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NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

View From the Flight Deck



Jim McCoy

With a bit of a chill in the air and the leaves starting to change hue, it's looking like the summer season is sliding into the rear-view mirror. Speaking for myself, I really can't believe that time has zipped by as quickly as it did. Due to some pesky medical issues, I haven't had as much stick time this season as I was hoping to get. However, I was able to attend all of the Propsnapper events this season, and my take-away was that we've had a pretty good summer. A quick glance at page four of this newsletter will confirm this.

Our public Open House brought lots of pilots and aircraft to the field, and we had several guests from the community as well as a gaggle of family members. It's that latter group that I am most proud of as the Open House is a great opportunity to share our wonderful hobby with our wives, neighbors, kids and grandchildren. The fact that it's such a relaxed, informal experience for everyone is a testament to the welcoming spirit of our membership.

With the addition of the "fun-scale" civilian aircraft category, the July Warbird

event has grown to include many more types of models and has expanded participation in general. Once again, the focus is to have fun and enjoy each other's company, and that was clearly evident.

Our two ACE Camp days in late July and early August gave us the chance to expose dozens of youngsters to the world of RC. Our trainers were happy to give their time (and buddy-boxes) to the cause, and all the campers left having a chance to fly. I really wish this kind of opportunity existed when I was their age!

This brings us to our most recent event, the Fall Float-Fly on September 12th at Kiwanis Beach in Standish. This year we tried something new by switching to a one-day format with Sunday reserved as a rain date. By all accounts, this arrangement was a success...aided by the picture-perfect morning provided by Mother Nature. One plane needed to be plucked out of the drink, and the rescue boat was called into action on another occasion, but otherwise folks had a good time.

At each of these gatherings I had the opportunity to chat with a guest either from another club or from the surrounding community, and the common theme



2026 Events

Fall Fly-In..... Saturday, October 3

Rain Date / October 10

**Family Banquet
& Awards Night..... Wed, December 2**

The Club at Riverside Golf Course

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

I heard was how our membership was helpful and accommodating. Of course, we're all sensitive to the need to attract new members, but I think this goes beyond that...and points to something I sensed when I first encountered the club when I was searching for a new place to fly 14 years ago. The Propsnappers are truly a special group of individuals and I am honored to be counted as a member!

Keep up your airspeed!

Jim McCoy

2026 President

Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland



Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 2 at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30PM

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the May 2 membership meeting at the field was approved as they appeared in the May newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Peter presented his financial report. It was accepted after a few questions and clarifications.

Board Reserve Contribution: Jim requested that Peter review our income and expenses for this season and suggest an amount that we might transfer to the board reserve to hold for future capital expenses (like a replacement mower). Peter also listed what was transferred in past years as a reference. After some discussion, we voted unanimously to transfer \$1000 to the board reserve. James Ingalls suggested we consider opening a money market account specifically for board reserve funds to provide some interest income. Peter will look into that possibility.

Board Nominations for 2027: Jim asked the board members present (all were in attendance) if they were interested in remaining in their positions for 2027. All responded positively. David Dyer (ex-officio) has agreed to coordinate the candidate slate to be approved at the October 3 membership meeting at the field. Ballots will be distributed to the membership via email shortly thereafter. The November meeting is election night where the make-up of the executive committee and other board members will be determined for next year.

Grub Treatment: Elliot Randall confirmed that the grub treatment was completed as scheduled and that we are keeping an eye on the results and if an additional treatment was needed. The Grass Geek was paid in full for his work thanks to the successful fund raising effort. There was discussion regarding the over seeding that was done, with the general consensus being that new grass wasn't as successful as hoped. The field is in pretty good shape however.

General Maintenance: James Ingalls was thanked for the amazing effort he put forth over the summer keeping our field mowed and trimmed. Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Peter Flanagan, Peter Sarvas and others were also acknowledged for their efforts keeping the mower running well.

