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The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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Through 8/24/2027

President's Report

By: Tim Sowder

Hello Flying Eagles,

Another great month of flying on the books. The weather has been great, but hot. The solar charging system seems to be keeping up with the high demand of the Sunday flying. I feel the charging station was a great project that has worked out better than I had hoped.

Speaking of flying. We have two new solo pilots in our ranks. I'd like to congratulate William LaCortigila and Micah Kunselman. They both worked very hard to earn their solo wings. It is always impressive to see our junior members succeed. Hopefully, this will lead to more adventures further down the road.

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We also had a few new members join our club. I'd like to welcome Dean Judkin, Ryan Gregory and welcome back Paul Mullin. We hope you two will show up for the club meeting on Sunday and introduce your selves. It is great to have you on board.

Last month we were able to get a few things done. Dave Majchrzak, Rick Taylor and I were able to roll the field and runway a total of three times. Balcum Brothers Rental have a new 3-ton roller which did a fantastic job of flattening the field. Rick did most of the driving while Dave trimmed the around fence and buildings. I cut 16 stumps on the east side of the field. But we all spent a little time one the machine. Thank you Rick and Dave. The runway is so much smoother now.

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Congratulations
to new solo pilot
William
LaCortigila!

Show here with
instructor and
club VP Johnny
Yaz.

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Another accomplishment was John Spitz brought his tractor with a bush hog and cut the east side of the field. The results are very eye pleasing. The field looks so much larger now. I would also like to call out a huge thanks to John Michaud for the herculean effort he put in cutting the brush and shrubs along the west side of the parking lot and along the south cables. He told me he wanted to go further along the south side but his arms were too fatigued to hold up the trimmer. Please give these two gentlemen a pad in the back and a thankyou next time you see them.

Bob Gaudette was ordered by the boss to down size his fleet. So, Bob donated a few planes to the club. We will be auctioning them off after the September club meeting. If anyone else would like to donate planes or any hobby related items to the auction we would gladding accept them. The auctioneer will be our accomplished Ted Ede. Ted ran the last two auctions and did a wonderful job of keeping things moving and fair. Please consider attending the September club meeting and bring your wallet. .

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**Congratulations to new solo pilot
Micah Kunselman ! Photo by instructor Zach.**



President's Report Continued... (From Page 3)

The club officers are going to organize the containers. They are getting way too full and clutter is everywhere. Most of the remedy will be to pull everything out and re-organize them. To help with this we are asking for donations of shelves we can use to help with the arranging. If you have a set of shelves you are willing to donate to this cause, please contact one of the club officers.

Our next club event is the Family Day/AMA Aviation Day. This event will be held on August 11th. John Yaz is managing this event. He always does a fantastic job with every event he takes charge of. All of our family members are invited for food, fun and flying. The public is also invited to this event for demonstration flights and to join in with the fun. Please bring your family and invite your friends. The more the merrier.

The August Club meeting will occur at the Drobish-Patterson field pavilion on August 4th at 1100. I hope to see you there to discuss the course of the club.

Yours Truly,
Tim 2 Sowder
President
SNH Flying Eagles

Rick Taylor and
Dave M working
the roller while
Tim Sowder was
chainsawing
stumps.



**FAA sUAS RECREATIONAL
REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS:**

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 requires recreational Remote Operators/Pilots to comply with the following rules/law or be subject to fines or penalties:

- 1-Fly only for recreational purposes. Follow the safety guidelines of an FAA-recognized Community Based Organization (CBO) like the AMA.
- 2-Keep model-aircraft within your visual line of sight or use a visual observer who is physically next to you.
- 3-Give way to and do not interfere with crewed aircraft.



4- Fly at or below 400' in controlled airspace Class B, C, D, and E near airports (Unless at AMA sites with Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Letters of Agreements to operate at higher altitudes).

5-Fly at or below 400 feet in Class G (uncontrolled) airspace (Unless at AMA sites that have had FAA risk assessments and mitigation allowing altitudes above 400 ft.)

6-Take the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) and carry proof of test passage.

7-Have a current registration certificate with you and registration number on the outside of model aircraft being flown.

8-Do not operate under influence of alcohol/drugs or fly model-aircraft in a careless/reckless manner.

