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### DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
December 13th Club Meeting	Saturday, 12/13/2003	9:00 coffee & muffins, 9:30 Show and Tell, 10 am meeting.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1
DSC Christmas Party	Saturday, 12/20/2003	New Date, Time TBD	Jeff Carr's Residence. FMI: call jeff at 207.353.9096

**President's Note: The October/November meeting were chaired by VP Mike Farnsworth because I was tied up with some personal business. The October meeting was held at Clark's cove. Because of the location, weather, and other factors it was not well attended so no Club business was discussed. In the future I don't think I will schedule a meeting at Clark's Cove in October.**

**The November meeting was held at Cook's Corner Bookland. Special "Thank You" to Mike for running the meeting and typing the meeting minutes.**

### Minutes of the Saturday November 8, 2003 DSC Meeting (As recorded by Mike Farnsworth)

DSC Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2003

#### WHAT'S INSIDE?

- *MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING*
- *"T" SHIRT INFO*
- *2003 COMBAT SLOPE SOARING*
- *F3J HAND TOW CONTEST*
- *3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLY-OFF*
- *WRAM SHOW*

Attendance:  
Mike Farnsworth  
Jeff Carr  
Rick Hallett  
Larry Smith  
Charlie Kerr  
Michael Moore  
Glen Collins  
Ken MacDonald  
Dan Flynn (new member)  
Dick Rosenberg

Guests:  
Jim Jenkins  
Cody Snider (Jim Jenkins' grandson)

VP Mike Farnsworth opened the meeting at 9:30 at the Bookland Café in Brunswick, Maine.

**Treasurer's report:**

Ken MacDonald gave the treasurer's report: \$1519.69. Two people had paid for dues for the 2004 season. The members accepted the treasurer's report.

**Secretary's report:**

Larry Smith gave his usual report: No correspondence. The report was accepted.

Charlie Kerr brought pictures of the Super Albatross that he used to own. This sailplane is now in the National Soaring Museum in Elmira, NY. Charlie is in the process of writing an article about his accounts with the aircraft. He told members of how he acquired it and that it hung in his barn for quite some time. Charlie wanted to restore the sailplane to flight worthiness, but, it would have been a tremendous amount of work. The FAA inspector said that all of the glue joints would have to be re-glued. There are many joints in the fuselage since it uses a planked construction. The club hopes to publish Charlie's accounts of the sailplane on the web site. We wished Charlie good luck and a speedy recovery for his upcoming hospital visit.

## Old Business

**T-Shirts:**

Club members discussed purchasing club shirts with silk-screened logos. The shirts will be sold for \$5.00 a piece. We need a small logo for the front and a larger logo for the back. Members did not know whether the silk-screening would be multi colored. Members should submit their ideas at the next meeting. Somebody also mentioned that they would like the club to check on the price for polo shirts as well. The current cost will be as follows:

\$75.00 for 25 shirts

\$25.00 to silk-screen the second item.

\$15.00 for shipping

\$110.00 total.

The total number of shirts needs to be determined. Send an email to Jim Armstrong if you wish to purchase one, including your shirt size, so we will know how many to purchase above the 25. Remember to bring or submit your ideas for the next meeting.

**Brunswick Area Modelers Field**

The Brunswick Area Modelers Club (BAM) is in the process of completing upgrades to the runway. The runway is being flattened out. The large hump at the south end is being knocked off and widened. This should help cut down the rotor that forms from the hump. There are large areas that have been seeded with winter rye. BAM plans to continue by rolling the field more in the spring. Until the grass grows, we will have put up with the mud. In the end, it will be well worth it.

None of the club's video tapes or DVD's were lent out or returned.

