

# The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA  
Approved FRIA Site  
In Merrimack, NH

Effective 9/16/2023  
Through 8/24/2027

## President's Report

By: Tim Sowder

Hello Fellow Flying Eagles,

I'd like to start this report by saying thank you for electing me for one more year. I appreciate your trust in me to guide this club for one more year. You also elected a great crew to help manage the many facets of the club. For those who are not aware, the club officers are:

John Yaz, VP                      Kenny Donahue, Field Marshal  
Steve Lewis, Secretary      Dave Majchrzak, News Letter Ed.  
Carl Anderson, Safety  
and finally, Bob Fregault has taken over from Ted Ede as our Treasurer.

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I'd like to thank Ted for his many years supporting this club as President four years then treasurer for the last four years. His hard work and dedication to this club is admirable. He will be missed in the board. He has promised to stick around and lend a hand as needed. He has earned his right to take a break from the grueling duties of an officer. Thank you Ted!

With one more year to get things done we have started a plan to arrange work parties to attack projects around the airfield. These include cutting more trees, cut down stumps, straighten up the two storage containers, fill the puddle in the entrance of the parking lot, repair and replace some of the flight stands, clean up the brush along the banks of the brook. If you have any other suggestions for improvements we could tackle, give me a note.

With this said, I'd like to recognize Rick Taylor for cutting down three very large trees west of final. Next time you lineup for the runway from the north, you will realize how much easier it is to align with the runway. Thank you very much Rick!

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Art's winter project.  
Looking good!



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Recently I was reminded of one of the Tail Heavy Production videos focusing on the airplane rudder. Anyone that has trained with me knows that I push the use of the rudder very hard. This video does a very thorough job of explaining why the rudder is so important. Please take a looksee. I'm sure you will learn something.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw\\_RFB8wYgQgSwaZAR51qD-jhdkVPcuWA](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw_RFB8wYgQgSwaZAR51qD-jhdkVPcuWA)

Please plan to attend the monthly meeting on March 6th at 1930 (7:30PM). We will discuss the future of the club and I would like to get ideas on how we can return to helping our community. If you have any suggestions, please attend the meeting and be prepared voice your thoughts.

Hopefully I will see you at the field and at the meeting.

That is all for now. I hope to see you all at the meeting this Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1930 (7:30PM) at the Saint James United Methodist Church, Merrimack.

Your Truly,  
Tim 2 Sowder  
President  
SNH Flying Eagles



“Get to the choppah!”





Federal Aviation  
Administration  
FAADroneZone

## Adding FAA Number to your Profile

The FAA requires that all RC clubs maintain a list of FAA Registration Numbers for each club member.

Please follow the instructions below to obtain an FAA UAS registration number:

1) Go to [https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/register\\_drone](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone)

2) Once at the FAA page, click the "Register your drone at FAADroneZone" link

\* Once you register your drone, you will receive an FAA registration certificate. You must have your registration certificate (either a paper copy or digital copy) in your possession when you fly.

\* The FAA requires that you label all drones with your registration number before you fly them.

