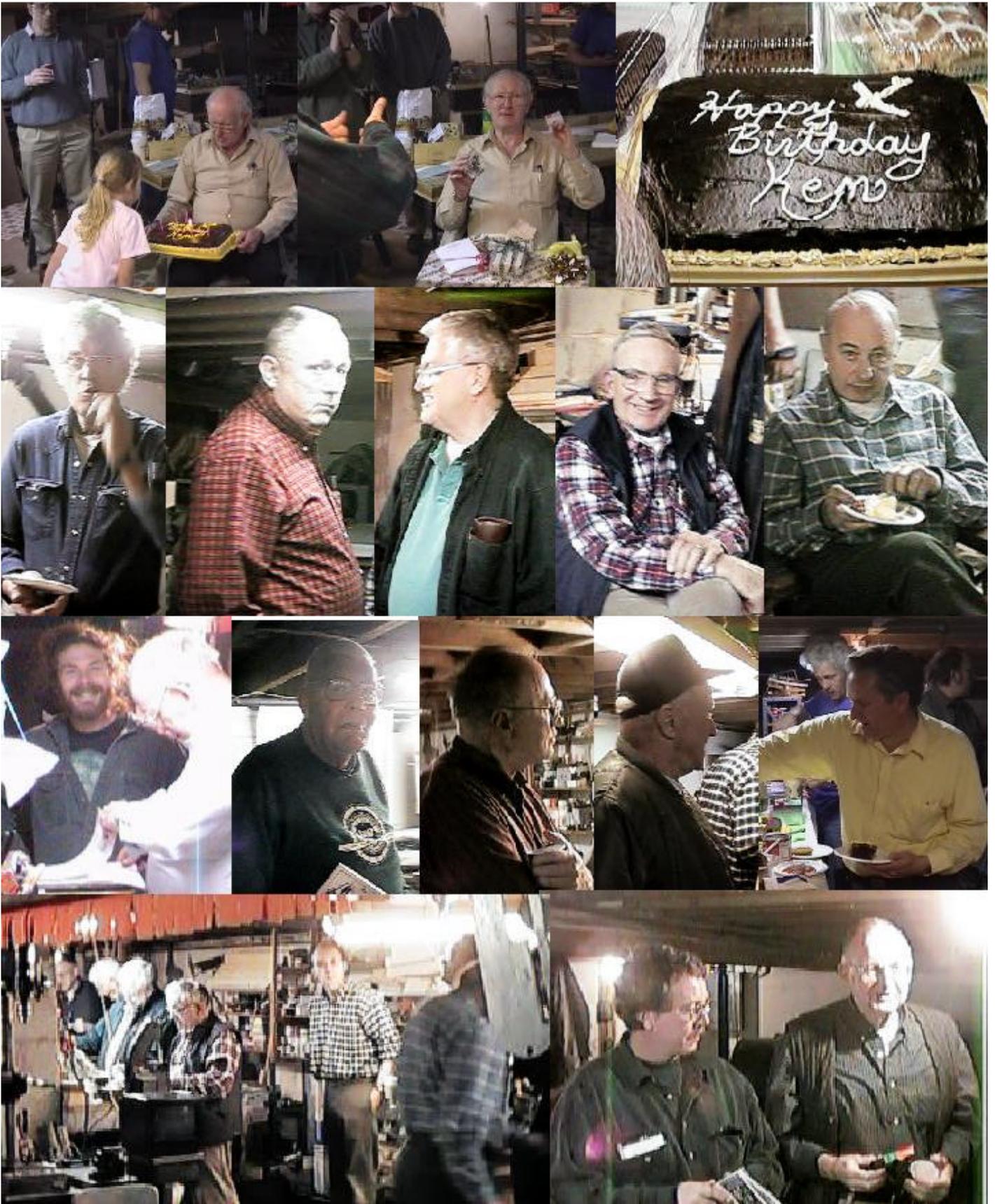
CLUB MEMBERSHIP BADGES: I have the material to make badges for all DSC members. Found some real nice badge holders' w/pins that will work out fine. Every paid member will get one. Members that paid extra for them will get their money back. Hope to get them out with next month's newsletter.

