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DownEast Soaring Club Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
November DSC Business meeting	November 8 th , 2008	09:30 AM	Topsham Public Library
December DSC Business meeting	TBA by e-mail	TBA	TBA
January 2009 DSC Business meeting	TBA by e-mail	TBA	TBA
February DSC Business meeting	TBA by e-mail	TBA	TBA
March DSC Business meeting	TBA by e-mail	TBA	TBA

DSC Meeting Minutes for 24 September and October 11th 2008

Note: August meeting at the Gambler event wasn't conducted because the flying was to good.

Preface: September meeting was held at the BAM field and the October meeting was held at the Topsham Public Library. Both meetings were scheduled via e-mail to each member.

-----Original Message----- **From:** James T. Armstrong III

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 7:49 PM

Subject: DSC Meeting this Wednesday

Hi Guys,

We will have this month's meeting this Wednesday night at the BAM field at 6PM during glider night. Ken isn't up to continuing with the DSC treasury duties so we will need a volunteer to

be our treasurer. Any volunteers? See ya Wednesday night.

Happy safe Flying,

Jim

-----Original Message-----Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 8:58 PM

HI Guys,

Today we got permission to hold a DSC meeting this Saturday at 9:30 at the Topsham Library. Address is 25 Foreside Rd; Topsham, ME 04086

Some of you know where Foreside Rd is as John Cheetham and I live on this road.

Let me know if you plan on attending. If attendance is too low meeting will be cancelled by e-mail.

It is important that we discuss getting an new treasurer.

Show and tell items make meetings interesting so please consider bringing something.

Get directions on Google. Just enter your location here: (link clipped)

Special Thank You to Glenn Collins, Bob Berry and Ted Stinson (Northeast Model Products) for volunteering their place for a meeting if needed.

Sincerely,

Jim

Update:

Meeting is a go for this Saturday at 9:30 Topsham Public Library conference room.

Theme for this meeting is Lipo safety, capacity, charging, storage and care.

Please bring items you want to discuss. John Ostromecky and Dick Rosenberg have new chargers that we can operate at the meeting if they bring them.

I'll bring a 12 volt battery to power them and some different lipo balancers, monitors, checkers etc...

Happy safe Flying,

Jim

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE SEPTEMBER DSC MEETING:
John Emery, Dick Rosenberg, Jim Armstrong, Tim Will, Frank Bennett,
Ray Estabrook, and Charlie Kerr.



MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE OCTOBER DSC MEETING:

John Emery, Glenn Collins, John Ostromecky, Dick Rosenberg, John Cheetham, and Jim Armstrong.



TREASURES REPORT: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

DSC FUND RAISER:

In an effort to keep dues from increasing, Jim started a Cyberspace RC Swap Meet, which is designed to raise funds through donations. RC items for sale/swap are listed in a PDF file and sent out to perspective buyers. Plan is to post the file to the DSC Web site so people can go there and view the latest offerings.

Jim sent an e-mail to Club members that said the following:

The DSC kitty is getting low so attached is an effort to help rectify that. It is a win win situation. The modelers make out by selling or purchasing a treasure and the DSC gets a donation.

The cyberspace RC Swap Meet that is attached might be a year round thing. If you see an item your interested in, contact the seller and see if the person can bring it to the Swap meet at the BAM field (if it hasn't sold yet). DSC and BAM members will have first crack at the listing, before it is sent to other Clubs etc.

Here is the text used in the Swap Meet PDF file:

Jim's cyberspace RC Swap Meet is designed for the benefit of RC enthusiasts, which are gas saving, convenience, and effectiveness in getting visibility to the RC swap item.

There is no pre-determined cost to the seller. A small donation the Downeast Soaring Club for their effort would be appreciated. Seller makes a determination based on their financial situation and final selling price. It is easy to make a donation. Options are:

- **Paypal to jamesiii@blazenetme.net**
- **Cash**
- **Check made out to the Downeast Soaring Club and sent to:**
 - **DSC Treasurer Ken Mac Donald**
 - **114 George Wright Road**
 - **Woolwich, ME 04579**

RC enthusiasts can submit RC Swap Items to Jim Armstrong's e-mail jamesiii@suscom-maine.net for addition to "Jim's cyberspace RC Swap Meet."

Items spoken for will be annotated by strikethrough. Example: DSC-1 100inch glider \$100. Eventually sold items will be deleted entirely.

Donations to the Downeast Soaring Club appreciated. Options are cash, pay pal (jamesiii@blazenetme.net) or Check made out to the Downeast soaring Club.

