



# BULLSHEET

PORTLAND PROPSNAPPERS Charter #871

Annual Holiday Party  
Wednesday December 6th



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November 2017

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<b><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u></b> BILL REEVE      BOB DEXTER LARRY VENTURA      MIKE FASULO		<b><u>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</u></b> Richard Dowzall e-mail me at rdowzall@gmail.com	
<b><u>WEBSITE WEBMASTER</u></b> BILL LAIRSEY		<b><u>CLUB FIELD MARSHALL</u></b> BRUCE RENY	

Election results are in and we congratulate and welcome our new President, Bill Lairsey, and our new BOD member, Jim Knight. We thank outgoing BOD member Bill Reeve for his tireless work, and thank our returning officers, BOD members, and BullSheet editor for their continued service. Thank you, Bruce Reny, for many years of service as Safety Officer, and congratulations, Bill Reeve, on your appointment to that position.

As my tenure as President of the Propsnapper RC Club nears an end, I look back at some of our recent undertakings with a chuckle (such as our vain attempt to level the field), and others with pride (installation of a deluxe charging station). Those who know me well know I thrive on tinkering, contriving, building, repairing, and generally "messing around with projects." RC airplanes are a perfect canvas for such endeavors. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside a group of guys who celebrate similar versions of the same affliction. Passion for a hobby is a rare thing these days, but it is alive and well within the members of the Propsnapper RC Club!

I feel I have made a lot of friends and it has been a pleasure working with you guys. Thank you. As Bill Lairsey takes the reins, I am confident he, too, will find it to be a gratifying experience.

**Dan DeSena**

Pres., Propsnapper RC

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BOD MINUTES

## BOD Meeting

Called to order 17:30

**Members Present** – Cal Haines, Dave Cyr, Spike Enck, Tom Noonan, Dan DeSena, Bob Dexter, Bill Reeve, Larry Ventura.

**Guest** – Bill Lairsey

**Christmas Party** – Mike Fasulo is heading up and it will be Dec. 6 at 6 PM Ray & Robins Hobby Shop basement. There will be no meeting that night. We need an accurate head count so please respond via email to Tom Noonan, Secretary at [tnoonan@maine.rr.com](mailto:tnoonan@maine.rr.com) before Wed. Nov. 29th. Skystreakers are invited to attend. \$10 for Skystreakers club members only. A budget was set up of \$350 for food plus \$10 each for Skystreakers club members. Raffle and gift cards. \$100 total, 6-\$10 and 1-\$40 card.

**Culvert Safety** – A new member fell into the culvert at the parking lot path to the club house. He was not injured. A discussion was had about putting up borders at each end of the path at the culvert leading up to the club house. Several ideas were discussed. A motion was made to paint the culvert pipe at each end with orange paint as a warning and keep the grass and weeds cut in that area to better define the culvert. Motion passes.

**Other** – Bill Reeve brought up the Skystreakers field is closed for the season and suggested we invite them to fly at our field with a member present until Dec. 31, 17. Motion as made to accept. Motion passed. Dave Field, Skystreakers Secretary will be notified by Tom Noonan of this decision.

We now have a light in the club house running off our charging system.

Bruce Reny our Club Safety Officer resigned effective immediately. Bill Reeve was appointed Club Safety Officer in the interim.

Dan DeSena was thanked by the BOD for his 2-years of outstanding service as President of the club.

Meeting Adjourned – 18:30



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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

## General Meeting

Called to order 18:40

12 members present

**Treasurers Report** was read and accepted as read.

**Secretaries Report** was read and accepted as read.

Bruce Reny has been in the hospital. We will send him a card. Get well Bruce.

**Funky Fun Fly** was held Oct 7. Everyone had fun. Hot dogs were great. Thanks Dan for organizing.

**Annual Banquet** was held Oct. 11 Food was great everyone had an enjoyable time. It turned out to be a little more expensive than we anticipated. 28 attended. It was suggested to check out other venues such as the Italian Heritage Center and check costs for next year. Tom Noonan will look into and report back. Bill Reeve brought up recognizing wife's who attend. We have given them a rose in the past.

T-shirts or Polo shirts with club logo was discussed. Tabled for future discussion.

**Election of Officers** was held with the following results:

**President** – Bill Lairsey

**Vice President** – Dave Cyr

**Treasurer** – Spike Enck

**Secretary** – Tom Noonan

**BOD** – Bob Dexter

**BOD** – Larry Ventura

**BOD** – Mike Fasulo

**BOD** – Jim Knight

Thank you all for your service and running for office.

**Annual Dues** - \$60 for the coming year are payable anytime now. Mail check to our Treasurer Spike Enck  
17 Heritage Lane  
Scarborough, Me. 04074

The gate combination will be changed on or about Jan. 1, 18. New membership card will be mailed out with new combination after payment of your dues. Please include your current AMA number on your check.

Bob Dexter will chair a committee to explore selling gift packages which will include membership to our club, AMA and flying lessons. More info to follow.

Bruce Morse will extend the shelf on the new charging station to accommodate more chargers.

**Bent Prop Award** – Goes to Bill Lairsey for a broken prop.

**Show and Tell** – None

Meeting Adjourned 19:32

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## This Day in AVIATION HISTORY:

### High Speed Bomber.....

25 November 1940: Glenn L. Martin Company's test pilot William K. ("Ken") Ebel, co-pilot Ed Fenimore and flight engineer Al Malewski made the first flight of the first B-26 Marauder, Army Air Corps serial number 40-1361.



The B-26 was a twin-engine medium bomber designed with high speed as a primary objective. Production of the new airplane was considered so urgent that there were no prototypes. All aircraft were production models. When the B-26 entered service, it quickly gained a reputation as a dangerous airplane and was called the "widowmaker." The airplane had relatively short wings with a small area for its size. This required that landing approaches be flown at much higher speeds than was normal practice. With one engine out, airspeed was even more critical. Some changes were made, such as a slight increase on wingspan and the size of the vertical fin and rudder, and an emphasis was made on airspeed control during training. The Marauder had the lowest rate of combat losses of any American bomber.

### Wooden Wonder.....

25 November 1940: De Havilland Aircraft Company's Chief Test Pilot, Geoffrey Roal de Havilland, Jr., and engineer John Walker, made the first flight of the DH.98 Mosquito prototype, E0234, at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England. The multi-role combat aircraft was constructed primarily of layers of balsa covered with layers of birch, then a layer of doped cotton fabric. It was powered by two Rolls-Royce Merlin V-12 engines.



The DH.98 had been predicted to be 20 miles per hour faster than the Supermarine Spitfire, but was actually much faster. In testing, the prototype reached 437 miles per hour. The construction materials took advantage of plentiful supplies of wood, and also made workers who were not in the standard metal aircraft industry able to take part.

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