



# BASS NEWS

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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.

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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](http://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.

BASS NEWS is a membership newsletter published 11 times each year by the Baltimore Area Soaring Society, a Gold Leader chartered club (#492) of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Subscriptions are available via first class mail to non-members. Newsletter editors are welcome to reprint any article or portion of this newsletter provided that credit is given the author and BASS News. Article submissions are encouraged and should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month. We prefer submissions in either ASCII or Microsoft Word format, however other formats including printed or typed material are welcome. We reserve the right to edit any submission.

**MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2003 MEETING - *Continued*****Old Business****ECHLC**

The East Coast Hand Launch Classic (ECHLC) 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 to early to think about volunteering to help at the contest.

**NEWSLETTER**

We are in the process of changing to 'electronic publishing' of the clubs 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, 2308 Albert Rill Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074 410/374-2463**

**LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM RECREATION COUNCIL****FACILITIES PERMIT**SITE: Villa Maria. DIAMOND(S)/FIELD(S): Upper Field FACILITY: Cal Ripken Jr. FieldDAY(S): Everyday TIME(S): 10 AM-DUSKDATE(S): March 31 to Dec. 31, 2003TEAM/ORGANIZATION NAME: B.A.S.S. Balto. Area Soaring SocietyCHAIRPERSON/LEADER'S NAME: Donald VetterADDRESS: 11624 Jerome Ave. HOME PHONE: 410-256-3220White Marsh, MD 21162 WORK PHONE: 410-216-2972**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. Damage to fields will result in permit revocation. Do not remove mud or sweep water from the diamonds.
2. Adequate supervision must be provided by the user to insure good order and protection of property. Program organizers must assume liability for any damage.
3. **BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE 18-2**  
(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverages on any public property, or property used by the public in general.  
(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any alcoholic beverages in an opened container on any public property or property used by the public in general.  
(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.
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 Kris CervenkaDate: 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

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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

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

**B A S S R O S T E R**

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

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### 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 (410) 931-0094.

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 (410) 931-0094 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.

Bill Cavanaugh 443-535-0220, BillCavan@aol.com

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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, (410)-667-1549

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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 (410)-296-0321 Call for details

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SHADOW, 2M fiberglass fuselage, wings balsa covered foam \$110 With 6 installed servos \$199. Mike Miecznikoski  
(410) 668-8775

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# Baltimore Area Soaring Society

## 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  
115 S. Shaffer Drive  
New Freedom, PA 17349

## **BASS EVENTS**

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

## **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 Syosset, 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

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**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**

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

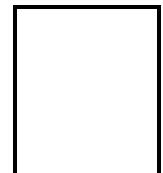


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