



AMA Charter #2417

March 2004

Eagles' News



President's Column

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Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday March 3rd, 2004 at 7:30pm at St James' Church, Merrimack, NH.**

This is my first newsletter as president so I'd like to start out by thanking you all for your support. I look forward to working with all of you this year to make the club even more successful. The rest of the officers and I would like to involve you all in this and you are therefore invited to contact anyone of us with suggestions that you feel may be of benefit to the club.

The Eagles Cup kicked off on Sunday, February 1st with one of the closest competitions ever. We already have a calendar set up for most of the year, but Chris Frost is looking for CDs for some of the events that are left. Please contact Chris if you are able to help out.

On Saturday, February 14th, the town of Merrimack held its annual Winter Carnival. The Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles were represented by Dick Zoerb, Jim Austin, Dave Majchrzak and I. Dick brought his DC3 along which is absolutely stunning. He's done a terrific job building it. Dave and I brought along several planes and we had the Reallflight G2 set up on a notebook computer for people to try.

Attendance was probably not as good as it has been in years past, but then everyone seemed to be outside enjoying the gorgeous February weather. Unfortunately we did not have insurance to fly

off the lake for this event and many people commented that they were disappointed that we would not be doing a display. This is something we will definitely remedy for next year.

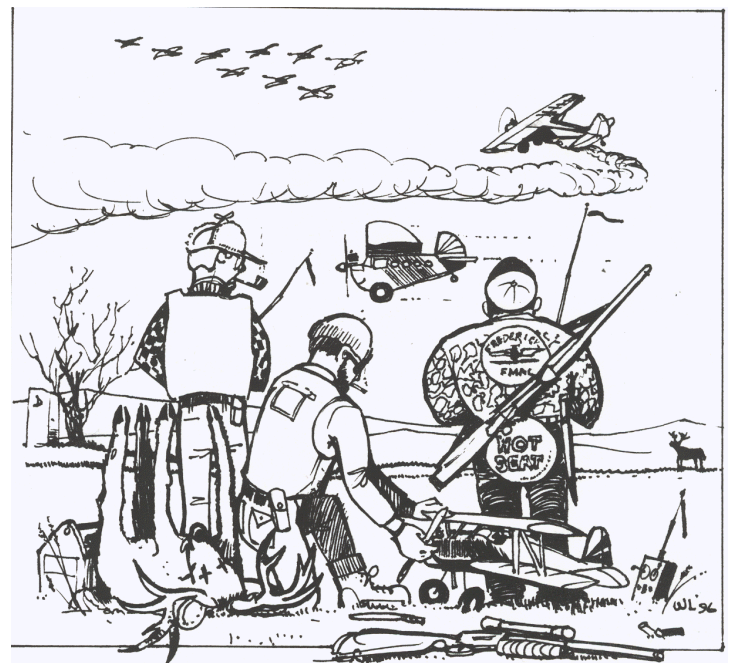
Upcoming club events include the March Eagles' cup on Sunday, March 7th and don't forget the Show-And-Tell at the April club meeting on Wednesday, April 7th. If you having something to show and tell about, contact Bob Sylvester who is chairing this event. I've seen and heard about some very interesting projects that will be shown for this event so it promises to be very interesting.

As I write this I'm finishing off final preparations to head to Florida for a couple of weeks' vacation with my family so I wish you all a good couple of weeks flying while I am away and I'll see you the day after I get back at the club meeting.

Bruce

What's Happening This Month:

- ?? 3rd Club Meeting
7:30 pm at the church
- ?? 7th Eagles Cup
10:00am at the field. "Take-Off, Loop and Land"



THREE BOARD MEMBERS SORTING OUT WINTER PRIORITIES... WHO SAYS WE CAN'T WALK AND CHEW GUM AT THE SAME TIME

February Meeting Minutes

SNHFE Meeting Minutes: Feb 4,2004

Meeting Called to order at 7:38 by Frank Phillips.
Today's attendance is about 16 members.

New members/ guests: None.

Officer Reports:

President Frank Phillips: No report.

VP Jim Burns: absent.

Treasurer Jim Austin: Treasury reported. 123 '03/'04 members. 60 renewals so far in 2004. 7 gallons of fuel sold so far in 2004. A Slot Machine is today's raffle prize.

Secretary Dave Majchrzak: Last months minutes were accepted as printed.

Field Marshall Duane: absent.

Safety Officer Dave Beach: No issues reported.

Newsletter Editor Mark Devins: No report.

Old business

- ? Banquet: Frank Phillips summarized the event at the Ground Round. Food was good. Awards handed out: Club Service – Bill Bootle, Best Crash – Bob Sylvester, Most Improved – Bruce Gruenbaum, Achievement – Bob Spear for his dedication to the Fall Float Fly. Eagles Cup awards were passed out in order of finish to those in attendance: 1st – Jim Burns, 2nd – Mark Duckworth, 3rd – Dave Beach, 4th – Bob Tanner.
- ? Frozen Fingers Fun Fly: Frank Phillips summarized the event. Over \$300 in prizes were handed out. There was a good turnout. 1st – Jason Fine, 2nd – Bob Terry, 3rd – Bob Sylvester, Door Prize – Jim Austin.
- ? Feb 2004 Eagles Cup: Dave Beach summarized. 9 Pilots showed up.
- ? US FIRST: Hitec 6-channel 75Mhz radio was delivered. March is competition at Verizon Center.

