



TIGER TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I reflect on life as I get older and my decision process. Why join a hobby such as RC Flying? It's really silly to think about moving these sticks around on the ground to control an object in the air, knowing that what goes up must come down, sometimes unplanned. I guess any sport or hobby starts with an interest leading to a passion, resulting in complete addiction. Flying RC is by far the most challenging, humbling, and rewarding experience I've encountered. It takes organized clubs with members willing to help and share their tribal knowledge with others. It takes a routine to pack your stuff, ensuring you didn't forget something. Speaking of packing/unpacking: Have you ever tried carrying a wing or fuselage around, swearing to God that you won't do it again, but ding it on a door jam or otherwise? Quite frankly I think it's impossible to accomplish. Whoever invented glue and duct tape: Thank you! It takes discipline in the pit area ensuring our planes are ready to fly. It takes determination with a never give up attitude learning to fly. It takes practice and stick time at the field to improve our skills, gaining confidence to try new maneuvers, even when mother-nature abruptly stops by to mess with our heads. My conclusion is RC flying provides a huge bang for the buck. There is something for everyone no matter our aircraft preferences, wallet size, or skill levels. We are a one size fits all hobby with mentorship, comradery, and a good dose of ribbing that other forms of life might learn from us. Kudos Tigers, you represent all that our hobby has to offer. Hopefully continued advertising will lead to newcomers. Attracting newcomers has been a major topic at the AMA District 1 Level. As a matter of fact, John Marien took a youngster up for a try at flying. His name is Chris and visits us while riding his E-Bike on the rail trail. We traded contact information with Chris and hope to see him again. Thank you John for promoting the hobby!

Paul Pazolt

SECOND COMPLAINT: FLYING BY THE BLUE BUILDING!!!

While we shared information via email and the August newsletter about a plane flying over the blue building and B ST, I received a second complaint from Keith via phone text on Thursday September 18 with video attachments. It's quite obvious a gas or 2 stroke plane was heading back north from A ST and near the blue building side parking lot. Keith also has a prop in his office that fell off a plane about a month ago while an employee was standing in the front parking lot. I'll pick up the prop and meet Keith in person ASAP. This must be resolved now,

before Keith has no choice but to escalate the issue beyond NHFT. With that, I strongly suggest we all review the included google map and begin tightening our flight path near the blue building (south end of the runway). We cannot fly past the yellow line as shown on the map, period. This will ensure we have addressed the concern for our neighbor. When making landing approaches by the blue building, Keith understands we need a glide approach and agrees that approaches over the rear parking lot, around the propane tanks is acceptable. Our flight stations appear off center, more to the runway south. Perhaps we can move them more to the north for a better perspective. In any case we need to respect our neighbors. Think of the consequences.

Paul Pazolt, Safety Officer



FIELD VIDEO/PHOTO SURVALLANCE CAMERA

Based on recent vandalism inside the Porta-Potty, Joe Musto has been researching the possibility of installing a self-powered trail camera at the field. This appears to a very cost effective way to monitor the area. We'll discuss options more at the September meeting.

Paul Pazolt

EVENT UPDATE

It was a challenge planning events this year due to bad weather and conflicting schedules from local clubs. Let's plan our club picnic for Saturday October 18 starting at 10AM. This is a perfect time to bring your friends and family to the field for a day of fun! The club will provide food and beverages. Donations for side dishes including salads and desserts are always appreciated. We'll watch the weather and adjust accordingly.

Paul Pazolt

REVISED PROPOSAL: JOINT LOCAL CLUB DUES DISCOUNT

A proposal is on the table to join up with local clubs. If you are a member of NHFT, you can join the SNHRCC (formerly the Hudson Landfill) at a 50% dues reduction. Same would hold true for SNHRCC members joining NHFT, 50% dues reduction. You would become a full member in both cases with voting rights, following the rules and guidelines of each club. The idea is to get folks to participate at various flying locations and defray some dues costs. If this catches on, we can reach out to other clubs to see if they are willing to participate in a reduced dues effort. For me, I joined Fremont RC club this year and also thinking about joining Concord Skyhawks next year. While neither of these clubs have seen this proposal, it might catch on moving forward.

Paul Pazolt

CLUB MEETINGS

Our last outdoor meeting will be held at the Tigers field on Saturday, September 27th, 1PM rain or shine. It's time to discuss nominations for 2026 club officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). Consider running for an officer position. If interested, you can be nominated by a member present at our October meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, 7PM at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Elections will transpire at our next meeting at Marion Gerrish on Tuesday, November 25TH 7PM at Marion Gerrish. This date is pulled in one day due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our December meeting falls on Christmas Eve. I'll propose that we hold our club Christmas party on Wednesday December 17th. Starting January 2026, Meetings will be the last Wednesday of each month at the community center through April.

