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

DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
April DSC Business meeting	April 11th, 2009	09:30 AM	Topsham Public Library
May DSC Business meeting	May 9th, 2009	09:30 AM	Topsham Public Library

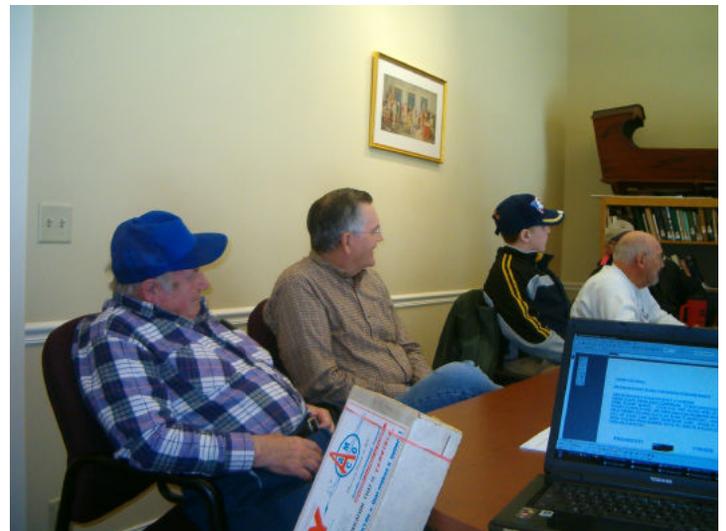
Note: #1 Changes will be announced by e-mail and posted on the DSC web site as soon as they are known. Check before coming to a meeting.

DSC Meeting Minutes for March 14th 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JANUARY DSC MEETING:

Dick Rosenberg, John Emery, Jim Armstrong, Bob Constable, John Cheetham, Bob Berry, Frank Bennett, Fran Carignan,

Guest: Bob Constables' grandson Jonathan.



NOTE: Correction to the February newsletter: Dick Rosenberg was also in attendance.

TREASURES REPORT:

- Treasurer John Emery provided the following detailed treasurer's report:

TREASURER'S REPORT - DOWNEAST SOARING CLUB INC. - MARCH 14, 2009

Balance forward from previous reporting of February 14, 2009	433.02
Prime Share Account included in above balance forward	(25.00)
Dues received	35.84
Amount paid to AMA for Charter renewal & additional flying sites Insurance	152.00
Amount paid to State of Maine for Incorporation Annual Report filing	35.00
Funds available in Downeast Soaring Club Inc. Checking Account	256.86
Funds available in Downeast Soaring Club Inc. Prime Share Account	25.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNEAST SOARING CLUB INC.

AS OF MARCH 14, 2009 281.86

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

John E. Emery

Treasurer

- John contacted the IRS about getting our non profit status straightened out. He explained what the IRS told him over the phone. He got a different person this time in IRS. This woman said that she would imitate a change to get us into the correct category on non profits. She said the change will take a few months to go through. She said once completed we won't have to file a lengthy tax return. Only a Form 990N on the 15th day of the 5th month after our tax year ends. John said since our By-Laws indicate our fiscal year as October thru September, we should have filed Form 990N by February 15th. But we couldn't anyways since we aren't listed in the correct category yet. There is no penalty for late filing but said he needs to get this done. Mike and Jim remember establishing our fiscal year to the IRS when we filed for a TAX ID number as January to December. Therefore we will have to update our by-laws.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None: Secretary Mike Farnsworth absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

CANCELING DSC MEETING ON-LINE:

Background (Comments from previous meeting: Because of the icy weather the day of the March meeting, Jim asked if it would be a good idea for Club to give the President authorization to cancel a monthly meeting, for any good reason. An Officer could send out an e-mail to members before the meeting. Members must check their e-mail before leaving for a meeting, especially during inclement weather. Change could also be posted on the DSC Website event Schedule if time is available before meeting. Members felt that it was a good idea. Nelson said that members could not afford to drive to a meeting for nothing. Motion passed unanimously.

Update: Again, Jim asked if everyone checked their e-mail before leaving to attend the meeting. He reiterated that people have to check their e-mail before leaving to attend a meeting/event as it may have been cancelled because of weather, sickness, personal conflicts or many other reasons.

POSTING ITEMS TO THE WEB SITE:

Background: As a result of discussing making additions to the Cyberspace RC Swap Meet and DSC DRAWING LIBRARY and posting them, Nelson Frost made a suggestion that the originators of these documents be given the capability to post the changes to the Club Web site immediately. He said that all you would have to do is give them rights to a directory where they could upload the revised file(s). He said that is what he does on the Skystreaker's Web site. He said the last time he talked with Mike Farnsworth, space on the web site hosting computer was not an issue. Jim said he would contact the Web Master Mike Farnsworth and ask him.

Mike sent Jim an e-mail and said

"Hi Jim,

I have created an ftp login for you in the site. You may upload the cyberspace file.

Also Mike said "I put the html file for the library in your directory so that you can edit it. You can download it to your computer, make changes there, and then upload the new version of it to the site."

Thanks Mike.

