



TIGER TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB

JANUARY 2025

THERE ARE NO MINUTES FROM A DECEMBER MEETING WHICH WAS CANCELLED, REPLACED BY THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON JANUARY 8.

From Your President:

Happy New Year NHFT!

Your 2025 club officers are ready to go in preparation for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 7pm at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, Derry NH. At this meeting we will discuss the 2025 agenda including events, field needs, and beyond.

Please note there are no club reports or minutes from our December meeting, due to our Christmas party. We had good attendance at the party, and thanks to all who brought side dishes.

A 50/50 Raffle was held together with a J3 Cub ARF donated by the estate of Don Cox. John Stevens won the 50/50 raffle, \$232 and donated back to the club. Thank you John! Steve Reynolds won the J3 Cub!

I sent a club email with a link to the Hudson NH Board of Selectman meeting held on 1/14/25. During this meeting, BOS decided to table decisions on the landfill and SNHRRC rights to fly to an undermined date. Watch the meeting; it's an example of people fighting for our hobby, while others object. With no decisions made, this is a perfect example of power in numbers, never give up!

Feel free to bring any projects or otherwise to the next meeting. We'll be flying again before we know it!

Paul Pazolt

Seacoast United

88 Shirking Rd Epping, NH

around the corner from Petersons field



how about flying inside
for the winter
just think indoor plumbing



Any questions text Wayne
@603-498-4690

9:00am to 1:00pm

Every Tuesday & Thursday

starting January 23rd

cost: \$10.00/day or \$60.00 Monthly membership
credit card only

From Your Vice President:

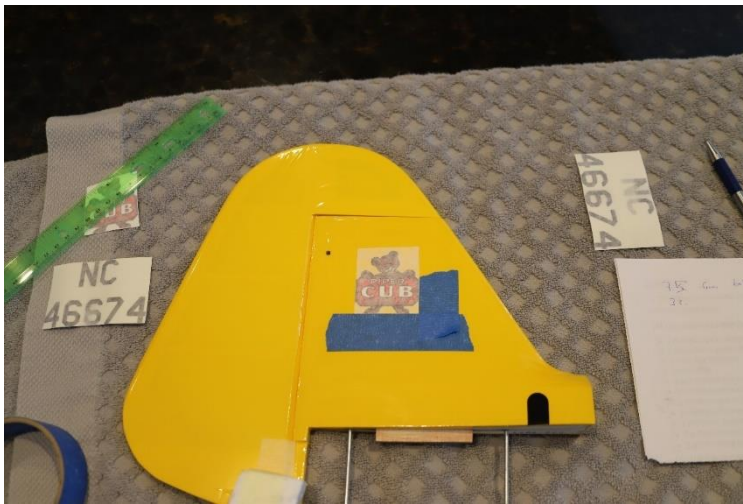
As I sit here gazing out into the snow I have fond dreams of the upcoming flying season. For Christmas, my lovely wife was kind enough to buy me a Hangar 9 1/5 scale 10cc Piper Cub ARF. The 1/4 scale one doesn't get to the field as much as it should as it simply doesn't fit in the car very well and is a bit of a pain to put together. With their latest Cub, Hangar 9 has really shown what they can do with an ARF. The wings come off easily with just a single thumb screw and a couple of clips and the struts fold flat allowing it to fit into a double wing bag. Now setup is really convenient. As good as this airplane is in terms of the construction and covering job there were a few areas where compromises were made to keep costs down.

ARFs offer a fantastic foundation and with just a little effort can be really enhanced. This month and next I'll share a few of the things I did on this airplane to help improve its scale appearance and make it more faithful to the original. I give kudos to Hangar 9 for providing a pilot, however, the pilot bust they provided wasn't even close to 1/5 scale. Fortunately, a quick stop on eBay netted a 12" 1970s G.I. Joe Pilot for \$19.00 with free shipping. At 12" he's a little on the short side at a scale 5 ft. but the floor on the Cub is a little on the high side so he'll be just fine. Unfortunately, Joe never missed a leg day in his life and has abs to give Duane Johnson a run for his money. All this adds up to a lot of weight, so the first thing Joe had to do was to go on a Dremel diet:



Once the surgery was complete, Joe felt a little hollowed out, but with his flight suit in place he looks just as suave as ever and his diet removed almost 4 oz. of weight. One of the things to remember is all of the scale details just add weight, so trying to save as much as possible allows the airplane to retain its good flying characteristics. Adding a scale pilot can really enhance the airplane and you can do it for not a lot of money.

The next thing on the list was the graphics. The kit came with multiple sets of very nice stickers, however, the problem with stickers is they look like stickers once you put them on. Instead, I opted for a set of decals from Callie Graphics. Decals are cut to the exact shape which means no clear shiny bits between the letters and in general a nicer look more like a painted on feature and Callie Graphics are very reasonably priced. A full set of decals including the large wing numbers were around \$36 for the Cub and they even customized the N-number to match the full scale airplane I learned to fly in. This is a really easy way to make a scale ARF unique and uniquely yours. I doubt I'll run into another NC 46674.



