



TIGER TALES THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB FEBRUARY 2026

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone is surviving winter and staying healthy. We'll discuss club events and other items at the February meeting. I'll attempt playing the NHFT 2025 club video once again after the meeting. John Lavery is bringing his laptop, it should work. Pat Clark and I created the following proposal that will require majority vote at the meeting, based on comments from member John Hayes:

PROPOSAL – CANCEL NHFT USPS PO BOX Annual fees continue rising to maintain a USPS PO Box. Per our 2008 club handbook, there are no rules regarding canceling this service. With that, a simple majority vote of members present at the February 2026 meeting will be taken to cancel the PO Box, saving the club \$300 annually and beyond, as costs will continue rising. AMA postal mail will be sent to the acting club president home address. All other postal mail will be sent to the acting club treasurer home address. Further discussion and majority club vote will transpire regarding how to disperse this savings in the budget.

NHFT/AMA/FAA COMPLIANCE Now is a good time to check your aircraft to ensure they are properly marked. AMA: Your name and address, or AMA number is required inside or outside your aircraft. It's a good idea to include your phone number as well, in case a plane is lost.

FAA: Any aircraft weighing .55LBS or more requires FAA registration, with your FAA number visible "outside" all aircraft you own. A binder of critical club documents will be stored in the container closest to the shelter, including member FAA registration numbers, in case we have a surprise audit from FAA, as happened with the Concord Skyhawks in the past. Club members should keep updated documents with you at all times whether hard copy or your phones: **Club membership card, AMA card, FAA registration certificate, FAA trust test certificate.** I realize this requires some work, but the goal is to make sure our field and members are legal and compliant, in case of any incidents that may arise. Please contact me for any questions.

I'm looking forward to serving this club as your president in my third year. I'm actually having fun with this and feel good that I can pay back all the help this club has given me over the years. Without this club and help, I would have given up a long time ago. Flying does not come easy to many of us! We have a great team of devoted officers, appointees, and volunteers. My job is

to collect all feedback I can and communicate via email and club meetings. Nothing is more important than ideas, opinions and feedback from our membership, without drama. Attend meetings, send emails, make phone calls, get involved. Go NHFT, lots to look forward to!!!!

Paul Pazolt

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT:

I apologize to folks for skipping the last couple of newsletters. I've had a lot going on. This month I would like to return to look at another interesting story and stick around to the end to see how it ties back to our club.

Bernard "Bernie" F. Fisher was born in 1927 in San Bernardino, California, but grew up in Kuna, Idaho. After high school he joined the Navy and served at the end of World War II. He separated from the Navy and went back school earning a degree from the University of Utah in 1951. After graduating, he rejoined the military receiving a commission in the U.S. Air Force and completing pilot training. He served as a fighter pilot until 1965 when he volunteered for service in Vietnam and our story begins.



Maj. Bernard Fisher

During his time in Vietnam Major Fisher flew 200 combat sorties from July 1965 through June of 1966. However, it was his mission on the 10th of March in 1966 that cemented his place in the history books. On that day Major Fisher led a two ship mission flying the A-1 E/H Spad (aka Skyraider) out of Pleiku Air Base heading into the Shau Valley. His mission was to provide support to friendly ground units actively being fired on. Complicating the mission was the fact that the 1,500 ft mountains surrounding the friendly troops were obscured by the 800ft overcast clouds enabling only a narrow corridor to operate out of. During the engagement another A-1, piloted by Major Dafford Wayne "Jump" Myers was hit and crash landed in a field in the valley.



Major Fisher's A-1 E/H Skyraider at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio

Major Fisher immediately called for an evacuation only to learn that the closest rescue helicopter was more than 30 minutes away. Major Myers had crash landed only 200 yards from enemy forces and was actively under fire. Major Fisher knew he would be captured or killed long before the helicopter could get there and with the intense enemy fire even once on site the helicopter couldn't affect a rescue. Knowing this, Major Fisher landed his aircraft on a 2,500 ft piece of land in the valley dodging shell holes and debris while taking fire from the enemy. The other Skyraiders in the area provided covering fire enabling Major Fisher to jump out of his running airplane, drag Major Myers into the empty seat of his airplane and takeoff all while continuing to take damage from small arms fire.

(I think they stole part of this story for *Top Gun: Maverick* ☺)

Through Major Fisher's actions a fellow pilot was saved. In recognition of his heroism, Major Fisher would be the first member of the Air Force awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam on 19 Jan 67 by President Lyndon Johnson. Bernie Fisher returned to the United States continuing to fly jets and rising to the rank of Colonel before retiring in 1974 back to his home in Kuna, Idaho where a park is named in his honor. Colonel Fisher's A-1 E/H has been preserved and is on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio (I believe they patched up the 19 holes he accumulated on his mission).

Remember I told you to stick around for the tie-in back to our club. Our very own Larry Sarkozy also flew Skyraiders on those same "up close and personal" missions that we associate today with platforms like the A-10. I invite you to talk with Larry the next time you see him. He

has never once disappointed me with his fascinating stories told only as he can. Larry, thank you so much for your service and being one of the nicest people I know.

Thanks,

John

NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026

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

1. Secretary's Report

In lieu of a Secretary's Report, the minutes of the November 2025 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 have no expenses to report. We are currently spending \$248 per year for mailbox rental. We may want to consider sending all future correspondence to the treasurer's address. It will remain on the agenda. We have 26 members.

Club members can receive a complete treasurer's report from any officer. A motion was made to accept the report, and it was passed unanimously.

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

No training in the winter, yet.

Field Marshall position is open. Paul Pazolt said that he had a shopping list of things to do at the field.

4. New Members

- There were no new members.

5. Old Business

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

6. New Business & Proposals

The following Officers were elected for the 2026 term:

President: Paul Pazolt

Vice-President: John Stevens

Treasurer: Pat Clark

Secretary: Rich Kieley

Will Widgren was reappointed Newsletter Publisher.

John Lavery will assume the duties of Event Coordinator and Webmaster.

Joe Musto spoke about the increasing limits to access of some Chinese drone manufacturers by the FAA. Some are still available, but you must have the proper license and registration.

Adjourn at: 7:33

NHFT Event schedules for 2026. Also included are other events from local clubs. These dates are tentative and will be confirmed within the next month. If anyone sees any conflicting events or knows of any events not included in this list, please let me know.

NHFT Event Schedule

Intro flight May 16th

Flea market June 13th

Fun fly July 11th

Fly-In August 8th

Club Picnic / Fly-In Sept 5th

Concord Skyhawks

May 23rd IMAC clinic one day

June 5th-7th IMAC

July 18th Club fun fly

August 14th-16th club overnight and swap meet

Sept 18th-20th club fun fly / float fly

Sept 25th-27th IMAC

Oct 2nd-4th IMAC rain date

Oct 11th club fun fly

Nov 14th field closing

Skystreakers Gloucester Maine

June 17th Seniors open house

June 26th-28th IMAC

Plumb Island

Sept 11th-13th IMAC

June 18th-21st Jet Rally

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Newsletter submissions deadline March 16th

Next Meeting February 25th at Marrion Garrish
Community Center at 7:00pm

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

Club Officers

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Treasurer: Pat Clark

Field Marshal, B. St.: OPEN

Safety Officer: Paul Pazolt

Training Coordinator: Paul Lockwood

Event Coordinator: John Lavery

Webmaster: John Lavery

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