



TIGER TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NH FLYING TIGERS RC CLUB

MARCH 2026

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hopefully the worst of winter is behind us so we can concentrate on getting the field ready for a great 2026 flying season! One thing taking the sting out of winter is indoor flying, Epping NH, hosted by the NH Fremont Flyers. It's a different experience flying indoors, and a lot more fun than sitting at home on a simulator. You'll find pilots from beginners to top guns all engaged together, with some of the best smack talk in NH! Most of all, just a great bunch of people to hang out with. Indoor flying will continue through at least end April. Visit fremontflyers.com for schedules. It's only \$10.00 (debit or credit card) for 5HRS of flying time per day. The facility has restrooms with plenty of outlets for battery charging.

I reviewed NHFT hardcopy documents we have on file. Most of the information dates back to the 1990's, with old club member applications, forms, newsletters, etc. that are either no longer required or redundant. All of that information has been shredded. The end result in our hardcopy tote will be information that cannot be scanned. All other information will be on a thumb drive (with back-up), meant to be passed on as our club history evolves.

The 2008 club handbook is in edit and going very slow. I'll do my best to provide a revised 2026 club handbook to the membership for vote down the road. We also have a binder with AMA/FAA and field specific documents that will be stored in our storage container closest to the shelter, in case of any audits.

The club voted to cancel our PO BOX at the February meeting. Thanks John Hayes for pointing out this expense. The club will save \$300 annually. All club postal mail including membership dues, applications, and checks can be sent to the following address if you choose to do so:

Pat Clark
NHFT Treasurer
7 Hillcrest Rd
Goffstown, NH 03045

AMA club information is paperless (email). They confirmed my postal address if required:

Paul Pazolt
NHFT President
66 Hub Hollow Rd
Danville NH 03819

Finally, our project night will be held on April 29th 7PM at the community center, followed by what I hope is a video of our 2025 flying season. Stay tuned for details.

Paul Pazolt

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT:

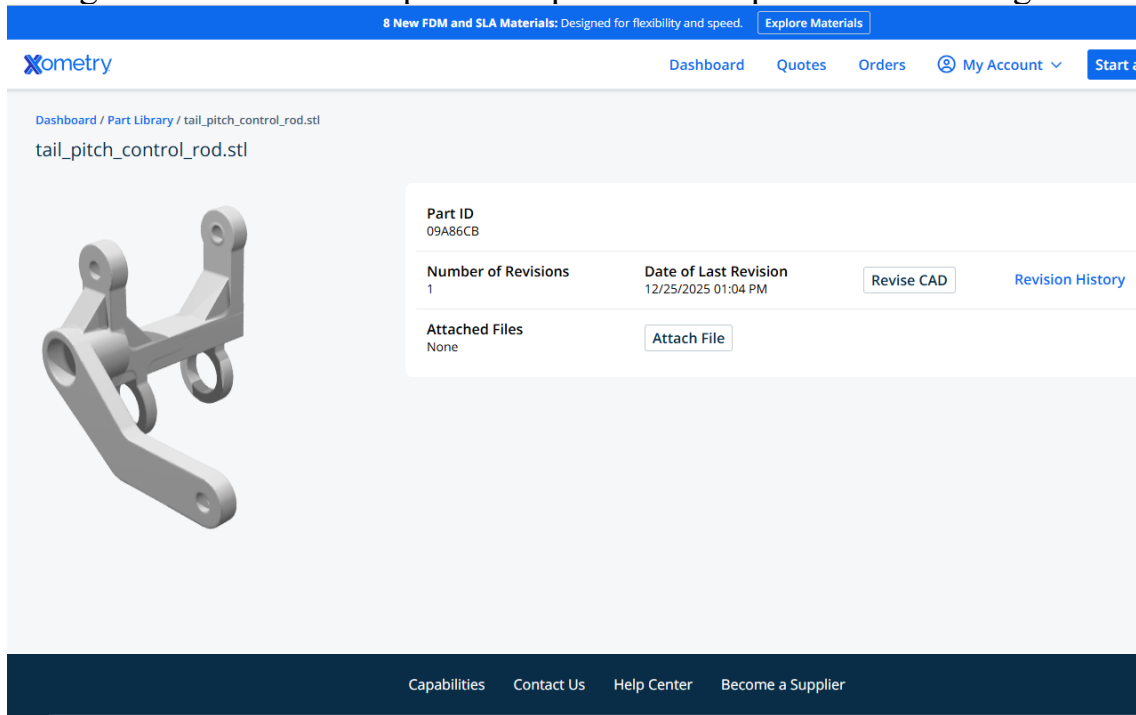
It looks like we're finally starting to get a break in the weather and project night in April is fast approaching. This month I thought I would talk about a couple of things to put that finishing detail on your project. I'll start off with 3-D printed parts. Typical home 3-D printing is usually accomplished using either a filament printer that uses one or more rolls of plastic filament in the printing process where the printer melts the filament and drop by drop fabricates the final item or a resin printer where layer after layer of resin is deposited and then cured with a ultraviolet light. Both of these types of printers start in the couple of hundred dollar range and go up from there depending upon the size of the printing surface and features such as being able to print multiple colors at once with multiple filament rolls.



