



# TIGER TALES THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB FEBRUARY 2025

#### **From Your President:**

Hello Club Members,

Our February meeting will begin with a condensed version of our normal agenda, so we can welcome some special guests. I'm pleased to announce that Daren Hudson, AMA District 1 Associate Vice President, along with others will be attending our February meeting to discuss the AMA Outreach program. I invited a couple of other clubs to attend as well. During the 30 minute presentation, we will learn much about promoting the hobby through social media and other means. The Outreach Program provides incredible information with toolkits that all clubs can utilize. Dunkin coffee and snacks will be provided. **Please attend this meeting to show our support.** 

I mentioned via email and the January newsletter that the Fremont Flyers RC Club secured indoor flying in Epping NH. I've been attending and also linked a video via email. While several aircraft take air space at the same time with occasional mid airs, It's incredible fun! I've certainly learned how to fly tight and watch out for the other guy (almost). Most of all, new friendships sharing the addiction!

On a final note, please renew your 2025 club membership. Applications are available on the NHFT website. Hardcopy applications are also available at club meetings.

Paul Pazolt

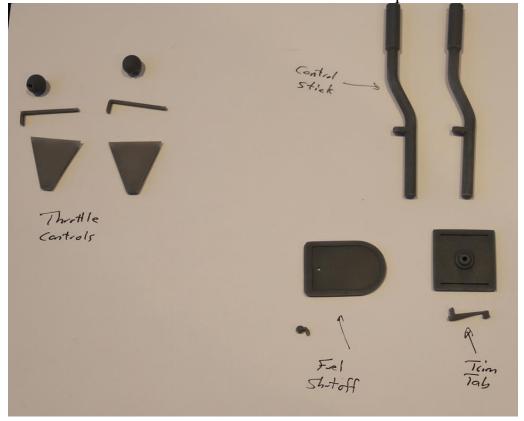
#### **From Your Vice President:**

Unfortunately, this month has proven particularly challenging at work with nights and weekends being the norm so progress on the Cub has been slow. The kit included a very nice sticker for the instrument panel, but a sticker just doesn't quite look realistic. Fortunately, a subject like a 1/5 Cub is well supported in the aftermarket community. I was able to secure a replacement instrument panel that consisted of a piece of clear plastic and a set of decals for the instrument panel. After some masking and painting and some fitting it makes a convincing 3-D instrument panel. You can see the finished instrument panel in comparison to the sticker furnished in the kit

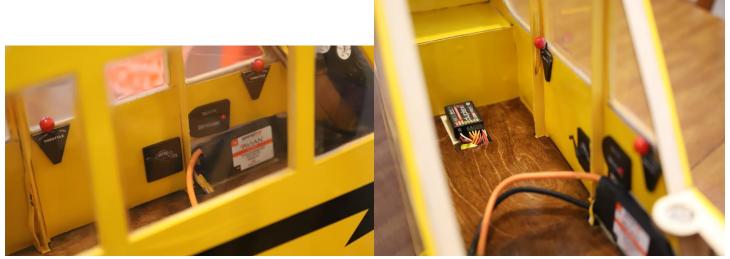
in the photo below. Again, a simple touch that enhances an ARF to make it truly your own.



Today, 3-D printing either through the use of filaments or resin is common place with 3-D printers down in the couple hundred dollar range. The beauty being that CAD design files for a variety of scale bits are available online for free or at a small cost that can really dress up your airplane. In the photo below you can see the throttle quadrants, fuel shutoff panel, trim tab panel and control sticks that were printed out on my neighbors resin printer. These were printed from files that were available online and scaled to 1/5 scale to match up with the Cub.



After painting and applying some laser printed images of the text on the real panels they have nicely added to the scale appearance of the Cub's interior.



