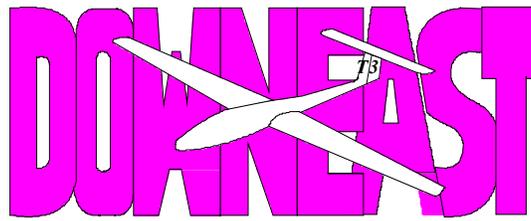


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NEXT MEETING:			
December 8th Club Meeting	Saturday, 12/8/2001	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.

Minutes of the Saturday, 10 November, 2001 Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Larry Smith reported that he had no correspondence.

TREASURES REPORT: Treasurer Ken Mac Donald reported on the financial status of the Club. Ken said 23 members had paid their dues for 2002. .

OLD BUSINESS

What's Inside?

- *Wednesday Glider night goes on.*
- *Pictures of September 29th slope flying at the Promenade.*
- *Info on Lite Stick order.*
- *Quotes of the month.*
- *Invitation to a Xmas Party.*
- *Jeff Carr's reflections on the Club.*

And coming in Next month's Newsletter:

- *Rick Hallett's F3J Hand Tow Contest Report*
- *F3J Hand Tow pictures*
- *Discussions on DSC perpetual trophy, purchase of a Club Hi-Start, and planning for next summer's events.*
- *Making a slow flyer 9/6 from a 10/4.7.*
- *Pictures of the Club video and book library.*
- *DSC Member Ken Mac Donald in the Spot Light*
- *putting an order together for "Anderson Power pole connectors*

2002 DSC OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Nelson Frost contacted all current officers to see if they wanted to continue for another year. Everyone was interested. Special **THANKS** to Nelson Frost for putting the slate together. Nominations were opened. Nelson nominated the current slate of officers. Seconded by Rick Hallett. No other nominations made. Nominations closed. Secretary cast a single ballot. Officers re-elected.

FIELD MARSHALL CHARLIE KERR:

Ken and Nelson updated us on how Charlie Kerr was doing after his surgery on October 1st. Nelson said Charlie could button his shirt now and use his transmitter. He can feel his stick (?). He is making great progress.

New Business

AUTOMATIC RETRIEVER:

Motion to make the Club retrieves automatic. Discussions held and motion passed. We will need some fabrication work done to make this modification. Several people in the Cub have offered their services in the past to do metal fabrication, welding, brazing, etc. We need you now. Contact Jim if you can help in any way with the modifications.

(Jim's note: Quite honestly I can't remember exactly who told me they had these skills and capabilities. So please let me know if you do. Thanks).

FUSELAGES AND WING CORES:

Ken Mac Donald said that he had bodies and wing cores that he was given from Ken Baker. He will make list of them and see who wants them.

RES MAXX (ONE DESIGN CONTEST): Discussed having a one design RES MAXX contest. It was felt that having a one design would be an incentive for those building one as part of the RES MAXX Club building project. Nelson is becoming a CD this year and would like to CD this event. Therefore he will make the final decision on contest format.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATION: Steve checked with his boss and received permission too have a Club meeting at Maine Composites in Richmond. In the future we will either schedule a meeting there, or go there after a regular Bookland meeting. One option would be to wait for a day that has no wind or the weather is too bad to fly after a Club meeting. Maine Composites will be building composite parts for a 6-passenger seaplane being built by an English Company.

CLUB INSTAMATIC CAMERA AND CASIO DIGITAL: Discussed selling Club cameras. Club consensus was that we should keep cameras.

NEW DSC MEMBER

Mike Farnsworth reported that his boss Jesse Chunn has joined the club. Jesse is the president of Standard I-O Inc. He owns the servers that host our web site. Jesse has a DAW P-51 that Mike helped him build. He is just learning to fly. It is all black with yellow skull and cross bones on it. Looks cool but is a little tough to see being all black. The airplane's first flight was in a North Easter at the prom last spring. Mike and Jesse flew in the snow. It was a little cold. Next time Mike flies it with him, he will bring a can of yellow spray paint to paint the tail! Then maybe they can see it. Mike has yet to convince Jesse that it is worth being out in the cold to fly.

JIM TYRIE'S DONATIONS:

Background from Aileron Zone: Jim donated several large ticket RC items to the Cub. My first thought was to put several of the large ticket items on e-bay. One of the items is a Hobby Hawk that is in excellent shape structurally, but is not covered. We could get a big price for something like this. Most likely it wouldn't be from someone in the Club. My second thought was to offer it up to Club members only.

We discussed the options presented. Club members decided to offer it up to Club members only. Several people said they would be willing to pay \$200 for it. So Club members in good standing after the first of the year need to let the Club Officers know that they would be willing to pay \$200 for it. Their names will be put in a hat and whoever is chosen pays the price. After the Hobby Hawk is given away we will decide what price to put on a real nice scale glider.

We are now collecting names of interested members. Please let Jim know if you're interested. Drawing will be after the first of the year.