## New Business

Members proposed a motion for the club to buy a popup shelter. These shelters are nice to use during contests. Our members borrowed space under one at two of the Charles River contests this summer. A shelter is also needed for our own contests and events to get out of the sun and rain. Mike made mention that non-painted carbon fiber composites tend to get very hot sitting in the sun. This can cause the resin to soften and warp the airplane. Larry Smith recommends spending the little bit extra to buy one with a cloth top. BJ's has them for sale. Members passed a motion to purchase one before the springtime. Michael Moore volunteered to put a report together for several types/sizes and the costs. He should have the report ready for the next meeting.

The BAM/DSC swap meet is on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 10:30. There is a map on the BAM site ([bamrc.org](http://bamrc.org)). By the time you read this, it will already have passed.

Mark Higgins requested that the club winches be made more available for thermal flying. At the time of the meeting, the members present did not know where some of the club equipment was (trailer, retriever, batteries).

Some of it was believed to be at Jim Armstrong's. The second winch and one of three club batteries is at Mike Farnsworth's residence. Mike stated that the second winch still needed a little work. Mark Higgins will take the winch at the next club meeting and try to fix some of the problems with it. Mike has a foot pedal that needs to be wired up for it.

Jeff Carr offered to host the DSC Christmas party after the next club meeting. The party is for all family members, so bring your wife and kids (if you have them). We may have a short combat event after the meeting and before the party. The party is always a fun time. Don't miss it. **NOTE: The Christmas Party date has been changed to December 20<sup>th</sup>. FMI call Jeff at 207.353.9096.**

The WRAM show is February 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a fun event to go to. Several members are interested in going. We may rent a van for the trip down. The usual plan is to go down on Thursday night, do the show on Friday and Saturday, and return on Saturday evening. It ends up being a nice two-day getaway to best toy store around.

#### LSF

Mike Farnsworth asked if there was any interest in members joining the League of Silent Flight. Jeff Carr said he has been a member for quite a while. They do a good job of keeping your past accomplishments. Mike is going to put a link to the LSF on our site.

#### DUES and AMA Membership

All members were reminded to renew their membership with the DSC and AMA. If you fly with us, you also need to be an active AMA member. Our club insurance covers the club and the property owner. The liability coverage does not cover us as individuals. You need to be an AMA member to ensure that you have your own liability coverage. Your web site privileges will be automatically cut off on the expiration date of your membership. You will lose access to the protected areas of the web site. Your classified ads and email address are also removed automatically as well. Please check your membership expiration date in your personal info.

The following individuals paid their dues at the November meeting: Mike Farnsworth, Larry Smith, and Glen Collins.

#### **Competition Corner:**

Our members competed in the BAF Pumpkin Fly-off. Jeff Carr won the event. Here is the email sent to the competitors from Bob Rondeau:

From: Rob Rondeau  
[mailto:bobrondo@sover.net]

The 3rd annual Pumpkin Fly-off is now history. The promised warm/dry weekend was turning into a gray and damp forecast. Sunday dawned cloudy with light winds and temp in the high 50s. All in all it was comfortable flying weather as long as the rain held off. Light sprinkles started just as we finished the pilot's meeting and drifted through on and off until noon. We managed to get two relaxed 5 minute rounds in around the sprinkles and with lunch the rain stopped and the sun poked out for a brief time to churn up the lift.

After that we flew a 6 minute round and we finished early with a 7 minute round.

Landings were the 25 foot fixed tape "in or out" used recently out in Muncie. The lift was light but dependable and about half the pilots made their times. The landings on the wet grass were more of a problem with many howls as gliders slid past the fixed tape. While I hoped the



in/out scoring would de-emphasize the landings, the short tape and wet grass made landing critical.

In the end, with some fine flying, Jeff Carr edged out Jim Tyrie (last year's winner) for first place. We quit around 2:30 and with no bad crashes, everybody seemed happy to call it a good day of flying.

Thanks to John Hayes for bringing his great winches and retrievers, and thanks to BAF Treasurer, Bruce Doing for a great job of keeping score. Also thanks to all the others who chipped in with set-up and clean-up. Next year I'm going to try to stake out the first half of October. Plan your contests around me!

