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DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Meeting

Event	Date	Time	Location
March Club meeting	Saturday, 3/11/2006	9am coffee/pastry, 9:30 Business meeting, 10:30 Show & Tell (Slope afterwards?).	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1

Meeting Minutes of February 11th, 2006 (As recorded by Jim Armstrong)

MEETING ATTENDEES: Mike Farnsworth, Ken Mac Donald, Bob Berry, Glenn Collins, Charlie Kerr, Dennis Phelan, John LeClair and Jim Armstrong.



NOT SHOWN IN PICTURE JIM ARMSTRONG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. No correspondence.
2. Mike said that if any club member wants a DSC e-mail account, he will set it up for you. Go to Mikef.us and it will tell you how to set it up in outlook. Mike had his laptop hooked wirelessly to the Bookland's ISP. He went to the DSC mail admin account and showed people what functions were available. One feature that most people might find useful is having any e-mail sent to the DSC address be forwarded to your regular e-mail account so you don't have to open two programs to get your mail. Great feature. Example: if someone sends an e-mail to Steve@downeastsoaring.net, it would be automatically sent to his slopehead@yahoo.net account.
3. Mike is setting up admin right for VP Glenn Collins and Jim Armstrong to help administer additions and changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken opened with the treasurer's report: \$1027.25. He paid \$200 for hosting the DSC Web site this year.

OLD BUSINESS

DSC VIDEO LIBRARY: Jim reported that he hadn't purchased the two Videos wanted by the Club yet. He said that when he went to order them he noticed that if you purchase more you get a good discount. He said that the Club had a couple of videos that hadn't been returned and are so good they should be replaced (example: Soar Utah). Club members approved the purchase of 5 videos.

GLIDER NIGHT BUILDING AT KEN MAC DONALD'S:

Background: Ken updated the attendees on the goings on at the Wednesday night building get together. The nights have become quite popular. Upwards of seven people have been there at one time. Fan Fold building and the availability of templates for new fanfold planes has garnered much interest. Ken relayed the success of building with Fan Fold foam. The Frog (shown last month) and the Stagger Wing Bipe (presented this month) are both good flyers. Bob Berry relayed that one night they had 3 Frogs flying in front of Ken's house at one time. Paul Johnson kindly brought the templates for the Bipe to the meeting for members to borrow.

Update: Ken reported that the 16 page Microflight published by model airplane news was discontinued a while back. The Feb. edition of Model Aviation said that John Worth was starting a monthly online magazine. Ken sent \$24 for subscription. It has lots of interesting information. Ken will show you any of the issues at his house during glider night. Ken building is building an electric Telemaster. Bob is building a Micro Flight Bi-plane just like the one Jim Armstrong brought to the meeting. Jim has a Frog drawn out and will be cutting it out soon so he can use it as a trainer plane. He is studying Ken's Co-Pilot manual so that they can use it this summer on some of Ken's planes.

CLUB FOAMY COMBAT: Background: Glenn Collins asked if there was any interested in doing Foamy Combat. Members expressed a lot of interest. Glenn will come up with a design and present it to the Club. Potentially use a Johnson motor or go with a Cox plane that has a motor on it already for \$20. Cox would add consistently. Glenn reviewed the possibility of using the new Cox micro warbird series as the basis for a club pylon racing event. Moderate interest has been shown in this. One more email will be sent out to see if there are any other takers on a bulk purchase from Cox.

Update: 1. Glenn contacted Cox models about a Club purchase discount for micro-warbirds. Cox responded that they do not provide club discounts but only provide discounts to Hobby shops we need to find a Hobby Shop that might be interested in doing a group purchase for us. I assume that Cox will give the hobby shop a break on the price so that we can end up getting a discount. Club members are asked to contact Hobby Shops they deal with and see if they might be interested in helping us out. Ken Mac Donald said that he would contact one and report back to us.