Show & Tell:

- Ken Mac Donald showed the aluminum 3/4-inch angle bar that will be used for assembling the RES MAX spar. Ken also showed 2 sets of sides for RES MAX fuselages that need to be picked up by people that signed up for the project.
- Bucky Barker showed us his Robin Hood 99 that has been set up to do Aero Towing.
- Steve showed people pictures of Petersburg Pass, displayed a CF control horn, displayed his painted slope jet, and showed a diagram of his next project, which is a UAV.
- Rick Hallett brought diagrams for everyone of the Bubble Dancer. Rick thoroughly explained the recent design changes to t. It was very interesting to hear him explain the technical to the practical.

Quotes of the month:

1. While in the parking lot outside of Bookland, waiting for it to open at 9 am, Larry got into Jim's car and the first words out of his mouth were: "I see by the wind (which was non-existent) that Rick is coming."
2. On Saturday 11/17/01 Jim A., Jim C., Nelson, Kurt, Vicky, Steve, Chris L. et. Al. assembled at the promenade to do some combat. The wind was fair in the early morning (10MPH) but started to go down around 9:30. At times Kurt and Nelson were able to keep up their Zagi. Jim and Chris flew their HLGs. Chris Lawrence did a lot of flying but really came prepared for Combat. As he left we heard him say "I'm board, there is nothing to kill." Chris Lawrence of Predator F21 fame (wait till you see his new 72-inch F21; watch your six).

Aileron Zone: (Jim Armstrong)

DSC DUES DUE NOW: You will not receive a newsletter or be able to log into the member section of the Club Web page if your dues are past due 1/1/02. Mike has made a change so that on line members will now be able to go into the member section and view their membership status. If you forgot your password, try to access it 3 times and it will send you e-mail informing you what it is. Yes it does it automatically!!!! Mike did a great job on our Web page. If you want a different password let Mike or me know and we'll change it for you.

If you are sure the information we have on you is correct, then all you have to do to renew is send \$12.00, payable to the "DownEast Soaring Club", to

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BITTEN BY THE SLOPE BUG: FOLLOWING are two e-mails, which give insight into why we love slope flying so much. Enjoy.

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

From: "Wiley, Jay"

JWiley@SouthworthProducts.com

To: "Chris & Susan Fuchs (E-mail)"
scfuchs@ime.net; "James Armstrong III (E-mail)"
jamesIII@blazenetme.net; "Rick Hallett (E-mail)"
happl@mint.net; "Tim Acord (E-mail)"
CAcord5090@aol.com

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2001 11:06 AM

Subject: That wonderful pod and boom

Hi,

Now I understand why sloping is so exciting. I stopped back by Clark's Cove Sunday about 6:30 p.m. after dropping off my son in Rockland (he loved the glider training, thanks Jim!!).

The wind had gone down some but I wanted to try it anyway. I hand launched my three meter into the breeze and the next time I looked at my watch it was 7:20!! My hands were getting cramped and I had to see if I could land and did. I threw it out again into a very light breeze and flew for another 20 minutes up and down the cove. It was GREAT!!

My only problem is for some reason, even with a new pack, my transmitter really uses up battery power and I don't know why. It's only good for about 1 and a half-hours safely while my receiver pack keeps going.

Thanks Rick and Tim for making a great airplane and thanks Rick for selling it (actually giving it along with raffle tickets) to me. Even after some major boom fractures it still flies great. Thanks Jim for your help and for working with my son. Chris, We'll see you out there soon!!!!

I'm not selling my power stuff but I sure enjoy this new (to me) part of the hobby.

Strong Southerly winds to all of you.

Jay

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

From: "Jerry" gkosborn@megalink.net

To: "James Armstrong" jamesIII@blazenetme.net

"It sure was a hoot. [My face still hurts from all of the grinning I was doing.]" Jerry O



Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2001 4:40 PM

Subject: Great day on the Prom!

Jim:

Nice to meet you today. Sorry you had to leave so early and we didn't get a chance to chat more.

Jeff took me under his wing and got me up and flying. (Great guy!)

It seems like a real nice group of guys. I hope to be seeing a lot more of everyone in short order---Now that I've got a taste, I'm even more raring to go.

Are the pits at Skystreakers field any good? I don't really know of any other places (especially where there are such helpful people to steer (literally) a newbie straight). I was thinking about going to BAM on Wednesday to check that location out. You mentioned some pits up your way too.

Again, nice meeting you and I appreciate the invite to the Prom today. It was much appreciated.

Regards,

Jerry

LITE STICK ORDER: As stated in the last newsletter I was waiting to find out where Tim Will purchased Lite Sticks for \$24.95. He told me his friend Rob Farrell got them at [Little Shop of Hobbies](http://www.littleshopofhobbies.com/index.htm) <http://www.littleshopofhobbies.com/index.htm>. I called and talked to the owner Phil and he said he would give us a 5% Club discount. I attempted to contact everyone on the previous list and sent in an order of over \$500. By the time you read this, the order should be distributed.



