

Eagles Nest

Newsletter for the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles

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Next Meeting:
August 3rd, 2008
At the Flying Field —
Merrimack, NH



On the Cover: Brandon Waite
at the NATS in Muncie, Indiana.
Looks like beautiful flying
weather !

Presidents Report

by Brandon Waite



Hello Flying Eagles....

Hello there flying Eagles, hope the skies have been friendly to ya' and you are not getting rained on! A lot has went on this month, with meetings and talk about a lot of stuff. We did not make any changes at all in bylaws or anything of the sort, what we did do is figure out we had some communication problems and some hear say! We are addressing these issues and getting it all worked out, so be looking out for the new changes to the web site and also the newsletter. We are also looking for anyone that wants or has an event for the rest of the year to contact me or Matt Bole so we can get this on the calendar for the rest of the year! It will be up as soon as I get back in to town and hopefully all these issues will be taken care of! As for myself I am going to be at the NATS with Mr. Dave Beach flying gliders. Wish him the best of luck in the contest and hope he brings home a trophy for the Flying Eagles! Any officer or member that needs to come to a officers meeting it will be every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the field till day light savings ends! The field looks great hope ya'll get down soon to fly and to enjoy some good summer fun!

Brandon Waite

Club Picnic Scheduled for Aug 31st

For those of you that have missed the club picnics these are a great time for the families to get together at the field for some food and fun times. Ryan has done a great job putting these together, and this years looks just as good ! Here are the particulars for this years Club Picnic !!!

When: August 31st from 11:15am to about 2:30pm

Where: Club Field

What: A PICNIC WITH FREE DOGS AND BURGERS!!

Why: Because it's really fun for the whole family!

Why else: So your family can see where you spend your weekends!

What else: Sack races! And whatever family games folks wanna bring and share!

Why else: Because IT'S FUN!

Dave and Brandon go to the NATS

Dave Beach and Brandon Waite were at the NATS this year held in Muncie, Indiana. Dave Beach took 5th Place in Rudder, Elevator and Spoiler with his AVA and brought home a trophy. Brandon won the LSF Spirit of Soaring award Outstanding NATS Volunteer for 2008. He volunteered all week long, running winches, as a landing judge for the NATS and also getting planes out of the soy bean field for about 10 pilots. As of this report there was still some flying to do, so we will be getting a full story from Brandon for next months newsletter ! Here are a few pictures of the guys in Indiana !



2008 Eagles Cup Current Standings

<i>Contestant</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Total</i>
Joe Metz	10	10	9									29
Bob Terry	9	6	10									25
Dave Beach	8	9										17
Matt Bole	7	8	8									23
Brandon Waite	6	5	0			9						20
Steve Lewis	5											5
Larry Claveau	0					8						8
Brian Redmond		7	0			10						17
Toby Reeves			0									0
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July Eagles Cup Results

Was it the forecast for hot weather, or perhaps the windy conditions that kept the pilots away for the July Eagles Cup tradition of limbo? For whatever the reason only three pilots elected to compete in this months event.

The first to brave the gusty winds was Brandon. He decided to make attempts for points flying both upwind and downwind between the poles. Two of his downwind passes were just a little too high, and he finished in 1 minute, 22 seconds with a respectable total of 110 points.

Next up was Larry and this was his first attempt at limbo. His first three passes were just over the top streamer. He got the hang of things by attempt number four, and finished with two successful 40 point passes. Well done for a first try at limbo.

Last up was Brian, who repeated his limbo strategy from last year. On the first pass Brian scored 40 points, and then when into his looping routine.

With the wind blowing hard, Brian quickly looped two more times through the 40 point scoring zone. Things got a little sticky on the forth attempt as his plane caught a streamer, and knotted it around the streamer that remained unbroken. The last pass was good for 15 points, and in less than a minute Brian was done with an exciting first place finish.

Here are the contest results:

1st place— Brian Redmond—135 points

2nd place— Brandon Waite—110 points

3rd place— Larry Claveau—80

Club Officer's Meeting Schedule

The club officer's meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the flying field at 7:00 pm until it gets too cold to talk ! The next meeting will be held August 19th, then September 16th and if the weather permits, on Oct 21st. So try and make these meetings !

Safety Officers Report,
 Well as far as I can tell everyone is being as safe as can be expected. I have not heard of anyone cutting off any fingers or legs with a prop or anything so good job guys. I guess I should put in some words of wisdom or say something to impart some safeness on everyone so here goes.
 Remember before you fly that new plane of yours to check and make sure not only that everything works and all the control surfaces are tight but also check and make sure the plane is balanced. Center of gravity folks, that's our topic today how can something so simple be such a big deal you say? Well it is and we all know what happens if your plane is out of whack!!! No one wants to see your pretty new plane do a nose dive in to the runway or top a tree and at the same time we don't want to take the term tail dragger to the extreme. Check your CG use your fingers use a friend use a CG machine (but make sure it is working correctly) however you do it just do it. If you don't know what I am talking about please ask someone and hopefully there is no one that would not offer some help or advice.
 Don't be afraid to ask, it is better than the alternative.
 NSO (New Safety Officer)
 Eric Boucher

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We're on the web!
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 (click the "Join this group!" link)

There are many great web sites around that offer information about building and flying R/C models. Each month I'll give a link to a site I have found to be pretty informative. If you have any suggestions feel free to send me the links and we'll use them in upcoming issues. This months link is to:

<http://www.geistware.com/rcmodeling/index.htm>
 Aircraft proving grounds

Some neat stuff, electrics, gas, nitro—Some very useful information.

