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Downeast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
DSC Business Meeting, Show & Tell	Wednesday 15 November 2017	5 PM	Topsham Public Library; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham
DSC CLUB MEETING, TO INCLUDE BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION/ MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP	Saturday 9 December 2017	Door open at 9 AM	Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room; 25 Foreside Road, Topsham

Note: #1 Changes to a scheduled event will be announced by e-mail to Club members. Check your e-mail on the morning of the event to see if it has been cancelled for an unforeseen circumstance.

Introduction comments.

The minutes of the meeting we had a few weeks ago and the meeting we should have on 15 November will be documented in the next DSC November.



After the May Meeting a wonderful public presentation titled: "An Introduction to Radio Controlled Model Aircraft" was given. Presenters were Mike Bergerson, Sandy Schmidt and Nathan Straz.

Mike Bergerson brought in a ton of different models to show and explain to the Public. Sandy Schmidt covered Helicopters and people said it was extremely interesting, even to those that don't fly helicopters.



And Nathan Straz covered quadcopters/drones and answered many questions. Very special "Thank You" to these excellent knowledgeable presenters.





Library May Programming and

the Crocker Gallery library announces the winners of this year's Peonice Award and the winners of the Photo Lottery. The winning artists in all categories will talk about their

Sagadahoc Lawmakers Budget Forum, May 6, 6:00 p.m.: Sagadahoc County Democratic state legislators will hold a public hearing on the Opportunity for the Democratic Budget for 2018 and 2019. The event will be hosted by Eloise Vitelli, Representative Denise Tepler, Representative Seth Berry, and Representative Jay Wright. Lawmakers will give presentations and answer questions from the public. The public is invited to attend.

Living On Discussion May 9 and 23, 10 a.m.: Interactive discussion with surviving spouses of veterans. Share obser-

ventions, experiences and ideas. Meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

• Topsham Historical Society: The Shipyards of Bath, May 9, 6:30 p.m.: Frederic B. Hill will speak on the local history of the Bath shipyards with emphasis on a prominent Topsham resident, Wildes Walker. Walker played a major role in the shipyard's downfall, and is the subject of Hill's book "Ships, Swindlers, and Scalded Hogs." Copies of the books will be available for sale after the presentation.

• Tween Reads, May 10, 5 p.m.: 6th, 7th and 8th Graders meet once a month to discuss books and eat pizza. This month's book is "The Limit" by Kristen Landon. Pick one up at the library.

• Nature Speaks Book Discussion, May 11, 4 p.m.: Join Dana Cary for this discussion group that focuses on environmental issues and what can be done on a local level.

• Downeast Soaring Club: An Introduction to Radio Controlled Model Aircraft, May 13, 1 p.m.: Learn about the hobby of radio controlled model aircraft. Introduction will include videos, presentations, Q & A and many type of models displayed including

gliders, drones, helicopters, and many types of fixed wing aircraft. Presenters will be from the Downeast Soaring Club and the Brunswick Area Modelers.

• Rare Reads Book Group, May 16, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.: A book group that discusses unusual and interesting popular fiction that meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Email emma@topshamlibrary.org for more details. This month's book is "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel.

• Men's Book Group, May 18, 4 p.m.: This month's book is "A Stranger in the Kingdom" by Howard Frank Moshier. New members welcome.

• 3rd Saturday Teen Crafting, May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Stop by the YA room on the third Saturday of each month for a casual teen crafts program. Each month will have a different craft project, spend as little or as much time as you like. No registration required. Ages 11-18 only. This month's craft is Canvas String Art.

• West Garden Patio Opening Tea, May 20, 1-2:30 p.m.: Honor Ruth Bouchard Klein's major gift and the Bouchard family's memorial benches



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Minutes of 13 May 2017 Downeast Soaring Meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members present:

Sandy Schmidt, Jim Armstrong , Mark Higgins, Mike Bergerson, Dick Rosenberg, Bob Constable, Jim Rochette , John Cheetham, John Curtis, Bob Berry Kevin Kerns, Nathan Straz, Don Coe, Steve Everett, Doug Johnson, and Paul Johnson

TREASURES REPORT:

Treasurer John Curtis provide a report on the Club treasury accounts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Mike Farnsworth was unable to attend. Excused.

From: "Michael Farnsworth"
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:00:46 AM
Subject: RE: DSC May Newsletter

Hi Jim,
Eric is graduating this weekend. I will not be able to attend.

Mike

OLD BUSINESS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We plan on continuing to cover Upcoming Events in the Old Business section of our newsletter. Members should keep their eyes open for any upcoming events and try to find out if any of the following are planned:

❖ [GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIR SHOW](#)

❖ [BAM U-CONTROL CONTEST](#)

- ❖ Sandy Schmidt handed out flyers about the BAM u-control contest.
- ❖ Mark Higgins gave Don Coe several U-control planes that were previously owned by Don Mclean.