### Add your FAA registration number to our club website:

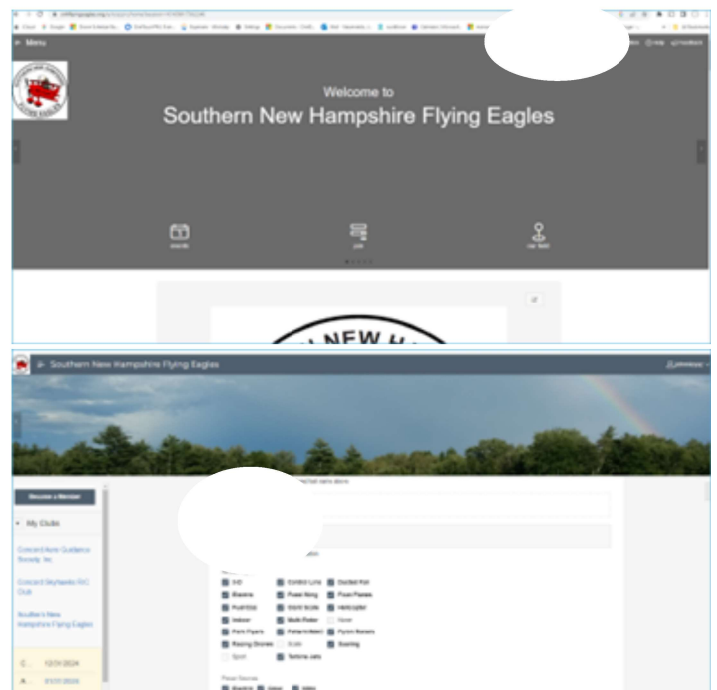
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<https://www.snhflyingeagles.org/>

4) Click on to the down arrow next to your name and select "Update Profile"

5) Enter your FAA Certificate number obtained from FAA DroneZone UAS registration, then click **save** at bottom.

\* Please see an officer if you need help.



## The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

February 07, 2023

Meeting held at St James Church

Meeting Called to order: 1939

Members present: 18



### New members introduced.

- No new members present.

### President's Report

- Presented By Tim S.
  - Frozen fingers was a success.
    - Several demo flights with prospective new members.
    - Raffled off 3 planes, two won by young kids.
    - John Y thanked all the members that helped out on both Saturday & Sunday.
    - There were a couple helicopter demos.
  - Planning on scheduling a tree trimming day before spring.
  - Planning on scheduling Container cleaning day.
  - Club needs to maintain a list of member FAA numbers please add them to your profile on the club web site.
    - FAA is now a required field for renewals.
    - Please add the TRUST number as well.
  - Need volunteers for Merrimack winter Carnival on Feb 24th.

### Secretary's Report

- Presented by Steve L.
  - Motion to amend the the meeting notes posted in the news letter.
    - Motion – VP report No report Ken D. not present.
      - Should read – No report John Y. not present
  - Motion accepted.
  - Meeting minutes presented and accepted.
  - Reviewed upcoming events calendar.

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## The Secretary's Report (...continued)

### Safety Officer

- Presented By Carl A.
  - Nothing new to report.

### Treasurer's Report

- Presented by Ted E.
  - Ted presented the account balances.
  - Ted reviewed Frozen fingers Float fly financials.
  - Current membership: 94 with 28 that still need to renew.

### Field Marshall Report

- No report Ken D. not present

### VP Report

- Presented by John Y
  - Reminder that remote ID is required if not flying at a FRIA site.
  - See John for any questions.

### Newsletter

- No report Dave M not present.
  - The newsletter is out

### New Business.

- Amended from Bob's proposal
  - Proposed language: Section III Term of Office The term of office for each officer shall be for one (1) year.
- Excerpt from the club constitution
- Article IX RATIFICATION
  - Section I
    - *This Constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.*
- Article X AMENDMENTS
  - Section I
    - *An amendment of this Constitution may be presented to the club by any member (in good standing) in writing.*
  - Section II
    - *All proposed amendments must be in written form and presented to the club membership at least one meeting before a final vote is taken on the proposal.*
  - Section III
    - *This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.*



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## The Secretary's Report (...continued)



### Elections.

President:	Tim S. 17	John yaz 1
Vice President:	John Y. 12,	Scott H. 6
Safety:	Carl A. 18	
Treasure:	Bob F. 18	
Field Marshal:	Ken D.12,	John S. 6
News Letter:	Dave M. 18	

**Business Meeting adjourned 2042**

## Club Calendar

March 6 - Members Meeting @ St. James @7:30 PM  
(Budget Input)

March 10 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 18 – Monthly Officers Meeting @ 7:00PM  
(Budget Review)

April 3 - Members Meeting @ St. James @7:30 PM  
(Budget Vote & Show n Tell)

