



# Bullsheet

NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

FROM THE PRESIDENT

## View from the Flight Deck...



Spike Enck

I want to congratulate the incoming officers and directors who were voted into office at the November 1st membership meeting. The following members will officially start their tour of duty on December 1: David Dyer, president; Jim McCoy, vice president; Simon Willcox; secretary and Ed Ricker, treasurer. The

board now consists of Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Jeff Beuttell and John Thibault. Thank you all for volunteering your time to fill these slots to guide our club in the coming year.

As I type this message for the last time, I'd like to look back and see what the board and our membership accomplished to continue the success of our club.

Financially, we ended the year in the black and were able to transfer \$500 to the Board Reserve to replenish the funds spent for the mower and porta-potty. This year's donation to the Standish Kiwanis Club of \$250 was an increase over the prior year.

Our membership of 57 includes seven new senior members and two new junior members as well as one returning member.

The student training program included six trainees of which four received their wings and two are still in the process. A special thanks to Head Instructor Bill Lairsey and instructors Elliott Randall and Dan DeSena for their time commitment to continue the success of the program.

In August, the club received news from the FAA that our Green Road location was approved as an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) and the Kiwanis Beach location application is under review.

All our planned events were completed and my thanks to all who were responsible for making those events a success.

Thanks go to Jim McCoy, our newsletter editor, for preparing the club's monthly Bullsheet and event flyers with a very professional touch.

Lastly, I want to thank the board for their support and time spent ensuring that the club ran smoothly and our financial goals and legal requirements were met. A special thanks to our outgoing secretary, David Wend, whose job it was to record our meeting minutes and distribute all the information that kept our club members informed.

Hopefully, all of you have marked your calendars for our annual *Family Banquet and Awards Night* on Wednesday, Decem-

ber 6th at The Club at Riverside, Riverside Golf Course in Portland. The cash bar starts at 5:30 with the buffet dinner beginning at 6:30. The meal will feature roast beef, baked haddock, chicken Parmesan, vegetable medley, garden salad and dessert. Also, there will be a great raffle with a grand prize. Tickets are \$31.50 per person. Make sure you have reservations in the mail to Ed Ricker by November 27th. Registration forms were sent to all members, and you'll also find one on page 4 of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and see you at the banquet on December 6th.

*Spike*

## 2023 Club Events



**Family Banquet & Awards Night**  
December 6 (Registration on Page 4)

[Visit our events page...](#)

RAY &  
ROBIN'S

HOBBY CENTER



# Board of Directors Meeting

11/1/23 AT 5:30PM AT RAY & ROBIN'S HOBBY CENTER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Spike Enck, David Wend, Ed Ricker, Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Jeff Beuttell, Dan DeSena, Jim McCoy, and Simon Wilcox.

**CALL TO ORDER: 17:30**

**Board Meeting Minutes:** All members present voted to accept the October board minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed presented the board with the October financials and reported that the club's membership remains at 57 seniors and 2 juniors.

Spike asked for a vote to transfer \$500 from funds available to the Board Reserve, which was approved by all present. It was agreed that \$500 would be transferred annually to build up the Board Reserve ahead of the Club's next major capital expense.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**President's Report:** Spike presented an addendum to the club's lease with the solar farm which included a map delineating a no-fly zone near the solar farm which will be posted at the clubhouse. There are two black posts beyond the curve in the road which also mark the boundary. The solar farm rep has observed where we fly and saw no close calls.

Spike mentioned that the porta-potty was drained and padlocked for the winter and will reopen in late April or early May.

**Events:** Props Family Banquet and Awards Night to be held on December 6 at the Club at Riverside, Riverside Golf Course, 1158 Riverside Street in Portland. Cash bar starts at 5:30 with a buffet dinner being served starting at 6:30. Price is \$31.50.

**For the Good of the Club:** Elliott reported on his further investigations on the possible purchase of an AED (Automatic External Deliberator). They tend to run about \$1200 - \$1600 plus add-ons. To be effective, CPR qualifications would also be required.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 18:22**

*David Wend, Secretary*

## 2023 Executive Board



**Spike Enck**  
President

[CONTACT](#)



**David Dyer**  
Vice President

[CONTACT](#)



**Ed Ricker**  
Treasurer

[CONTACT](#)



**David Wend**  
Secretary

[CONTACT](#)

## 2023 Board of Directors

Jeff Beuttell      Elliott Randall  
Tony Blanchard      Jim McCoy  
Dan DeSena (EX OFFICIO)

