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DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Notice: Jim is looking at the tide schedule and trying to have them so that we can do some sloping after the meeting. He would like the thermal enthusiasts to let the Club know if they want to schedule a meeting at Minot and do some winching of gliders. The nice thing about the flexibility of the summer meetings is that all current members will be notified by e-mail or by a phone call from Jim as to when the meetings will take place or if cancelled. Also because of weather, limited attendance, Officer unavailability, etc..., a meeting can be cancelled by e-mail the night before or the morning of the meeting. So be sure to check your e-mail the morning of the meeting to see if it has been cancelled. The second Saturday meetings at Bookland's meeting room will start again in October.

DSC Meeting Minutes of June 27 2007

(As recorded by James Armstrong)

Preface: June meeting was held on Glider night at the BAM field at 6 PM. Meeting was announced by e-mail to all members and one member was notified verbally. E-mail to members said in part:

I was going to have the June meeting at Clark's Cove tomorrow but the wind is wrong (again).

So let us have the Club meeting this Wednesday night 6/27/2007 at the BAM Field. Let us have it at 6 PM. Will keep business meeting short but please bring show & tell items.

In addition, theme night for Wednesday is glider night. Will set up the hi-start just like the last 2 Wednesday nights.

Happy safe flying,
Jim

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Bennett, John Cheetham, Paul Johnson, Charlie Kerr, Fran Carignan, Bob Berry, Mike Bergerson, Ray Estabrook and Jim Armstrong.

Jim welcomed several new members: Mike Bergerson and John Cheetham.



TREASURES REPORT: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOAMY COMBAT/PYLON RACING & COX WARBIRD PURCHASE:

June Update:

- Some members took a trip to Kings Mountain RC and picked up the Cox Warbirds that had

been received to date. There were five planes still on backorder at this time, but they would be in soon. Paul Johnson drove his van. Frank Bennett, John Cheetham, and Bob Berry went with Paul. Paul showed the guys in back a Model Airplane Crash DVD to keep them quiet and it worked. On the way, Paul picked up Jim Armstrong near his son's house in Hampden. Members had fun picking up other items they needed. Kings Mountain RC has real good prices and we bought all kinds of other stuff. Everyone highly recommends purchasing stuff here. He will ship stuff too. For example, a prop would cost you 90 cents to ship in a bubble wrap package. That is what he was able to ship it for last week but postage has gone up. Still the cheapest around though.

- The prices that Kingsmountain RC gave us on these planes were fantastic. You could have bought two for the price of one.
- A couple of weeks after the above trip, Jim A. and Bob Constable picked up four more ARF Cox warbirds that were on backorder. Only one RTF Corsair is still outstanding. Picture shows Bob Constable eyeing what to buy next. As I remember it, Bob is right in front of the large assortment of CA glue. In the picture, front left, there is a nice selection of chargers. In back of Bob is a large display of covering. Bob and Jim bought a bunch of stuff. Hobby Shop is nicely stocked and has lots of stuff for everyone.



[DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:](#)

BACKGROUND:

- At a previous Club meeting, the Club approved taking the drawing out of the two Club magazines and making them available for member check out. Both Fly RC and Silent Flight International have some great drawings. Basically, it would be a shame if the drawings were thrown away. Jim recommended that the Club start a file of drawing for member checkout. Motion made, seconded, discussed, and passed. Jim is making an index as he files them in a three ring binder. The index will be published in the member only

section. It cost a lot to order drawings so this would be just another benefit of belonging to the DownEast Soaring Club

- At this meeting, Jim showed the binder and several of the drawings that were in it housed in clear sleeves. He said he needed more sleeves to house all the drawing. Members approved purchase.
- April UPDATE: Jim showed members some of the drawings that members can check out and the new sleeves they are in.
- July update: Jim has been adding the free plans that the Club has been getting from Fly RC and Silent Flight International. Book of plans was passed around at the meeting. Jim said that he would make an index of the plans for checkout and include a picture of each plane. This would allow members to see a picture of the plane so they can decide what to build. Glenn Collins volunteered to make the index and include pictures of the planes

June Update:

Jim showed members the latest construction articles and full size drawing that will be added to the Club Library.



DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

- Congratulations to the June winners who were Mike Bergerson, Fran Carignan, Ray Estabrook, and Frank Bennett.

DSC INCORPORATION:

June Update:

At a future meeting, we need to work out who maintains incorporation records and to start revising bylaws.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Tabled.

PASSING OF A FRIEND: JIM CARROLL:

June Update

- Jim A. sent out the two sympathy cards signed by Club members. One to Jim's son James Carroll Jr. and one to his dear companion and soul mate of many years, Vanessa McGrath of Portland. He added Travis Flisrand name to the cards as Travis requested.
- Jim's son sent the Club the following nice e-mail note of gratitude.

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

From: Jim Carroll [mailto:jcarroll44@carolina.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 3:16 PM

To: jamesiii

Subject: DSC Membership Information

Jim, thanks so much for the card from the club and everyone's kind thoughts.

Jim Carroll Jr.
Charlotte, NC

SIGNS FOR GLIDER NIGHT AT BAM FIELD:

Jim brought up posting a sign at the BAM field telling everyone what evening was reserved for gliders (and electricians on a not to interfere basis). People have shown up with gas-powered planes expecting to fly on Wednesday evening or to continue to fly past 5 PM the official start time of glider night. Besides not wanting to turn people away, another reason for having a sign would be to advertise to get more flyers to come out on Wednesday night.

DSC member and President of BAM Paul Johnson said a sign would be a good idea and should have all the hours so as to not be misinterpreted as only allowing glider on Wednesday nights. Gliders are allowed anytime. Everyone agreed and Jim's motion to purchase a sign from AMA was approved. Paul and Jim will work out what the sign should say and Jim will order it from AMA.

June Update:

- Jim and Paul worked up what the sign should say. Jim sent the following to AMA for them to provide a proof of the sign before it was ordered.
- At the BAM, June meeting Paul brought up what the sign was to say and that since DSC was purchasing one sign it would be a good idea for BAM to pay for one additional sign.

- Here is the third proof that AMA revised for Jim. Two signs have been ordered:



CLUB GLIDER:

Paul Johnson, custodian of the Club's glider, said he put in new batteries in the glider and the Club's radio. The Club glider and Radio now has new 2200 MaH NiMH batteries in them. Paul said the plane outfit is now ready to fly some Wednesday Glider night.

June Update:

Prior to the June meeting, we tried out the Club's glider/radio. All kinds of interference were present. We put Frank Bennett's Eclipse on channel 60 and the interference went away proving that the radio was the problem. Jim asked if the Club wanted him to send back the radio to Hitec for repair and everyone said yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLUB PURCHASE COX KITS/?:

Jim mentioned that one Club member had recommended that the Club purchase a couple of Cox warbirds for sale to members. Members felt that since every member had two opportunities to get in on the Club purchase the Club didn't need to spend any more time or expense.

BAM FUN FLY:

Paul Johnson mentioned that the BAM August Fun Fly for BAM would be the 11/12th or 18/19th of August. Stay tuned for official announcements.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Charlie Kerr brought in an aero towline for members to see. Charlie explained its use in detail. The birdie that Paul Johnson is holding in the picture keeps the line from whipping. The bungee that Charlie is holding takes up any shock. The bungee is located 20 feet behind the tow plane. Then 75 feet to the orange flag, which John Cheetham is holding. The orange flag is for visibility and orientation of where you are in relation to the tow plane.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

Wednesday night glider/electric night:

Wind, rain, clouds are what we have been getting most glider nights. Good weather has got to be coming. Cannot believe how well attended the Glider nights have been even though we lousy weather. I was coming down 295 one glider night and it rained on my windshield and the wind was up. I figured no one would be going to glider night and boy was I wrong. Latter I found out there was a nice little crowd of RC enthusiasts that showed up. Will not make that assumption again.

In fact, 5 weeks after I typed the above, on Wednesday 18 July, I called Frank a little after 5PM and told him it was raining in Topsham. He said it had rained in Freeport but was stopping. He said we should try it. By the time I got to the field the rain was subsiding.

