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The next meeting will be held on March 6th, 7:30 PM, at St. James Academy. There will be a Board of Directors meeting at 7:30 PM, March 20th, prior to the flying session.

Please renew your BASS membership. A 2003 renewal is on the inside back page.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is the last issue which will be automatically mailed to BASS members.

Because of the high cost of producing and mailing the newsletter, BASS members have decided to post the newsletter on the BASS Web Page and limit free distribution of paper copies. Additional information is contained in the club minutes.

Beginning with the April Issue, members can download a copy of the newsletter from the BASS website at www.soarmd.org. If you want a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the editor at the phone number or email address on the lower left section of the cover, or by mail to the return address on the back cover. There will be no charge to receive a paper copy for the remainder of this year. However, a charge to offset the production and mailing cost will be added to future membership dues for those opting to receive the newsletter in paper form.

If you have questions about the new distribution policy, please contact a club officer, or

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY, 2003 MEETING

Gary Sober, Secretary

As a snowstorm began to brew outside, the February club meeting was convened on February 6, 2003 at St. James Academy at 7:45 with 14 members present as Don Vetter brought the meeting to order. With us tonight as a guest was Geoff Graff who has been flying indoors with Randy Kleinert at the Bykota Senior Center.

Although there was no January newsletter, the January minutes were approved without reading them at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Tony Guide's treasurer's report indicated that there is currently \$309.39 in the Rec. Council account. Additional dues have been turned in tonight which will be credited to next month's figures.

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MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2003 MEETING - *Continued*

Old Business

ECHLC

The East Coast Hand Launch Classic (ECHCL) is scheduled for May 4th and 5th 2003 at the field at Villa Maria. Due to new ESL dues structure in which \$2.00 per entrant (up from \$.75) has to be sent to ESL, it has been decided to increase the entry fee by \$2.00 per day. Kevin Sharbonda will make the change on the entry form on the club website ASAP. Those already paid prior to this change being made will not be asked for additional money.

Also remember, it's not too early to think about volunteering to help at the contest.

NEWSLETTER

We are in the process of changing to 'electronic publishing' of the club's monthly newsletter. The newsletter will now be posted on the website for review or download and printing by each club member. This is being done to reduce the cost of publishing and postage. A sample newsletter has been posted on the website at this time with a link to download the needed Adobe Acrobat 4.0 reader. Don Vetter asked that we all attempt to download the newsletter and report any problems that may be experienced. Note that the newsletter may take a long time to load depending on computer speed, memory, internet connection etc. Next month's newsletter may be the last one distributed to the entire membership by the post office. As of next year anyone wishing to receive the newsletter by mail will be asked to pay an additional charge above the amount of the dues to handle the copying and mailing cost. The actual fee is still to be determined. No charge will be assessed this year to those wanting the mailed newsletter, but we are all encouraged to go electric to help the club save money. There are many advantages to the new electronic format aside from cost. On the online example you will see some great crystal clear color photographs, which will add a lot to the enjoyment of the already outstanding newsletter.

Al DeRenzis said a few words about the recent BASS Annual Awards Banquet held at Rudy's 2900 in Finksburg last month. The banquet was attended by 28 BASS members, their families and friends. The weather was significantly better than last year when a snow storm kept many away. Al reported that at the last moment and after we had all paid, Rudy raised the cost. Al said the amount was not much so he absorbed it. Thanks Al!!!!!!

New Business

Contest Director Erich Schlitzkus announced the dates for the first few Open Contests of the 2003 season:

March 23 Sun @ Villa Maria

April 13 Sun @ Villa Maria

May 10 Sat @ Polo Field

June 14 Sat @ Polo Field w/ cookout families and friends invited(details to follow)

Erich said that the club would need 2 new 12v deep cycle batteries for the winches prior to the March contest

A discussion was held about having a 'Nostalgia' contest next season. The response to the idea was very good. By waiting till next year everyone would have time to build a proper nostalgic plane.

He also mentioned that he would like everyone to have an opportunity, (read.. twist arms), to be a CD for a day and give everyone a chance to run a club contest.

