



September 2016

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NEXT MEETING
October 5th

PORTLAND PROPSNAPPERS Charter #871

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The end of summer, a bit like New Year's, brings with it the warm glow of reflection as well as new hopes for the next time around. No doubt, the weather was the best we have had in years. No pesky fog, no day after day of rain. And for sure, the flying was great and plentiful. But there is a lot left undone. That long talked about hike. The vacation to paradise. A smooth and upright exit from a snap roll followed by the perfect hammerhead. Heck, even flying absolutely straight and level the length of the field – it's difficult!

I read an excellent book this summer, *Grit - The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, by Angela Duckworth. The author, in a convincing nerdy and analytical way, uses two formulas [talent x effort = skill] and [skill x effort = achievement], to explain and predict things such as how likely it is that a cadet will drop out of West Point. How it is that many mediocre students with grit ultimately surpass those with loads of innate talent. How this grit trait can be learned. No doubt you see where I am going, how one *might* use "grit" to become a better RC pilot. Next year. Yep, next year those hammerheads WILL be conquered!

We had a lot going on this summer - the W4W/Open House, Warbird Fly-in, Ball Park RC Fest, and two educational classes at Ray and Robbins. Thank you everyone who organized, sponsored, and participated in these club activities. And this fall we have plenty of good flying left, including the Fall Float Fly September 17 and 18.

It seems early to be considering this, but in only one month we will set our slate for next year's officers and board of directors. This is a great club and I am hopeful you will consider running for a position. After all, this is YOUR club and it is quite rewarding to lend a hand in its operations.

See you on the field.

Dan DeSena
President, Propsnappers RC

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BOD MINUTES (page 1)

BOD meeting called to order 17:28

Members present, Cal Haines, Dave Cyr, Bill Oliver, Tom Noonan Dan DeSena, Bill Reeve, Jim Knight, Mike Fasulo

Election of new officers Monday October 3 is deadline for membership at large to nominate 9 or more candidates, Sunday October 23 is deadline for ballot distribution to general membership, Wednesday November 2 elections of new officers. A poll was taken of the current BOD as to who is running again. Dan DeSena President no, Dave Cyr VP yes, Tom Noonan Sect. yes, Bill Oliver Treasurer no, Mike Fasulo BOD yes, Jim Knight BOD no, Bill Reeve BOD yes, Bill Groves absent.

Liability Waiver – It's in the process of being rewritten. First revision, reduces the number of parties exempt from liability. Suggested changes, add flight instructor exempt from liability, revision date to be added. Suggested changes will be made and it will be reviewed again.

Membership Committee Members, Chair Mike Fasulo, Tom Noonan and Bill Oliver. A discussion on procedures to bring a new member into the club. Membership Committee should meet with prospective member and review policies, club rules, safety, by laws, AMA registration and FAA registration etc. A new membership packet needs to be developed with a check list to make sure everything is covered.

Banquet – Dave Cyr, Set for October 12, 6PM at the Clarion Hotel in Portland. Same location as last year. Other locations will be explored for next year.

Car Window Stickers – Bill Reeve informed us the landfill wants to be able to identify club vehicles. The BOD voted to get pricing on window decal sticker with our logo. Dave Cyr is looking into.

Short Term Membership Status – Dave Cyr suggested having a short term membership available. A discussion was had and BOD felt that the current policy works fine. 3 visits and must be accompanied by a current member and have current AMA and FAA status. No fee.

Facebook – Lenny Tiedwell originally put us on Face Book. Go to Face Book search Propsnappers RC Club, more discussion to follow.

Other – Bill Oliver reported expenses are up and revenue is down. 62 paid members. Budget discussion tabled to October meeting. We need to think of forms of other revenue besides membership dues.

BOD Meeting Adjourned 18:34

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GENERAL MINUTES (page 1)

General Meeting called to order 18:37

14 members present, no guests

Tom Noonan, Secretary read the minutes of the May 2016 meeting and they were accepted as read.

Dan DeSena, President read the Treasures Report – 62 members, 8 fewer than last year. Budget discussion will be discussed at a future meeting

Jet Rally – Ray Labonte gave discussion on promoting the event and how club volunteers are used and compensation to the club for their time. Still could use additional club help.

Wings for Wishes Review – Dave Cyr, it was a good turnout. 2'd annual event. There were more free raffles. We made \$1,000 for Make A Wish. Everyone enjoyed. Dave volunteer to head up for next year.

War Bird Fly In – Tony Blanchard, Great day, huge turnout. Many photos taken by Tony's wife. Brought out people we usually don't see. Great job Tony.

Ball Park Stadium Fly In – Mike Fasulo, our club had a good turnout. A few showed from Skystreakers. No boats the pond dried up. Only a few cars. Great static display by Jim Knight. Ray and Robins, Burt brought down quite a bit of displays from the store. Dan had fun flying his Beaver into a light pole in left field. Turned out OK Cal found 2 baseballs rescuing the Beaver. Mike did a great job MCing on the mic.

Summer School Classes – Bill Lairsey and Larry Ventura gave a class in June. Bill did pattern flying and Larry did 3 – "D". Well received and all in attendance learned a lot. August Mike Fasulo did an electric power class discussing wing types, selecting motor and speed control, battery, etc. Great class we learned a lot of useful information. Mike's handouts were recently emailed to all.

