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NEWSLETTER OF THE PROPSNAPPERS R/C CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From the Flight Deck



Jim McCoy

It's now early June, and I recently realized that I really look forward to this moment each year. The days are happily longer and the weather starts to stabilize a bit. Temperatures are finally consistently warm, but not quite as

toasty as what rolls in come mid-July. My work tends to slow down a little as clients start taking their own time off away from their offices. Because of all these things, I feel like I can finally turn my attention to two of my favorite pastimes...working in the yard and getting out to fly!

I'm going to guess that I'm not alone in these feelings. However, I'm sure each of you have your own process of coming out of hibernation this time of year.

Stepping back a little from personal routines, it is important to point out that much has to happen each spring to get our field ready for the summer activities that happen each year. Page four of this issue describes some of our recent efforts, which actually starts even earlier with our field clean-up day in April and continue up to about now.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge some specific members that took time out of their own spring activities to get all our chores completed. Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Peter Sarvas, Peter Robbins, Peter Flanagan (the three-Petes) have each spend many hours tending to the needs that our field, clubhouse, mower and other items. James Ingalls has been especially helpful...jumping in for countless hours of mowing, trimming, turf rolling and brush cutting. Much of the time he has been using is own machinery to accomplish this work. It's because of the dedication of all these members (and others) that we can have this great facility to enjoy our hobby.

Now that the stage is set, we can look forward to our Summer Fly-In and Open House on June 20th (rain date 6/27). We'll be assigning duties shortly as the public and other area clubs have traditionally been invited to attend this event. Buddy-box training for guests, food and beverages, a 50/50 raffle and perhaps a contest or two are all in the works.

Tony Blanchard will once-again honcho our annual Warbird & Fun-Scale event on Saturday, July 18 (rain date of 7/25). He's pretty flexible on what's considered military



2026 Events

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-FlySeptember 12 & 13
Saturday & Sunday

Fall Fly-In..... Saturday, October 3
Rain Date / October 10

Family Banquet & Awards Night Wed, December 2
The Club at Riverside Golf Course

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or scale, so please consider bringing a plane for what is usually a really fun day.

Keep up your airspeed!

Jim McCoy

2026 President
Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland



Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Propsnappers Field

CALL TO ORDER AT 9AM

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the April 1 membership meeting was approved as they appeared in the April newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: In Peter Robbins' absence, Jim presented Peter's financial report for April. It was accepted.

Board Review: Jim did a quick review of the recent process to fill the vacant board seats, the vice president's spot as well as a new safety officer. He thanked all members who were willing to step-up to their new rolls.

Clean-Up Day: Jim thanked everyone who participated on the recent field clean-up efforts. Everything is looking great and ship-shape for the coming season.

General Maintenance: The efforts of Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Peter Flanagan and Peter Sarvas were acknowledged for their work getting the mower ready for the season. This included discussion regarding the need to replace a damaged tire at an approximate cost of \$130. James Ingalls was lauded for the work he's already done mowing the field and clearing the brush around the edge.

Grub Treatment: Elliot Randall confirmed that all was proceeding as planned for the grub treatment. We also discussed the de-thatching that Peter Robbins volunteered to do for us.

The fund raising effort for the grub treatment now stands at \$1750 of the \$2090 needed for the work.

Safety Comments: Peter Flanagan spent a few minutes going over the field rules and safety considerations as a review for everyone...especially the newer members. Peter's comments focused on maintaining good communication between pilots on the flight line, proper etiquette in the pits area and staying well clear of the solar farm at the far end of the property. Jim reminded everyone about the entrance gate process as well as the locks for the clubhouse and porta-potty.

Float-Fly: Members were reminded about the upcoming Float-Fly at Kiwanis Beach on Watchic Lake in Standish. Tony Blanchard and Peter Pappas will be coordinating this weekend event as in the past.

Swap Meet: We also mentioned the Swap Meet scheduled for Sunday, May 24 at the Italian Heritage Center parking lot in Portland. It was noted that this was Memorial Day weekend and a rain-or-shine event.

President's Citation: Jim presented James Ingalls the President's Citation certificate awarded to him by former president David Dyer. James could not attend the Family Banquet in December, and David was unable to make it to today's club meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25AM

Tony Blanchard

2026 Secretary

Propsnappers RC Club of Greater Portland

2026 Executive Board



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Propsnappers Member Meetings

As a reminder, the Propsnappers do not hold membership meetings during the summer. Our next membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 at Ray & Robin's Hobby Center in Falmouth.



SUMMER FLY-IN AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 20 RAIN DATE JUNE 27

PROPSNAPPERS FIELD

9AM-1PM Green Road off Running Hill Road in Scarborough, ME



- Free Admission
- Introductory Flight Lessons for Guests
- Ask Questions About the Hobby
- Food & Cold Beverages
- 50/50 Raffle
- Surprises!

