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Chartered AMA Club #2417

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The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: Tim Sowder

Hello Flying Eagles,

June was another busy month of flying and field maintenance. We held our monthly field clean-up on June 13th. I brought my son's tractor down the day before and Steve Lewis and I cut the weeds down to gain access to the brush piles and stumps. It will make aircraft retrieval much easier as well. We had 9 eager volunteers show up with the objective to chip the 5 piles of brush we have accumulated over the last couple of years. Unfortunately, the chopper we rented didn't work as well as hoped. Never-the-less, we were able to knock down one pile.

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Operating our FAA
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In Merrimack, NH

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Bob Fregault is working with the town to gain permission to burn the remaining brush piles this winter. We didn't quite meet our goal, but the field was improved. After the small member turnout for the last two field clean-up days, the officers have decided to cancel the monthly efforts. The next Field Clean-up is scheduled for October 26th. We hope to attack the trees across the brook as well as other efforts to improve our field. Please mark October 26th on your calendar. We will need the help. Dave Majchrzak and I will rent a roller and flatten the field on July 19th. If you would like to take a turn on the roller we could use the help.

The 4th of July parade was a huge hit. Our float looked fantastic and was well received by the attendees. Ted's float design reduced the setup dramatically. Ted also registered our float, bought the lollypops and organized the effort. Thank you, Ted. During the parade we passed out the lollypops to smiling kids and answered question from inquisitive parents. The parade is always a satisfying time. Hearing the kids and adults look at our float and say, "look at all of those planes!" makes the effort well worth it. I'd like to thank, Ted Ede, Steve Lewis, Bob Lacroix, Gopi and Ganak Govindarajan, Kenny Donahue and our, always interjected cheerleader, Laura Kozel. Her cowbell was a massive hit with the crowd.



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Our next club event is the Family Day/AMA Aviation Day. This will be held on August 11th. All of our families are invited for food, fun and flying. The public is also invited to the event for demonstration flights and to join in with the fun. Please bring your family and invite your friends.

The July Club meeting will occur at the Drobish-Patterson field pavilion on July 7th at 1100. I hope to see you there to discuss the course of the club.

Yours Truly,
Tim 2 Sowder
President
SNH Flying Eagles



Club Calendar

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

July 7 (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ field

July 15 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

July 19 (Fri) – Field being rolled

Aug 4 (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ field

Aug 11 (Sun) - Family Day/AMA Aviation Day

Aug 19 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Sept 1 – 2025 Club Membership renewals begin

Sept 1 (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ field

Sept 16 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Oct 26 (Sat) – Field Clean Up @ 9AM

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





The Picture Page

Thanks to the volunteers who
made the July 4th parade a
success!





The Picture Page

Steve Lewis training the
next generation of RC
pilot. Nice job flying
Ganak!



Kenny D. getting in on
the training with Han.



The Picture Page

Your humble newsletter editor
and his new toy.



Nick and his hybrid RC
airplane.
Notice the electric motor in
the nose and the glow motor
on top of the wing!



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

June 2, 2024

- Meeting held at Merrimack Field - Drobysh-Patterson Field
- Meeting Called to order: 1134
- Members present: 23

Attending Officers:

Tim Sowder, President
Johnny Yaz, Vice-President
Ken Donahue, Field Marshall
Carl Andersen, Safety Officer

— ~~Bob Fregault, Treasurer~~

— ~~Dave Majchrzak, Newsletter~~

New members introduced

- No new members present.

President's Report

Presented By Tim S.

- Low turnout for the May field day.
But still got a fair amount done
- 4th of July parade looking for members to walk.
- The extra mower belongs to the Conservation commission. They asked about storing it here.
- Reminder to have your AMA number on your plane.
- Solar powered lights have been added to the north container

Secretary's Report

Presented by Steve L.

- Motion to accept the minutes as posted in the news letter

Safety Officer

Presented By Carl A.

- Annual Safety procedure review



Treasurer's Report

Presented by Tim S. (Bob F not present).

- Presented the past month's income/expenses
- Membership #s not available

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny D.