April 15 – Monthly Officers Meeting @ 7:00PM  
(Budget Review)



Designated Club Instruction Times: Sunday AM, Tuesday evening (during Daylight Savings Time)

## Club Safety Rules



The Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles RC Club is an AMA-sponsored club and operates according to AMA Safety Rules. In addition, the following safety rules and practices are to be followed when flying at our flying site. The intention of these club safety rules is

- a) to maintain the highest level of personal safety for all members, guests, and spectators, and
- b) to keep our aircraft in good flying condition and to prevent unnecessary damage to them.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the AMA Safety Program that is online on the AMA web site.

### General

1. All aircraft must be marked with your AMA member ID and FAA ID on an exterior surface and must be easily readable. Aircraft weighing less than .55 lbs. do not need the FAA ID.
2. No take-offs or landings from the pit area.
3. No more than 4 (four) aircraft in the air at any one time. (Helicopter hover area doesn't apply)
4. Only SNH Flying Eagles designated instructors shall give or supervise flight instruction at the SNH Flying Eagle's field.
5. All pilots are required to fly from designated areas on the flight line or hover area.
6. These Safety Rules may be amended by majority vote of the Officers.

### Personal Safety

1. All flying must take place in front of the safety fence and the indefinite extensions of this fence in both directions. This means no flying over or behind the pit area, spectator area, or parking area.
2. Never taxi your aircraft in the pit area.
3. Never walk from the pit area to the flight line carrying an aircraft running at full throttle. (Exception: engines with no throttle)
4. If possible, program an easily accessible switch to kill your throttle until you are read to taxi or take off.
5. Announce your intention to take off and the direction you intend to take off in.
6. When going onto the field to retrieve an aircraft, announce your intentions loudly to all pilots on the flight line.
7. All club members will adhere to the safety guidelines as outlined in the AMA safety manual.



## AMA Safety Rules



### Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2018

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flight line, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

For a complete copy of AMA's Safety Handbook please visit: [modelaircraft.org](http://modelaircraft.org)

## Your 2024 SNHFE Officers

President: Tim Sowder

Vice President: John Yassemedis

Secretary: Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Bob Fregault

Field Marshall: Kenny Donahue

Safety Officer: Carl Anderson

Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley

Head Instructor(appointed): Kenny Donahue

Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak

\* Submit your photos / articles to Dave at [dm70nh@gmail.com](mailto:dm70nh@gmail.com)



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### Disclaimer:

Your dues do not entitle you to flight instruction. Flight instruction is offered free to members from certified club pilots who donate their time to help others. Flight instruction is dependent upon instructor availability and no guarantee is implied.

## New Solo Pilots



None This month.

## Drobysh-Patterson RC Field

2-18 Griffin St.  
Merrimack, NH  
03054



The Merrimack field is less than one mile from exit 11 off the Everett Turnpike. After leaving the highway, head east and go straight through all the lights and down the little hill. Spectators are encouraged to park in one of the parking lots and walk to the field. Pilots should turn left at the foot of the hill, and then make a hairpin right turn on the dirt road that goes under the railroad bridge. The field entrance is on the left as soon as you pass under the railroad tracks.



## About the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles

- Founded 1984
- Chartered in 1985
- Approximately 100 Members
- Merrimack Flying Site Established in 1988
- Incorporated in NH as a Non-Profit Organization
- Annual Dues: \$65 Full Membership; \$35 Elders, & \$35 Juniors, Family Membership \$75
- Fabric Runway Laid in 2014
- Free Flight Instruction for Members
- AMA Chartered Club #2417
- Monthly Club Flying Competitions
- Frozen Fingers Fun Fly (January)
- Banquet (March)
- Show & Tell (April)
- Family Picnic (August)
- Float Fly (September)



### Websites

So. NH Flying Eagles

<https://www.snhflyingeagles.org>

AMA District I

<https://www.amadistrict-i.org/>

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