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**Next Meeting
October 4th**

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Hello Pilots,

Our club keeps \$4000 in reserve for emergency situations. The money in our treasury above that amount, the operating funds, are used for field expenses, club house maintenance, new purchases (such as the lawn tractor), flying events, parties, etc. We are faced with two challenges:

Our membership, consistent with most clubs, is decreasing

Our expenses are increasing

Despite significant efforts on behalf of the officers and BOD to cut expenditures, we continue to deplete the operating funds (that portion of our treasury above the \$4000 emergency fund). The following data (thank you Spike) will give you an idea of what is happening.

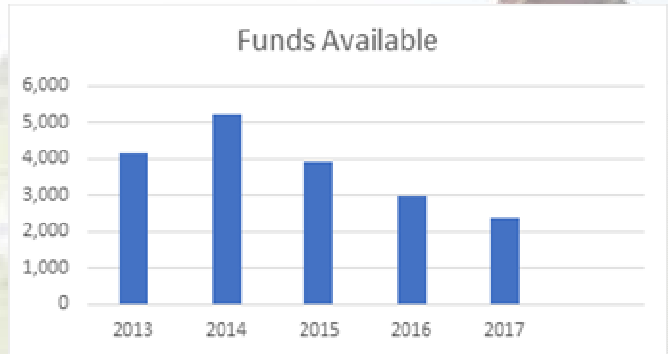
Three measures will correct this trend:

- 1 Cut expenses, and/or**
- 2 Increase membership dues, and/or**
- 3 Increase total # of members.**

We have addressed #1 to the point where some members are buying hot dogs and grass seed out of their own pockets. If we get any leaner, we'll start burning valves! And, a bit off topic but just so that there is no confusion, the new charging station was funded with a very generous donation from Ray and Robin's (approx. 40% of the total cost) and the voluntary contributions of many members. No money from the operating fund was used.

At our September meeting, the Officers and BOD voted to increase our membership dues by \$10 starting 2018. This modest increase will slow the decrease in our operating funds, but it will not replenish it. Which bring us to option #3 – increase membership.

Our membership has not declined as much as the national average because we are not an average club! However, failing less than most is far from winning, and I encourage you to re-read this excellent article published in the May 2016 Model Aviation News, which discusses how to grow and maintain club membership <http://modelaviation.com/active-flying-club>.



We, as a club, must encourage our new and existing members in their endeavors to pursue the type of flying which is both comfortable and interesting to them at any point in time. If they are having fun flying a \$100 foamy, that is great! If 3 axis stabilization stifles their stress, fine! Not everyone is ready (or even wants) to fly 3D or multi-cylinder 4 strokes. Members will move up (or down) the food chain at their own pace, and our job is to assist and encourage them so they may enjoy the "flight envelope" of their liking. The bottom line is this. It is all about fun. If members are having fun, they will keep coming back. And, sooner or later, they will bring a friend!

Happy flying,
Dan DeSena
Pres, Propsnapper RC

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BOD MINUTES (page 1)

9/6/17

Propsnappers September Meeting

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, Mike Fasulo

Business:

Float Fly – Bill Reeve confirmed we are good to go on the 16th and 17th of Sept.

Novice Night – Larry Ventura proposed changes for the 2018 season to streamline and improve the training. It was approved.

Annual Banquet – Dave Cyr will head up again this year. Will be at the Clarion again with a buffet dinner. Tentative date Oct. 11, more info to follow.

Fun Fly – Discussed for Sept. 30, rain Oct. 1 Email will go out. Bring whatever you'd like to fly.

Nominations for Offices – Nomination for Offices for the coming year are being accepted. Election is 11-1-17 Dan DeSena, President is not running again. Bill

Reeve has not decided on BOD position yet. All other current offices will run again. October 2, is deadline to nominate officers, October 23 is deadline to distribute ballots to members, Wed. Nov. 1 Elections at the meeting. New officers go into effect Dec. 1, get your nominations in.