**FIELD MARSHALL**  
John Thibault

**WEBMASTER**  
Bill Lairsey

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**  
Jim McCoy

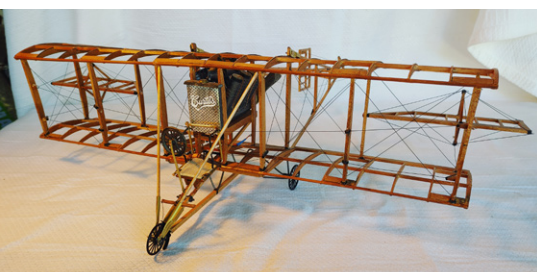
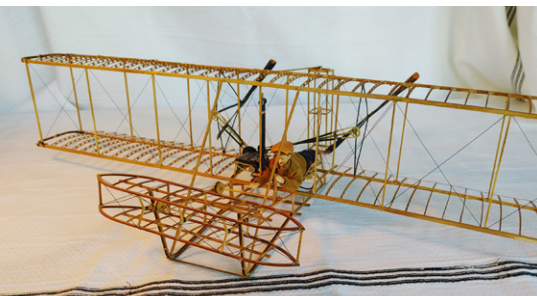
**CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**  
Bill Lairsey

## Museum Worthy!

Propsnapper Dave Cyr's static models of the 1903 Wright Flyer and the 1912 Curtiss Model D Pusher have been accepted for display at the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Owls Head, Maine. Each model will be exhibited next to its full-scale counterpart in the Owls Head collection.

If you've never been to the museum, now you have a wonderful reason to make the trip.

[Owls Head Museum](#)



# Member's Meeting

11/1/23 AT 6:30PM AT RAY & ROBIN'S HOBBY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: 18:06 WITH 16 MEMBERS PRESENT



**Meeting Minutes:** All members present voted to accept the October member's meeting minutes as written.

**Treasurer Report:** Ed presented the members with the October financials and reported the board's decision to transfer \$500 from Funds Available to the Boards Reserve, which will be reflected in the November Financials.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**President's Report:** Spike reiterated the need for the club to steadily fortify the Board Reserve after depleting it just short of \$5,000 for the new tractor two seasons ago.

Spike stated that the club received an addendum to our sub-lease which includes a map for a no-fly zone which

extends beyond the curve at the far end of our road along the tree line towards the solar farm. The zone is further demarcated by two black posts. A map will be on display at the clubhouse.

The porta-potty was drained and padlocked for the winter and will reopen in late April or early May. A FRIA application for our Kiwanis Beach location has been submitted to the FAA though the AMA.

### 2024 Executive Board

President: David Dyer

Vice President: Jim McCoy

Treasurer: Ed Ricker

Secretary: Simon Wilcox

### 2024 Board of Directors

Tony Blanchard, Elliott Randall,

Jeff Beuttell and John Thibault

## Sky Streakers 50th Year Event:

Ray LaBonte informed the group that the Sky Streakers want to invite all the local clubs to an August 4th weekend District One Fly-In to celebrate the Streaker's 50th year at their current field. So far, planning includes a couple big name pilots in attendance, a movie night, professional catering and events for all skill levels. Ray suggested that if the various clubs could each provide a volunteer to participate in the planning meetings and report back, a higher level of District One enthusiasm could be maintained. Next meeting is scheduled for November 18th.

## MEETING ADJOURNED 19:47

*David Wend, Secretary*

## 2024 IS COMING SOON!

# No Meeting in December

Starting last year, December's member meeting is replaced by our Family Banquet and Awards Night...so, there will not be the usual board or member meeting next month. The typical meeting schedule will resume in January and continue into the spring when we take a break for the summer.

Below is a tentative meeting schedule for the early part of 2024. Meetings take place downstairs at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center in Falmouth on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the evening. Members will be notified about the details in advance via email and in the newsletter.

**Wednesday, January 3**

**Wednesday, February 7**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Wednesday, April 3**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

# Will Pointer Earns His Wings

Propsnapper member Will Pointer of Biddeford earned his solo certification on November 2 while training with club head instructor Bill Lairsey using an E-Flite Super Cub. Will began his training on June 1 and had a total of only five flight sessions due to work commitments (he is a psychiatric nurse at Maine Medical Center).

According to Bill, "Will put in many hours at home on his Real Flight simulator. Since he couldn't make it out to the field all that often, he really worked hard on the simulator and it was reflected in his flight performance."

Will is very excited to continue his learning and hopes to meet as many Propsnapper members as possible. He will receive his solo certificate and a well-earned handshake at the club's Family Banquet and Awards Night on



December 6. Be sure to say hello to Will if you see him at the banquet or the field.