At the field, I found Ray Estabrook, Sandy Schmidt, Paul Johnson, and Bob Berry there. Ray Estabrook was trying out his electric Foam plane designed after the one we all made as a kid out of a piece of paper. It is the one with the high sweptback wings. The roll rate was unbelievable when test pilot Sandy Schmidt flew it. So much so, that it was uncontrollable. Next step was for Ray to change the programming in the radio to

tone down the ailerons. Elevator seemed OK.

Jay Wiley, Frank Bennett, and Fran Cardigan came too. Everyone flew that night as the wind was nonexistent and the rain held up.

Just can never tell about the weather. Like they say. If you do not like the weather in New England just wait a while.

Swap meet:

If you are interested in having a swap meet, you need to let Paul Johnson know. He needs to know who will attend. What day of the week and time would be good for people to attend?

Gamblers:

- DSC treasurer Ken Mac Donald gave me a Check for the purchase of two Gambler Kits, as authorized by the Club. Allen Wright delivered them to me in NH. Thanks Allen.
- Two Gambler AG kits are available for purchase. With the Club \$10 discount and no shipping, you can pick one up for only \$65 each. Member that have built them say the quality of the kits and all the hardware that comes with the kit make it well worth the money. E-mail me to reserve yours now.

Great State of Main Air Show:

When: September 15th and 16th;

Where: Naval Air Station Brunswick, ME.

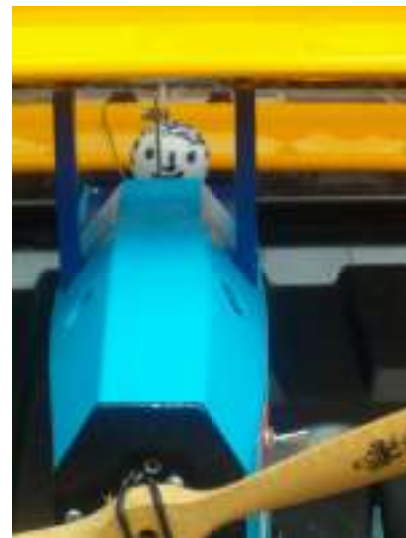
Member projects:

- Last month John Emery sent me a sneak preview of his latest creation. It is a SE5a built from Internet plans. It is made out of Blue Cor Fan Fold Foam. He test flew it and is very pleased with it. He said it flew great. John brought it to the field one Wednesday night so I got a picture of him with it this time.

Don't they fit nicely?



- John Cheetham scratch built this unique plane called the French Poodle. Elevator control is provided by the up and down movement of the Main large wing. The rudder is normal. It is modeled after a 1930 full size homebuilt plane. The person that built this one said it would actually fly inverted. He did not believe it would actually fly inverted but it did. John has a 25 amp brushless ESC in it and is using a 7 cell 2000 Ma NiMH pack to provide the power. John said he has flown it several times and it flew good. He is toning down the rudder and increasing the movement of the elevator action of the main wing in dual rate.



- Glenn Collins sent me a nice picture of a model called the JimB that Michael Moore had given him a couple of years ago. He decided to recover it and electrify it. The motor was just barely strong enough to fly it so he will be modifying that. Glenn used the tissue over doculam covering method. This is the first time for him on something so big. Take a look at the Picture. He said he is still improving the technique. Looks great to me.



- Glenn also reported that he made up something he is calling a speed stick. He used one of GWS gearbox cases and stuck a 6V speed 400 motor in it, stick fuse, a platform for a wing, reinforced with CF and glass. Using 2/3 AA batteries. Good use for some old gear. Still plenty of life in speed 400s. Glenn said it goes about 60 he would guess and flies nice, looks ugly as sin though. Real tough to land, because it doesn't slow down.
- Glenn also provided a picture of his FW-190. Ready to fly weight 4.25oz. He said these planes build fast and look good.



Glenn provided the following flight report: Just flew my Cox FW-190. Air was perfectly still. These little guys fly great on the stock motor. I'd definitely recommend these to others.

Good speed range. Could fly at half throttle. Some tip stalling in the turns, if flown to slow though. Great little plane for \$15. Look forward to racing.

Glenn

Happy Safe Flying,
Jim