Dues – Spike Enck gave a detailed report on our finances. Our cash balance has been steadily declining since 2014 with membership count constant at about 59. A discussion was had on ways to reduce expenses. It was agreed all events should be revenue natural. Fixed expenses were discussed. No one could remember our last dues increase currently at \$50 per year. Mike Fasulo made a motion to increase our dues \$10. Motion was 2'd and discussed. A vote was taken and 7 approved and 2 declined. Motion passed. Next year's dues will be \$60.

Adjourned 18:24



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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General Meeting

Called to order 18:30

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Membership Committee Report – No new members last month, 6 new members this year.

Wings For Wishes recap – Dave Cyr, Flyers down 6 or 7, donations \$150, \$700 was donated to Wings For Wishes. In general, the event went well. Thanks Dave for all your hard work and thanks Ray, Ray & Robins Hobbies for your generous donations.

Maine Mall Exhibit – Tom Noonan, we had a great looking display. Thanks to all who brought planes. Not a lot of people stopped at our exhibit. The ones that did seemed interested. Not sure if we'd do it again.

Charging Station – Many helped. Ray and Robins Hobby Shop donated 40% of the money needed. Many hours were put in. Bruce Morse, Bob Dexter, Jim Knight, Bill Lairsey, Mark Pierson our Chief Engineer, Dan DeSena and anyone else we may have forgotten. Thank you all.

Ongoing Maintenance – Check water level batteries, running at 70% capacity right now and will have remaining 30% up soon. More than enough capacity right now.

Float Fly – Bill Reeve reported ready to go Sept. 16 & 17.

Annual Banquet – Dave Cyr to head up, at the Clarion buffet tentative date Oct 11.

New Business

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Events - We need more events through the season. Skystreakers has one a month. More discussion to follow. A Fun Fly was suggested for Sept. 30, rain Oct. 1.

Bent Prop Award - There were many to choose from but Lenny Tiedwell won the coveted award.

Show & Tell

Scratch Built - Dan DeSena called it a Flomy. Scratch built from foam and fiberglass cloth. A German plane called Black and Blue due to the markings on the fuselage. Canon's and radio wire can be removed for flight held on with magnets. Electric. A Fulkwith 190 design. Flaps. Real nice Dan.

Kit - Jim Knight Top Flight Kit called Contender out in 1968. Dye cut kit, flaps, wing tips contour down, weight 5 ½ lbs. .40 engine. Used scrap components to complete the kit. Nice job Jim.

ARF - Jay Wiley - Tower Hobbie Ryan Electric. Motor mount had to be moved back to complete the plane. Flies well. Red and white. Gets 8 - minute flight times. Thanks Jay.

Meeting Adjourned 20:02

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Upcoming Events

FUNKY FUN FLY (gas/nitro/electric)

AMA 2017 CARD REQUIRED

LANDING FEE FREE
HOT DOGS AT 11:30
WHILE THY LAST

Sat Oct 7 Rain Date Sun Oct 8
At Propsnappers Field 9:00 AM

Check Website for updates

Open To All

Challenge The New Charger. Bring Your Deadeast Batt



The Picture is a Model 281 Proteus, first flown in the 1990s, to investigate use of aircraft at high altitude Telecommunications Thanks to its efficient design this model flew at 65,000 feet for over 18 hrs however the rise of unmanned means that a piloted aircraft for long endurance missions is just unnecessary

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This Day in AVIATION HISTORY:

New Recordsetters.....

26 September 2008: Yves Rossy flew across the English Channel, 22 miles (35 kilometers) in 13 minutes, using his jet-powered wing. At 8,000 feet (2,440 meters) over Calais he jumped from an airplane and aimed for the cliffs of Dover. His only means of steering was by moving his head. After flying at speeds of 120 miles per hour (193 kilometers per hour), he parachuted to the ground at Dover.



Old Recordsetters.....

13 September 1935: Flying his Hughes H-1 Special, NR258Y, Howard Robard Hughes, Jr. set a *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) World Record for Speed Over a 3 Kilometer Course near Santa Ana, California. Making four passes over the measured course, two in each direction, his average speed was 567.12 kilometers per hour (352.39 miles per hour).¹ This was 61.27 kilometers per hour (38.07 miles per hour) faster than the previous record which had been set by Raymond Delmotte, 24 December 1934.*



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