2. Club member Allen Wright already has a Cox warbird and it would be nice to hear from him before we make an order.

DSC WEB SITE: Background: Mike Farnsworth reported that the Club needs to find a place to host the web site. Present site is going away. Mike said he was looking into hosting the Current Clubs on a site at his house. Cost to run the server for a year at Mike's house is about \$900. Three other RC clubs pay 200 a year and will have to switch also. Hard disk space limitation would not be an issue if hosted at Mike's house. Also Mike said he still would

be able to make the changes we would like to have. Only thing Mike cares about is that it doesn't cost him any money. Club members voted and authorized up to \$200 a year to go with Mike if he decides to do it.

The issue of website hosting was discussed. It appears that the four area clubs have agreed to allow Mike Farnsworth to host all the websites from his home.

NEW BUSINESS

DSC AMA RE-CHARTER FOR 2006: Jim received the Charter from AMA for 2006. Members agreed to sanction 2 sites.

DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Two magazines were raffled off. One went to Glenn Collins and the other went to Bob Berry.

SYMPATHY CARD: After Jim made some comments about Rick Hallett, Ken Mac Donald made a motion to send \$100 to Rick's widow and let her do what she feels fit. There was some good discussion before the motion was made and approved. Members signed the card and wanted the note in card to say: "Enclosed is from the DownEast Soaring Club in memory of Rick and the Club would like you, Mrs. Shirley Hallett, to use as you see fit."

Show and tell

- Mike Farnsworth showed us the site www.mikef.us on his laptop. It contains the link for the email setup instructions. The link is <http://www.mikef.us/emailsettings.htm>. The email accounts are available to all DSC members for free. Members need to ask myself (Mike) or Glenn or Jim to set up the account. Users can connect with Outlook or any POP3 email program or use the web mail interface at <http://mail.mikef.us> (NO www!). The userid for the web mail is the full email account like mike@downeastsoaring.org and not just mike. Users need to choose a password and account name before the club leadership can set up the email accounts for them.



- Dennis showed us his Windrifter BAT sloper. Dennis told us how he threw his Bat over the unproven slope the first time. He was delighted to find that the lift was awesome. The guys he flies with us Half Pipe and Windrifter BAT is what they like to fly. They have 2 slopes in Connecticut they fly at a lot. One beginner site for basic maneuvering and the other one that has awesome lift. Discussed the benefit of a square leading edge or a round straw leading edge. BAT cost about \$50.00.

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

From: Dennis Phelan

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 9:53 AM

Subject: Newsletter

Greetings!

Yesterdays DSC meeting was my first in a while. I don't get up from Connecticut often and was really hoping to get out and do some flying after the meeting but the weather didn't allow that.

I had brought to the meeting a couple of clips of our CT group, which includes another DSC member [Felix Tang]. These were taken at two of our newest sloping sites, Mt Higby in Meriden, CT and Indian Head which is one of the peaks in East Rock Park in New Haven, CT. Mt Higby is our "premier" site and one that even DSC members living in Maine might have a chance to fly!

The video of East Rock was taken on a day when lift was light and "on and off" as well. 11Meg or so:

<http://www.sleedo.rchomepage.com/EastRock.wmv>

Video from Mt Higby was taken on a day when the observing stations were recording 10 mph winds. On a better day flying in the vertical is much better.

In low res:

<http://www.dragonartz.com/ArooSpeed/multimedia/RC/Higby-020706-Lo.wmv>

In high res [88 Meg]:

<http://www.dragonartz.com/ArooSpeed/multimedia/RC/Higby-020706-Hi.wmv>

Anytime you might be coming through the area check this thread on R/C Groups to find out what's going on and meet us for some flying:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=288342>

Dennis Phelan

TIP: Use tye wraps for control horns. The rough sides help keep horn secured in the flying surface. Provided by Dennis Phelan.



- Jim showed the biplane that Frank Bennett cut from Micro Flight plans and Paul Johnson built. Jim put his gear in it and it flew great after dihedral was put in. Jim also brought it in for show & tell at the BAM meeting and the picture was taken by Paul Johnson at the meeting.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

SPRING IS COMING: Forecast is for over 40 degree temperatures for this coming meeing.