The next thing to tackle was a place to put Joe. The kit really didn't do anything to provide a scale interior, but yet again, with a little effort and not much money that can be tackled. In the real aircraft, the interior is fabric just like the outside in the same cheery cub yellow. Since the airplane is already built it would be very inconvenient to try and cover the inside, but it is possible to create interior panels that are covered. Again, being conscious that all of these changes are adding weight I selected some 1/64" plywood which is basically the thickness of construction paper. I then templated all of the internal panels including the hat shelf and the rear bulkhead. In total I added around 1.25 oz to the weight of the airplane, but now I have a firm base to attach future scale items such as the throttle controls and trim tab controls and the interior looks like a Cub.





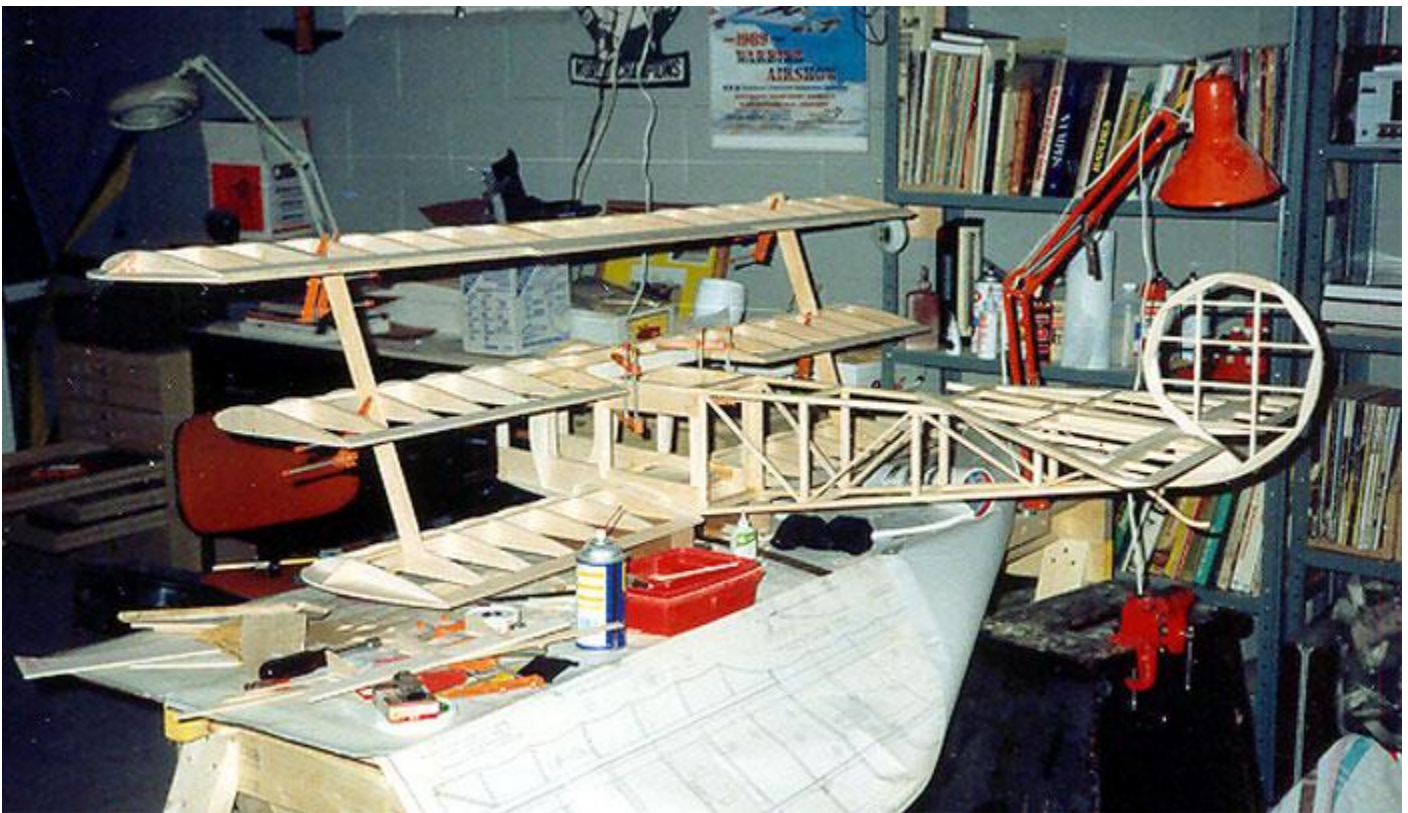
Where is Joe going to sit you may be saying? Well next month I'll be diving into the world of 3-D printing where I hope to create a seat for Joe and a passenger, some control sticks, throttle controls, trim tab controls, and some scale cylinders to replace the vacuum formed globs that are currently attached to the cowling. I'm also planning on adding a cool walnut cockpit floor courtesy of some Wilson Art Laminate. I hope you find this interesting and I encourage you to think about potentially adding in some unique details to your next scale ARF. With a little effort you can also make yourself a unique example of an airplane that is truly your own!

