



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

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Has the flying season really come to an end? See attached photo of a few diehards flying in cold weather with outdoor wood stove fired up. Now that is addiction!

Get ready for indoor flying in Epping NH:

Inside flying has started up for the winter season. 88 Shirkin Rd. Epping NH.

Same as last year \$10.00 each that goes to Seacoast United/3 Step Sports for the use of the facility. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 1:00. Working on nights and weekends, will let you know if it happens. There are some holidays that fall on Thursday that the field will be closed.

If the weather is bad for traveling it will also be canceled. I will try to let you know the night before if possible. Wayne Watjus President Fremont Flyers

Text with questions 603-498-4690



This is a great place for small electric aircraft. Most of all, a great place to connect with folks from multiple clubs in the area. For me, the humor and ribbing alone is worth the price of attending! Special thanks to Fremont Flyers RC club for securing a great indoor facility for all of us. On a sad note, club member Moe informed me that the NH Flying Misfits, Auburn NH lost their flying site due to a property sale. I'm told that some members flew on that site for over thirty years. With that, I'll propose a 50% NHFT dues discount for those who already paid their dues to the Misfits, but would like to join our club in 2026, as we offered to SNHRCC in the past. This will take a majority club vote from those present at the next meeting. Happy Holidays, and let's support the hobby in any way we can.

*Paul Pazolt*

## **2026 OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND FINAL VOTE**

Nominations for club officers will continue through our November meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM at Marion Gerrish Community Center, Derry NH. As of this newsletter, current club officers volunteered and were nominated at the October meeting for the 2026 season:

Paul Pazolt President

John Stevens Vice President

Pat Clark Treasurer

Rich Kiely Secretary

Final nominations will be heard at the meeting, concluding with a majority vote for each position. Don't be shy, run for a position! It's a great learning experience!!!!

*Paul Pazolt*

## **CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE REMINDER**

The following is our monthly club meeting schedule, November 2025 (12/3) through April 2026 at Marion Gerrish Community Center, Derry NH:

WED 12/03/25 7PM (Final Officer Nominations, Officer Vote by Members Present)

WED 01/07/26 7:15PM (Xmas Party, Yankee Swap. No Business Will Be Conducted)

WED 01/28/26 7PM

WED 02/25/26 7PM

WED 03/25/26 7PM

WED 04/29/26 7PM (Flying Site Review, Project night)

*Paul Pazolt*

## **FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT:**

Our club honors the contributions of the American Volunteer Group known as the Flying Tigers in defense of China during World War II. After the Flying Tigers rejoined the Army Air Corps the Army Air Corps continued to support the Chinese in their efforts to defend China against the Japanese. In 1942 the Japanese cut off the last land route from India to China, known as the Burma Road. This forced the allies to begin supplying the forces in and around Kunming, China by air. Squadrons of Douglas C-47s and Curtis C-46s flew over 740,000 tons of supplies across

167,000 flights over the Himalayas on a route that was commonly known as "The Hump".



Protecting those flights were members of the 80th Fighter Group out of Nagaghuli Airfield equipped with P-40 Warhawks.



Chabua Air Base, 1944



2nd Lt. Philip Adair and Lulu Belle

2nd Lt Philip Adair was assigned to patrol "The Hump" the morning of 13 December 1943. After returning from his patrol, Adair asked his crew chief, Carol Peake, to immediately service his P-40 "Lulu Belle" and then he proceeded to the alert shack. As soon as he began to relax waiting for the rest of his squadron to return the alert siren sounded. Peake had just finished

servicing Lulu Belle when the alert sounded and he promptly started the engine. When Adair arrived he jumped in, not even fastening his seatbelt and immediately pushed the throttle forward getting airborne in less than a minute.

Upon reaching 12,000ft Adair spotted what he thought was a flight of four aircraft through the haze. Adair headed for the formation continuing his climb. Getting close he realized that he wasn't seeing a flight of four, but rather four flights of Mitsubishi Ki-21 "Sally" bombers consisting of 24 bombers and accompanying Nakajima Ki-43 "Oscar" fighters acting as escorts totaling 64 enemy aircraft. Standard procedure was to request support when outnumbered by more than five to one.



Nakajima Ki-43 Hayabusa "Oscar"



Mitsubishi Ki-21 "Sally"

At 18,000 ft Adair began trailing the formation and radioed for support to find out that there weren't any available fighters to come support as all available aircraft were out on patrol. Adair had a choice, engage the bomber stream targeting the Allied base at Chabua with its transport aircraft on the ground, rail station, and hospital or continue to trail the formation. Adair resolved himself to do what he could and dove on the bomber formation hoping to just break up the formation long enough to disrupt their bombing run. Adair cut through the bomber formation targeting the lead aircraft with his six .50 caliber machine guns striking the aircraft and diving away from the slower Oscars turning to pursue. Adair climbed back up to try again. This time the Oscars were already turning in. Adair ignored them and dove through at the bombers to make another pass at scattering the formation. The next time around Adair focused on some of the Oscars scoring a kill and probable before again diving away using his greater dive speed.