2023  
Family  
Banquet  
and Awards  
Night



**Wednesday, December 6**

**The Club at Riverside**

Riverside Golf Course  
1158 Riverside Street  
Portland, ME 04103  
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**Cash Bar at 5:30PM**

**Buffet Dinner at 6:30PM**



▼ Please detach and return this completed form with your payment ▼

Here's an opportunity for you, your spouse and family members to celebrate the Propsnappers 2023 season in style with great food, drink and good conversation!

Tickets are \$31.50 per person (don't forget to invite your main squeeze!) and can be reserved by **completing the coupon below and mailing it with your check by Monday, November 27.**

Make your reservation today!

Contact Spike Enck at 207-240-7246 or hunter34@maine.rr.com if you need more information.

2023 Family Banquet & Awards Night

# Reservation Form

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$31.50 = total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND**

Tickets are \$31.50 per person.

Please complete this form and return it with your check (payable to Propsnappers, Inc.) to the address below:

**Ed Ricker  
PO Box 1214  
Standish, ME 04084**



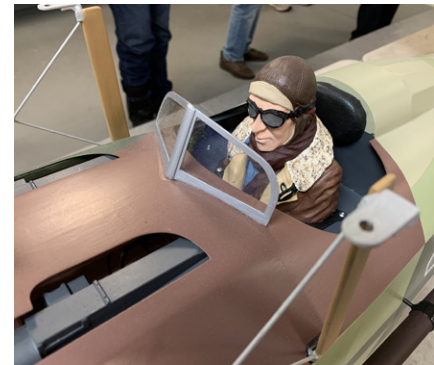
*Please mail by Monday, November 27...Thanks!*



## CLUB MEETING SHOW-AND-TELL

# An Abundance of Talent

Club members attending the November meeting at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center were given a real treat during the show-and-tell portion of the evening. Peter Flanagan and Jay Wiley each brought completed projects that were simply amazing. Pete's quarter-scale SPAD XIII fuselage and Jay's Curtiss JN-4D "Jenny" were wonderful to see up-close and we all had great fun asking detailed questions of the builders about construction and flying experiences.



**Above:** Peter Flanagan's quarter-scale SPAD XIII was built from a Balsa USA kit, taking two winters complete the model. Pete explained the covering and painting process in great detail. It has flown once thus-far as he wanted to make adjustments before putting the insignias on and adding few other details to finish it off.

**Below:** Built from an Aerodrome Models kit designed by Dick Watz in 1988, Jay Wiley's Curtiss JN-4D is approximately one-eighth scale with the top wing measuring 66 inches. Weight with battery is 6.8 pounds. Jay is using an E-Flite Power 25 with a 3S 3300 battery. Construction started mid-May and first flights were in September. It has had about 10 flights so far.





# About the Propsnappers



The Propsnappers R/C Club of Greater Portland was incorporated in 1963 to promote and encourage the hobby of building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft. We are a non-profit organization that holds monthly meetings, sponsors flying events throughout the summer and maintains a flying field for the use of our members. The Green Road field entrance is located at 61 Running Hill Road in Scarborough, ME.

[Club Website](#)

For more information about our club, including membership and directions to our flying field, please visit our website at [propsnappers.org](http://propsnappers.org) or click the link above.

## JUST A REMINDER

# Entrance Gate Procedure

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY** - We are permitted to keep the gate swung open while we are flying from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Last one out closes and locks the gate.

**ON WEEKENDS** - The gate must be swung closed but left unlocked by putting the chain over the gate.

*In either situation make sure the padlock itself is locked on the chain so it does not disappear. Thanks!*

## WORTH A LOOK!

# Bill Lairsey's Hanger Sale

Propsnapper member and club flight instructor Bill Lairsey is looking to thin out his hangar and claims "The price will be right!"

With his long involvement in the hobby, there's no telling what treasures might be in store for an interested modeler. Bill indicated that he has so many items that a photograph would not do justice to the collection. So, he's looking for folks to contact him to set up a visit to his Portland home to check things out for themselves.

Call Bill at 207-650-1761 or email him via this [link](#) and he'll work with you to schedule a time.



[Email Bill...](#)

# Jetport Weather

Wondering what it's going to be like at the field tomorrow? Just bookmark the link below to see the latest info from the Portland Jetport.

[PWM Weather Conditions](#)



# Bullsheel

NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

The Propsnappers Club Bullsheel newsletter is published approximately six times a year to keep members up-to-date on club activities. Comments, suggestions and contributions of content are welcome. Please feel free to [EMAIL THE EDITOR](#).

This and other club great event photos courtesy of Ann Blanchard.