As you can see in the pictures an additional piece of 1/64" plywood stained and varnished makes for an attractive cockpit floor. I had hoped to finish up the seats so Joe had a place to sit as well as the dummy engine, but alas work got in the way. Unfortunately, the manufacturer really glued in the speed control and I was afraid of damaging the airplane relocating it so that is a bit of a let down on the interior. Next month, I'll finish up the 3-D printed items and show you the final product. Hopefully, this has illustrated some easy ways to enhance your own models.

Onto the final thoughts for the month. I encourage everyone to come to this month's meeting as Daren Hudson, AMA District 1 SAVP will be there to talk about the Outreach Program.

For many years I've had the pleasure of going into the Hudson School District and Nashua School Districts to share the love of aviation with 5th graders all the way up through high schoolers and I have to say it has been one of the most rewarding aspects of the hobby.





Pictured above is my long range FPV airplane that has a fully autonomous autopilot with full communications link to the ground enabling the uplink of waypoints and commands and the downlink of telemetry real time. To watch the students be able to command the airplane to fly to a spot and use the monitors, goggles, and FPV equipment to explore their world has been so much fun. The students get so excited and enthusiastic about aviation and model aviation and really come alive. It is this enthusiasm for science and aviation that will lead to tomorrow's scientist, engineers, and pilots. You can be a part of inspiring these young folks to get excited and get involved.







Alvirine's CTE has multiple programs that introduce young folks to aviation, drone technology, and engineering, but it all starts by sparking their interests through making it fun and you have that opportunity to make it fun for those in your community. Again, I encourage you join us at the meeting and learn about ways to share the hobby with the community and especially all of tomorrow's pilots. It really is one of the most rewarding aspects of what we do.

Thanks, John

## NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes January 29, 2025

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @ 7:01 with 3 officers and 10 members attending.

### 1. Secretary's Report

In lieu of the secretary report, a motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. It was passed unanimously.

## 2. Treasurer's Report -

Pat Clark gave the treasurers report. We have paid our PO Box rent and our annual website costs. Currently we have 30 renewals for 2025. Our financial situation is fine for this period in our cash flow. A full copy of the report is available to members.

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

There were no Field Marshal, Training or President's reports this month.

### 4. New Members

There were no new members to be voted upon.

## 5. Old Business

Hudson Flyers Update: A meeting of the board of selectmen was held and the members of the Hudson Club and the Derry Club were very well represented. The decision is now in the hands of the board.

John Clark continues to work diligently on updating the club handbook. Progress is being made. Thanks John.

Rod Jack questioned when the Beaver season for trapping started. These Beavbers are considered Nuisance Beavers and may be trapped anytime. The owners of "Tires Too" have done a great job of knocking down the big dam with an excavator. We need to be alert for new dams. Rod also told us that the lot on the left of our access road has been sold. #5 B Street.

# 6. New Business & Proposals

The Flea Market and "Intro to RC Flying" will be held in May of 2025.

The Club Fun Fly will be scheduled in June.

The Public Fun Fly will be in July.

The club picnic will be in September.

Please check your calendars and let the officers know if there are dates that may or may not be good.

The Fremont Flyers have found a place to fly indoors this winter. Select weekdays from 9-1 at a cost of \$10. It is in the Seacoast United soccer building. Paul Pazolt has more information and will share it with the membership.

Paul Pazolt has been busy updating the club's archives and digitizing them. Thanks Paul

Darren Hudson, who is a regional officer with the AMA, would like to come to one of our meetings and discuss the role of AMA in our hobby. We all agreed that we would like to talk to him about "Dual Rates". Paul Pazolt will contact him and setup a visit.

John Marrion suggested that he would like to put together a collage of pictures or a video for Kathleen Fuller. Kathleen is the widow of Scott Fuller who passed away recently. Scott was an exemplary member who contributed much to the club during his years.

Thanks to Paul Pazolt for making the wonderful video that we all enjoyed at the Christmas Party

## Adjourn at 7:36

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Newsletter submissions deadline March 17<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 7:00pm.

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

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