A reminder that Saturday March 8, 2003 is the date of the big flea market in Lebanon, PA.

The Frederick Flea Market is Saturday April 12.

The Toledo R/C show is April 4, 5, 6

The WRAMS show in New York is February 21, 22, 23 with the RCMB running a bus trip as usual.

No 50 / 50 raffle drawing was held tonight

Show and Tell

Pete and Erich brought in some 'home videos' of the Nats and flying the slope at Chickie's Rock and Cumberland. The NATS video featured commentary by Pete and Erich as we viewed the new AMA facility in Muncie, Indiana, as planes launched and landed, some in unexpected places or fashion, and starred Erich in the Hand Launch Golf Tournament. Thanks guys.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 and we proceeded to the Gym for some indoor flying as the snow continued to fall outside.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2003**Gary Sober, Secretary**

A meeting of the BASS board of directors was held at 5:30 at the St James Academy in Monkton prior to the regular club meeting. In attendance were Don Vetter, Al Derenzis, Erich Schlitzkus, Gary Sober, Tony Guide, Kevin Sharbonda, and Randy Kleinert.

A discussion of the payment of the insurance premiums for the BASS fields was first on the agenda. Only the Polo Field and Villa Maria will be covered this year. No insurance will be obtained for Walkersville. Cost is \$60.00 per field.

ECHLC

A revision of the entry fee will be needed to offset the larger amount which will need to be paid to the ESL for each entrant. The ESL fee has increased from \$.75 per flyer / day to \$2.00 per flyer / day. It was decided to raise the entry fee by \$2.00 per day. The entry fee will go up from \$15.00 per day to \$17.00 per day and a two day pre paid discount rate will be \$28.00, up from \$26.00.

Kevin will revise the entry form on the website to reflect the new rates.

We will go ahead and notify other clubs that usually send participants such as CASA, BARCSS, CRRC etc. In addition an e-mail flyer will be sent to the ESL and other appropriate publications and taken to the WRAMS and other shows.

o save some money we will not produce and give out t-shirts or hats this year. The club treasury cannot support the expenditure at this time. We discussed making buttons or stickers this year.

Many of our sources for raffle and door prize items have opted not to donate. We need to get moving on collecting stuff ASAP.

Erich suggested raffle money collected this year would be used to purchase items for next year to make the raffle self supporting.

Contest format will remain the same since ESL points are awarded and the format must conform to the ESL requirements.

NEWSLETTER

A discussion was conducted regarding conversion to an electronic newsletter to be placed on the web site in lieu of copied and mailed. A sample is on the website now as a .pdf file which can be viewed using Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.0. A link on the site allows you to download Acrobat.

Currently the newsletter costs \$1.17 (10 page) each to print and mail. A 12 page newsletter costs \$1.25 each. In addition we currently send out 25 newsletters to non-members, clubs, LTRC, Polo Club, Stella Maris, hobby shops, vendors, etc. A list of these 25 recipients was reviewed and many were deemed of limited value.

Some of the recipients should still continue to receive the newsletter in any case.

It was decided that beginning next year, 2004, an additional fee, covering the cost of printing and postage, will be attached to the dues if you wish to receive a printed and mailed newsletter. Everyone will be asked to notify Randy Kleinert and let him know if you will accept an e-version of the newsletter by February 27, 2003.

DELTA DART EVENT

Al reported that the event was very successful and would be worth doing again.

CONTEST DATES

Erich announced the first series of Open Contest Dates

Sunday March 23 - Villa Maria

Sunday April 13 - Villa Maria

Saturday May 10 - Polo Field

Saturday June 14 - Polo Field with club cookout

It was proposed that one contest date be a 2 meter contest and count toward club championship. Only poly ships with no landing devices will be allowed. Landing task would be in or out. This may help get some less active flyers out for the club events and feed off of the success of the Sovereign Contests.

We need 2 new 12v deep cycle batteries for the club winches. The cost will be \$80 - \$90 each. Retrievers also need new line.

We need to do a better job of coordination to make sure equipment gets to all the club contests. We had some Sovereign events where we did not have a retriever, which slowed things down considerably.