1st Place,	Jeff Carr	1466
2nd Place,	Jim Tyrie	1459
3rd Place,	Bob Rondeau	1405
4,	Steve Syrotiak	1377
5,	Michael Moore	1322
6,	Ron Cichowski	1308
7,	John Hayes	1272
8,	Rich Plummer	1252
9,	Dave Hague	1040
10,	Art Faria	788
11,	Stuart Hall	676
12,	Alex Haro	252

### Combat Competition

The first three rounds of the combat competition have been flown. The rounds are 10 minutes long with no relaunch. The short time window makes the competition quite interesting. The combat wing class is very close with Mike F owning a 1 point lead over Michael M. The Warbird class is still wide open with Mike F having only 3 points.

These are the scores after round 3 of 11:

#### Contest Standings

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Rounds Completed 3 of 11

Total = Survivor Pts + (10 \* Kills)

R=Rounds Flown

Combat Wing:

MikeF\_\_ R=3 S=2 K=1 Total=12

MichaelM R=3 S=1 K=1 Total=11

JeffC\_\_ R=3 S=1 K=0 Total=1

Warbird

MikeF\_\_ R=3 S=3 K=0 Total=3

JayW\_\_ R=2 S=0 K=0 Total=0

LarryS\_ R=1 S=0 K=0 Total=0

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Edited by - MikeF on 11/09/2003 08:11:34

The combat contest results are online on our Forum. It is not too late to join. If you wish to fly, please contact Mike Farnsworth

## HLG Trophy

The DSC perpetual Hand Launch Glider Trophy was handed over to its new owner for the 2004 flying season. Jeff Carr earned the top spot in HLG for 2003. Congratulations to Jeff on his fine win. Jeff is the second person to win the trophy. Mike Farnsworth has held the trophy for the first two years of its existence. For those of you who are new to the DSC, Brian Lawrence created a metal sculpture trophy to be given out to the best HLG pilot of the year. The highest placing DSC member in all of the DSC sponsored HLG events gets to keep it for the next year. At the end of the season, he must then turn it over to the new club HLG champion. The members name is added to the base for each year won (except for Jim!).

## F3J Hand Tow Contest

This year's annual F3J contest was held on 10/18/2003 at the Minot field. We had plenty of thermals and the flight scores showed it. There were a bunch of flights which scored just shy of the 10 minute window and also got the spot landing points. Oh the carnage! Jeff was involved in 2 midairs, Michael one, Rick one, and Mark hit terminal velocity one last time. Bob Buxton hit himself on one launch, causing minor damage but forced him out of the competition early. One of Jeff's midairs ripped his V-tail completely off. When he dropped his flaps, his plane came in for an inverted, but safe, landing. It was amazing to watch. Contest pictures are available online at [archive.downeastsoaring.org](http://archive.downeastsoaring.org).

Results:

Jeff Carr: 1<sup>st</sup> place

Mark Higgins: 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Ken Leamy: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (JIM ARMSTRONG):

### SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Special "Thank You" to Mike Farnsworth for chairing the November meeting and typing the minutes.

### NEW PLANES IN THE SKY:

- Rex Olmstead should have his Mini Dave Aircraft works Combat plane flying by the time you read this.
- Steve Savoie is working on a Dave Aircraft works Me 163. The wing is together and just needs to be covered.



- Dick Rosenberg's Wattage "Camel" has a 370 geared motor with a 10 inch prop. Dick really liked several items on the plane. One was the way the wings attached to the fuselage using pins. He also thinks the wheel decals are really neat.

