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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,

Another month of good flying. The weather continues to favor great flying conditions. The wind has been fairly light and the rain has been uncomfortably absent. We haven't had that many new pilot trainees. We did have one solo last month. I'd like to congratulate Zack Newman. I remember his father, Todd, bringing him to the field as a toddler.

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So Zack pretty much grew up at the field. Zack required very little added instruction to earn his solo qualification. Well done Zack. I am hoping Zack will recruit some of his baseball friends into the club.



For those that didn't have a chance to attend the Darrell Wagner Fun Fly at the Skyhawk's field in Concord, you missed a good one. There were around 70 people that attended. The aircraft were beautiful and the flying was fantastic. Cody Wojcik and Steve McCormack performed together and an adlib choreographed airshow. The results were fantastic. I hope they expand on the performance. Zack Sweetser also showed off his graceful flying prowess. This is an annual event. Everyone should consider attending next year.

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



The Fall Field Cleanup was very successful. We had 14 members show up and put in a lot of blood sweat and tears into our field. We were able to - collect debris, blow leaves, cut trees along the brook, stain flight stands and remove the tree that fell very close to the poop deck. I'd like to give a huge Thank You everyone that helped accomplish huge mount of work:

Kenny Donahue Steve Lewis
Jim Barry Linda Bielawa
Braden Van Hirtum
Ron Quattrochi

Steve McCormick
Tim 1 Campbell
Elliot Hall

Scott Hurley
Chris Whaley
Bob Fragault

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

I would like to remind members that it is time to renew your club membership. Membership renewals started on September first and will go through December 31st. Members that do not renew by December 31st will not be permitted to fly at the field or vote in the club elections in February until they are renewed. If members do not renew by March 1st, they will need to pay the \$25 initiation fee.

Our next Club Meeting will be held at the St. James United Methodist Church on November 6th. The meeting starts at 1930 (7:30 PM). I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Tim Sowder
President SNH Flying Eagles

Paul and his swing wing F-14 Tomcat





Club Calendar

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

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

Nov 28 (Thurs) – Thanksgiving!



Dec 4 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

Club Christmas Party and Yankee Gift Swap!

Dec 16 (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 October 2, 2024

- Meeting held at St. James Church
- Meeting Called to order: 1938
- Members present: 11

Attending Officers:

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

New members introduced

- No new members present

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- Tim will not be running for president next term.
- The auction at the field last meeting went very well.
- Tim will be starting the process for next year's float fly.
- Field clean up Oct 26th.
- Clearing brush from the north end.
- This is the last year the town will allow us to cut trees.
- Need to move all the brush into one pile, and cover for burning during the winter.
- John S. will bring a large brush hog and his skid steer.
- The December meeting is the Christmas party. Tim C. will be the Christmas Elf.
- Kenny D. has started painting the flight stands.
- The Charging station controller has been rebuilt, Breakers have been replaced and a low voltage cut-off circuit has been added.
- The cut-off switch has been shutting off for unknown reasons. Dave M. will be looking into the issue

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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

- No Report

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Bob F.

- Presented the past month's income/expenses
- Auction income has helped
- Membership have started renewing for next year.
- Membership number: 80

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny D.

- With the weather changing, mowing of the field is down to every other week.
- The flight station signs were moved closer together. There are some concerns. That they are now too close.

VP Report / AMA district 1 representative

Presented by John Yaz

- Not present, no report

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak

- Not present, no report
- The newsletter was posted yesterday.

New Business

- Bob Lacroux talked about the wings and wheels event at the Concord Airport.

Business Meeting adjourned 2020



The Picture Page

Tim Campbell and his...
Silver tri-motor plane





The Picture Page

Thanks to all for helping at the
fall field clean up!