The next board meeting will be March 20, 2003 at St James @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

CONTEST CORNER

Erich Schlitzkus

As I am writing this column, it's snowing but soon it will be Spring! That means warmer weather, thermals and the start of a new club contest season. As tradition dictates, the first contest will be at the end of March at Villa Maria. I will be the CD for the first contest but will ask other people in the club to CD. Hopefully this will allow others to learn and build confidence as CD's if called on someday. I hope to see old and new faces at the field this season.

Contest calendar

March 23 - Sunday at 10:00 am @ Cal Ripken Jr Field

April 13 - Sunday at 10:00 am @ Cal Ripken Jr Field

May 10 - Saturday at 10:00 am @ Polo field

East Coast HL Classic Registration Form

Please Note Price Increases

Please fill out the following form and mail it, with payment, to the registrar John Appling.
Registration deadline is April 30, 2003
There will be no on-field registration!

NAME: _____ AMA #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: day _____ evening _____

E-MAIL: _____

FREQUENCY: FIRST CHOICE: _____ SECOND CHOICE: _____ Limited to 2 flyers per fr

CLASS (check one): EXPERT: _____ SPORTFLYER: _____

FEES: \$17.00 for one day \$28.00 for the weekend

Saturday 5/4 @ \$17.00 Sunday 5/5 @ \$17.00 weekend @ \$28.00

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Make payable to BASS

REGISTRAR: John Appling, _____

LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM RECREATION COUNCIL

FACILITIES PERMIT

SITE: Villa Maria DIAMOND(S)/FIELD(S)#: Upper Field FACILITY: Cal Ripken Jr. Field
DAY(S): Everyday TIME(S): 10 AM-DUSK
DATE(S): March 31 to Dec. 31, 2003
TEAM/ORGANIZATION NAME: B.A.S.S. Balto. Area Soaring Society
CHAIRPERSON/LEADER'S NAME: Donald Vetter
ADDRESS: [Redacted]

RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1. Athletic facilities and diamonds are not to be used when wet or muddy conditions are such that fields or diamonds might suffer any type of damage.
2. Adequate supervision must be provided by the user to insure good order and protection of property.
3. BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE 18-2
(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverages on any public property...
(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any alcoholic beverages in an opened container...
(C) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor...
4. Sites are not to be used for personal financial gain to any individual or group of individuals.
5. Teams are requested to leave athletic fields in clean and orderly condition.
6. No bottles are to be brought on or near athletic facilities.
7. No motor vehicles of any sort are to be driven onto school grounds.
8. Permission for the use of facilities can be withdrawn immediately for any rule infraction or by giving the group advanced notification.

Authorizing signature [Signature] Date: 8/16/02

Kris Mervine, L.T.R.C. Community Supervisor
121 Ridgely Road
Lutherville, MD 21093
410-887-7684 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. weekdays