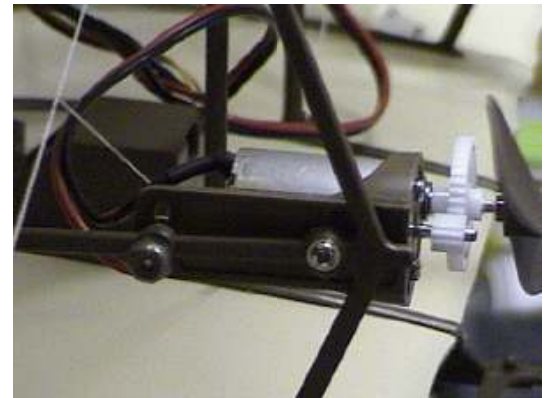


- Michael Moore is ready to cover his SAL Gambler. Check out more pictures of it in the DSC Forum.



to have its maiden flight. Ken pointed out a neat feature of the airplane. The rear of the motor is secured in a slot that lets you adjust the motor thrust.

- Ken MacDonald's "Anniversary edition Wright Flyer" is almost ready



- Glenn Collins scratch built SAL "Re-entry" looked really cool with all the flames coming off the wing. It is modeled after some of the popular SAL planes like the Red Herring and Boomer. This is the 4th scratch built



plane similar to this. Other had different airfoil, plan form, tail, etc...This one was designed to be more streamline. He built some homemade RADS that worked OK for Aileron control. Designed to be flown in light to medium (20mph) wind.

## **WEDNESDAY GLIDER NIGHT:**

Wednesday glider night has been switched from the BAM field to Ken Mac Donald's house after we moved the clocks ahead. Thank you to Ken and his lovely wife Marjorie for their wonderful hospitality. Making battery packs, exploring the best soldering techniques, and experimenting with computer power supplies as sources of power for 12 volt field chargers are some of the recent Wednesday night topics. Guests are always welcome.



### DSC/BAM RC FLEA MARKET/SWAP MEET:

Event was success. I sold my Hitec Eclipse and some other stuff. Bought a 25 OS engine and some other odds and ends. Some people sold everything they brought. Food was good as usual. Special Thank You to Marcia Johnson for the tasty stew. Also the weather cooperated this time. There was a lot of



socializing going on which added to the fun. Rich Hallett put an impromptu presentation on making brushless motors. He has been very successful making a few.



**DSC/BAM Electric Fun Fly:** People attended from as far away as Connecticut. Even though the weather was cold participants did a lot of flying. Pot Luck Cook Out didn't let anyone go away hungry. Dave Ives (left picture) and his wife Cathy came the farthest with Ernie Lachance next. Ernie got to the field at 8 AM and didn't even wait till it warmed up a little. Several have asked to keep scheduling this event and wanted one in the spring. Clyde Beaton (right picture, right of Paul Flohn who is



shown in the January issue of Model aviation, District 1, with the 1903 Wright Flyer he flew at this event) donated to DSC the 2 thermoses you see in the picture. He brought them full of hot chocolate that hit the spot.

**AMA:** Please don't forget to re-new your AMA. You can go to AMA's web site, "Membership Verificaton" section, and put in your AMA number and name and it will tell you your current status.

**Example: Membership Verification**

This page enables you to verify an AMA membership. Enter an AMA number and last name, then click the 'Verify' button.

**This AMA Membership record has been accepted with the Effective Date 10/31/2003. All applications are considered in a Temporary Status for 30 days or sooner until payment clears.**

SAVOIE (#326552) until 12/31/2004

Happy Flying,

Jim

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Membership is valid for STEPHEN W

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DSC Club Business Meeting	Saturday, 2/14/2004	9am coffee/pastry, 9:30 Business meeting, 10:30 Show & Tell (Slope afterwards?).	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick, ME *See Note #1
March 13th Club meeting	Saturday, 3/13/2004	9 am coffee & muffins, 9:30 business meeting, 10:30 Show and Tell.	Bookland Coffee Shop, Cooks Corner, Brunswick *See Note 1
April 10th Club Meeting	Saturday, 4/10/2004	9 am coffee & muffins, 9:30 business meeting, 10:30 Show and Tell.	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.



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