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NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND



2026 Events

- Field Clean-Up Saturday, April 11**
Rain Date / April 18
- Spring Fly-In & Club Meeting Saturday, May 2**
Rain Date / May 9
- Spring Float-Fly May 16 & 17**
Saturday & Sunday
- Summer Fly-In & Open House Saturday, June 20**
Rain Date / June 27
- Warbird & Fun-Scale Event Saturday, July 18**
Rain Date / July 25
- Fall Float-Fly September 12 & 13**
Saturday & Sunday
- Fall Fly-In Saturday, October 3**
Rain Date / October 10

NOTE: The two Float-Fly event dates are now confirmed! The Swap Meet will be added to the schedule shortly.

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From the Flight Deck

With our Numb Thumbs event behind us and the weather tracking towards warmer days (fingers crossed), most of us are anticipating the opportunity to get back to flying and enjoying each other's company at the field. Springtime often brings rapid change, and it turns out that some challenging changes have also recently occurred with our club.

At the end of February I received news from David Dyer that he needed to resign as Propsnappers president due to on-going health challenges that made it increasingly difficult for him to execute his duties. I met with him at his home in Bath last week, and he is in good spirits and hopeful that new medications will set things right again. I want to thank David for his time serving as vice president and then two+ years as our president. He intends to pay us a visit at the field as soon as he is able. I ask that we all keep David's recovery top of mind over the coming weeks and months.

Because of David's news, I met with the rest of the board to discuss how best to proceed. As vice president, I offered to assume David's role for the balance of the 2026 season and my appointment received full support via an email vote of the sitting board members. We consider this vote to

be in-line with club by-laws with regard to filling board vacancies. I appreciate the board's confidence in my appointment and I intend to serve our club and its membership to the best of my abilities.

Prior to David's news, we accepted John Thibault's resignation from the board as well as his position as safety officer due to personal conflicts that made it difficult for him to attend meetings and events on a regular basis. Like David, John served us very well and we thank him for everything he did to support our club. I hope to continue to see him at the field as he always made my time there enjoyable.

So...over the next few weeks we need to fill my former position as vice president, one open board seat as well as the safety officer's role. I encourage all members to consider tossing their hat into the ring as I've learned first-hand that serving in club leadership is both rewarding AND fun!

Keep up your airspeed!

Jim McCoy

2026 President
Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland



Jim McCoy



Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2026 at 5:30PM - Ray & Robin's Hobby Center

This meeting was called by Jim McCoy to discuss the resignations of David Dyer and John Thibault and the process of filling their board vacancies as per our by-laws. With one board member not available for the meeting, a quorum was not achieved for passing binding decisions. What did occur was a conversation about how we might move forward to fill the vacant board spots

Jim McCoy, Spike Enck, Peter Sarvas, Dan Rieger, Elliott Randall and Tony Blanchard were present.

Without a quorum, previous meeting minutes and the treasurer's report could not be accepted as per usual. This was deferred until our next meeting.

General Discussion: David Dyer's resignation letter was distributed to the group. We were already aware of John Thibault's decision to resign the board as well as his role as safety officer.

We all agreed that our immediate need was to fill David's seat as president and then tackle the other vacancies. As per our by-laws, mid-season board vacancies are to be filled by an appointment by the board of directors. As vice-president, Jim offered to fill the president's spot for the balance of the 2026 season. Spike suggested that an

email vote from all six board members would suffice in place of scheduling a second in-person board meeting.

(NOTE: Jim circulated an email to the group the next day expressing his desire to carry on in David's role as president. All members of the board replied individually in favor of Jim's appointment as Propsnappers president for the rest of the 2026 season, with the last one received on March 20.)

With this appointment, the club must now find a replacement for Jim's vice president's spot as well as John Thibault's seat and his role as safety officer.

Other Discussion: We reviewed the schedule for the grub treatments and other maintenance tasks. Field Clean-Up Day is planned for April 11 with a rain date of April 18. (See page 3).

We were also thrilled to learn that \$1500 has been donated so far to our grub treatment fund. Several members have been very generous, and we are getting closer to our goal of \$2090 to fully fund the effort.

Tony Blanchard

2026 Secretary
Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland

2026 Executive Board



Jim McCoy
President

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Peter Robbins
Treasurer

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Tony Blanchard
Secretary

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2026 Board of Directors

Elliott Randall
Dan Rieger
Peter Sarvas
Spike Enck (EX OFFICIO)
David Dyer (EX OFFICIO)

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Jim McCoy

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
Bill Lairsey

Propsnappers Member Meeting

Wednesday, April 1 • 6:30PM (NOTE THE TIME!)

