

The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: Tim Sowder

Hello Fellow Flying Eagles,

We are starting to grow our membership. We are increasing our membership because we are getting the word out. Thank you all. Please feel free to promote the club with your friends and acquaintances. We will provide instruction, at no cost, and provide plenty of advice to beginners. We provide friendly, motivated, instructors on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Prospective members can also contact one of our instructors directly to fly on other days

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Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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

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The May field cleanup was not well attended. Even still, we were able to remove the plastic from the pavilion, straighten up the south container and level the north container to remedy the difficult doors to make them easier to open and closers. Unfortunately, it was raining so we couldn't accomplish any painting. Our next field cleanup will be on June 8th starting at 9 o'clock. The plan is to cut some trees, bring in a chipper for the brush piles, and trim the weeds around the field. Please consider helping out.

I would like to give a huge shot out to Kaden Mercado. This young man show great skill and patience while learning to fly RC aircraft. We experienced a few setbacks when his plane started experiencing electronic issues. Through these trails, he retained his eagerness to fly. On Sunday, May 19th, Kaden proved he had the skills to solo. He is our first new solo pilot of 2024. Congratulations Kaden!! I would also like to give a huge shout out to his father, Hector. Not only did his family support Kaden's enthusiasm, his father and I had to rescue his plane from a tall tree on the east side of the field. This was during one of the spring floods. We had to wade through waist deep water to get to the tree. Did I mention the water was cold!!?. Kaden's family is very supportive to this young man and that is refreshing to see.

Our next club event is the Town of Merrimack 4th of July parade. We will need volunteers to set up our float and walk in the parade. We pass out candy and promote the club. It's a fun event and really shows the town that we appreciate their support. Please consider participating.

Our next club meeting is this Sunday, June 2nd, at 1130. Please plan to attend the meeting if you can.

I hope to see you at the field.

Yours Truly,
Tim Sowder
President
SNH Flying Eagles



Club Calendar

June 2 (Sun) - Members Meeting @ Field @11:00 AM

June 8 (Sat) – Field Clean Up @ Field @ 9:00 AM

June 17 (Mon) - Monthly Officers Meeting @ 7:00PM

July 4 (Thurs) - Town of Merrimack 4th of July parade

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



Oh no Chris Whalley! What happened?



The Picture Page

New solo pilot Kaden Mercado
with Head Instructor Kenny
Donahue and President Tim
Sowder. Congrats Kaden!!!





The Picture Page



Mower maintenance by Bob Fregault,
Thank you Bob!



The Picture Page



Art and his
electrified
Avistar

Kenny with the coolest headgear.



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

May 5, 2024

- Meeting held at Merrimack Field - Drobysh-Patterson Field
- Meeting Called to order: 1134
- Members present: 22

Attending Officers:

Tim Sowder, President

— ~~Johnny Yaz, Vice President~~

Ken Donahue, Field Marshall

Carl Andersen, Safety Officer

Bob Fregault, Treasurer

Dave M, Newsletter

New members introduced

- No new members present.

President's Report

- Presented By Tim S.
 - Family/aviation day in August.
 - Greenfield State PArk closed for the year so no Float Fly this year.
 - With the budget approved we will start with the capital projects.
 - Field rolling

Secretary's Report

- Presented by Steve L.
 - Motion to accept the minutes as posted in the news letter

Safety Officer

- Presented By Carl A.
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Working on some minor adjustments/improvements to the gate



Treasurer's Report

Presented by Bob F.

- Presented the past month's income/expenses.
- 68 members

Field Marshall Report

- Field clean up May 18th.
 - Clean containers.
 - Repaint flight stand.
 - Remove plastic from the pavilion.
 - General clean-up.