Club Calendar

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 8 (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ field
– Club Airplane Auction to follow! –

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)



FREE R/C INTRO FLIGHTS FLYING EAGLES

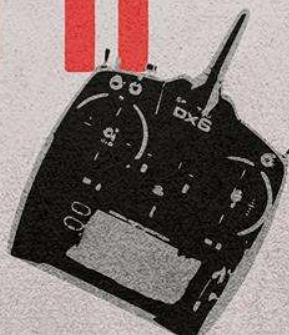


AUGUST 11

14 GRIFFIN ST.
MERRIMACK NH
03054

10AM- 2PM

FREE FOOD & DRINKS
ALL AGES WELCOME
FUN FOR ALL



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

July 7, 2024

- Meeting held at Merrimack Field - Drobysh-Patterson Field
- Meeting Called to order: 11309
- Members present: 17

Attending Officers:

- Tim Sowder, President
- Johnny Yaz, Vice-Pres.(not Present)
- Ken Donahue, Field Marshall (not Present)
- Steve Lewis, Club Secretary
- Carl Andersen, Safety Officer
- Bob Fregault, Treasurer (not Present)
- Dave M, News Letter

New members introduced

- Tevor Cook
- Steve Nakarus (former member returning to the hobby)

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- Ending the monthly field clean up days due to lack of participation
- Oct 26th is the fall clean up day.
- John M cleared the bush along the parking lot and the south end of the field.
- July 19th Tim will rent a roller.
- No float fly we are looking to do a night fly at the field in September. If anyone has ideas for events please let the officers know.
- Several members walked with the float in the Merrimack 4th of July parade.
- Bob F is looking into options for dealing with the brush piles.



Safety Officer Report

Presented by Carl Anderson

- Nothing new to report

Secretary's Report

Presented by Steve Lewis.

- Motion to accept the minutes as posted in the news letter. Accepted by the membership voice vote.

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. (not present)_

- If there is field work you would like to do for the field please let Tim or Ken D know.

VP Report

Presented by John Yaz (not present)

- No report

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak

- The newsletter was posted yesterday.

New Business - none

Business Meeting adjourned 1135



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:

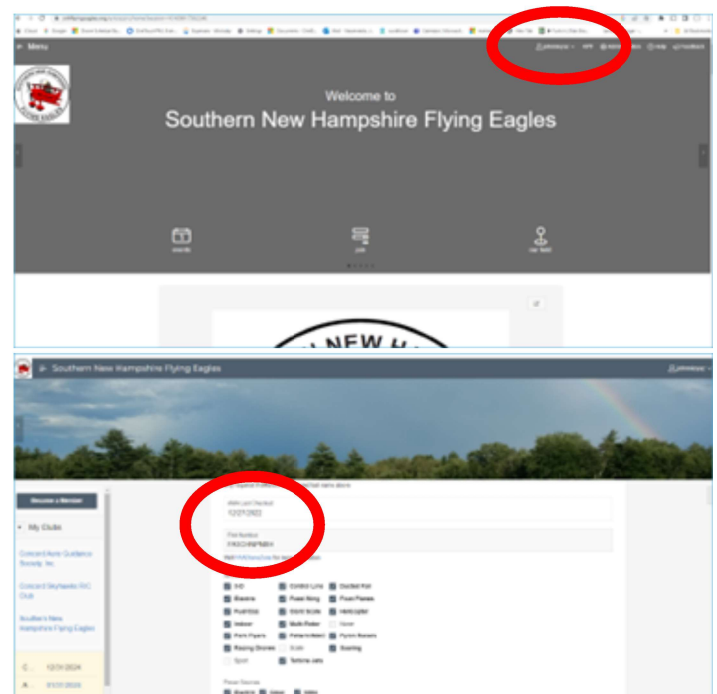
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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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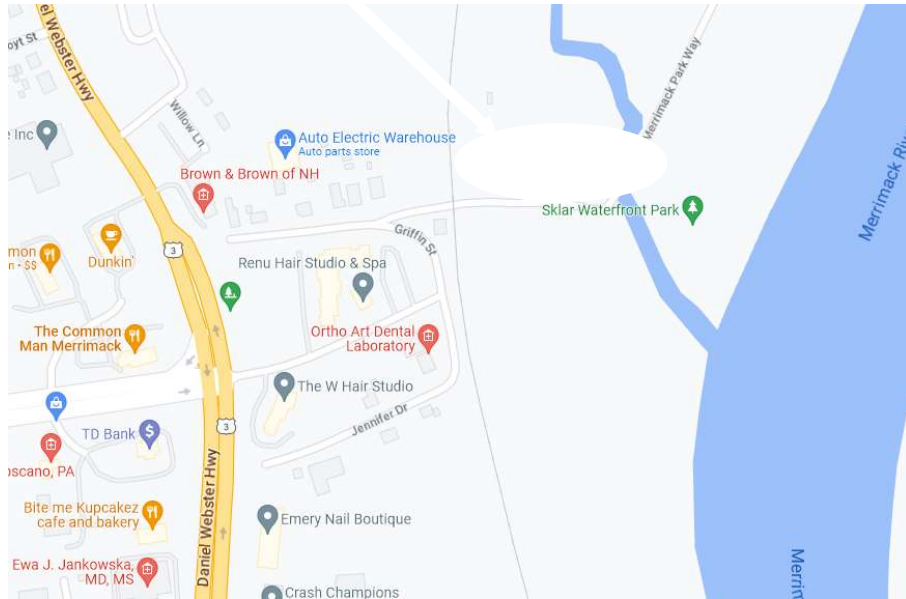
Disclaimer:

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.



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

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