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NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

View From the Flight Deck



Jim McCoy

The past week or so has been a bit of a scramble as we learned late in the game that our usual meeting place at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center will no longer be available for our use. Members of the board were quick to respond, and an alternate location for our November 4 meeting was secured (See the notice to the right). I want to thank everyone for their help and suggestions, and we will be working to establish a new arrangement for future meetings. Stay tuned...

In other news, details for our *Family Banquet & Awards Night* have be finalized for Wednesday, December 2 at The Club at Riverside Golf Course in Portland. This is always a nice evening and an opportunity to gather with family and friends to celebrate another successful flying season. A cash bar starts at 5:30PM and a delicious buffet dinner is served starting at 6:30. We'll be presenting several awards during the event and a raffle is in the works.

I encourage all members print out the registration form found on page 5 and get it in the mail along with your payment as soon as possible. Both my daughters rave about the chicken parm!

There's still time to place your bid on several valuable items in our 2026 Propsnappers Auction. Elliott Randall was able to secure several Spectrum transmitters and other accessories...all in pretty-much new condition...and organize them all into great packages. See page 3 for the details and contact Elliott via the link at the bottom of the flyer to place your bid. But be sure to do so before November 18 as that's when bidding will close!

Lastly, our November meeting will finalize the club's board of directors for the coming season. I want to thank the 2026 executive board as well as the rest of the directors for their help and guidance. A lot happens behind-the-scenes to make our club successful and each member brings something special to the table. It's a great team, and I'm grateful for everyone's contribution.

Keep up your airspeed!

Jim McCoy

2026 President
Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland



2026 Events

Family Banquet & Awards Night
Wednesday, December 2
The Club at Riverside Golf Course
Registration form on Page 5!

NEW LOCATION!

November Member Meeting

Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30PM

South Portland Community Center
21 Nelson Road
South Portland, ME 04106



Meeting is in the Conference Room
Enter through the main entrance, proceed up the stairs and through the double doors. The Conference Room will be on your right.



Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 3 at Propsnappers Field

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:07AM

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the September 2 membership meeting were approved as appearing in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Peter presented his financial report for September and it was accepted.

Treasurer's Updates: Peter reviewed a recent transfer of our state club contact (registered agent) from Ed Ricker to himself for all future Maine state correspondence. He also explained that he established a new money market account at Bangor Savings Bank to hold the board reserve funds at a higher interest rate than our general account. Jim McCoy was added as a signer on our accounts as a back-up and was issued a debit card (in addition to Peter's card).

Board Nominations for 2027: David Dyer (president ex-officio) presented the 2027 board candidate slate as follows:

President: Jim McCoy
Vice-President: Dan Rieger
Treasurer: Peter Robbins
Secretary: Tony Blanchard

Board Member Candidates: Peter Flanagan, Peter Sarvas, Elliott Randall and James Ingalls.

Ballots will be distributed to the membership via email shortly, with the November meeting being election night. Ballots will be available that night for anyone that did not respond via email.

ACE Camp Thank You Notes: Jim read a handful of thank you notes received from our ACE Camp participants. He also thanked Bill Lairsey, Peter Sarvas, Tony Blanchard, David Dyer and others for their help making that program a success once again.

Gate Policy Update: Jim reported on his conversation with Jason at EcoMaine regarding the gate policy while the construction equipment was being stored near the Green Road entrance. Jason has requested that we leave the gate as we find it upon arrival. The equipment will be removed over the next several weeks, at which time we will revert to our usual procedure.

Porta-Potty: Our "pilot relief station" will be cleaned out and locked for the winter by November 1.

General Maintenance: Jim revisited an earlier discussion regarding repair of some of decking boards and trim on the clubhouse. Both items will be attend-to this fall or in the spring.

Elliott reviewed his conversation with the engineering firm responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the landfill mound for Kimberly-Clark. He confirmed that the solar company is responsible for mowing the property surrounding our airfield at least once each year. That work has yet to be done, but our contact indicated that they would encourage the solar folks to comply in the next few weeks.

Club Donations: Elliott reviewed the inventory of Spectrum radio gear and accessories recently donated to the club. He is sorting through the items and will facilitate an auction to raise funds for the club *(see the flyer on page 3)*.

Float-Fly: Jim thanked Tony Blanchard and Peter Pappas for once again managing the float-fly event that occurred in mid-September. The one-day format seemed to work well and will be our model going forward.

