



# Eagles' News

## President's Column

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Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday December 1st at St. James Church at 7:30pm.**

Can you believe it?! Another year is almost gone. As I write this it is the middle of November and when I see you all again we will be into December. I soloed the first weekend in December last year and I cannot believe that is now a whole year ago.

A lot has happened since then and I hope you have all had as much fun this year as I have flying with the Flying Eagles.

Our next club meeting is Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and it is the annual Yankee Swap, so please bring a \$15-\$20 gift and join us for an evening of a lot of fun.

Also, please bear in mind that the time has come to renew your club membership. Jim will be bringing the new membership cards to the next meeting so bring your membership fees and your new AMA card with you and get renewed for the new year.

On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> we have the last Eagle's Cup event for the year and I hope to see you all there for "Ten-Pin". I'll be CD'ing the event and if the competition is anywhere near as close as it was for the last event, we should be in for a good time.

I am still trying to get the container problems ironed out, but it looks like things should come to a head by the time we have the next meeting. I'll let you all know what is happening then.

I need to apologize for not putting together a column for the last newsletter, but I have been extremely busy at work and personally and I simply ran out of time for the last newsletter.

Last year when I started flying radio-control planes, I did because I was trying to live out a life-long dream another way. I reasoned that flying full-scale planes was way too expensive and that I should rather fly radio-control because it's the next best thing. As it turns out, this year has been a very expensive experience and at the beginning of October I decided that flying radio controls was costing me as much as it would to fly full scale.

So I started my license at the

beginning of October.

For the last month and a half I have been working at my private pilot's license and I soloed on November 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be taking the written exam on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and hopefully completing my license just after our next club meeting.

For those of you that have ever thought about doing your private pilot's license and wondered what it was like, I have been keeping a diary of my experience that I have published on my personal web-site. If you are interested, you can point your browser at my site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~bgruenba/> and click on the "Private Pilot's License" link.

I'd like to wish you all very happy holidays and everything that you wish for yourselves for 2005. See you at the meeting or in 2005.

### What's Happening This Month:

- 1st Club Meeting 7:30 pm at the church Yankee Swap
- 5th Eagles Cup "Ten Pin" 10am at the field



## November Eagles Cup "Baloon Bust Slalom"

By: Dave Beach

*Can Bob complete an upset to claim this year's Eagles Cup award?*

It was sunny and warm (at least by November standards) as the contestants lined up for the second to last Eagle's Cup for 2004. The forecast was for winds in the 15-25 mph range later in the day, but at competition start time there was only a slight breeze from the south.

At first it looked like the pilot turnout might be low, but with a little arm twisting we managed to register a field of seven pilots. The rules were simple enough, taxi between two flags at the near side and then between two flags at the far side of the field. From there taxi to the 'downwind' balloon and pop it. Take off, turn 360°, land, and time stops with the pop of the second balloon. There was a 20 second penalty for touching the flags marking the 'gates', and another 20 second penalty if the balloon came loose from it's mooring without popping (both would be registered before the day was out).

First up was Bruce, who went right to work. Through both gates, pop the first balloon and an uneventful takeoff. Land and pop the second balloon, no problem. All tasks completed without incident in exactly one minute.

I was second, and all psyched up. A good showing here, and I might lock up first place for the year since Bob Terry could not compete today. A quick taxi, pop balloon #1, takeoff, land and pop #2. A satisfying 52 seconds, and I was hopeful that would be enough.

Chris Frost was up next and did great with his Tiger. He got the job done in 50 seconds. Nice!

Brian Redmond came next and was a little unsure of his engine. He got some 'tune up' time as the wind picked up a little bit and popped a balloon on it's own. Brian also completed the course cleanly, and tied Chris for a 50 second finish.

Contestant	Points	Fly Off Time	Time
Brian Redmond	10	103	50
Chris Frost	9	110	50
Dave Beach	8		52
Bruce Gruenbaum	7		60
Michael Gruenbaum	6		65
Nick Joyce	5		80
Stratton Gatzimos	4		170

Contestant	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Top 6	Total
Dave Beach	9	10	8	7	10	3	10	6	9	8		56	80
Bob Terry	6	9	10	5	7	8	9	9	8			53	71
Brian Henderson	8	8	5	6	0				6			33	33
Chris Frost	3	7	6	10	5	9	8			9		49	57
Duane Mallows	10	6										16	16
Brian Redmond	5	3	7	8	8	6			10	10		41	57
Joe Burdzy			9	9	9	10		7				44	44
Dave Majchrzak	6	2			7	4						19	19
Tom Ayres	4	4			3	7						18	18
Jim Burns	7											7	7
Mark Duckworth			5									5	5
Bob Sylvester			5									5	5
Bruce Gruenbaum		5				5	7	8	7	7		39	39
Jerry Leach					5							5	5
Dorian Goden								10				10	10
Jay Francis									5			5	5
Michael Gruenbaum										6		6	6
Nick Joyce										5		5	5
Stratton Gatzimos										4		4	4

## November Meeting Minutes

### SNH Flying Eagles: November 3, 2004 Club Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Bruce Gruenbaum

Approximately 22 members present.

New Members:

Visitors:

#### Officers Reports

##### President : Bruce Gruenbaum

- Container: No new news
- Leader Club status valid through 2004
- Winter Carnival: No date set yet.
- Yankee Swap: December Meeting. Bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift. Flying related
- Flea Market: Interest was shown. Frank Philips to organize. Date to be in April.
- Toys for Tots: Thanks! \$572 raised. 24 toys donated. Letter of thanks should be sent to Sam Walker (sound truck) and Ernie at the Merrimack DPW.

