



TIGER TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB

APRIL 2024

From Your President:

(Proposal) The Southern NH Radio Control Club, (SNHRCC) located in Hudson NH is again in danger of losing their flying site. Just recently, Hudson town officials voted to close the field down for landfill assessments. Without getting into the long politics, members who have already paid dues cannot fly at their site for a period of time, possibly six to eight weeks, without any guarantee they can keep their flying site. There is a strong possibility of losing the flying site. While proficient non-members are allowed to fly at NHFT with 3 guest passes, it's not enough. I propose a 2024 \$20.00 reduction in adult membership dues (\$100.00 to \$80.00) for any proficient Hudson club member that wishes to join NHFT, providing their AMA and FAA is current. Imagine how you would feel, without warning, if the owner of our flying site shut us down. My proposal is in support of the Hudson club and something we are all responsible for: promoting the hobby. I'm requesting motions to accept the proposal as written, then open discussions with any amendments and vote from members present. IMO let's show our support.

April Project Night Project Night will be held after our regular meeting. \$25.00 prizes will be awarded to best kit build, best ARF, Best in progress, Best overall, and Best other (Heli, drone, re-build, etc). Bring your gear, even if you do not want to enter the contest. It's always great to see what folks are working on.

Event Update All club 2024 events have been scheduled and noted in the newsletter. Advertising for the May Intro to RC flying and Flea Market are underway. Our sanctioned Public Fly-in scheduled in July has been approved by AMA. Paul Lockwood recently secured a table for a free event at Marion Gerrish Community Center scheduled for May 13, 6PM-7:30PM, where non profit organizations can advertise their goods or hobbies. We'll discuss volunteers needed for our May events at the meeting.

Paul Pazolt

From Your Vice President:

Spring is here! Now is a great time to take a look at all those wonderful airplanes and helis and make sure they are ready for the upcoming season. Some things to check:

1 - Test your controls and make sure everything is secure including your clevises, control horns, servo horns, linkages. Do the servos move their full travel and center properly. Do they sound like they should?

2- Look for angles and make sure all the angles look good. Is the tail crooked or a wing warped? Is there anything sticking out that shouldn't like the end of a rib or in the case of a foam airplane are there any cracks that you didn't notice when you put it away?

3- Are the hinges solid when you pull on them?

4- What about all the electrical connections? Are they tight? Is there any sign of corrosion? What about the transmitter and receiver batteries? Are they still holding a charge and do they charge to the correct voltage? For LiPo packs is there any bulging of the packs? For NiCAD and NiMH packs, how old are they, is this the year that maybe they should be replaced?

5- For gas engines, are the fuel lines old and need to be replaced? Is the clunk free? Is there any leftover fuel from last season that needs to be drained (guilty)?

6 - Is the prop, spinner, motor secure with all the screws tight?

7 - If you use rubber bands for anything (I still have models where rubber bands hold on the wing believe it or not) now may be a good time to get some new ones.

8 - For helis, now may be a good time to regrease the thrust bearings and check all those drive gears and potentially tail rotor belts.

Spending a few minutes now will help to ensure that your season gets off to a great start.

Thanks, John

Field Marshal's Report:

By the time you read this, the work party should have occurred. The main focus of the work party is to paint the plane stands. There's also minor bushes to be cut down and the field needs to be rolled out. The mower has been moved into its container for the season. It is going to need a new battery, we will discuss that at the next meeting.

Meanwhile the field has dried out very nicely. The beaver dam is still there but isn't getting any bigger and isn't causing any flooding of the runway. Looks like we are in great shape for the flea market and general flying! Have fun!

Mike

NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @7:00 with 4 officers and 13 members attending.

1. Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter in lieu of a report. Passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report -

Pat Clark gave the treasurer's report. We currently have 44 members and have sufficient funds in the bank to cover the remaining annual expenses of rent and insurance. Members can receive a full copy of his report by asking any one of the officers.

3. President's Comments, Training Coordinator & Field Marshal's Reports

Field Marshal Report: The field is in quite good condition. No puddles just a little squishy. Mike Miller knocked a hole in the Beaver Dam a few weeks ago and the culvert is gushing. The mower will be moved back to the field this month. The windsock is up and the purchase of a new flag has been approved. There are new combination locks going on the gates and containers as soon as the mud lock comes off. There will be a new combination that will be emailed to the membership. Mothballs will be purchased to put in the containers.

4. New Members

- The following applicants were voted upon and accepted unanimously:
- Robert Jack
- Jerry Catt

5. Old Business

The new sign is now complete and was presented to the membership. Thanks to all who helped make it happen. John Lavery will now build a frame with a Lexan cover to house the sign. It will be mounted at the front gate.

Intro to RC Flying is all set for 5/11/2024. Advertising has started and some members have already signed up. Advertising for the Flea Market has just started. Paul Pazolt has produced great full color flyers for these events.

The Club Fly-In has been scheduled for 7/27/2024. There are no current conflicts on that date.

After much discussion it was agreed by the members present that a plane assembly stand is something we should build.

6. New Business & Proposals

The Spring Work Party has been scheduled for Saturday April 20th at 9:00 AM. Bring your own tools. Tony Ferrera volunteered to bring his chain saw. We will be painting the benches that were built last year and clearing some brush on the woods road.

Adjourn at 7:32

The 50/50 raffle was won by Paul Pazolt who donated his winnings to the club. Thanks Paul!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Newsletter submissions due two weeks after meeting..

Next Meeting April 24th Marion Gerrish Community Center, 7:00pm.

Upcoming Events

Project Night: Wednesday April 24 7PM – 9PM
Intro to RC Flying: Saturday May 11 10AM-3PM
Club Flea Market: Saturday May 25 10AM-1PM
Club Fun Fly: Saturday June 22 10AM
Public Fly-in: Saturday July 27 10AM
Club Picnic: Saturday August 10 10AM

See the Calendar at our website for up to date activity information: www.nhflyingtigers.com

Club Officers

President: Paul Pazolt
Vice President: John Stevens
Secretary: Rich Kieley.
Treasurer: Pat Clark
Field Marshal, B. St.: Mike Miller
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