Family Banquet: Jim reviewed the upcoming end-of-year event to happen on December 2 at The Club at Riverside Golf Course in Portland. Stay-tuned for a registration form and other details.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32AM

Tony Blanchard

2026 Secretary
Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland

2026 Executive Board



Jim McCoy
President
CONTACT



Dan Rieger
Vice President
CONTACT



Peter Robbins
Treasurer
CONTACT



Tony Blanchard
Secretary
CONTACT

2026 Board of Directors

Peter Flanagan
Elliott Randall
Peter Sarvas
James Ingalls
David Dyer (EX OFFICIO)

WEBMASTER
Bill Lairsey

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Jim McCoy

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
Bill Lairsey

SAFETY OFFICER
Peter Flanagan

Propsnappers Auction

ATTENTION BARGIN HUNTERS!

Check out these fantastic items donated recently to the Propsnappers!

All have been reviewed by Elliott Randall and are being offered up for auction...with the proceeds going to the club!



3 Spectrum DX8 DSMX Gen2 Full-Feature 8-Channel Transmitters

These three radios are new in the box and include a neck strap, power supply for battery charging and a manual. Two of the radios include a AR8010T telemetry receiver. One radio has been used for about an hour, and the other two have never been used.

Although discontinued, these radios would have been listed at about $340 each. So this is an excellent value for the hobbyist just starting out or for those looking to upgrade!

STARTING BID
$100 for the radio with NO receiver
$110 Each for the 2 radios that include the 8-Channel receiver

Winning bid will include a FREE 3000 mah 25C 3S 11.1 volt battery with XT type connector with each radio purchased.



Spektrum Transmitter Case

Includes extra insert & key set.

Like new condition. The extra insert allow transport of either one or two radios.

STARTING BID - $35
Winning bid will include a FREE 3000 mah 25C 3S 11.1 Volt battery with XT type connector.

2 Bat-Safe Battery Charging Safety Boxes



Bat-Save charging boxes are suited for battery storage or charging. Max storage per box is limited (see website for capacity).

STARTING BID - $25 each

Winning bid will include a FREE 850mah 75C 3S 11.1 volt battery with each box purchased.



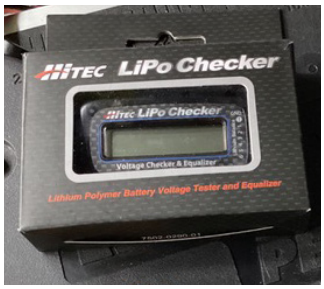
New In Box

Dynamite Prophet P1 Mini

AC Input Battery Balance Charger/Discharger

STARTING BID - $20

Winning bid will include a FREE 1800mah 45C 3S 11.1 volt battery



New In Box

HITEC Battery Voltage Tester & Balancer

STARTING BID - $7

Winning bid will include a FREE 1800mah 45C 3S 11.1 volt battery

Submit offers by end-of-day
Wednesday, November 18
by emailing Elliott Randall at
erandal1@maine.rr.com



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Fall Fly-In

The Propsnappers were fortunate to be granted a beautiful autumn morning for our Fall Fly-In on Saturday, October 3...our final flying event of the season. It was sunny and warm-ish for October, with a very manageable breeze. Members started arriving around 8AM to prep the field and gather for a short membership meeting at 9AM as is our tradition each October. As a bonus, at the end of the meeting former president David Dyer was able to finally present Peter Pappas with his President's Citation from last year's Family Banquet!

With roughly 20 members and guests in attendance, there was plenty of flying and conversation. Although Bill Lairsey was the event coordinator, he had lots of help with everyone pitching in for set-up, lunch prep and clean-up when things were winding down.

More photos from this event (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.













2026 Family Banquet and Awards Night

Wednesday, December 2

The Club at Riverside

Riverside Golf Course
1158 Riverside Street
Portland, ME 04103

Cash Bar at 5:30PM Buffet Dinner at 6:30PM

Don't miss this opportunity for you, your spouse and family to celebrate the Propsnappers 2026 season in style with food, drink, great conversation and exciting awards!

Tickets are $32 per person and can be reserved by completing the coupon below and place it in the mail with your check by Monday, November 23.

Don't delay, make your reservation today!

Contact Jim McCoy at 774-573-1211 or jim@mccoygroup.net if you need more information.

Please detach and return this completed form with your payment

2026 Family Banquet & Awards Night

Reservation Form

Member Name _____

Number of Guests _____ x $32 = total enclosed _____

PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

Tickets are $32 per person

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

Peter Robbins
38 Newtown Road
Biddeford, ME 04005

Please mail by Monday, November 23...Thanks!

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.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

Thanks Peter!

Former club president David Dyer finally had the opportunity to present his 2025 President's Citation to Peter Pappas while at out Fall Fly-In this October 3. This award is usually part of our *Family Banquet & Awards Night* in December, but unfortunately Peter could not attend the last year. I think David was pleased to complete this task and Peter is certainly deserving of the recognition.

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!





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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