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**July 2011 issue of the DSC's "Quiet Happenings" Newsletter**

**Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events**

Event	Date	Time	Location
July DSC Meeting and Fun Fly	Saturday, 7/23/2011	Electric Flying 8 AM; Business meeting around 9:30 AM and show & tell	Bowdoin flying field; by blinking light on Route 125 Bowdoin.
August 2011 DSC Business Meeting	TBD (Watch your e-mail) Late spring, Summer and early Fall meetings will usually be held at a flying field somewhere.	TBD (Watch your e-mail)	TBD (Watch your e-mail)

Note: #1 Change to an event will be announced by e-mail and posted on the DSC web site as soon as it is known. Check your e-mail before coming to a DSC event.

**DSC Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from meeting Saturday May 14, 2011

(Note: June meeting minutes will be combined with minutes from July's Fun Fly)

**MEMBERS PRESENT MAY MEETING:**

James Armstrong, Glenn Collins, John Emery, Glenn Collins, John Cheetham, Bob Berry, Bob Constable, Dick Rosenberg, Frank Bennett, John Seredynski, Fran Carignan, Pete Upton and Frank Bennett.



## TREASURES REPORT:

Acting treasurer Jim Armstrong turned over the Treasure's duties to John Emery. Special Thank You to John for performing these very important duties.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

DSC Secretary Mike Farnsworth had no correspondence but received AMA Charter and field insurance certificate with Officer Patches. Mike passed out patches to Officer's present.



## OLD BUSINESS:

### BAM INFO:

Previously John Seredynski identified that the BAM dues would have to be raised. He stated that Members in BAM will have to vote to approve any dues change.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### BRUNSWICK EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (FORMERLY BNAS) FLY IN JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>:

Bob Berry said that they were having a fly in/Open house that will be open to the public.

### MAINE AIR SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Great State of Maine Air Show returns to Brunswick at the Brunswick Executive Airport, August 26 - 28, 2011.

#### **Saturday and Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am – Gates Open (Visit the Business Aviation Expo, static displays, exhibitor booths, and more!)

10:00 am – US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team followed by Air Show performances and the **US Navy Blue**

**Angels;** 4:00 pm – Air Show Ends

## NEW MEMBER:

Potential new member Frank Powers from the Rockland area notified the Club that he will try to come to another meeting.

SLOPE FLYING IN PORTLAND: John Seredynski told the group about his fabulous



first EXPERIENCE flying slope. He had an electric powered glider and was able to fly away from any trees (grin) he got to close to. The tree in the background is an obstacle John eluded expertly. John exploited several real nice thermals, which gave him a lot more height.

## DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:

The following drawing will be added to the DSC Drawing Library for member checkout.



## DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

- Each attendee was given a free raffle ticket for a Free RC Magazine raffle.



## DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS:

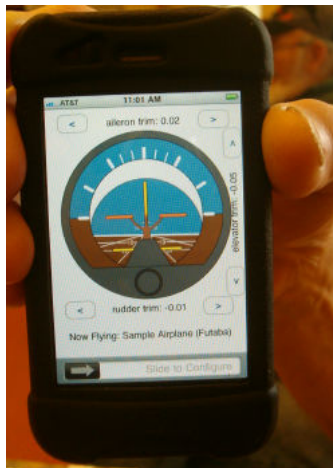
- Dick Rosenberg had a question about cutting down a prop as suggested in a kit that he is interested in building. He received advice from people that have done it.
- John Emery asked if people have tried the Hobby City 2.4 MHz orange receiver. Answer: Yes and they work great.

## SHOW AND TELL OR JUST TELL

- Spirit Elite for sale. \$75



- John Seredynski showed us an I phone program called “i fly”, that lets you fly your RC plane with the I phone attached to your transmitter.



- Glenn showed us his scratch built DHLG. He bagged a the wing, and stabs. It came out at 285 grams. Wingspan 58 inches. Next one will be 60 inches. Uses pull spring CONTROL surfaces that he will be evaluating. He showed us how he adjusts the tension on the pull pull.



- Pete Upton brought in a \$6 Antonov An-26 plane and TRANSMITTER he picked up used. He asked how to set the CG for the maiden flight. He received guidance from several members.



- Dick BROUGHT in his SST and SHOWED us the problem he was having getting the elevon working.



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

**MEETING MINUTES:** June Field meeting minutes will be combined with minutes from July's meeting/Fun Fly.

### **PIGGYBACK POWERED GLIDER LAUNCH:**

Club member Arthur Aube' sent us an e-mail on his experiences launching gliders with a large



carrier plane powered by a wet engine.

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

From: Arthur Aube

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:35 AM

Subject: Re: DSC meeting/Fly In

I read with interest your carrying aloft sailplanes with a large carrier plane. We glider enthusiasts at KVMA have been using these for a couple season now. We had four sailplane carriers in use. I say had, because two have crashed, not because of a carrying problem, but radio problems.



One of the carriers is electric powered and will easily haul up two meter sailplanes. It will not handle my Bird of Time however. One fellow used a Senior Telemaster to haul up my new, scratch-built Olympic II. I believe it was powered with a .90 four stroke. Anyway, he developed radio problems and was unable to release my glider, and also lost all control of his plane. I have included before (smiling Art) the crash picture and another with my glider ready to meet its demise.

One glider flyer purchased a Senior Kadet knockoff ARF and powered it with a strong .75 four stroke engine. It will haul anything up easily. The only problem with this type of launching is the the guesstimation of heights



*attained. It is far from uniform. So they haul them up until it looks about right. On some days, 900 feet will still only get you 2:30 minutes. Loads of fun. Wish the distance wasn't so far.*

*Monsieur A (Art Aube')*

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** to check your e-mail before leaving to attend a meeting/event as it may have been cancelled because of weather, sickness, personal conflicts or other reasons.

**Happy *safe* Flying,**

**Jim**