



TIGER TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB

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From Your President:

The field is open and for the most part the runway is very dry, except for a couple of puddles at the north end of the runway. Tall grass beyond the ditch is wet, but the ditch continues flowing water.

Our next meeting is on April 30th, 7PM at Marion Gerrish Community Center. This will be our last indoor meeting. Our first outdoor meeting will begin at the field on Saturday May 24TH, 2pm. I realize that this is Memorial Day Weekend, but our event schedule requires that we pull-in the meeting date. All other out door meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each of month, 2PM at the field.

At the April meeting, we'll conduct normal club business, followed by project night! \$25.00 ABC Hobby gift cards will be awarded for Best Kit, Best ARF, Best in Progress, Best Other, and Member's Choice, as voted by club members. Bring anything you are working on for discussion, even if you're not participating in the contest.

John Lavery suggested advanced training sessions, Wednesday evenings, where proficient pilots can learn how to tweak their aircraft and learn some more advanced maneuvers. I think this is a fantastic idea, more to follow. Please make sure you have submitted your applications and club dues for the 2025 season. Payment and applications were due end February 2025. Let's go flying, enjoy the incredible field we have available to you!

Paul Pazolt

NHFT 2025 Schedule

Our Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday May 10th. It would be great if some club members arrive at 9AM to help set-up tables and provide some traffic control. Sellers will arrive around 9AM, with the general public arriving at 10AM. We have several sellers already on our list. Hopefully, due to advertising via email to local clubs and hobby shops, we'll see a great turnout!

Our Intro to RC Flying is scheduled for Saturday May 31st. Our advertisement has been shared on Facebook to over 28 local communities, totaling over 300K Facebook members! We'll see

what type of participation we get. Dates for the public fly-in, club fun fly, and club picnic are in progress. I'm trying to work around other local club events to avoid any conflicts.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

During Flea Market Advertising, Bill Schor contacted me. Bill was a club officer as the NH Flying Tigers was created in the 1970's, flying from a grass air strip in Hookset NH. From there, the Tigers moved to Manchester, and eventually our current field in the early 1980's. Attached is a news clipping of Bill and his plane from the 70's. I'm hoping Bill will attend our flea market. He has many vintage nitro engines and planes from way back in the day!

Paul Pazolt



UP, UP AND AWAY — A model biplane lifts off the old Hooksett airstrip as Bill Schor (left), secretary of the New

Hampshire Flying Tigers, operates it by radio control. The area is said to be the best wireless flying field in the state.

From Your Vice President:

The weather is finally improving and it's time to get back out there to enjoy our hobby. This also provides us the opportunity to join up with our fellow modelers at the plethora of events scattered around New England throughout the spring, summer and fall. I thought I would take a couple of minutes to highlight a couple of these events:

On June 13th and 14th the Joe Howard Memorial Scale Helicopter Fun Fly is occurring in Mansfield, MA which is about an hour and fifteen minutes. This is the largest scale helicopter event in the northeast and brings out some truly amazing aircraft. The amount of hours and money these participants have invested in some of the large scale electric and turbine helicopters boggles the mind.



So, the next one is a little ways out, but from the 5th to 7th of September the annual Mid-Hudson Radio Control Club Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome show is being held. This is truly an unbelievable weekend full of truly giant scale WWI and Golden Age airplanes flying continuously combined with the Full Scale Show and exhibits. If you've never been to Old Rhinebeck, you owe it to yourself to go. No where else in the world will you see these types of airplanes actually take flight.



Old Rhinebeck was the vision of Cole Palen who started the collection after bidding on a number of aircraft from Roosevelt Field when their museum was being disbanded as the field was being converted to a shopping mall (Yes, the same field that Charles Lindbergh took off from to cross the Atlantic). Over the years he restored the aircraft and delighted folks and movie goers with seeing these aircraft take flight. If you've ever watched "Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines", it was Cole Palen that worked on the aircraft for the film.