##### VP : Dave Beach

- This Sundays is Eagles Cup event baloon bust slalom. Bob Terry to CD.
- Dave Beach is now an official AMA CD
- No Feedback yet on Frozen Fingers Fun fly
- Tonights program: CRASHER 3 DVD

##### Treasurer : Jim Austin

- Treasury reported. 93 members, 95 gallons of fuel sold year to date.
- We are missing 2 gallons of fuel.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> Club holiday party at the Merrimack Ground Round. \$20 per head.

##### Secretary : Dave Majchrzak

- Letter will be sent to MasterLock this month regarding failure of our container lock.

##### Field Marshall: Gary Aubin

- Absent

##### Safety Officer: Chris Frost

- Absent

##### Newsletter Editor : Mark Devins

- Absent

#### Old Business

- Frank D'Agostino presented the club with photos taken at the Toys for Tots even He dontated the prints and the negatives. Included was a blown-up photo of all the attendees.

#### *Safety Tip of the Month*

Bruce on the Loose....Duck for cover whenever you hear any airplane within 5 miles!

## R/C Glossary

**AIRPLANE** - Heavier than air machine that flies like it's heavier than air.

**BALSA** - An extremely light substitute for gold.

**CRASH** - Method of seeing inside a model airplane.

**DINNER** - A meal that is always cold by the time you get back from flying.

**ELEVATOR** - Device to prevent level flight.

**ENGINE** - Device that doesn't start when you want it to, and cuts your fingers.

**FAIL SAFE** - Option on PCM radio's that allows a pilot to choose whether to crash near him, or a long way away.

**FLYING FIELD** - Take off area. Landings occur elsewhere.

**GIRLS** - Something to be interested in before you take up flying.

**HINGE** - Device to prevent control surface movement and cause flutter.

**INVERTED FLIGHT** - Method of landing without wear and tear on the wheels.

**JOKER** - Person who invites you to "taxi back" after a dead stick landing.

**LANDING** - Test of strength between your plane and the planet.

**LB.** - Abbreviation for "pound", used to describe how much overweight an airplane is.

**MIXTURE SCREW** - Device to meter too little fuel to the engine at critical moments.

**MOTOR** - Electric device that starts when you don't want it to, and cuts your fingers.

**NOSE WHEEL** - Device that prevents an airplane from landing without bouncing.

## Eagles Cup Results Cont'd

Nick Joyce (one of our younger pilots who just soloed this year) was up next in his first competition. Nick would have turned in a

very competitive time, but his engine sputtered and died right as time started. In accordance with the rules time kept running as he restarted, and Nick finished cleanly in 80 seconds.

Stratton Gatzimos (also a first time competitor) was up next. 'Strat needed a restart when the wind blew his Kadet over heading downwind for the first balloon, but he seemed happy enough when all tasks were completed in 170 seconds.

Michael Gruenbaum (another first timer) competed with dad on the buddy box for reassurance and safety. Sure enough, the training cord was not needed as Michael finished in a quick 65 seconds. (I wonder what the family's Eagle's Cup ranking will be next year?)

If you've been paying attention, you'll realize that a fly off between Brian and Chris was needed for first place. Brian got the low number on the dice and had to go first. His taxi and take off were clean, but he got a prop strike on landing and required a restart. At first Brian declared 'I concede', but the crowd would have none of that. With the crowd cheering him on, Brian finished the fly off in a disappointing 103 seconds.

Chris was feeling good as he started his fly off, but a gust of wind came up as he approached the far gate and forced him upwind. The right wing clipped the flag and a 20 second penalty was recorded. Still with plenty of time, Chris missed balloon #1 on the first try but succeeded on the second try. He popped the balloon and took off with plenty of time to go (or so he thought). But an off center bump on the last balloon sent the un-popped balloon blowing down the field and recorded another 20 second penalty. Yep, 70 seconds on the course with 40 seconds in penalties was not good enough for first place. Better luck in December, Chris.

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## Minutes Cont'd

### New Business

- Frank Philips:
  - o Charles River Auction Nov 14<sup>th</sup> in Natick
  - o Central Mass Auction Nov 21<sup>st</sup> in Oxford
  - o Elections: Nominations in Feb. Elections in March.
  - o No pavement will laid on our access road until the boat ramp is finished.
- April 2005 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club.
- There was some interest in the new field location. A report from Gary is needed.
- Joe Marrone: Cars have been parking in fire lane in front of Church. Please do not park there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Officers meeting followed.

## Flying Eagles On the 'Net

**Web site:** [www.snhflyingeagles.org](http://www.snhflyingeagles.org)

**Group email:** [groups.yahoo.com/group/snhflyingeagles](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/snhflyingeagles)  
(click the "Join this group!" link)

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**P.S.**

Jim would again like to mention that all receipts for reimbursement for the current year should be presented to him prior to the end of the year. In the past, he has allowed flexibility in this matter, but it has always been a hassle for him to reconcile. This year, he would appreciate it if everyone who needs to be reimbursed would do so ASAP.

I was able to buy a gift for the Yankee Swap this year but may not be able to attend due to a business trip. If not, I want everyone to know that I'll leave my gift with somebody to trade for me. I'd better get something good too.

See you all at the field,  
Mark