- Field clean up May 18th.
- Clean containers.
- Repaint flight stand.
- Trim bushes to the south.
- Tree trimming around the brook.
- General clean-up.

Thank you to all who helped out with the May clean-up day.

VP Report

Presented by John Yaz

- AMA had a booth at the Wings and Wheels car show yesterday(6/1/2024) as part of the District 1 outreach program

Newsletter

No report (Dave M. Not present)

- The newsletter is out. Posted earlier this morning.

New Business - none

Business Meeting adjourned 1158



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:

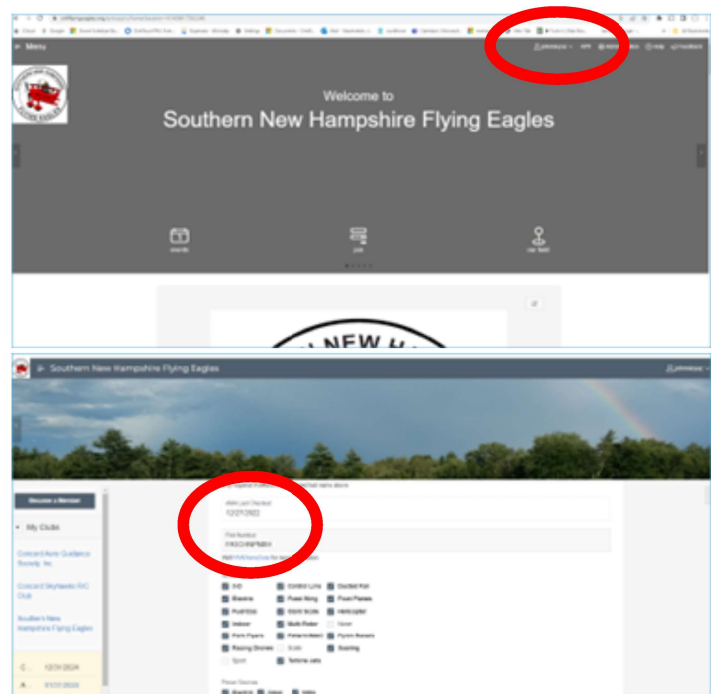
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

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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.

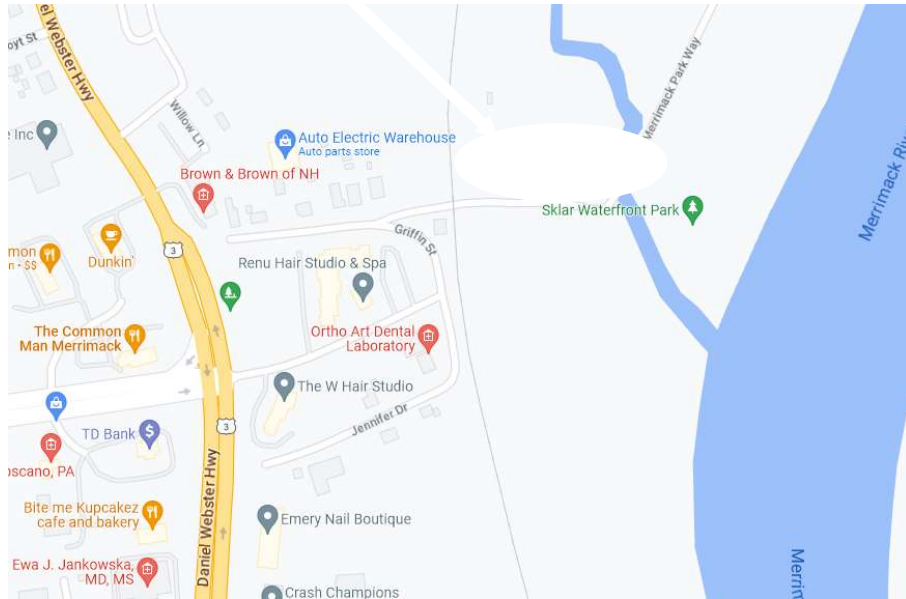
New Solo Pilots

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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