In 1959 Palen bought a small farm, by paying its back taxes, and the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome begun. Palen would introduce the public to the wonders of these aircraft through choreographed shows starring Sir Percy, Eloc Nelap (Cole Palen spelled backwards), Trudy Truelove, and Cole

Palen's alter-ego, the famous Black Baron of Rhinebeck. Along the way other personalities like the flying farmer would join into the lighthearted show with both historic golden age barnstorming and early flight demonstrations as well as exciting World War I dogfights with the infamous Fokker Triplane and French Spad.



Sadly Cole Palen is no longer with us, but his legacy lives on. I'm happy to report, in the over 40 years I've been fortunate to go to Old Rhinebeck Sir Percy and Trudy Truelove have always been able to live happily ever after and the cursed Black Baron of Rhinebeck has been thwarted, but maybe things will be different in 2025?

Thanks, John

NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes March 26, 2025

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @7:05 with 4 officers and 12 members attending.

1. Secretary's Report

In lieu of the Secretary's report the minutes of the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, were accepted unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report -

We currently have 44 Adult members and 1 Junior. We have a good cash balance and only have the field rent left to pay. We are in good financial shape overall and are expecting more memberships. The report was accepted unanimously.

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

Field Marshall Report: The mud is gone and the field is dry and ready to fly. The Mudlock is off. A work party is scheduled for April 12th at 9:00. We need a new gas tank for the roller and Pat Clark said that he could provide one.

Mike Miller reported that there has been no new Beaver activity spotted. The plane stands look great and do not need another coat of paint at this time. We need to get a copy of the mudlock key to Tamposi.

Grub control is needed and it will require 2 applications. John Cook volunteered to assist in acquiring and spreading the necessary products.

Completing the berm, building a memorial Plaque, a bridge over the trench and building an assembly table are all projects for 2025.

Training Report: No training yet but starting soon. John Clark is getting the Buddy Boxes ready and Paul Lockwood is gathering his list of students.

4. New Members

- There were no new members to be voted upon.

5. Old Business

John Lavery spoke again about a plane assembly stand. As previously discussed, the plane stands that we have are terrific but just not big enough for assembly of some of the larger planes. John Lavery volunteered to build one 6 feet long that should solve the problem. This

stand would double as a plane stand. John has researched the project and estimates the cost at \$200. A motion was made to appropriate \$200 for the purpose of building a plane assembly stand. Passed unanimously.

The Flea Market is set for May 10th this year. Volunteers needed.
The Learn to Fly day is May 24th

The Hudson landfill flying site is still in Limbo politically. No good news there.

6. New Business & Proposals

John Lavery wants to hold IMAC training on Wednesday nights. IMAC competitions are becoming more popular and bring flying skills to a new level. If interested please contact John directly.

Paul Pazolt has a lead on acquiring some used astroturf from an indoor soccer field. We may use it to replace the runway.

The AMA visit in February was very informative. Paul Pazolt recommended that members go to the AMA website and visit AMA District 1 and read what they say about growth and retention. Chuck talked about making “Delta Dawn” balsa plane kits to generate some interest with juniors.

There was discussion about participating in the Marion-Gerrish Vendor Night. There was little enthusiasm to participate this year. Some interest but not fruitful.

Adjourn at 7:51

Dave Werner won the 50/50 raffle and generously donated it back to the club.

Field Marshal's Report:

The field continues to be in great shape for flying. We've had to postpone the April work party twice due to rain, but we will get out there soon and take care of the few things that can be improved.

The largest beaver dam has been rebuilt causing a little bit of persistent puddles at the extreme north end of the runway. The ditch is saving the rest of the field from flooding. Water levels are high everywhere, even downstream of the culvert, so I think we should wait until the water levels start to come down before considering if we take any action against the dam.

This latest rainstorm kicked the grass into growing so I will be bringing the mower to the field some time this week. That should help disperse some of the goose droppings and make things a little more pleasant.

-Mike Miller (Field Marshal)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Newsletter submissions deadline May 17th

Next Meeting April 30th at the Marion Gerrish
Community Center, 7:00pm.

NHFT Project Night: April 30TH

NHFT Flea Market: May 10th

NHFT Intro to RC Flying: May 24th

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

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