AMA/FAA REQUIRED FOR PILOTS

VISIT PROPSNAPPERS.ORG
FOR EVENT DETAILS & DIRECTIONS

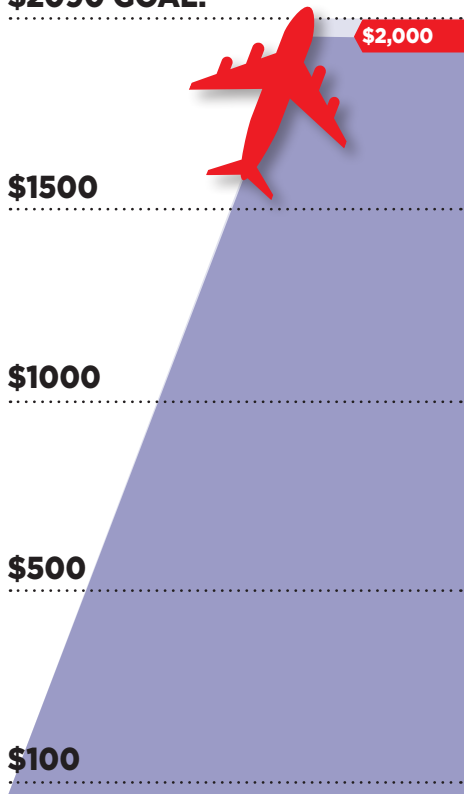


GRUB FUNDRAISER

So Close!

The May field meeting brought us \$100 in cash donations (thanks!) and a generous member sent a check that lifted us to a \$2000 balance. We could just call it a day at \$90 short of our goal, but wouldn't it be great if the field work could be funded 100% by member donations?

\$2090 GOAL!



Please consider a contribution to the Grub Fund 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

Field Update...



With the major investment we're making in the grub treatments this spring, we felt it was very important to do everything possible to ensure the success of those efforts. Club members James Ingalls (our designated mower), Elliott Randall, Tony Blanchard, Pete Sarvas and Peter Robbins stepped-up big time...encountering some pesky challenges along the way.

Using his own equipment, James Ingalls cut down the accumulated overgrowth on the edge of the field. The thought was eliminating the brush would remove hiding places and discourage the varmints that have been busy digging up our turf. James also rolled the field using his tractor.

Peter Robbins works part-time for a landscaping company in the summer, and was able to utilize their equipment to de-thatch the field prior to our initial grub treatment...saving us the cost of having our grub contractor do the work.

Tony, Elliott, Pete Sarvas and Peter Flanagan power-washed the mower deck to be sure we were starting off the season with a clean machine. Sharpened blades were mounted and a surprise damaged tire was discovered and replaced.

Elliott found himself in a tough spot on a Sunday morning in mid-May when backing the mower into the clubhouse garage after working on it. The edge of the decking at the garage door gave way and caused the ramp to slip, leaving the mower with a front wheel dangling and unable to move. After some noodling, Elliott used the club's house jack to lift the machine just enough to get it back up on the decking. He then purchased steel plate to repair/reinforce the deck edge to prevent this from happening again.

Big thanks to *everyone* that took time over the past few weeks to help with our field maintenance. There's a lot of behind-the-scene work every season, and we are darn fortunate that folks are ready and willing to step-up to get the job done!



CLUB EVENT ROUNDUP...

It's Been Busy!

May is an active month for our club... and this year it was even more so with the addition of the Swap Meet. Here's a quick round-up...

The weather forecast looked questionable on Saturday, May 2 for our **Spring Fly-In & Club Meeting**, but we decided to roll the dice and make a go of it anyway. We had a small, but hardy group of members attend (about 18 in all) and several flights were enjoyed between the rain showers that rolled through all morning. The meeting covered everything we needed to accomplish and was great to see everyone regardless of the conditions.

Things were a bit brighter for the **Spring Float-Fly** on the weekend of May 16 and 17. We had 16 pilots (including some guests from neighboring clubs) as well as several folks stopping by to check things out. Weather was cool with a light and quirky breeze, but the blue skies and sunshine made it a pleasant time. Thanks go to Tony Blanchard for coordinating the weekend as before along with Peter Pappas who once again supplied his rowboat for the occasional rescue mission.

The Italian Heritage Center in Portland was the site of our annual **Swap Meet** on Sunday, May 24th. Propsnapper Dave Cyr coordinates this event each year and arranges for an AMA non-flying event sanction which attracts modelers from throughout the region with a mention in *Model Aviation* magazine. Late morning rain showers meant that our time was cut short, but some folks went home with cash in their pocket or a new plane and other gear in their trunk.

Stay tuned for details about our annual **Open House** coming up on June 20!



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!

29TH ANNUAL SPURWINK FARM INTERNATIONAL FLY-IN



Finding the field by plane:
GPS Coordinates: N 43 Degrees 34.00' W 70 Degrees 16.00' Spurwink Unicorn: 122.9. East Side of Saco Bay near mouth of Spurwink River, across from Higgins Beach. Good approach. Note 2 hangars on south side of field. Outer fringe of Class C PWM airspace stay below 1500 ft, ATC 120.9 for vector assistance.

By car, truck or horse:
Spurwink Farm, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, off Route 77. Turn South at Grange Hall onto Charles E. Jordan Rd. Continue 1/2 mile to Spurwink Farm on right.



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SUNDAY,
JULY 12, 2026

FOR A
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BREAKFAST
0800 to 1130



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THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME:

- FLY RC PLANES
- RESEARCH RC PLANES
- TAKE CARE OF MY RC PLANES
- TALK ABOUT RC PLANES
- THINK ABOUT RC PLANES
- DREAM ABOUT RC PLANES
- CRASH MY RC PLANES



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

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