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Art Aubé Glider/Sailplane Fly-In	Sunday, 7/23/2017	10:00 AM - Lots of Fun - We'll have sailplanes you can try!	KVMA Club Field
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ALES SOCIAL:

UPDATE- Cancelled because of weather. Event will be rescheduled.

FROG BUILD:

Background: Jim Rochette sold several Frog wings which he Heat formed on a jig in his oven. During the meeting Mark Higgins told Jim that he would like to make a Frog kit. Jim said he would get together with Mark and they could cut out the pieces.



UPDATE: Mark has all the pieces and will build it soon. John Curtis said he completed the Frog that he cut out at one of the Frog Building sessions. He hasn't flown it yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

FROG COMBAT:

Jim Rochette asked about Frog combat. It was recommend that it be combined with an ALES social. MEMBERS THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

SAFETY DISCUSSION:

Background: The club had various discussions on safety. Club's Safety Officers, who is appointed by elected Club Officers, is Tim Martel. Tim said he would like to have a 5 minuted safety discussion at every meeting. Members agreed.

Tim said: As the Safety Officer for the Downeast Soaring Club, I would like to do a conscientious job for the club, help to prevent personal injury and damage to private property while ensuring that the club is in compliance with AMA's safety regulations. I need your support in order to do my job. I don't believe in nagging but if I see something that appears to be unsafe, don't be surprised if I mention it at the field. I hope that you will understand my role and not be offended when I raise an issue. That said, I would like to begin by gradually discussing AMA Safety Regulations with members and publish them in our newsletter.

MAY TOPICS:

Topic #1 Prop safety:

--Mark told us a story about his power Club safety officer who cut **off his thumb** (Ouch)

Commented [JA8]:

--Mike Bergerson launched a pusher flying wing and the prop cut right down to the bone on his finger.

--Keven Karnes had a plane on a stand, put the throttle up, and it started to go. His first instinct was to stop it. So he tried and put his hand in front of the plane, right into the prop. Ouch. The hospital used medical quality CA Glue to keep his wound from bleeding.

Topic # Radio frequencies

--Tim reminded everybody about the requirement to have a frequency pin on their transmitter if they are on 72 MHz

-- Jims told a story about flying one of John Cheetham's plane. He flew his plane without pulling out the 72 MHz antenna. He thought it was on 2.4 MHz. The reason he thought that was because some of our radios now have 2.4 MHz modules and put them in a 72 MH radio that still have the 73 antenna on it.

== Sandy found out one time that if you pull out the 72 MHz antenna, while on 2.4 MHz you may find, like he did, that the plane may start up. In these cases, maybe we should remove any 72 MHz antenna that isn't being used.

DSC DRAWING LIBRARY:

A plan from a Club magazine was pulled out and shown to members for checkout.

DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Each member was given an opportunity to take home a free RC magazine.

SHOW AND TELL

CATALINA PBY

Bob constable told us that this plane is the UNSUNG hero of WWII. Destroyed a lot U-boats and great for spotting. Flew slowly. Bought it as an ARF. Should be a good flying plane as it fly's slowly.



ALES

Mike Bergerson showed us motor prop and esc setup for an ALES plane.



CANNED OUT RUNNER MOTOR

Mike showed an out runner inside a can.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Jim Armstrong):



DSC CHRISTMAS MEETING:

TO INCLUDE BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK BRUNCH, DSC SILENT AUCTION, MEMBER SWAP MEET, AND YANKEE PRESENT SWAP

Club approved having a DSC Christmas meeting: to include business meeting, potluck brunch, Club Silent auction/members swap meet, and Yankee present swap as we did last year. It will be held in the Topsham Public Library Highlands Community Room on 9 December 2017.

Guidelines for Yankee Swap: Yankee swap is optional. The cost of a present should be around \$5.00 to \$10.00; but can be more if you want. **So if you bring a wrapped present, you will exchange for a present.**

Members are encouraged to bring items to sell at the RC Swap. Bring lots of cash/checks if you plan on purchasing something at the Silent Auction or RC Swap shop.

Members are encouraged to bring items for the Potluck Brunch Buffet. Club will pick up coffee, cups, plastic plates, plastic bowls, spoons, forks, knives, napkins, creamer, and sugar. Let me know if Club should pick up anything else.

INFORMATION FROM JOHN EMERY

We have all been wondering what John Emery has been up to.

Hi Jim,

Sorry for having so little contact with the Club and you in particular. It has been a crazy summer for my wife and me with health issues. All is good now although I am doing physical therapy once a week for a bad back. I think I will live!! Haven't been doing a lot with models as far as flying but have been building some. Lately I have found an interest in rubber powered models, mainly fighter planes and am enjoying the stick and tissue builds. Of course, still interested in RC as usual. Anyway, getting back to the Nov. 15th meeting at 5:00 p.m., I do plan on being there. Probably not the ideal time slot for me but not a big problem either. We are staying home this year until Jan. 1st; so would expect to be at the Xmas party meeting. Haven't been for a few years and always enjoyed it. So, looking forward to attending on the 15th.

Best regards, John

*Happy safe Flying,
Jim*