**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:

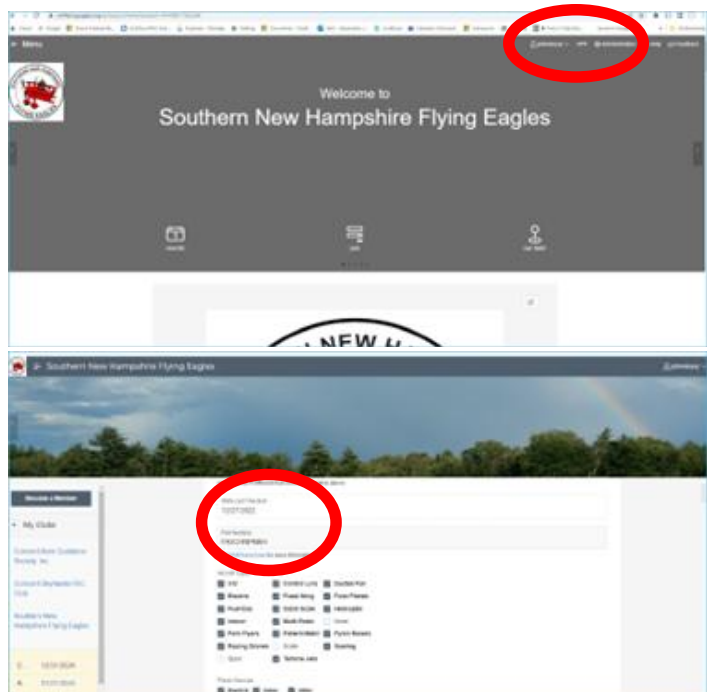
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley

Head Instructor(appointed): Kenny Donahue

Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak

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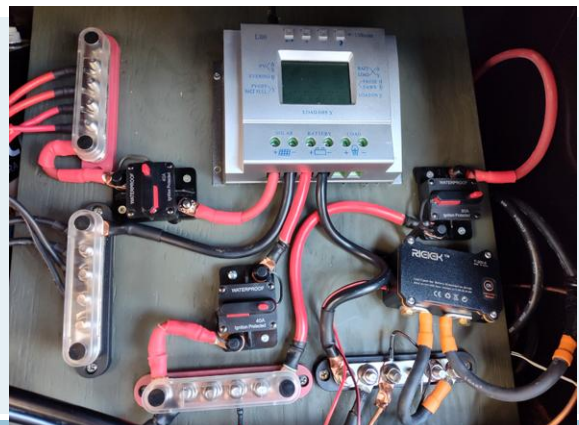
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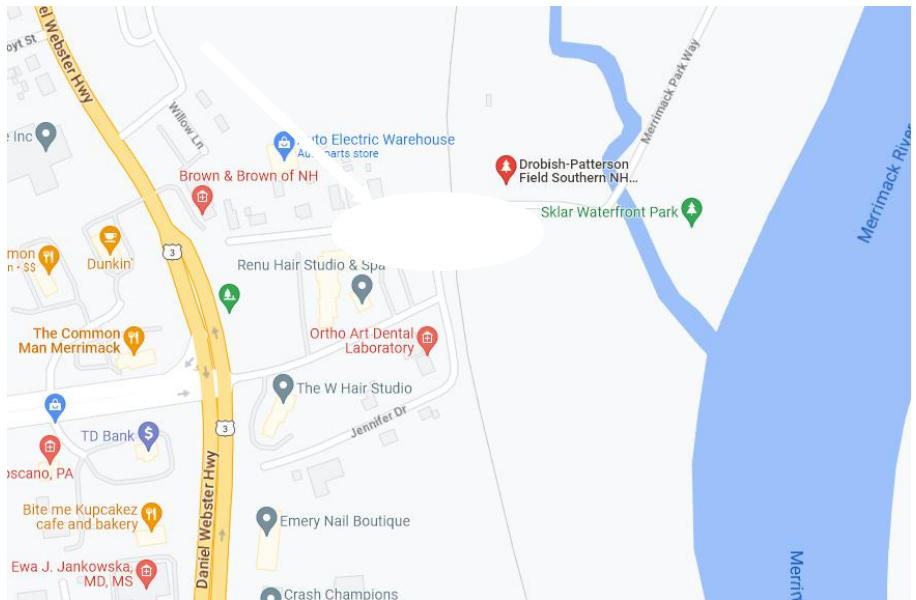
Disclaimer:

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.

Ever wonder what the
inside of the charging
station controller / battery
box looks like?



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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