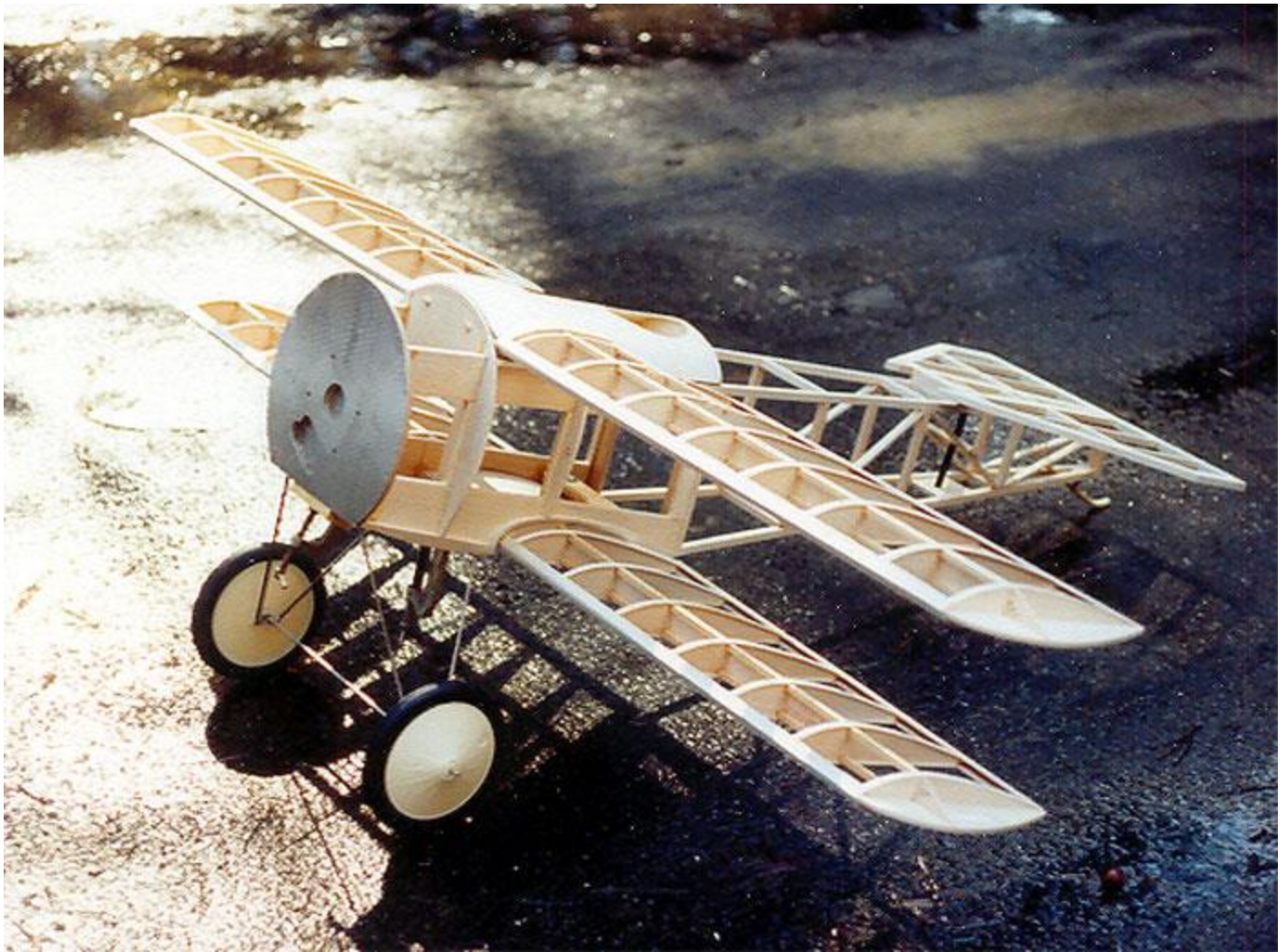
Thanks,
John

Scott Fuller

Most of you won't know who this is but there are a few of us old timers left who new Scott Fuller. The Fullers and my family have always swapped Christmas cards and I recently received one from his wife Kathleen asking me to give her a call. Apparently Scott passed away about two years ago from cancer. He was one of the founding fathers of the club when it relocated to Derry where the club is now. When I joined the club in '88 I went to the field to turn in my application and there was Scott and President Moe Grandmason erecting the first shelter. Scott was club secretary for many years, He was a tireless member of the club always there to lend a hand and instrumental in many of the clubs events a huge part of our fly ins back then. He was a good friend, a terrific builder and a great pilot. At one time he and I built a pair of quarter scale DR1 Triplanes and maidenened them on the same day. He was one of the people who taught me to fly. He was an inspiration to me and contributed to my love of RC aviation. His obituary is still available at <https://obits.phaneuf.net/scott-fuller> if anyone is interested. He will be missed.

JohnL







Upcoming Dates to Remember

Newsletter submissions deadline February 17th

Next Meeting January 29th at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 7:00pm.

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

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