SNHFERCC has no affiliation with any of these web sites. They are for information only.

SNH Flying Eagles: July 13th, 2008 Club Meeting

Location: Flying Field

Meeting called to order at 1200 Hrs by Brandon

Approximately 19 members present.

New Members:

Guests:

Officers Reports

President : Brandon Waite :

Big thanks to all who supported and helped with finishing off the club fence. Really nice job and what a difference it makes to the flying field.

Eric is negotiating with Home Depot Manchester for a Bush Hog to complete the work on the field. After this hopefully we can use Bob's tractor to level for seeding – no dates yet.

There has been an increased level of Gate vandalism requiring many fixes and repairs to the gate.

4th July float parade went really well. Many thanks for all those who came together at the last minute to help make this one of the best entries yet. Thank you Gary for parking the float over night and, Joel for towing – thank you.

VP : David Surwell :

Absent

Treasurer : Steve Lewis :

After reporting the account balances Steve reported that there are 66 members for 08. This is down by 35 from last year.

Secretary : Brian Redmond

Apologies for not being able to attend many of the previous meetings – Work gets in the way sometimes and this year has been an exception.

Nothing to report – catching up!

Field Marshall: John Spitz

Absent

Safety Officer: Joe Metz

Absent

Newsletter Editor: Matthew Bole

Absent

Old Business:

Float Fly (Joel) Dates: 12th, 13th & 14th September 2008

All paper work done

Waiting for Insurance confirmation

Sending advisory to water patrol

Like to increase advertising to see if we can get more people

Let's send flyers to all other neighboring clubs

New Business:

There was a lot of discussion, some of which I will capture below but the main theme was a discussion to improve communications and to present information more positively.

There was concern that hard copy news letters are not being sent out, these must be sent out < than 3 days before the monthly meetings

Brandon to discuss with the editor getting hard copies out to surrounding clubs

Currently we have only 5 people signed up that should be receiving hard copies – need to ensure these are

going out in a timely manner. Calendar events are not showing up in the newsletter. This has slipped and we need to ensure the master annual calendar is kept up to date as best as possible. Newsletter over the last months has been somewhat erratic from a timely distribution perspective. It is very important that the newsletter be issued & distributed last week of the month to ensure everyone one has a copy in preparedness for the next club meeting. We have a member that is a professional Web Page designer and might like to consider his expertise if needed.

Field clean-ups

Again there was a lot of discussion on how to try to encourage a wider number of member support to lend a helping hand, discussions like should there be bye-laws (which by the way was immediately dropped) or more direct emailing etc. This is not a new problem and is normal and often comes down to a small number of people. However, better communication and a more positive direct approach could well prove more productive.

It was pointed out that there is a no cut the trees rule so if a tree is felled it should immediately be cleaned out to avoid any critical questioning. There was a large felled tree, very obvious that needs immediate clearing otherwise we could suffer consequences if not careful

Events:

Construction Derby, was cancelled due to weather earlier this year and a new date will be announced soon – stay tuned as this is a fun event.

Club Picnic: Ryan has agreed to organize this event again for this year – Thank you Ryan.

Summary:

Very warm thanks to all the members for your continued support and membership, without you we would not exist.

Send out club wide email to re-confirm who would like a hard copy of the news letter

Must issue the newsletter week prior to the general monthly club meeting

Improve timely communications

Ensure Annual Calendar on Web site and newsletter is in place and up to date

Ensure the general meeting minutes are available in the news letter

Let's be positive.

Secretary's comments:

This was a really good proactive meeting and a lot of comments were made to our president.

I would like to point out that whilst there was much constructive criticism there was very little praise for what our president has done to improve the field and the general field infrastructure. I don't think there is any member, past or present that can argue that the field has been greatly improved upon. I have to say that since I joined some 5 years ago that this is the best I have seen the field yet!

All too often it is easy to criticize more than we offer praise and thanks. I don't think there has been a weekend that our president has not shown up to or participated in, he is dedicated to the well being of this club.

He readily accepts that this is a very new role he is in and openly requests support and guidance from our members and previous club officers and yes he is and can be very direct but means no harm – only good.

Well, I don't know about everyone else but I would like to say a big thank you to Brandon for his efforts and with support and guidance from other members I am confident he will grow this club. After all, it is the best in the area!

Brandon – thank you for the dedication you give; now we just have to turn you into a diplomatic smoothie! J

Meeting close:

Meeting adjourned at 1315 Hrs