At the November meeting Mike Farnsworth fixed Jim's access problems to the DSC Video Library and RC Swap list. When Glenn Collins gets his access problems fixed he will be adding the list of club plans with plane pictures for member review.

Subsequent to this, Jim and Glenn still were having problems accessing files for update and posting. Mike Farnsworth said that he had been real busy at work and with the Boy Scouts. He felt now he would have some time to look into the problem.

Update: Jim reported that Mike had now provided him with the capability to upload the cyberspace R/C swap file and the DSC VCR/DVD video library file to the Library section of the DSC Web site. Keep an eye out for the updates in the Library Section of the newsletter.

LIBRARY RULES:

At a previous meeting Jim read all the rules governing use of the Topsham Library Meeting Room. He wants to make sure all members are aware of all rules especially the one that states nothing will be sold on the premises and no money can be exchanged for any reason, so he reiterated it again for new attendees.

BAM FIELD UPDATE:

John Cheetham said “It’s muddy.”

FOLDING GLIDER POWER POD CONTEST:

Background from January DSC meeting: Jim said he has been in contact with the designer (Kristjan Crnoja) of a folding glider power pod that would be great for a lot of our gliders. Jim asked him some questions about the design and he said he would send some pictures and a drawing of the design. He was on vacation and said he would send them later. The design should be adaptable to just about any size glider. Jim said once we get the design out to every club member, he would like to propose that we have a contest to see who is the first one to build one to this design and actually use it. Prize will be a 1 year free Downeast Soaring Club membership. Jim will exclude himself from the contest as you may think he already built one. Motion seconded by John Emery. Motion passed unanimously.

Update: Rumor has it that several DSC members are building the Folding Glider Power pod.

MODEL AVIATION IN THE LIBRARY:

Background from January DSC meeting: During the free magazine raffle Bob Constable brought up donating some magazines to the library. Jim said funny you should bring that up. Jim had already had discussions with the library. The Library has a magazine area that the Club can put around 6 magazines in for people to read. The Club could put an info sheet on DSC and BAM in the magazine. New magazines could be rotated in and we could put a note saying “Free for the taking.” Jim’s neighbor volunteers at the library and one of her jobs is to keep the magazine area organized. He will ask her to keep him informed as to status of the R/C magazines.

Update: Several RC magazines were added to the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Each attendee at the DSC March meeting won a free magazine.



DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:

The following drawings were passed around for review and made available for member checkout. These drawings will be added to the DSC Drawing Library for member checkout.

Note: Frank and Fran checked out the above DSC drawings.

NAME	TYPE	SPAN	DESCRIPTION
Curtiss P-40 Kittyhawk	Electric	40 inch	3 function WWII fighter



NAME	TYPE	SPAN	DESCRIPTION
Dagger Canard	Electric	30 inch	Simple build Depron foam and balsa jet-styled model.



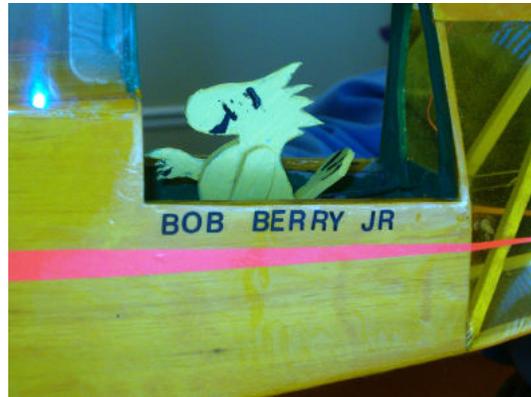
CLUB DONATION FROM FRAN CARIGNAN "X RAY" BY LOU ANDREWS".

Club members thanked Fran Carignan for donating a balsa kit to the DSC Fund Raiser. It is a powered kit that was very popular in the 70s. Several Club members remember it and said it was a very nice flying plane. It could be converted to electric. Members present felt that

\$25 was a fair price. Club members will have first crack at purchasing it, before other Clubs are notified of the “For Sale Items.”

INDOOR RC EXTRAVAGANZA John Emery reminded everyone that next Saturday was the model indoor day at the Damariscotta YMCA.

SHOW AND TELL:



- Frank Bennett built a Headwind for Bob Berry. Bob told us all about it. He said why he chose the Headwind as his next plane.



- Frank Bennett scratch built a Vampire from plans that he received from John Cheetham. It was originally a gas free flight model. Club has the plans now if anyone wants to build one. He used smaller thickness balsa wood than that shown on the plans to convert it to