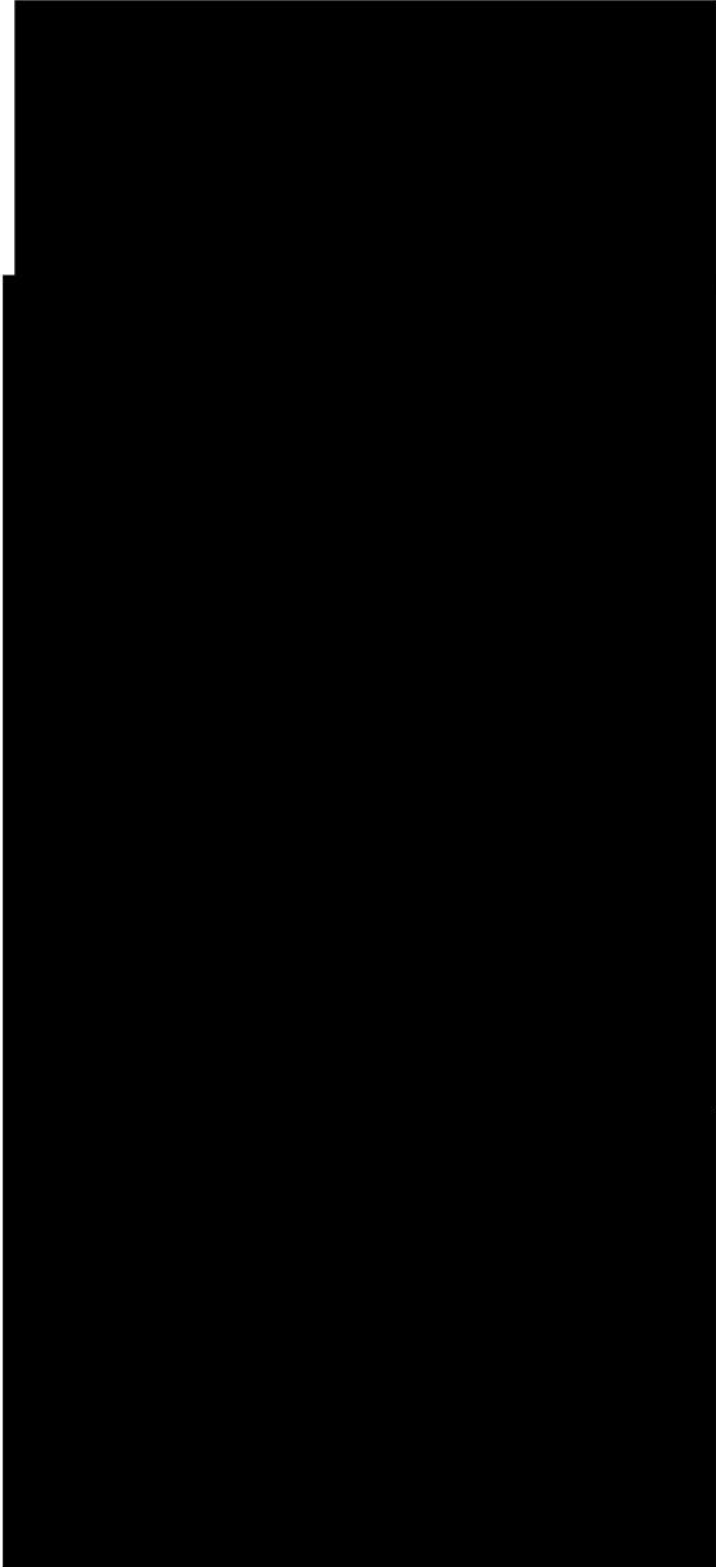
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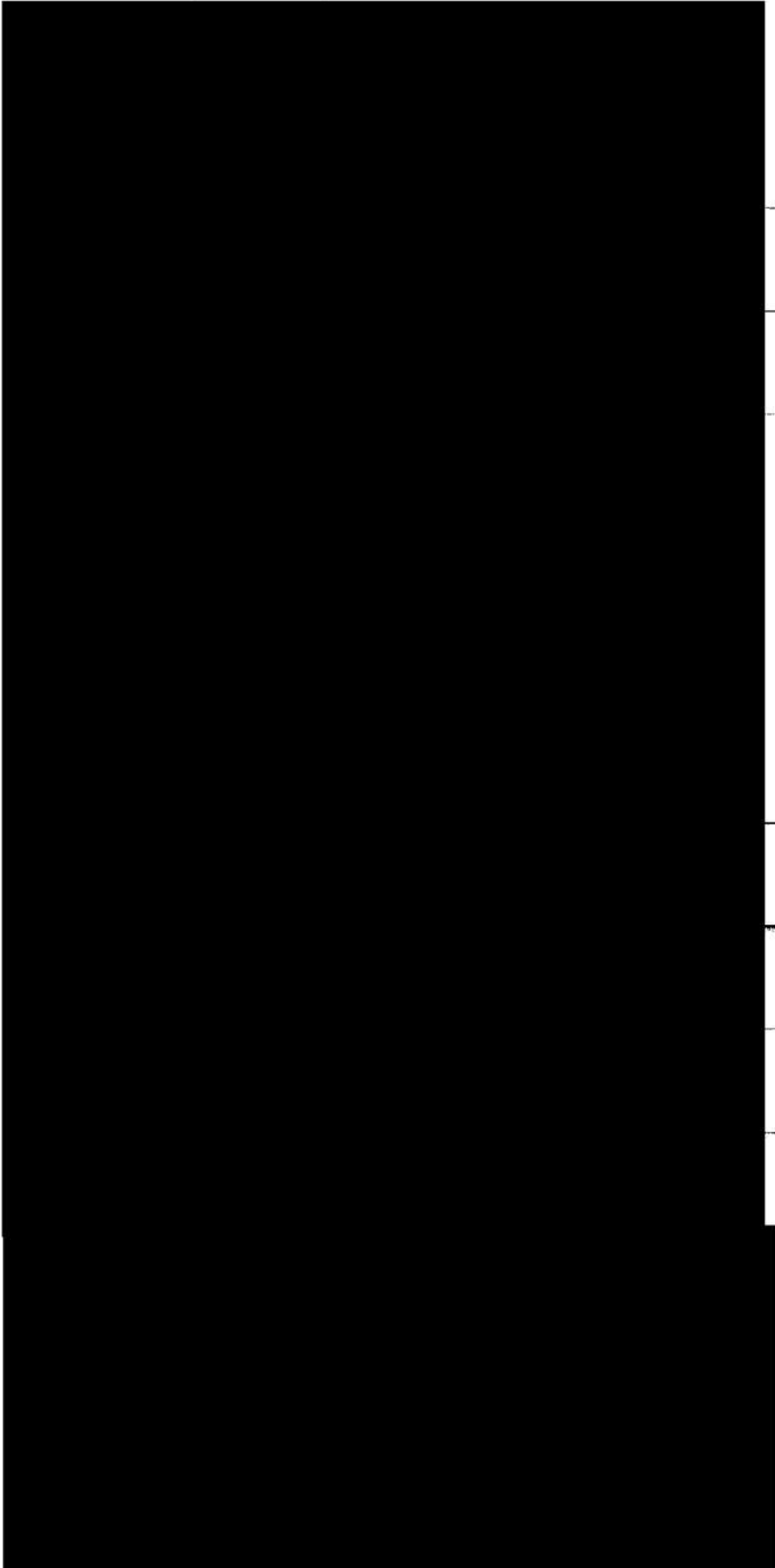
You must share area with other sports if there are conflicts.

