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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,

The Holiday Season is here. Please consider attending the December club meeting this Wednesday, December 4th. We will hold a quick executive meeting then adjourn to the Holiday party. Tim Campbell has stepped up to help Santa and organize the party and Yankee swap. If you want to participate in the Yankee Swap please bring a wrapped present of around a \$20 value. This is always a fun time for everyone.

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The weather has turned noticeably colder this last week. With that said, I'd like to remind members that we have two deck heaters available in the front container. The heaters are there for all members. If you use the heater, please turn off the valve and disconnect the LP hose from the LP tank before return them to the container before you leave. If you pull out a heater you are responsible for returning it to the container before you leave. If another member shows up you can ask them to take over that responsibility. This rule applies to the fire pit as well. If you start a fire in the fire pit you will need to assure the fire is out before you leave or pass the obligation off to another member. There should never be a fire burning or a heater outside of the container when no members are present.

Please let an officer know if you find the LP tanks are empty.

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Please contact Steve Lewis if you need a key for the front container. The container houses the heaters as well as first aid kits that may come in handy if there is an accident.

If you have been at the club recently you will notice a few improvements our officers and members have accomplished. I'd like to thank:

- Zack Sweetser and Kenny Donahue - for working very hard at tackling the removal of the trees along the brook and the very large cluster of trees on the northeast tree line. They made a huge difference.
- After Zack and Kenny finished, John Spitz - brought his amazing skid loader with the grapple on the form and moved trees and brush into huge piles to make neat and orderly. John was moving trees that dwarfed his machine. It was amazing to watch. Yes, I would love to drive that machine.
- Steve Lewis - has been very busy as well. He helped me install a sign at the entrance to Merrimack Park Way. This sign advertises our club and the Sklar Waterfront Park are down the dirt road. The hope is more people will be able to find our flying field.



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- Not to stop there, Steve - designed and build an enclosure around the changing bench. The idea is to reduce the rain and snow that will land on the bench and keep our chargers nice and dry. It was raining when Steve installed the panels and the bench went from being wet from blowing rained to being nice and dry.

- Finally, Steve - helped me move the gate stop-post on the right side of the gate and lay processed stone on the field parking lot entrance. This will fill in the large puddle we have tolerated for a long time.

Please let these hard-working members know we appreciate their efforts in making our club airfield look so nice.

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

REMINDER-

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.



2025 Club Build and Flying Event

By: Bob Lacroix

Spoke to Tim Sowder about doing an event somewhere around May or June. "Old School Models" has a kit called the "Bat". My plan is I would CD a contest with only this airplane. Anyone interested builds a "Bat" and do 3 events. You can purchase it direct for \$79.95 plus \$10 shipping or call ABC Hobbies for the same price but no shipping and club discount. Call the store and order it, pay by credit card and I will deliver it to the field or can pick up at my house.



Link to kit:

<https://www.oldschoolmodels.com/bat.htm>

Note: The newsletter editor has built and enjoys this model! Contact Dave for his power setup.

Club Calendar

Dec 4 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James
Club Christmas Party and Yankee Gift Swap!

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

Dec 25 (Wed) – Christmas

Jan 1 (Wed) – Club Members meeting
@ 7:30PM @ St. James

Jan 20 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Feb 2 (Sat) - **Event! Frozen Fingers Fun Fly**

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



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

November 6, 2024

- Meeting held at St. James Church
- Meeting Called to order: 1935
- Members present: 17

Attending Officers:

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

New members introduced

- No new members present

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- The low battery cut off switch has been acting up and has removed until we can figure out what the issue is.
- We have had reports of issues with the web page, If you have issues please report them to the officers.
- Field clean up 14 members showed up.
 - Bush was cut around the brook .
 - The Leafs were removed.
 - John returned earlier this week with his skid steer and piled up the brush and pulled some trees from the water.



- Tim S will be bringing his tractor to regrade the parking lot near the gate.
- Now that it's getting cold the heaters have been moved to the south container.
- The December meeting will be the Christmas party. Tim Campbell will be the Christmas Elf

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

- Nothing new to report on.

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

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The Secretary's Report Continued...