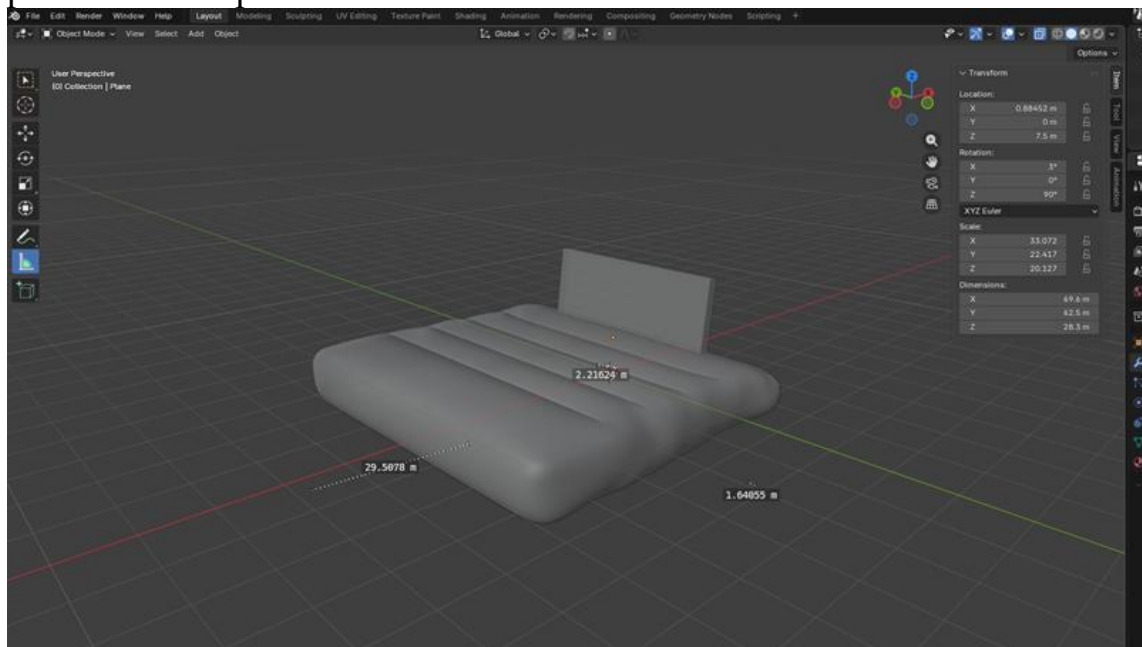
PLA Filament Roll & Printer

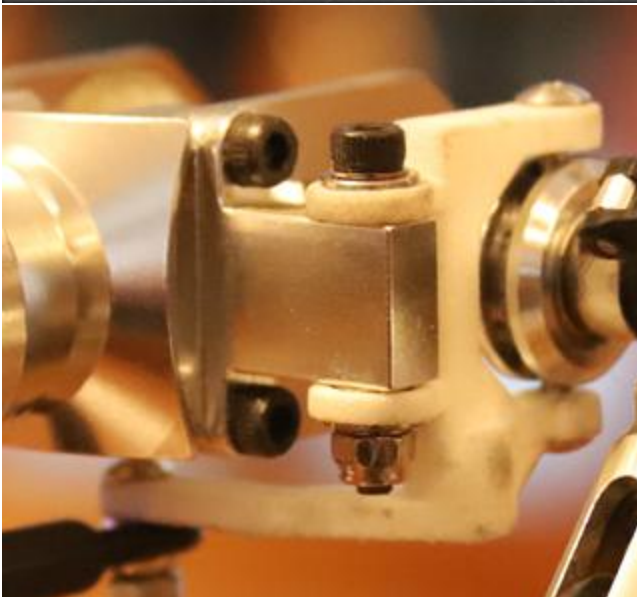
However, you don't have to go out and buy a printer to take advantage of 3-D printing and in some cases you may not even want to use your own printer. There are commercial houses, such as Xometry, that will take your model designs, print the part, and send it to you within a couple of weeks. Accessing commercial houses allows you to take advantage of their advanced printing techniques. As an example, I needed to make custom part for a few areas that were actually functional and not scale decorations. In those cases PLA and resin didn't have the right material properties to ensure safety of flight. Xometry was able to print the parts using SLS or Selective Laser Sintering where a laser is used to precisely melt material to form the part. The advantage is I was able to get carbon fiber or glass bead infused nylon parts that are many times the

strength of a PLA or resin produced parts in a couple of weeks straight from my models.