Villa Maria\B.A.S.S. Villa Maria Field.doc

BASS ROSTER

The BASS Roster is printed several times a year. Please check your information and report any changes to Tony Guide

Name and Address	Phone	Frequencies Used	AMA Number
		19, 06	7010198
		15, 25, 21	422549
		35, 32, 34	468539
			736323
		22,38	50284
		18	324543
		24, 55	573089
		04,06	5315
		17	573592
		38, 48, 52	91153
		22, 25	54814
			12028
		16,26	14422
		48	44960
		54,49	2578040
54, 12	2578055		
24, 44	131372		
53,26,16,18	16117		

Name and Address	Phone	Frequencies Used	AMA Number
		54	619709
		08, 46, 43, 32	174144
		19, 53	54331
		38, 43, 52	54330
		30, 32	238331
		45, 14, 36	649130
		52	649105
		55	67543
		31, 25, 54	448515
		17	545858
		57, 60	456593
		42	15934

Polo Field Reminder

BASS is very fortunate to have access to the Maryland Polo Field for contest and sport flying. The back field has a new set of goal posts. They are made in the old traditional way, with wooden slats. BASS members are reminded that the posts should not be moved. Also, be sure to keep the entrance gate locked.

INDOOR FLYING

Towson: Friday evenings, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, The Bykota Center, on Joppa Road, just North of Bosley Avenue. For details contact Randy Kleinert [REDACTED]

Monkton: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM or following BASS meetings at St. James Academy, November - March

Washington: The National Building Museum, 4th and F Streets, NW, April 6th. contact Randy Kleinert [REDACTED] for attendance requirements, your name must be submitted advance for entrance and parking permits.

Buy and Sell

STUFF REDUCTION SALE!

SR X440 electric sailplane with motor, prop, spinner, ESC (with BEC) and 2 servos. All installed. Two 7-cell batteries. Complete and undamaged. Plug in your receiver and fly.

