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The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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President's Report

By: Tim Sowder

Hello Flying Eagles,

Another month of flying in the books. The weather was great and the comradery is even better. The hanger flying in the pavilion is always fun to participate in. I also see a lot of members helping members at the flight stands. That's what makes our club so strong. The inviting atmosphere we have has attracted a few more new members in September. Thank you all for being unconditionally welcoming.

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With that said, I'd like to remind everyone that we have a Field Cleanup Day scheduled for October 26th starting at 8:30 am. We could use all the help we can get. Our goals are a little ambitious. We have a lot of trees, brush and bushes that need to be cut along the brook. We also need to pile all the branches and brush from previous cutting endeavors around the field into one pile. The plan for this pile is to keep it covered until the winter snow arrives. We have permission from the town to burn this brush as long as there is snow on the ground.

I'd like to recognize John Spitz for his effort to create a path on the other side of the brook. He brought his very nice skid loader with a fancy brush hog attachment he rented. He used this apparatus to cut a very clean trail through the brush, vines and other tripping hazards. If you've hiked on the other side of the brook you will know this is a huge improvement for aircraft recovery. He plans to bring his tractor with his bush hog to further cut down the weeds and vines so we have easier access to the work areas before we start on the 26th. If you see John, please let him know how much we appreciate his dedication to the club.

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Vinny
(left)
&
Scott
(right)

President's Report Continued... (From Page 2)

Speaking of dedication, John Yaz has been busy with his District 1 AVP duties. The man never sits still. If he's not at our club performing the Vice President duties and helping people with their technical challenges, he's helping promote the AMA and the hobby. An example of this is last weekend he was the CD for the AMA presentation at the annual Wings and Wheels event at the Concord airport. John recruited Carl Anderson to help with setting up and running the RC simulators to engage the participants. These are the events that help bring more members to our club and into the hobby we love so much. Our club participation was a little shy of what we expected. Please consider the opportunity to help at one of these events. It helps our hobby and is very rewarding.

We had another pilot earn his solo qualification in September. I'd like to congratulate Trevor Cook on this accomplishment. Steve Lewis was his instructor throughout his training. Nice job Trevor and Steve!! I'd like to mention, Trevor has been very helpful with the Family Day and other projects around the field.

New Solo
Pilot:
Trevor
Cook

&

His
Instructor
Steve
Lewis



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

I'd like to share an article Ron Quattrochi shared with me. The article describes how a pilot lost his favorite airplane to interference. It describes how becomes intrigued to find out why he lost link with this airplane. It's an interesting read... kinda geeky but interesting. Give it a read if you have time:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vS8-lz-Lh1rrpAKQsvCNSzt0fN9UvbNTaEGU3ylqqnLMBO_psMCSt84ffBuWDXHnw7SqHnjfLvRzOU/pub

To finish I would like to remind everyone that the October Club Meeting will be held at:

- On Wednesday, October 2nd
- At St. James United Methodist Church in Merrimack
- At 1930 (7:30PM).

Please plan to attend if you can. We will discuss our club operations and look towards the future of the club.

Important-

We will also discuss a proposal from the club officers to remove the \$25 initiation fee for new members. We feel it is a very expensive proposition for new members to pay for an AMA memberships, our club membership and buy the RC equipment and trainer to enter the hobby. Eliminating the \$25 initiation fee may allow more potential people to join our ranks.

Sincerely,
Tim Sowder
President





Club Calendar

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

Oct 29 (Tue) – Last Tues night instruction for the season

Nov 6 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

Nov 18 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting September 8, 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 (not pres.)
- Bob Fregault, Treasurer (not present)
- Dave M, NewsLetter

New members introduced

- Jennifer ?

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- Family day was a great success
- Reminder no Float fly this year
- Oct 26 field clean up and tree trimming
- Oct. 29th. last Tuesday night flying.

Secretary's Report

Presented by Steve Lewis.

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

Safety Officer Report

Presented by Carl Anderson

- Please do not bunch up in the pilots station.
- The membership voted to move the station closer together. No



Treasurer's Report

Presented by Tim S. (Bob F not present)

- Presented the past month's income/expenses
- Can start renewing membership for next year.
- Membership number: 80

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny D.