2006	Eastern Time
First Third of Winter	1/20/06 5:32
Mid-Winter	2/4/06 1:30
Second Third of Winter	2/18/06 21:29
Vernal Equinox	3/20/06 13:26
First Third of Spring	4/20/06 12:26
Mid-Spring	5/5/06 23:26
Second Third of Spring	5/21/06 10:26
Summer Solstice	6/21/06 8:26
First Third of Summer	7/22/06 13:38
Mid-Summer	8/7/06 4:14
Second Third of Summer	8/22/06 18:50
Autumnal Equinox	9/23/06 0:03
First Third of Autumn	10/22/06 22:49
Mid-Autumn	11/6/06 21:12
Second Third of Autumn	11/21/06 20:35
Winter Solstice	12/21/06 19:22

GLIDER/ELECTRIC FLYING NIGHT: Starting the first Wednesday after we turn the Clocks ahead (5 April 2006), we will start flying at the Brunswick Area Modelers flying field. First Theme flying night will probably be the “Frog”. Several people have already built one and 2 more should be done this week. Frank Bennett and John Curtis are just about done with theirs.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

- Daylight Saving Time in the United States begins April 2, 2006 and ends October 29, 2006
- **Date change in 2007** On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November. The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to revert the Daylight Saving Time back to the 2005 time schedule once the Department of Energy study is complete.

MEMBER PROJECTS:



- HERE IS DICK ROSENBERG WITH HIS EPP REFLEX.



- JOHN EMERY RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS F15 EAGLE. JOHN CAN'T WAIT TO FLY IT.

SLOPE SITES:

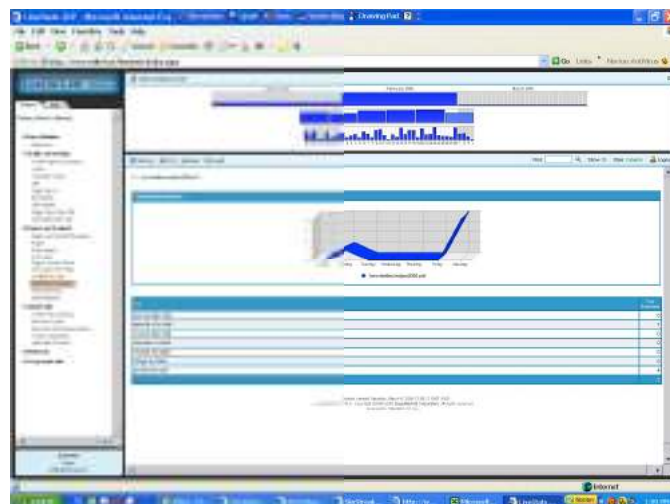
Glenn Collin's sent me some pictures of some potential slope sites in Augusta.



DSC WEB SITE STATISTICS: Mike has a program which tracks the usage of the DSC web site. For instance the chart here shows that the January newsletter was downloaded 5 times this week.

APPOINTMENT OF DSC SAFETY OFFICER:

Steve Savoie has graciously accepted (yes, it will cost me) the position of Safety Officer. I proposed Steve because I know he possesses the following qualities (Thanks Steve). And like Michael Moore said "He can swim." If you don't get this inside joke, let me know and I'll publish the picture (grin):



Finding the Right Safety Coordinator

by Amy Wilson, Special Services

ON THE SAFE SIDE

Now that AMA Chartered clubs are required to have a Safety Coordinator, AMA has created this document to assist clubs in finding the best person for the job. We already have a document of suggested Safety Coordinator duties; however, to offer additional assistance to clubs, we have come up with some suggested skills we believe will be beneficial for the Safety Coordinator to possess. The Safety Coordinator should be a person who will mentor, serve as a role model and educator and a promoter of safety awareness. He should also have the ability to assist in the development of club activities from a safety aspect and provide support in running such activities. It is important to remember that the Safety Coordinator is not the "Club Field Police," rather the person who displays a positive attitude and willingness to teach others in regards to safety at the club field.

Role Model

An important attribute for a role model to have is leadership skills. A Safety Coordinator should be someone who is very knowledgeable about our hobby, maintains high standards, and displays a

positive attitude when dealing with safety issues. If you lead, they will follow. This statement pretty well sums up how the Safety Coordinator can affect the club. A good leader, with a positive attitude who knows the ins and outs of the club rules and by-laws, will assist in club members gaining trust and respect for the Safety Coordinator. In turn, club members will have an encouraging resource to turn to with any safety issues that may arise.

