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Chartered AMA Club #2417

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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 Flying Eagles,

August was another great month of flying. It was a little breezy, but who don't like a challenge, right?.

We had one pilot earn his solo approval in August. Micah Kunselman was solo qualified by instructor Zack Sweetser. On the check-ride he landed right down the runway centerline and stayed on the line during the rollout. Quite an accomplishment for this young man. Congratulation Micah!!.

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The club Family Day/Aviation Day was a huge success. I'd like to attribute a lot of this success to the flyer Ben Kraft created and posted on social media to advertised the event. We had at least 10 families come down to see what our club is all about. The instructors did a great job of flying with these people, young and old. We had all three demonstration planes constantly in the air. I'd like to relay feedback I received from visitors. They shared that our members were very welcoming and willing to provide plenty of advice. Our cooks did a great job of Job of keeping everyone well fed. Members stepping up is why this club is so successful. I'd like to thank everyone that attended and lent a hand during the event. Job well done!!

Speaking of volunteering. We are holding our Fall Cleanup on October 26th starting at 8:30 AM. Plan to bring your chainsaws, clippers, weed whackers, and handsaws. We have an aggressive plan to cut trees and brush to the north of the field and along the brook. The more people we have the more successful we can be. This is the last year we have permission from the town of Merrimack to fell trees..

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Congratulations to new solo pilot Micah Kunselman!



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Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that we will hold an auction after the September meeting to sell donated aircraft and items. Ted Ede will be our auctioneer. This is his third time to perform at as our auctioneer. He gets better with each experience. All proceeds will go to the club's accounts to help offset the loss of revenue due to the club not hosting our Annual Float Fly.

The September Club meeting will occur at the Drobish-Patterson field pavilion on September 8th at 1100. I hope to see you there to discuss the course of the club.

Yours Truly,
Tim 2 Sowder
President
SNH Flying Eagles.

Ron Q
showing
off his
Futura



John S.
showing
off his BIG
Extra



Club Calendar

Sept 1 - 2025 Club Membership renewals begin

Sept 8 (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ field
- with Club Airplane Auction -

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

Oct 2 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

Oct 21 (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Oct 26 (Sat) - Field Clean Up @ 8:30AM

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



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting Aug 4, 2024

- Meeting held at Merrimack Field - Drobysh-Patterson Field
- Meeting Called to order: 1108
- Members present: 15

Attending Officers:

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

New members introduced

- none

President's Report

- Presented By Tim Sowder
- Field is looking fantastic
- John Spitz brought his brush hog
- Plan to do more tree cutting in Oct. Bring weed wackers & saws
- Merrimack FD Chief has given us permission to burn the bursh piles this winter. The must be snow on the ground
- Next weekend is Family day and aviation day.
- September meeting will be aucationing off some plane donations.
- Members can bring items all proceeds go to the club
- Due to the labor day hoilday the meeting will be pushed off one week.
- The security cameras are back up and running.

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)

- Some projects will be planned for later in the year.
- Presented the past month's income/expenses
- Membership number: 80

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny D.

- Flight stands need painting and repiars. Planning on late september when the weather cools of some.

VP Report

Presented by John Yaz

- For aviation day need instructors
- Need food Ted & John Y will puchase the food.
- Need to check out the grill before hand.
- Members attending are incouaged to side dishes.
- Jet raily Aug 15 - 18.

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak (not present)

- The newsletter was posted yesterday.

New Business - none

Business Meeting adjourned 1135



The Picture Page

Some planes for the September Auction





**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:

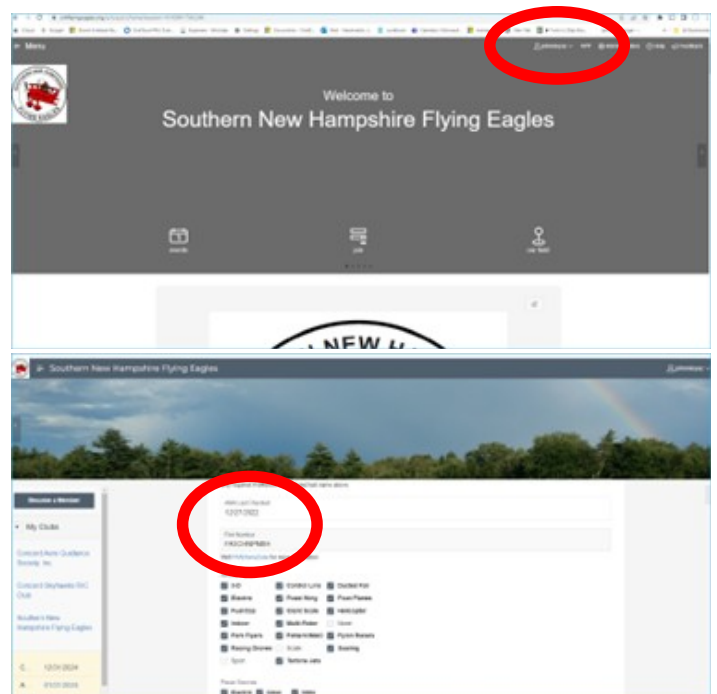
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

Safety Officer: Carl Anderson

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Head Instructor(appointed): Kenny Donahue

Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak



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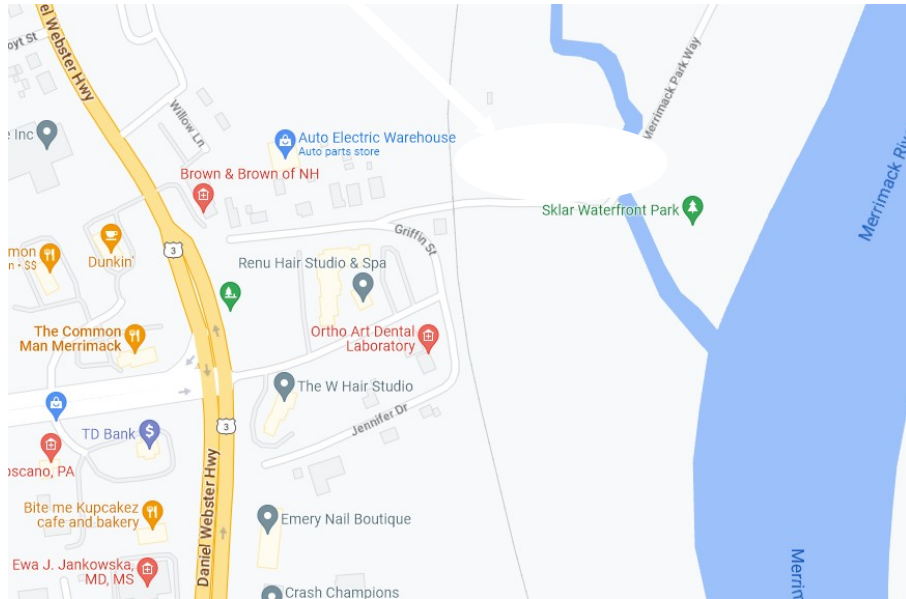
Disclaimer:

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)

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Websites

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