- If bringing chain saw on filed clean up day please bring appropriate safe gear.
- Flight stands need painting and repairs. Planning on late september when the weather cools of some
- If there is field work you would like to do for the field please let Tim or Ken D know.

VP Report / AMA district 1 representative

Presented by John Yaz

- Had a recent trip to Canada and and discribed some of the issues they have with regulators.

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak

- The newsletter was posted yesterday.

New Business – club auction today
Business Meeting adjourned 1123



The Picture Page

Shorter days = Bring out the
lights!



Kenny D
←-----



George
----->



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:

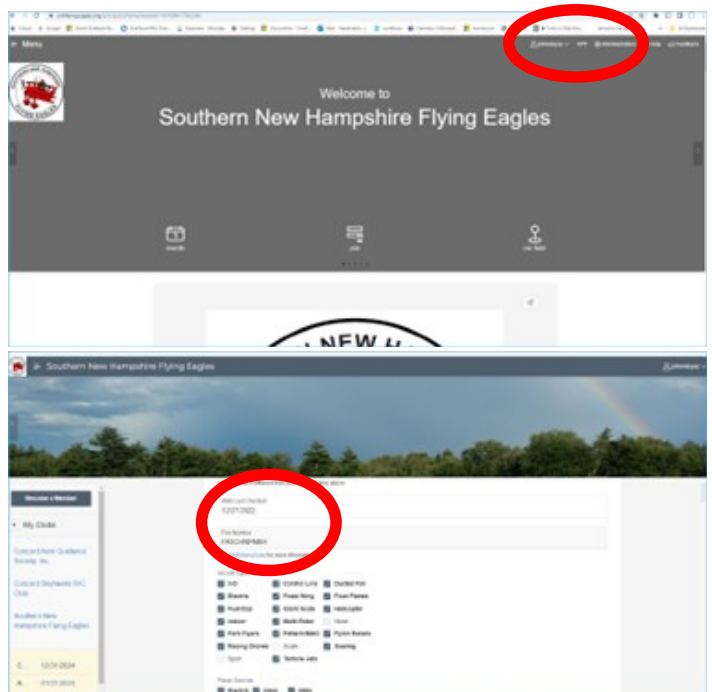
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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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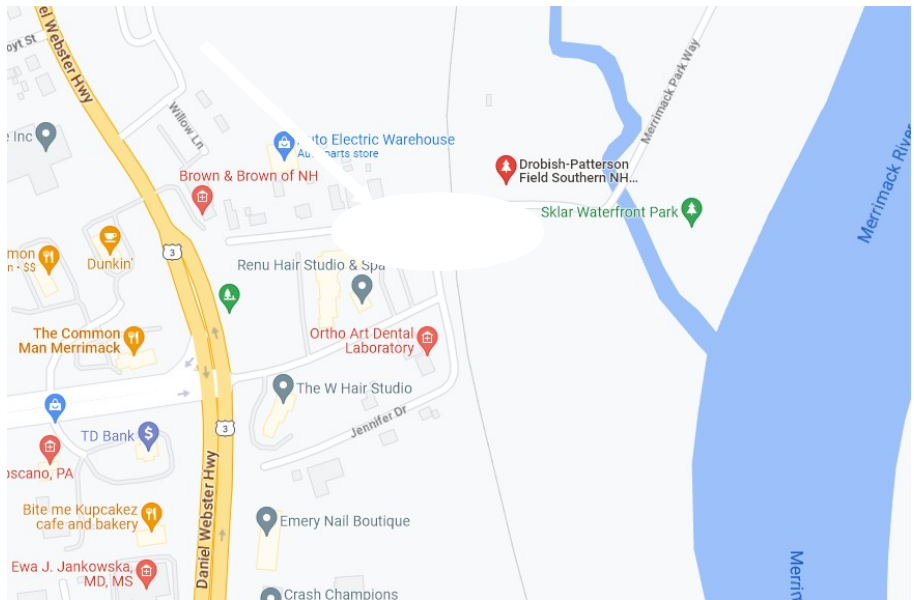
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Disclaimer:

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
- Frozen Fingers Fun Fly (January)
- Banquet (March)
- Show & Tell (April)
- Family Picnic (August)
- Float Fly (September)



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