WEDNESDAY GLIDER NIGHT AT THE BAM FIELD: Glider night is starting up again on Wednesday at the Brunswick Area Modelers' Field. The following are exceptions:

- If it rains we will meet at Ken Mac Donald's house in Woolwich for a building sessions. The time is anytime between 3:30 to 7:30. Bring your sandwich and building project if your not building or helping with the RES MAX Club building project.
- If the wind is blowing SW at a good pace we may head to Clark's Cove to do some sloping instead. When we do we try to put up a sign on the gate to let people know where we went.

Happy Flying,
Jim

Ken Mac Donald's 75th Birthday Party



DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
AMA Open Thermal Duration	Saturday, 5/5/2001	9:00 AM registration, 10:00 AM pilots meeting CD Rick Hallet (800) 430-3058; happl@mint.net	Hemmond Airport Minot, Maine *See Note 5
May MTG / No Host Slope Soaring Pizza Festival	Saturday, 5/12/2001	Business meeting 11 AM till Noon, Flying before and after.	Clark's Cove (low tide 9:27pm)
No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Sunday, 5/13/2001	Participants Choice. Low tide 10:15 AM	Clark's Cove, Harpwell, Me *See Note 6
No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Saturday, 6/16/2001	Participants Choice. Low tide 1:35 PM	Clark Cove, Harpswell * See Note 6
June MTG / No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Sunday, 6/17/2001	Business meeting 11:00 - Noon, Flying before and after.	Clark's Cove, Harpswell
No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Saturday, 6/30/2001	Participants Choice. Low tide 1:46 PM	Clark's Cove, Harpswell *See Note 6
No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Sunday, 7/1/2001	Participants Choice. Low tide 2:44 PM	Clark's Cove, Harpswell *See Note 6
No Host Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Saturday, 7/28/2001	Participants Choice. Low tide 12:21 PM	Clark's Cove, Harpswell *See Note 6
July MTG / Slope Soaring Lobster Festival	Sunday, 7/29/2001	Business meeting 11:00 - Noon, Flying before and after. Low tide 1:23 PM	Clark's Cove, Harpswell
DSC Soaring Club Glider and Electric Anything Fun	Saturday, 8/18/2001	8 AM	Site: Brunswick Area Modelers Flying Field Topsham. See note 7.
AMA F3J Hand Tow Contest	Saturday, 10/13/2001	9:00 AM registration, 10:00 AM pilots meeting CD Rick Hallet (800) 430-3058	Hemmond Airport Minot, Maine *See Note 5

1. Breakfast starts at 9:00 in the Bookland Conference Room. Show and Tell at 9:30. The meeting will start at 10:00 am sharp. Members are encouraged to eat breakfast during the business portion of the meeting.
2. For all events held at Clark's Cove: Morse Lobster is planning on having lobsters available from Memorial day to Labor Day.
3. For all events held at Clark's Cove: Pizza and Subs can be purchased at the Morse convenience store on RT 123, 1 mile past Allen Point Road (1 mile from Clark's Cove)
4. Floyd Watts is offering full scale glider rides for members of the club. The Cost is \$50.00 per ride. If interested, contact Floyd at (207) 589-4344 or RR Box 305, Liberty, ME 04949
5. This contest is an AMA sanctioned contest. All AMA requirements apply.
6. 'NO HOST' means no one is in charge of the get together. Everyone is on their own. A 'NO HOST' scheduled on a non meeting day may have no one show up. The biggest reasons for not attending are wind not predicted for S/SW or other plans.
7. James Armstrong III CD, 292 Foreside Road Topsham, ME 04086, 207-725-5758. Landing Fee: \$15, includes continental breakfast, lunch and prizes.

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