New business:

- ? Dave M.: RC scanner is commercially available for \$130 if club is interested in diagnosing interference at field. No interest was shown.
- ? Dave M.: Great site with step-by-step instructions for fibreglassing aircraft:
http://www.airfieldmodels.com/information_source/how_to/constructi on/apply_fiberglass_finish/index.htm

Safety Tip of the Month

New Pilots need to have their new aircraft inspected by an instructor prior to their maiden flight. Contact an instructor to arrange an inspection prior to coming down to the field for lessons.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	E-MAIL	PHONE
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Meeting Minutes Cont'd

?? Saturday Feb 14th is the Merrimack Winter Carnival at Wasserman Park. Start is 10AM. Club will have tables setup. Bruce will have simulator running. Chris Frost asked for Eagles Cup Event Coordinators: Dave Beach = July 11th, Bruce Gruenbaum = April, Dave Majchrzak = June.

Elections:

?? No Additional Nominations
 ?? Only one contested office: Safety (Brian Henderson vs Chris Frost)
 ?? Ballot vote was taken and the winners are....
 ?? President = Bruce Gruenbaum
 ?? VP = Dave Beach
 ?? Safety Officer = Chris Frost
 ?? Secretary = Dave Majchrzak
 ?? Field Marshall = Bill Bootle
 ?? Treasurer = Jim Austin
 ?? Newsletter Editor = Mark Devins
 Dave Beach volunteered to run the club website again.

End of Meeting

Flying Eagles On the 'Net

Web site: www.snhflyingeagles.org

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

Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles Radio Control Club Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Birth Date: _____ Radio Channels (if you know them) _____

AMA # _____ (must have an active membership to fly)

I will ___ will not ___ receive the Newsletter electronically. (Check one)

Annual Dues:

All new members and renewals after the April meeting must include \$25 for initiation fee

Elder \$25 Age 61 or over

Junior \$15 Under 19

Family \$10 Each Family member of a Regular or Elder, no newsletter.

Regular \$45

? Deduct \$5 if a valid email address is provided and the member receives the Newsletter electronically. (Applies to Elder, Junior, Regular Memberships only)

? New, regular members shall have their dues pro-rated for their first year Ex. A member joining in March will pay \$62.50 (10/12 * \$45 dues + \$25 initiation). Existing members pay \$45 annually.

I RECOGNIZE A MODEL AIRPLANE IS NOT A TOY, AND MUST BE OPERATED AT ALL TIMES IN A SAFE MANNER

I AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES RADIO CONTROL CLUB, AND MY INSTRUCTOR, IF I AM RECEIVING INSTUCTION, RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE IN ANY WAY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE I MAY SUFFER DUE TO ANY REASON, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PILOT ERROR OR MECHANICAL FAILURE.

I AGREE I WILL NOT FLY AT ANY SNHFERCC FIELD OR EVENT WITHOUT AN ACTIVE INSTURCTOR UNTIL I HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR SOLO FLIGHT.

I CERTIFY I HYAVE READ THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS "NATIONAL MODEL AIRCRAFT SAFETY CODE," AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS AT ALL TIMES.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUBS BY-LAWS, SAFETY RULES AND RECOMMENDED FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Parents Signature if under 18: _____

Make check payable to Southern NH Flying Eagles.

Mail check and copy of active AMA card to:

James Austin
Treasurer of the Flying Eagles
19 Whittier Rd.
Merrimack, NH, 03054

Before mailing, make sure you include:

- 1) Copy of AMA card.
- 2) Initiation fee (extra \$25) if new member
- 3) Self addressed stamped envelope

Southern New Hampshire
Flying Eagles R/C Club
Drobysh-Patterson Field
just off Griffin Street
Merrimack, NH

We're on the Web:
www.snhflyingeagles.org



Field Etiquette

It's that time of year again where it starts to thaw out way up there in the mountains and it rains instead of snows. That means that the field may become extremely sloppy wet and muddy. All of the club members put in a lot of hard work and time last year making improvements to the field which will hopefully pay off this season with regards to getting in and out of the parking area. We still need to be careful about making ruts when it gets flooded and/or sloppy though. Depending on the amount of water that accumulates on the field the officers may again decide this year to close off the lot during a week or two stretch where the flooding is the worst.

The best way to get your equipment down to the field is probably going to be do drive down to the gate, drop off, then park up in the business lot at the top of the hill. Let's all hope that it doesn't get that bad though. Bring your floats, rafts, canoes, jetskies or whatever else you may have and let's pray that the rains hold off until October again when we go to daylight savings time.

Oh yeah, and don't forget to pay your dues.