New price for all above was \$439.95. Will sell all for \$200.

Precision power supply, B & K model 1601 Two meters on panel, volts and amps. Ranges .05, .2, .5, 2.0. Original list price was \$395. Your price \$100.

Regulated power supply, Radio Shack brand, 12 volt, 3 amps. \$20.

Amprobe Rotary Scale Snap-Around Model RS-3 multimeter, case and operating instructions \$50.

Variac, General Radio. Input 120 volts, output 0-140 volts. This is the real McCoy, perfect for foam cutting. \$75

Digipace, Ace, with trickle feature. \$15.

Delta Peak Charger, Kyoto model 1845. Needs repair. Free to whoever buys an item above.

TG3 beginner foam plane new in the box -\$40.00

Spirit kit -partially finished - \$35.00

Rolls of Plastic Cote \$5.00/roll, purple, yellow, red and white

Battery paks - 2 for wingo \$10.00 each

Bob Trimble, [REDACTED]

All new JR radios;

JR 378, 7 channel computer digital trims four 537 servos, complete set with slimline very small 7 channel R700 receiver, 8 model memory, many mixes capable, trim memory . great price \$295.

XP 652 airplane, comp radio set 6 channel 5 models \$230, XP 662 airplane, comp radio set 6 channel 6 models \$210

XP 631 airplane, comp radio 6 channel 3 models \$190, XP 631 airplane, comp radio set 6 channel 3 models \$190

8103 JR Radio, Channel 59. Sailplane version 2 JR 341 micro servos. Excellent Price.

Kestrel 2 Meter RES Sailplane, JR Servos, Hitec Receiver Nikon F70 autofocus with Nikon

28-80 zoom lens, excellent built in flash on camera. complete set \$280.

Bernie [REDACTED] Call for details

SHADOW, 2M fiberglass fuselage, wings balsa covered foam \$110 With 6 installed servos \$199. Mike Miecznikoski

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2003 Membership Application

Full memberships are \$30.00. Junior memberships are \$12.00, and associate memberships are \$18.00. If you would like to join BASS, or have not renewed, please take a moment today to write out a check and send it in along with a copy of this application. Please complete all information.
 2003 promises to be another award-winning year for BASS. Be part of it!

Personal Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (WORK): _____ PHONE (HOME): _____

AMA NUMBER : _____ (Valid 2003 AMA Membership is required)

LEAGUE OF SILENT FLIGHT & LEVEL (if _____

PRIMARY RADIO FREQUENCIES USED: _____

PRIMARY PLANES FLOWN: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER: _____


E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE): _____

Signature: _____

In what areas of the club would you be interested in becoming involved? _____

How can BASS help you? _____

Please return this application with a check or money order payable to BASS.

SEND To:  Mr. Tony Guide
[Redacted]

BASS EVENTS

Mar 6 7:30PM BASS Meeting, St. James Academy
Mar 20 7:30PM Indoor Flying, St. James Academy
Apr 6 10:00 AM Indoor Flying, National Building Museum

BASS Meetings are being held at St. James Academy, 3100 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111
Directions to St. James Academy are at <http://www.saintjames.org>

BASS Contests start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Be at the field 1 hour early to help set up contest. Fun flying after events. Spectators and

SOARING SCENE

May 3-4 BASS HLG
May 17-18 SKSS 1 Newark, Delaware
May 31-June 1 LASS Lancaster, PA
June 14-15 BRASS Waynesboro, VA
June 21-22 BARCS HLG
June 27-28 LISF 1 Syossett, Long Island
July 12-13 DBSF Reading, PA
July 19-26 AMA / LSF NATS
Aug 2-3 SKSS 2 Newark, Delaware
Aug 9-10 CRRC Soar-In Sudbury, MA
Aug 16-17 South Jersey
Sep 6-7 CASA Open Warrenton, VA

*** Denotes Eastern Soaring League (ESL) sanctioned event.**



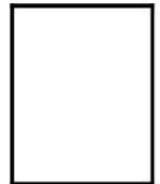
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