Update: September and October

- Jim entertained several questions about the Cyberspace RC Swap Meet.
- Several items were donated to the Club by John Emery. He brought them to a meeting at the BAM field and before 2 of the items even made it to Jim's Van they were spoken for. \$35 was raised for DSC through the purchase of 2 planes donated by John Emery. Special "Thank You" to John Emery for his generous donations.
- Jim said that he will be getting 2 glider from John Curtis and will be putting them in the Swap. Jim gave John \$10 worth of Anderson Power pole connectors and needs to be reimbursed from the sale of the gliders.
- Jim said that John Curtis dropped off the 2 glider donations to Jim at the BAM field. He took pictures of them and will include them in the RC *cyberspace Swap Meet*.
- At the October meeting Jim asked how should he handle a sale if he receives notification from 2 people on the same day that they want to purchase an item. Consensus was that it probably won't present itself; but if it does the first person that Jim finds out (by e-mail, phone etc) wants to make the purchase will get it.

WARBIRD AIR SHOW:

At a previous meeting, Paul Johnson provided information regarding the potential for setting up a booth at the Warbird Air Show that is typically held at the Portland Jet Port in September. We could potentially do some demonstration flying in a hangar at that time. Paul will give us an update as the time draws near.

Update: None

CANCELING DSC MEETING ON-LINE:

Because of the icy weather the day of the March meeting, Jim asked if it would be a good idea for Club to give the President authorization to cancel a monthly meeting, for any good reason. An Officer could send out an e-mail to members before the meeting. Members must check their e-mail before leaving for a meeting, especially during inclement weather. Change could also be posted on the DSC Website event Schedule if time is available before meeting. Members felt that it was a good idea. Nelson said that members could not afford to drive to a meeting for nothing. Motion passed unanimously.

Update: Again, Jim asked if anyone had any questing about procedure he will follow if it is determined that a scheduled meeting is to be cancelled. He read the above to give everyone

a common knowledge base.

POSTING ITEMS TO THE WEB SITE:

As a result of discussing making additions to the Cyberspace RC Swap Meet and DSC DRAWING LIBRARY and posting them, Nelson Frost made a suggestion that the originators of these documents be given the capability to post the changes to the Club Web site immediately. He said that all you would have to do is give them rights to a directory where they could upload the revised file(s). He said that is what he does on the Skystreaker's Web site. He said the last time he talked with Mike Farnsworth, space on the web site hosting computer was not an issue. Jim said he would contact the Web Master Mike Farnsworth and ask him.

Update: Mike sent Jim an e-mail and said

“Hi Jim,

I have created an ftp login for you in the site. You may upload the cyberspace file.

Also Mike said “I put the html file for the library in your directory so that you can edit it. You can download it to your computer, make changes there, and then upload the new version of it to the site.”

Thanks Mike.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIBRARY RULES.

Prior to the start of the meeting Jim read all the rules governing use of the Topsham Library Meeting Room. People should aware of all rules especially the one that states nothing will be sold on the premises and no money can be exchanged for any reason.

TREASURER ELECTION:

Previously Jim notified all Club members that Ken MacDonald could not continue as Club Treasurer. John Emery asked some questions about the secretary position. John was nominated, motion made, seconded and John Emery was voted in unanimously as DSC Club Treasurer. Special “Thank You” to John Emery for volunteering.

- Glenn mentioned that a Portsmouth member wanted to check out the drawing Flying Flea. Jim said he was glad to see members using the library.

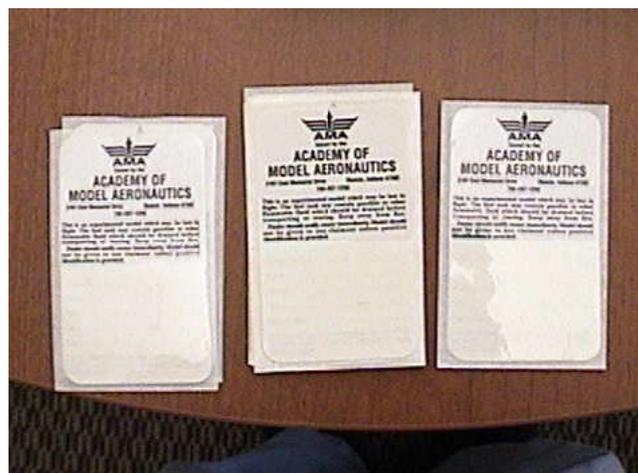
DSC FREE MAGAZINE RAFFLE:

Each attendee at the September and October won a free magazine.



AMA RULES:

One of the mandatory AMA rules is to mark your plane. Jim passed out stickers designed to provide a neat way to mark you plane with a lot of information.



