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From the President:

It was moved and voted unanimously that during the summer of 2008, every weekend will be gliders only. No power planes will be allowed. I think this is a bold move for the club and one that will make some people very happy and some people not so happy. I have several gliders including the one I just finished, a discus launch glider called Gambler AG. I wrote about it last month. You may have seen the picture posted. There is also a link to more pictures on the website. If you have any pictures you would like to post, e-mail them to me and I will put them on the website for you.

Make sure you get your dues in by the end of this month or you will be cut off from the website, you will not receive the new gate combination, and you'll have to pay the \$10 initiation fee again if you renew late (after March 31, 2008).

I haven't heard from our newsletter editor for several months. I assume that he is no longer able to serve in that position. If someone would step up and handle the newsletter, it would be much appreciated. It can be as little as printing the one page that I produce each month and mailing it to the members requesting a mailed copy to actually developing, producing, and distributing a full fledged newsletter, or anything in between. I am not going to tell you that it will take little of no time to do, however, you can control the amount of time you put into it. If no one wishes to take on the task, I will continue to publish my one page on the web for easy access. There will be no mailings unless someone volunteers.

Now that you have been stewing for a few minutes I can tell you that there were 3 members present at the last meeting. One person made the motion and voted on the gliders only proposal. Of course, the motion was passed by a majority of members present, but it doesn't pass the stick test (if you throw enough against the wall...). In today's world with gas prices so high along with everything else in addition to some meetings falling on holidays and bad weather, I can understand why people do not attend meetings. It could be just a general trend of cutting back. The last couple Downeast Soaring Club meetings were sparsely attended as well. If the trend continues, we may want to modify the club by-laws to allow meetings every other month or not at all during the Winter. If you go to the next meeting, we can talk about it. If you don't attend, you will not have a voice in what the club does. Of course, you can always communicate your desires to a club officer via internet or snail mail to bring to an actual meeting. I hope all is well with everyone and the winter projects are coming to an end. Spring is just around the corner.

Thanks, see you at the next meeting,

Nelson.

Next meeting: March 13, 2008 7pm. Downstairs, AmVets hall, New Gloucester, Maine

Send in your articles or pictures to be included in the Newsletter.

Bring along a project, finished or ongoing, to the meeting for show and tell. Building hints and tips are also welcome. Keep it short and sweet. Printed handouts of the information would be handy. Phil said we only have a couple more weeks of winter.
Think Spring!