Downstairs at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center

West Falmouth Crossing Plaza
65 Gray Road
Falmouth, ME 04105

Located at the rear entrance of the West Falmouth Crossing Plaza off exit 53 of the Maine Turnpike. Enter the building through the main doors and then proceed to the right and down the steps.

Map & Directions...



GRUB FUNDRAISER

Great News!

Our grub treatment fundraiser has been amazing so far, with nine generous members contributing a total of \$1500 for the cause! This leaves us just shy of \$600 to close the gap and achieve our goal of \$2090.

Please consider making a contribution to the Grub Fund by cash or check at a club meeting or by mailing a check (payable to Propsnappers, Inc.) to Treasurer Peter Robbins at the address below.

Thank You!

Peter Robbins
38 Newtown Road
Biddeford, ME 04005

\$2090 GOAL!

\$1500

\$1,500!

\$1000

\$500

\$100



SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 9AM

Field Clean-Up

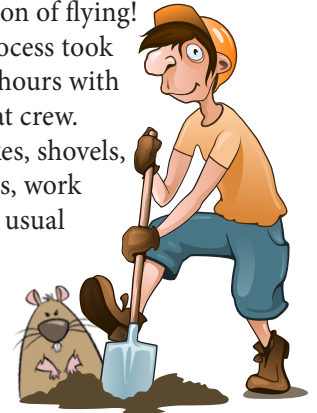
It's time to get the field in shape for another season of flying!

Last year the process took just a couple of hours with help from a great crew. Please bring rakes, shovels, tampers, buckets, work gloves and your usual sense of humor.

We'll tidy-up what Mother Nature did over the winter as well as re-position the pilot stations and benches for the coming season. We'll also fill the

numerous vole holes on the runways.

Reminders emails will go out...and we will let you know if the weather pushes us to the rain date.



Propsnappers Field
Saturday, April 11
9AM

RAIN DATE
Saturday, April 18

Welcome New Members!

The Propsnappers are very pleased to welcome several new members who have joined the club this spring. Some come with flying experience and some are new to the hobby.

Frank Conner - Durham, ME
Bill Groves - Standish, ME
Scott Petrlik - Cape Elizabeth, ME

Please be sure to introduce yourself at the field, meetings or special events. We're glad that you found our club and want to offer any assistance that you might need to enjoy our facility and this great hobby we love!

Around the Patch

One of my new favorite Facebook groups is *Traditional Model Aircraft Building*. It's a private group, so you need to be admitted, but that's a simple and friendly process.

Once a member, you'll have access to lots of interesting and unusual projects posted by the group...many of which are spread across the globe. My favorite contributor is Mark Croucher. Mark is based in the UK and posts building and flying videos on a fairly regular basis. He's very knowledgeable and quite practical. Plus, his charming accent is just fun to listen to.

A quick search on Facebook is all it takes to get engaged...check it out!



Traditional model aircraft building

Private group · 40.8K members



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If anyone has their own favorite aircraft-related website or social page, feel free to bring it to my attention and I will try to feature it in a future Bullsheet.

Email Editor

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 or click the link above.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Entrance Gate Procedure

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - We are permitted to keep the gate swung open while we are flying. 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. Last one out locks the gate.

*In either case, make sure the padlock itself is **locked on the chain** at all times so it does not disappear. Thanks!*

Membership Renewal Time!

A brand new flying season is right around the corner! So NOW is the perfect time to renew your membership.

Our updated application is now easier to complete!

The sooner we have a bead on membership levels, the better we will be able plan club activities. Take a moment today to renew your Propsnappers club membership. It really does make a difference!

A membership application as well as links for the AMA and FAA are all easily available on our website homepage at propsnappers.org. You can also click the red link below to go directly to the application.

We've updated the application to make it easier to complete. Simply download the document using the link, complete the info directly on your computer, print it out and then sign

[Club Application](#)

and send it along with your check to our new treasurer Peter Robbins. Or...you can just print it out and complete it by hand...just like before.



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

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The Propsnappers Club Bullsheet newsletter is published to keep members up-to-date on club activities. Comments, suggestions and contributions are welcome. Please feel free to [EMAIL THE EDITOR](#).



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