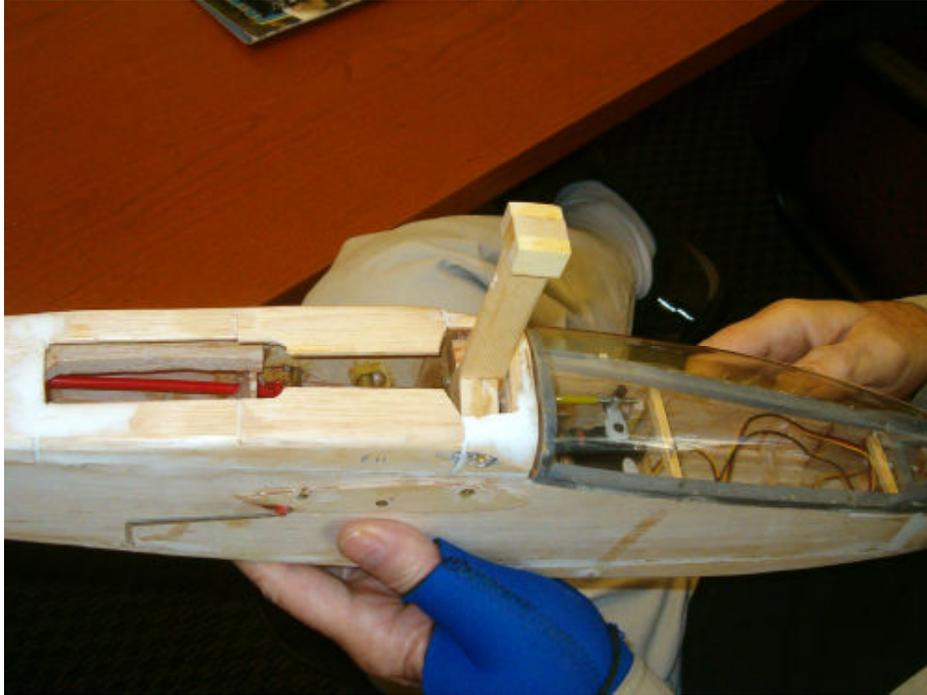
electric. Cowl is made out of blue foam, just like the way the John Cheetham makes his. Foam is formed, and then coated with Elmer's glue to give it a hard surface. After the glue dries well you can paint it.



- Bob Constable brought in a can of liquid tape. He uses it to insulate small wires etc. Bob also mentioned that he is using an outrunner on his Cox F4U. He will power it with a 300 Mah lithium battery.



- Dick Rosenberg brought in a 1949 kit that had a folding power pod designed right into the fuselage. It is called the East Wind 100. The East Wind 100 is a powered glider with 100 inch wingspan. It was designed before electrics were feasible. It uses a .049 glow engine. Once the engine runs out of glow fuel the motor fall back into the fuselage. The



only thing exposed is the prop. Dick is going to use a brushless so it should motor great.

PRESIDENTS

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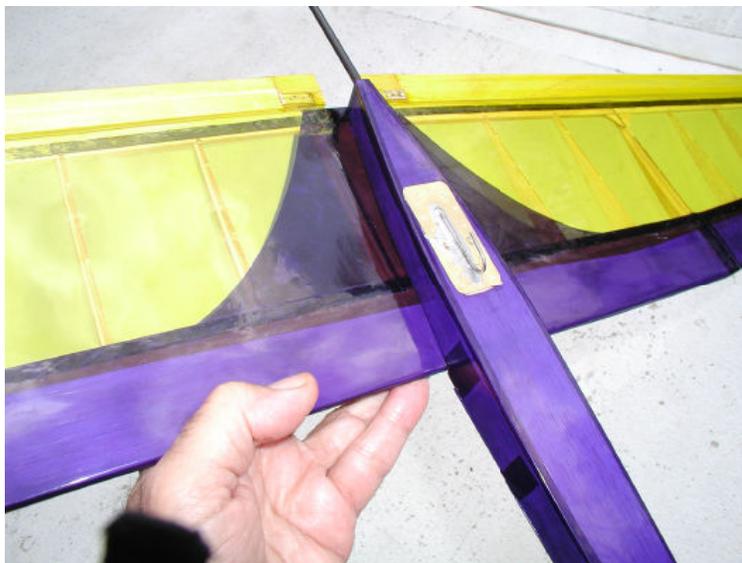
DSC Dues payment:

Fran Carignan gave me \$12 cash for his DSC dues. I sent an electronic check to our Treasurer John Emery. It is a real convenient way of transferring the funds.

CLUB MEMBER PROJECTS:

1. Jack Pignolo completed his Gambler. When he sent John Emery his DSC Dues via PayPal he included some pictures of it. Here is what John had to say about it *“He also mentioned about building a Gambler and some modifications he made and sent along some pics. What a terrific idea with aileron and upstart. Food for thought for anyone else building a Gambler that doesn't discuss launch!”*

In an e-mail to me Jack said: Subject: Gambler-modified I fly using a 100' Up-Start. Flies great...Jack Pignolo



2. John Emery completed this Stagerwing Micro electric last month.. Plane build from Fly RC plans and all made out of durabatics foam with balsa wheels. Guided by a PZ brick with a Bob Selman 7mm pager motor and 4.1 gearbox. All up weight (AUW) of 27 grams, which is a little too heavy but hopefully will fly o.k. John had its maiden flight at the Indoor flying event in Damariscotta. John really likes this little jewel!



What ya flying?

When I was in Arizona in February I stopped by the Central Arizona Soaring League's SWC (Southwest Conference). This is one of the biggest soaring events. I met Mike Bergerson (DSC wannabe) at the SWC. Mike fly's with us and ran the Gambler event for us 2 years ago. Here is a pic of Mike's Javier Special aka "Zephyr" from the SWC



Happy Safe Flying,

Jim