VP Report

- John Y not present no report

Newsletter

- Presented by Dave M.
- The newsletter is out.
 - Includes;
 - pic from the show and tell.
 - Review of FAA regulations

New Business

Business Meeting adjourned 1151



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

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:

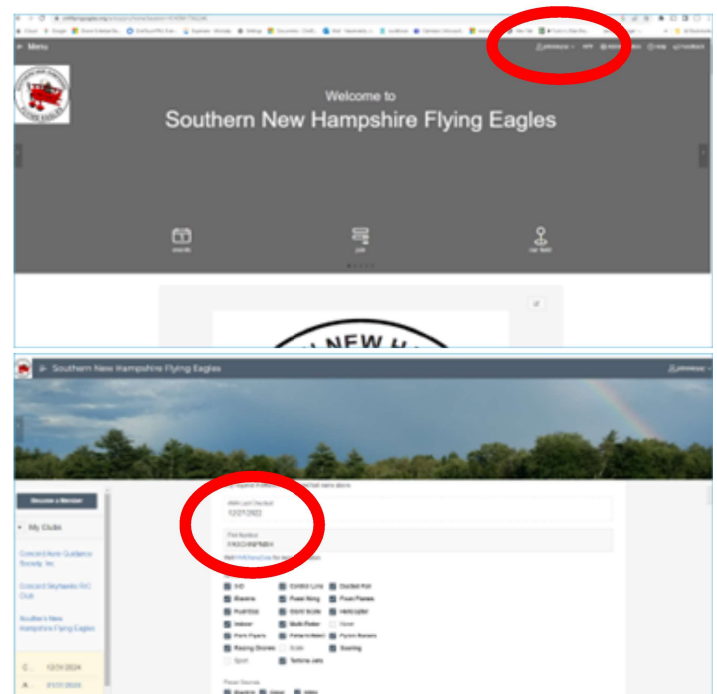
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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.



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

Your 2024 So. NH Flying Eagles Officers

President: Tim Sowder

Vice President: John Yassemedis

Secretary: Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Bob Fregault

Field Marshall: Kenny Donahue

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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.

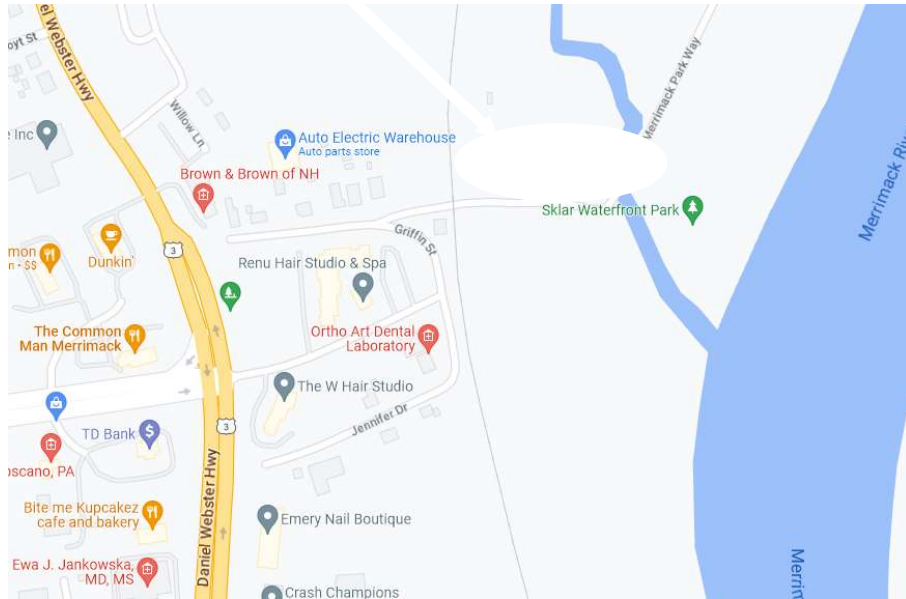
New Solo Pilots

Kaden Mercado



Drobysh-Patterson RC Field

2-18 Griffin St.
Merrimack, NH
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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

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<https://www.snhflyingeagles.org>

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