WEDNESDAY GLIDER NIGHT:

I have been having a very good time at our Wed evening glider night. I have flown my Lite stick several times right from Ken Mac Donald's dooryard. On two occasions I started repairing several airplanes (see picture). Part of one evening was spent re-familiarizing myself with the details of the RES MAXX Club Building project. Ken is really coming along on his RES MAXX



fuselage. Ken and I are installing my automatic Coffee maker in Ken's workshop for use during glider night. Currently we have water piped to it and have it hooked up to 115 volts. It works but is designed to work on 220 Volts. Steve is donating a 220-volt plug to connect coffee machine to 220 volts. It has 3 hot plates so we can easily make Regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate. We also installed Ken's 8-track player.

EXPENABLE ITEMS:

I didn't complete several of my repairs at Ken's house because I didn't bring any glue. Yes, I could have used Ken's glue but decided to go home and use my own. I propose we start a kitty at Ken's to be used to purchase expendable items that people use while at Ken's house. Some examples might be paper towels, glue, mixing cups, stirrers, donuts, brownies, pop corn, Coffee, creamer, sugar, #11 blades, and balsa wood. We will set up a cup for donations.

Let me make it perfectly clear. Donations are on a *voluntary* basis only. Donate if and what you want. Also you may bring stuff (e.g., CA, epoxy, donuts, popcorn) in lieu of making a donation if you prefer.

NEWSLETTER PDF FILE SIZE:

I'm trying different things to keep the megabyte size of the newsletter PDF file down. I'm limiting the number of pictures in each addition. That is why I'm stretching out publishing the contest pictures.

WEDNESDAY GLIDER NIGHT PROJECTS:

Whether you're building the RES MAXX or not you're invited to Ken's house on Wednesday (3:30 till 9:00). Ken and his wife Marjorie enjoy the people. Some people have asked me what to work on. So what I would like to do is start making a list. People could then select something they are interested in. Examples are: Priority is RES Maxx participants working on their plane. Next individuals doing their own repair for example. Finally we can list stuff for the Club: -- Repair Club winch (bearing bound?). -- Replace batteries in the Club Polly trainer (Transmitter and receiver). -- Make Club retriever automatic.

Wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.
Jim

*Pictures of September 29th slope flying at
the Promenade*



Our Club

I joined this club 2 years ago this coming February. I wanted to reflect back and let everyone know what this club means to me and my family.

First off I can say that I have had a great time at all the events that DSC has had. I never flew HLG or very much slope before I moved here to Maine. I didn't realize what I was missing. Combat was something I had read about but never experienced. Blood thirsty pilots waiting in the shadows just waiting for that Sparkling new foamie to be released out of your hands. 2 seconds go by your not even trimmed and whack. Followed by laughter all the way up and down the slope. Man this is fun!!!

Bret and I have you guys to thank for showing us about Foamies. Bret is getting better every day he hits me in the back with his Zagi OOPs that's another story. He is really one of the bloodthirsty guys on the slope. I think its great when someone other than the parent can take a kid and show him how much fun this is. It thrills me to death to see him out there flying against all of you. Remember I showed him almost everything he knows.

Since I've been here I have learned about electrics, Vacuum Bagging, working with composites and much more. Rick Hallet has been of great assistance to me. If it wasn't for him I would still be just thinking about the bagging process. Now I am learning every time I set my system up. Ken McDonald got me into HLG. He has a contest each year. I didn't have a plane. So I built my first HLG. F3J was new to me. I got that

in there too. I could go on and on. I'm just glad we are an active club.

As most of you know Family always comes first. I can take my family with me to any of the events, meetings and know my kids will always be safe in the presents of any of the member. It's great that a family can enjoy my sport so much. Even my wife enjoys the company of all the members. Get togethers at our home have been very enjoyable for all of us. I hope we can all do it again.

I can say for a fact that I have flown sailplanes and gliders more in the last 2 years than I have in the last 8 years. My skills are still a little rusty but with all of you they are getting better all the time. My son will be better than me so watch out. I can't wait for the next contest, slope get together, Wed night session. I live for these days.

In the future I would like to see more thermal flying. I want to help as much as possible to promote our club and get people interested in Soaring. We need young people to be active. They just don't know what they are missing. Power guys need this experience. It's not as easy as they think. We have a great group. Lets not keep it a secret.

To everyone, Thanks for being there to allow myself and my Family have the best 2 years we have had in a long time. We are hoping to continue this for a long time.

R/C models mean a great deal to me. Now I have a club that helps me enjoy it that much more.

Jeff Carr
JSCARR4@aol.com

XMAS PARTY INVITATION: Jeff Carr and his wife Brenda invite you and your family to a Xmas Party at their house on Saturday, 8 December. It will take place in the afternoon at approximately 1:00 O'clock after our meeting and quick slope flying session at the sandpit (weather permitting). Please call Jeff Carr at 207 650 0354 for directions and to see what to bring. Currently 8 people have signed up to attend. My wife and I are looking forward to it. Hope to see you there.

DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
December 8th Club Meeting	Saturday, 12/8/2001	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.
January 12th Club Meeting	Saturday, 1/12/2002	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick, Maine *See Note 1
February 9th Club Meeting	Saturday, 2/9/2002	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1
March 9th Club meeting	Saturday, 3/9/2002	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1
April 13th Club Meeting	Saturday, 4/13/2002	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1

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.

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