Paul Pazolt

From your Vice President:

An excellent local September radio control event happens every year at the Greenfield State Park in New Hampshire and that is the Joel B. Chappell Memorial Fall Float Fly-In hosted by the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles. This year the event ran from 12-14 September and as usual it was a really well run and was fun for all. This three day event attracts pilots from around New England and you get to see a variety of interesting seaplanes. This year I was only able to attend on Friday the 12th, but what a day. The weather was near perfect with temperature in the mid-seventies and light winds making for smooth water and a golden opportunity to enjoy the beauty of this venue.

There were 35 pilots registered on Friday with a variety of aircraft and I can only imagine that number grew over the weekend.





If you look closely you'll see our own Steve Brian assembling his small and under powered biplane. I believe in this picture he is trying to figure out where to put his rod. Seriously, Steve flew beautifully throughout the day with this very impressive airplane.



There were up to 5 airplanes in the air at a time with 4-5 being the norm given the spectacular day resulting in a lot of flying. There were a number of unusual participants including a Spitfire on floats and my personal favorite, a scale model of a Republic RC-3 Seabee (Republic used the same mentality with the Seabee as they did with the Thunderbolt, build a tank) flown by a former Coast Guard and DART Helicopter pilot.





There were, of course, plenty of 3-D and other shenanigans that were impressive even if they occasionally resulted in the "row of shame" with the rescue boat.





Personally, I was grateful to be able to put my Avios PBY Catalina in the water for the first time and I'm happy to report that it flew fabulously. I highly recommend it! It was easy to get on and off the water and was extremely stable.



The Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles do a fantastic job with this event every year. They are extremely welcoming to all and even man the grill for lunch. If you've ever contemplated float flying, I highly encourage you to give it a try and come out to this great event that happens every September. I really want to thank the Flying Eagles for putting on this event. The fun, laughs, and comradery are really top notch.

Happy Flying,

John

NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes August 30, 2025

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @1:06 with 4 officers and 14 members attending.

1. Secretary's Report

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

2. Treasurer's Report -

Pat Clark gave the treasurer's report. He stated that all of our annual bills have been paid leaving us with an acceptable balance going forward into the winter. Our recent Fly-In grossed \$734 leaving us with a profit for the treasury. Currently we have 60 members. A copy of the detailed report is available to any member. Please ask one of the officers.

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

Field Marshall Report: John Cook has been doing a great job maintaining the field. We can now mow the entire length of the field and the high grass has been cut back. It is time to build the bridge over the ditch.

The Beaver dam has been rebuilt but it is not flooding our field. The current water level seems to be okay with the Beavers and us. We will continue to monitor.

The Fall Work Party has been scheduled for October 11 at 9:00.

Training Report: Our Ace student Tom Skene, has been progressing nicely all year and is now landing on his own.

4. New Members

- There were no new members to be voted upon.

5. Old Business

The sister club proposal is coming soon. The Fremont Club is not interested in this arrangement.

The management at Total Air Supply has voiced a complaint about flying over their parking lots. We need to be more careful of our boundaries when we fly in that direction.

6. New Business & Proposals

We were the recipients of some ugly graffiti last month. Apparently they used the porta-potti as their canvas.

It was reported to the police, but if you see any new vandalism please call Paul Pazolt as soon as possible.

Big shout out to John Cook and Joe Musto for taking care of it.

Rich Kieley made a proposal to escrow \$500 each year with the funds to be used exclusively for major Tractor repairs. The motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

Adjourn at 1:26

Field Marshall Report:

While the year started out extremely wet and it took almost the whole summer for the field to dry out completely, this fall has been exactly the opposite! The flow through the culvert actually dried up for several weeks! John Cook took advantage of the situation by lowering the water level in the swamp and thoroughly mowing down the grass and weeds beyond the ditch.

October 11 will be the fall work party, starting at 9am. Rain date is October 12. We will be focusing on trimming the weeds next to the ditch, doing some light dredging of the ditch, and maybe building a footbridge over the ditch. There's also lots of bushes and small trees around the need to be trimmed back.

-Mike Miller, Field Marshal

<p>Newsletter submissions deadline October 18th</p> <p>Next Meeting September 27th at the Field, 1:00 pm</p> <p>See the Calendar at our website for up to date activity information: www.nhflyingtigers.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Club Officers</p> <p>President: Paul Pazolt Vice President: John Stevens Secretary: Rich Kieley. Treasurer: Pat Clark Field Marshal, B. St.: Mike Miller Safety Officer: Paul Pazolt Training Coordinator: Paul Lockwood Event Coordinator: John Lavery Webmaster: John Lavery Newsletter Editor: Will Widgren</p> <p>Send all correspondence to: The New Hampshire Flying Tigers R/C Club P.O. Box 99 Derry, NH 03038-0099</p>
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