Now that we've discussed printing, to make this all work we need to create the models of the things we want to print which requires a Computer Aided Design or CAD program. There are many to choose from, but for the budget minded my personal favorite is Blender. Blender is available free via Steam or other online sources. Blender can be used to do a number of things from CGI type graphics for videos to 3-D printed parts. It is extremely capable, but with that comes a lot of complexity. Fortunately, because it is so widely used, there are literally hundreds of videos on YouTube that will walk you through how to use it. Below I have a few screen shots of some of the models I created with Blender for my latest project as well as the 3-D printed parts that were produced:





After you've printed your parts then for any scale projects it comes down to those finer details.

One of the things that's challenging if you're creating a scale cockpit is how do you simulate things like carpet or fabric seats? One method that I find works really well is flocking (yes, there was a lot of child humor in my house when I announced to my wife that my project needed a good flocking). Flocking consists of microfibers that come in a jar. To apply, you use either paint or I prefer white glue thinned. After putting down thinned white glue on the area you want to simulate carpet on, you simply dust on the flocking (I used a spice shaker from Dollar Tree), wait for it to dry, and blow off the excess. Warning, do it in a box or some other controlled area as the flocking gets everywhere. It produces a pretty realistic carpet or fabric effect as you can see in the picture below of the cockpit floor of my latest project.



I hope you found this useful and I eagerly look forward to seeing everyone's project at April's project night!

Thanks,

John

FIELD MARSHALL REPORT – PAUL PAZOLT

I sent an email to our membership on 3-19-26 regarding the access road and further work to be done by the new property owners at 5 BST along our gate entrance. We should be fine as the weather improves. Our gate combination code is the same as last year. I'm working with John Cook, who has gone beyond the call of duty to keep our flying site in pristine condition. Our immediate attention (requiring volunteers) are:

- Break down beaver dam north end of the field
- Ensure ditch is flowing with water, unobstructed
- Apply Grub control (Should we contact a landscaper for this?)
- Ensure all equipment is started and operating
- Return buddy boxes (John Clark)

More to follow at the March Meeting

Paul Pazolt

NH Flying Tigers RC Club – Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2026

Agenda: The meeting was called to order @ 7:01 with 4 officers and 8 members attending.

1. Secretary's Report

In lieu of a Secretary's Report, the minutes of the January 2026 meeting as published in the newsletter were accepted unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report -

The treasurer's report was given by Pat Clark. We have a nice balance in our checking account and finances are looking okay for the upcoming year. We have currently got 40 paid memberships. A complete report is available to all club members from any officer.

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

No training in the winter, yet. Paul Lockwood, our esteemed training coordinator is hoping to reduce his role in the training program. You will be missed! Anyone who would like to assume any of Paul's coordinating duties should reach out to Paul or any of the officers. Field Marshall position is still open. Paul Pazolt said that he would try to cover this position temporarily.

4. New Members

- Alan Green was voted in unanimously.

5. Old Business

AMA markings were discussed and a Name and Address and/or your AMA number is additionally required. Also, separate markings are required by the FAA.

Paul Pazolt continues working on the club documentation and handbook, albeit slowly.

6. New Business & Proposals

A proposal was made to cancel our Post Office Box Contract for the upcoming year. This

would provide savings of \$280 annually. We will get a \$180 refund if we cancel at this time. It was proposed that the mail would go primarily to the Treasurers' home address while some would go to the President's home address. All mail to the PO Box will be forwarded to the Treasurer for 6 months.

Discussion was held and a motion was made by John Lavery to cancel the PO Box and change our mailing address. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Compliance Committee is currently without any members. The purpose of the committee is to address safety issues amongst pilots. Mike Miller and Jerry Catt volunteered to fill 2 of the 3 slots that are open. Thanks for stepping up. Anyone else interested should call Paul Pazolt.

The Spring Work Party is being planned, and our leader has many items on his list. We NEED Volunteers. Many hands make light work. It's only a few hours and it's not hard.

There was discussion on installing fencing in front of the flight stands. This would be a short removeable fence that would provide protection in the event of a runaway plane. Further discussion in March.

Mike Miller discussed the need to treat the field for grubs. It needs to be done early and perhaps we should sub it out.

Adjourn at: 7:24

Epilog: Once again, in a repeat of the last 3 months our Dear Leader has failed to show the video we were all promised. Just saying

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 April 20th

Next Meeting March 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

President: Paul Pazolt

Vice President: John Stevens

Secretary: Rich Kieley.

Treasurer: Pat Clark

Field Marshal, B. St.: OPEN

Safety Officer: Paul Pazolt

Training Coordinator: Paul Lockwood

Event Coordinator: John Lavery

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