Fall Float Fly – Bill Reeve, scheduled for Sept 17/18 and it's good to go.

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GENERAL MINUTES (page 2)

New Business

Trucks and Gate at Landfill Bill Reeve informed us the landfill wants to be able to identify club vehicles. The BOD voted to get pricing on window decal sticker with our logo. Dave Cyr is looking into. Land fill informed us that Monday thru Friday from 7 to 4 when you drive in you can leave the gate open as long as there is a person at the field. When the last person leaves the gate must be closed and locked. There is a lot of truck activity at the landfill. A No Trespassing sign has been put up to the right of our path to the field by recommendation of Scarborough Police. By putting up the sign it gives anyone not a member notice that they are trespassing and police will take notice. We are also registered at Scarborough Police and Rescue of our location in case of any emergency.

FPV and Experimental Aircraft – Rules are posted at the club house and again everyone was informed there must be a dedicated spotter able to fly the aircraft.

Election of Officers – Upcoming election of offices was reviewed. Open positions, President, Treasurer, 2 or perhaps 3 Board member positions are open. We are looking for nominations. According to our bylaws nominations have to be in by Oct. and election is Nov.

Other Business – Frank Maguire noted that our Web site needs to be updated with FPV information. Should our constitution and bylaws be on the web site? Further discussion and it was agreed our web site needs updating.

Bent Prop Award – There were so many to choose from but it was unanimous that Larry Ventura should win the award. Was flying one lap at field when his plane suddenly had no response and went straight down nose first into the ground. Upon impact it started smoking and caught fire. Our Propsnappers volunteer Fire Dept. quickly responded with our fire extinguisher and after several attempts finally put the fire out. The plane was a loose after melting. Eye witnesses reported “it was spectacular”!

Meeting Adjourned at 20:01

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Propsnappers Award Banquet



Place



Clarion Hotel. 1230 Congress St. Portland Me. 04102

DATE: Oct 12 th 2016.From 6 PM to 10 PM Bring A Guest.

Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 Awards at 7:00 PM

It will be a Buffet set-up

Buffet Menu

Wild Rice and Roasted Pine Nut Stuffed Chicken with a Mushroom Cream

Baked Stuffed Haddock with Cream Lemon Butter

Sauteed Beef Tips with Peppers and Onions

All buffet style served with salad, rolls and veg. of the day.

What's nice about this is that you can enjoy some of all the entrees! .

Total for everyone is **\$35 per head.**

If you plan on attending please send your money to Treasurer

Bill Oliver

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"Every year, at our banquet, I put together a video with great pictures and videos, our planes, having fun and yes those mishaps that lead us back to the hobbyshop. I couldn't do that without you, our members.

So please send me your pics and vids to Treetopflyer2@gmail.com". **Thanks , Dave**



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SHOW & TELL

We are now having 3 categories, ARF, Kit Built, and Scratch Built.

Scratch Built – Frank Maguire was the only entry in the scratch built category. He brought in a WWII Stuka that he built from plans from RC Modeler Magazine. He built it 10 years ago. Wings are sheet balsa covered with mono coat. Took a winter to build. Powered by a 53 4 stroke engine. Canopy was formed by a home built vacuum system for mold the contour. Great job Frank.



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This Day in AVIATION HISTORY:

End of War

V-J Day: With the signing of the Instruments of Surrender, World War II comes to an end after 6 years, 2 days of total war. At least 78,000,000 people lost their lives.



In the top photograph, American warplanes from Task Force 38 fly over *USS Missouri (BB-63)*, the ship aboard which the documents were signed by the Japanese delegation and Allied military leaders, anchored in Tokyo Bay, 2 September 1945.



Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and General Yoshijimo Umezu, accompanied by their staff, present themselves to the Allied Forces for the surrender of the Empire of Japan, at Turret II, USS Missouri, 2 September 1945.

Engine with wings

3 September 1932: At the Cleveland National Air Races, James H. ("Jimmy") Doolittle won the Thompson Trophy Race with his Granville Brothers Aircraft Company Gee Bee Super Sportster R-1, NR2100. At the same time, he set a FAI) World Speed Record over a 3 kilometer course, averaging 294.42 miles per hour (473.82 kilometers per hour). The highest speed attained by Doolittle during his four passes over the 3-kilometer course was 309.040 miles per hour (497.352 kilometers per hour).

The Gee Bee was a purpose-built racing airplane. It was a very small airplane, with short wings and small control surfaces. It gained a reputation as a dangerous airplane.



The Gee Bee Supersportster R-1 was a single-seat, single engine, low-wing monoplane with fixed conventional landing gear. It was 17 feet, 6 inches (5.334 meters) long with a wingspan of 25 feet (7.620 meters) and height of 8 feet, 2 inches (2.489 meters). It had an empty weight of 1,840 pounds (834.6 kilograms), gross weight of 2,415 pounds (1,095.4 kilograms) and maximum take-off weight of 3,075 pounds (1,394.8 kilograms). The air-cooled, supercharged, (22.021 liter) Pratt & Whitney Wasp T3D1 single row nine-cylinder engine produced 730 horsepower at 2,300 r.p.m., and drove a two-bladed U.S. Smith Engineering Co. adjustable-pitch propeller with a diameter of 8 feet (2.438 meters).



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