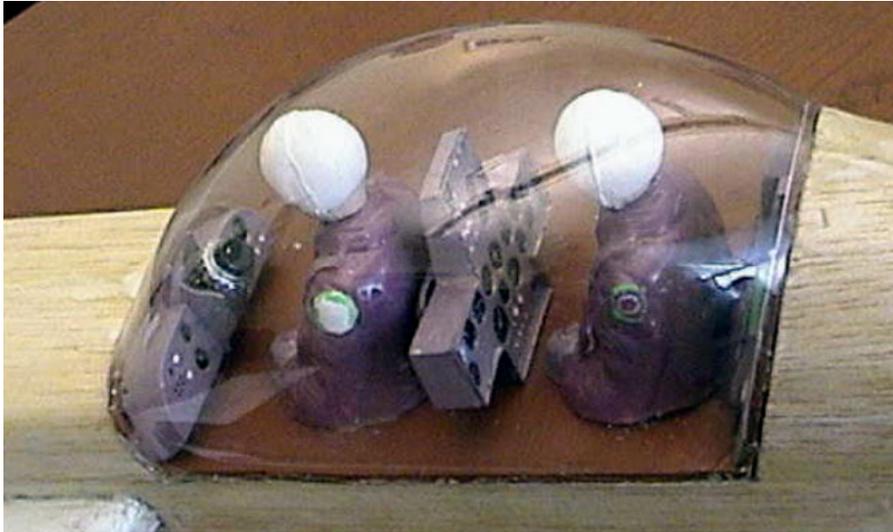
GLIDER THERMAL SOARING: Dick Rosenberg would like to see some more thermal soaring on Wednesday nights. Could have some Theme nights on Wednesday night for some hi-start gliders. Discussed getting some interest in doing some thermal flying on a weekend. People are encouraged to find some local flying areas in which to do some thermal flying.

INDOOR RC FLYING: Glenn Collins stated that the indoor flying on Sundays at Unity College is starting on October 11th. Time is from 9 to 11. Get-togethers are usually scheduled about every 2 weeks. Glenn Collins will send Club members an e-mail as to when items are

scheduled.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Dick Rosenberg displayed the Scale short kit that he is building.
- Wing is a little over 2 meters. Has spoilers, ailerons, flaps, retracts, Rudder Elevator. Dicks first attempt to glass all the balsa.



LIPO DISCUSSION:

After our short business meeting, we had show & tell and then Jim led a discussion on Lithium batteries. Topics example included:

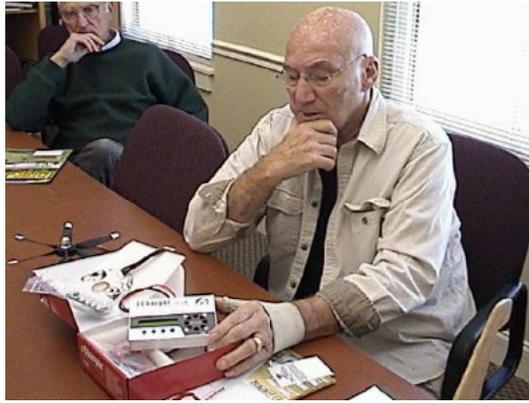
- Safety (Or how not to get \$1000 from AMA like Frank Bennett did because

of a fire in his car.

- Charging difference of the 3 types of Lithium batteries. Lithium Ion (3.6v), Lithium Polymer (3.7v) and A123 Life (3.3).
 - How to purchase 1100ma A123 batteries for \$6 a cell
 - How not to crash 2 planes on A123 batteries like Jim did.
 - Show 2 state of the art chargers that are designed for all types of batteries including A123. Also show cycling functions and more importantly their STORAGE charging functions.
 - Show lipo cell diagnostic meter
 - Show Lipo balancers and discuss their use.
 - Show Lipo balance chargers from \$12 to \$125 and how to use them
 - Show Lipo safety charging sacks and why they are required.
 - Show Lipo battery monitor meter and show it use.
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- John Emery brought in a cell pro from FMA direct. It will charge 4 cell batteries. It has a fast charge mode. It is an auto charger. All you do is plug the battery balance plug in an everything else is automatic.



- Dick Rosenberg brought in an iCharger that charges 1 to 10 lipo, and nimh, nicads and lead acid cells.



(JIM



ARMSTRONG):

Club Treasurer: Special Thank you to Ken Mac Donald for doing a wonderful job as Club Treasurer for many years.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GLIDER/ELECTRIC NIGHT:

Wednesday night Glider/Electric Night continued to attract a lot of flyers, both from DSC and BAM

Club member projects: Will include some details of member building projects in the next newsletter. Several good ones to report on.

Happy Safe Flying,
Jim