Also discussed was the need to repair some of the decking boards and trim on the clubhouse later this fall or in the spring. Some end-of-season mower maintenance will be done shortly. The porta-potty has not been serviced all summer. As this has not caused any issues, we will have it emptied after the fall event and prepped for winter.

Jim will contact EcoMaine to discuss the gate protocol while the construction equipment is being stored at the property entrance.

Jim suggested that we plan a clubhouse clean-out to remove unneeded items that have accumulated. More to come on this.

ACE Camps: Jim thanked Bill Lairsey, Peter Sarvas, Tony Blanchard and David Dyer for their help coordinating the two groups of campers on July 30 and August 6. Things went quite smoothly and all the youngsters experienced a great introduction to our hobby.

Upcoming Events: Members were reminded about the upcoming Float-Fly at Kiwanis Beach in Standish on September 12. Tony Blanchard and Peter Pappas will once-again coordinate the event. We confirmed our intent to make it a one-day, Saturday event with Sunday reserved as a rain date.

The Fall Fly-In scheduled on Saturday, October 3 (rain date 10/10) was also discussed. Bill Lairsey will coordinate food as well as a friendly competition or two.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30PM

Tony Blanchard

2026 Secretary

Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland

2026 Executive Board



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President

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PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

Fall Fly-In

CLUB
MEMBER
MEETING
9AM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Rain Date October 10

9AM-1PM

Propsnappers Field

Green Road off Running Hill Road
Scarborough, ME



- Come to Fly...Come to Watch!
- AMA & FAA Required for Pilots
- Solar Hot Dogs & Beverages



FAA RECOGNIZED
IDENTIFICATION AREA

VISIT PROPSNAPPERS.ORG FOR DETAILS & DIRECTIONS



CLUB EVENT ROUNDUP...

Busy Summer!

I think the Propsnappers have the most active event schedule of all the clubs in the area. Our spring is generally pretty busy, and our summer is even more so.

Right around the summer equinox in June is when we have our public Open House. This year's event was well attended with family as well as guests from the surrounding area. July brings our annual Warbirds and Civilian Fun-Scale Fly-In which is always an interesting day to be at the field with planes of all kinds taking to the sky. This August we hosted two groups of young aviators for their annual ACE Camp visit to our field to try their hand at flying RC planes. And in September we fly off the water at beautiful Watchic Lake in Standish at our Fall Float-Fly.

Many more photos from all these events (and others) can be viewed on the [photos page on our website](#). Big thanks to Bill Lairsey for maintaining the site and keeping the photo section up-to-date.



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](http://propsnappers.org)

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!

Gear for Sale!

Club member Carl Jackson has a hanger full of planes and other gear that he's looking to send to a good home.

Be sure to review the list below and contact him directly at 207-219-5666 or ibytimmy98@gmail.com if you see something of interest. Any reasonable offer will be considered.



SuperCraft Kangke Models Waco UPF 7 Muscle Bipe ARF. BNF spektrum DLE-55. \$695

Kondor Models Canadair CL215/CT415 Water Bomber. Twin 80AMP ESC with matching motors...all E-flite. 9CH DSMX. Twin 5K mah packs. Fiberglass fuselage. Never flown. BNF. \$595

LMK Models Lazer 200 Kit. 95% built, completely sheeted /primed...ready for paint or covering. Minor hanger rash. Includes like-new ST-75. \$250

Top Flite P47 60-size Kit. Pneumatic retracts. 50% built. \$195

Flex Innovations Flex Jet. Railing link gear. DSMX 9ch +Aurora 8 gyro. 5000mah pack. \$400

Balsa USA 1/3 Cub with G-62. \$1200

Dynaflite Super Decathlon Kit. Wings and tail feathers built. \$350

Align T-Rex 700 Gasser. BNF w/28cc engine. \$1250



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

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The Propsnappers Club Bullsheel 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](mailto:ibytimmy98@gmail.com).



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