Educator

Education, education, education! We can't say this enough. Many accidents and injuries could be avoided if only pilots were more educated on the aspects of safety. Start by looking at a person's interpersonal and communication skills. A Safety Coordinator who can work well and communicate effectively with the club board and members will be more effective in teaching safety than a person not as efficient in this area.

Safety Coordinators should work with the club to develop an ongoing educational plan for the club members. Offering quarterly safety meetings, special safety classes for newcomers, and any additional preventative measures the club finds necessary, would be an important step in creating an effective educational program. The Safety Coordinator would play a leading role in the development and implementation of all safety education programs and having skills to educate would be a benefit to the club.

Promoter

Promotion of safety within the club is a must and the club will want to look for a good promoter. An ideal candidate for the Safety Coordinator might be a salesman or marketing major. Salesmen promote the product they are selling, and if they have been in the profession for some time, you would assume he/she has ability in this area. A marketing professional would have a knack for promotion, as this profession would require such skills. This is not to say that someone without a background in sales or promotion couldn't effectively be a good Safety Coordinator. However, we believe someone with this type of background would be a bonus to the coordinator position. Effective safety promotion will encourage members to become more aware of their surroundings at the club field.

Final Thoughts

When choosing a Safety Coordinator, the club should find a person who will appreciate the importance of creating an atmosphere of safety. Yes, the Safety Coordinator should be responsible for promoting safety first and foremost; however, this person should not be considered the "Club Field Police" and appropriate avenues should be established by the club to handle any safety matters that may surface (i.e. proper steps for the Safety Coordinator to take could be established in the club bylaws).

Good judgment and communication skills are important for your Safety Coordinator to have. The Safety Coordinator will not make the final decision on safety concerns as normally these issues would be voted on and decided by the club board. However, the coordinator should be able to use good judgment, make decisions based on facts, and relay any concerns or observations through the proper channels so the club may make an informative decision and take any needed preventative action.

A Safety Coordinator who has the skills mentioned in this document and does diligent follow-up on safety issues will increase safety throughout the club all the while strengthening our hobby! As always, we should remember, above and beyond, Safety Comes First

For those that don't have e-mail, I sent the following e-mail to Club members:

- > Hi Guys,
- > Just ordered the following videos:
- > Soar Utah Adventure,
- > Performance Tuning,

- > Handlaunch Building Clinic,
- > RedLine Sky (full-scale),
- > Electric Revolution
- >
- > If you want me to bring any videos, listed in the Library section, to
- > the next meeting for you to check out, please let me know. The videos
- > listed as checked out by Glenn and Rick have been returned.
- >

Happy flying,
Jim

PARKZONE ELECTRIC MODELS

by Dr. Alexander Szemere, AVP AMA District II

Here is some information for all of you who may be worried about the influx of park flyers and their impact on our channels—especially after the holidays. As an aside, all of the models sold at toy and department stores operate on the 27 and 49 KHz frequencies - far from our 72MHz channel frequencies.

Horizon Hobbies is marketing a series of electric park-flyer type models under the brand ParkZone. These models come complete with a radio system installed. Some models in this line operate on 72 MHz. It's possible (expected) that some who purchase these models will be operating them at places other than what we think of as traditional model flying fields. Horizon recognizes this, and in an effort to minimize the potential of radio interference they have limited the channels these models operate to six: 17, 19, 21, 50, 52, and 54.

from the Tri County RC Club
Butler NJ
John Donnelly, editor
via AMA Insider

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April Club Meeting	Saturday, 4/8/2006	9am coffee/pastry, 9:30 Business meeting, 10:30 Show & Tell (Slope afterwards?).	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1
May DSC Business meeting	Saturday, 5/13/2006	9am coffee/pastry, 9:30 Business meeting, 10:30 Show & Tell (Slope afterwards?).	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick See Note #1

1. Breakfast starts at 9:00 in the Bookland Conference Room. The business meeting will start at 9:30 am sharp. Show and Tell at 10:30. Members are encouraged to eat breakfast during the business portion of the meeting.