The third time around the Japanese fighters began to anticipate the tactics and were waiting for him peppering his aircraft with machine gun fire striking the fuselage, wings , and tail while Adair continue to fire at the bombers.

The damage had been done to Lulu Belle with bullets hitting the control cables and Adair found he needed both hands on the stick to get enough elevator authority to keep from diving into the jungle after he completed his pass. Given his current state he didn't think he could make it back to his base 125 miles away. Fortunately the Japanese Fighters stayed with the bombers and didn't pursue him. Then a thought came to his mind, roll the aircraft inverted and allow it to perform an inverted climb. Adair found that the big Allison would load up from being inverted after a couple of minutes, but rolling upright would clear that in a few seconds. He proceeded to roll inverted and upright all the way back to base. Upon reaching the outskirts of the base Adair hit the gear handle and hydraulic pump switch while inverted and at last moment on final rolled the airplane upright to land at Nagaghuli Airfield. Fortunately, the anti-aircraft gunners held fire even though they couldn't identify the approaching P-40 given its inverted state.

Thanks to the efforts of 2nd Lt. Adair scattering the bombers, the bombing raid failed with bombs being dropped harmlessly on the jungle before the target. It took 3 days for the ground crew to patch up Lulu Belle from the damage inflicted by the Japanese fighters including 17 bullet holes in the fuselage and armor plate around the cockpit as well as holes in the wings and tail surfaces. Adair was credited with one bomber, one Oscar and several other probables. For his heroism in single-handedly taking on 64 enemy aircraft Adair was awarded the Silver Star. Adair would go on to fly 113 combat missions and become an ace in the P-40 before switching to P-47s. Adair would retire from the Air Force as a Full Colonel after 30 years of service and eventually pass away in 2017.

When asked about the P-40 he said: "The P-40 was a reliable old bird a little slow maybe, but it is surprising how fast a scared P-40 can go and the old Warhawk never failed to bring me back."



A Recreation of 2nd Lt. Adair's "LuluBelle" can be found in the Hangar 11 Collection based at North Weald in Essex UK.

Thanks,  
John

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

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @ 7:14 with 4 officers and 15 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. We have ample funds in our treasury and expect less than \$200 in expenses between now and the end of the year. We are completing and submitting our Non-Profit Return for the State of NH. This is required every 5 years at a cost of \$25. Pat suggested that we earmark all future donations to the tractor fund.

Club members can receive a complete treasurer's report from any officer.

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

Training Report: Our top student Tom Skene continues to improve and can land successfully and repeatedly. Looking good Tom. The Buddy Boxes have been removed by John Clark and will be prepped for winter storage at his house.

Field Marshall Report: Very successful Fall Work Party on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. We had 14 members attend and a lot of projects were completed. Shoutout to Scott for his design/build of the new footbridge over the trench. Lots of brush was cut back and the berm was stripped of vegetation and 25' of it was removed. Plane stands were painted and we're ready for winter. Next Spring we will add 2 new flight stands.

John Cook was noted for his continuing contributions to the club. Thanks, John.

## **4. New Members**

- Brian Nadeau was nominated for membership and was approved unanimously.

## **5. Old Business**

No discussion about old business.

## **6. New Business & Proposals**

The following Officers were nominated and accepted for the 2026 term:

President: Paul Pazolt

Vice-President: John Stevens

Treasurer: Pat Clark

Secretary: Rich Kieley

Voting will be held at the November meeting on December 3, 2025.

Paul Pazolt has been digitizing Club documents and is preparing a notebook to be kept at the field with copies of all of our documentation.

A presentation was made by Paul Pazolt and John Clark concerning flight boundaries. We have an Air Space Agreement with the Manchester Airport and the FAA as we are located within the Airport's controlled airspace. We update this every year and it is part of our FRIA obligations. These borders were displayed on a screen showing known landmarks and areas to avoid. We have 460 feet of depth from the runway to the back line. Plenty. We have permission from Total Air Supply to fly over their rear parking lot for landing approaches if the wind is right. We also have permission to access their property to cut brush along the fence line.

Budget 2026: John Clark and Pat Clark presented the proposed budget for 2026. A printed copy of the proposal is available to members from any Officer. The new budget accurately represents the expected expenses and revenues for the upcoming year. Dues were budgeted to remain flat at \$100 per year. Discussion about the \$20 reduction in dues in exchange for volunteering will be discussed at the November meeting. The need for a Post Office Box was questioned and was tabled until next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as proposed. It was passed unanimously.

Adjourn at: 8:18

Newsletter submissions deadline December 26<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Marrion Garrish  
Community Center at 7:00pm

See the Calendar at our website for up to date activity  
information: [www.nhflyingtigers.com](http://www.nhflyingtigers.com)

### **Club Officers**

**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

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