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

- Open fun fly at the Fremont flyers this weekend.
- Any questions about AMA please ask John.
- The AMA president has resigned.
- Always need volunteers for AMA and District 1 events.
- Frozen fingers will be coming up will need volunteers. Do members want to change up the format? Membership would like to continue with the same format.
 - John will put in an event sanctioning.

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak

- The newsletter was posted earlier today.
- Always looking for new content.

New Business

- John is looking to bring back the Eagles cup.
- Bob L. brought in some planes he converted from glow engine to electric. He spoke about what it took to convert them.

Business Meeting adjourned 2020





The Picture Page

Work on the entry road by the gate.





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:

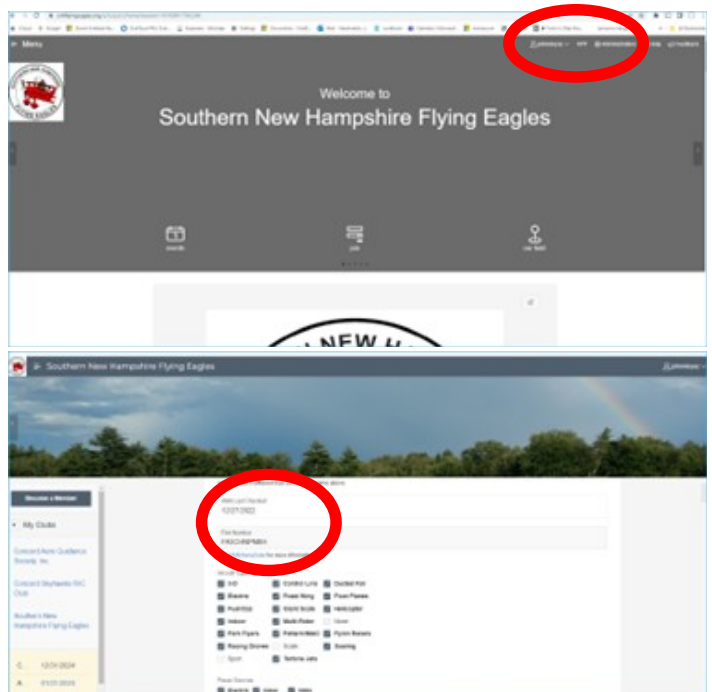
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

* Submit your photos / articles to Dave at dm70nh@gmail.com



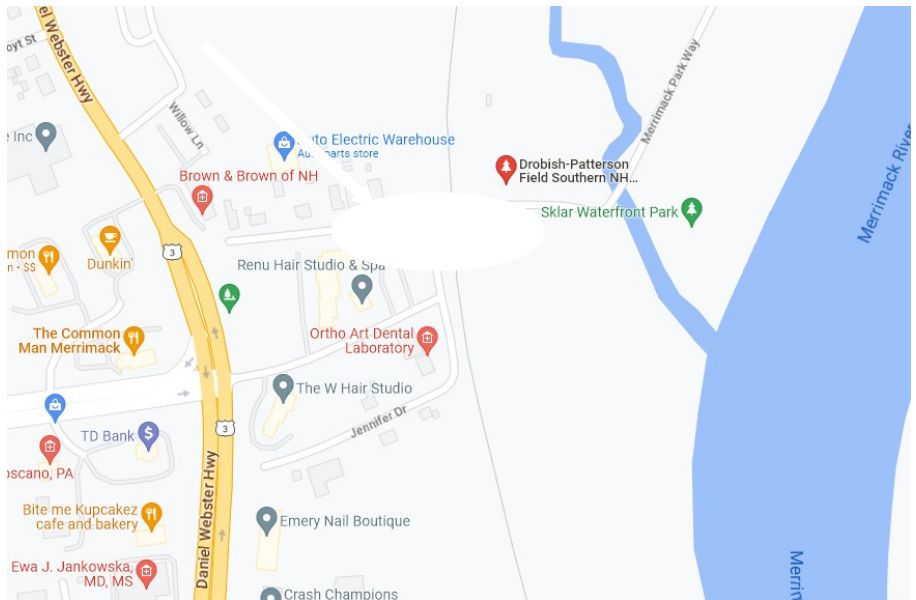
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Disclaimer:

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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Websites

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AMA District I

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