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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,

Happy New Year!!

We had a good showing on our club's unofficial First Flight of 2025. The weather wasn't the best. There was no wind but we experienced intermittent rain, and the light was very flat which made flying conditions a bit challenging. We still had at least 14 people show up and fly. This club ain't afraid to fly in daring conditions.

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The next big club event is the 2025 Frozen Fingers Fun Fly (FFFF) on February 2nd. This is a fun event that attracts flyers from around the region. We also recruit non-flyers to attend the event to promote the hobby and give them a chance to fly with an instructor. I am looking for volunteers to help with the event. Johnny Yaz is the CD for the event. Please contact Yaz or me if you can help.

A tradition for this event is to hold a raffle for an aircraft. This year we are raffling an E-Flite Turbo Timber SWS 2.0m BNF Basic with AS3X and SAFE Select. We will need your help selling tickets for the drawing in April. Please see a club officer if you can help sell raffle tickets. This is a fantastic aircraft for intermediately skilled pilots and above. The airplane shown front and center in the picture above is an example of that raffle plane.

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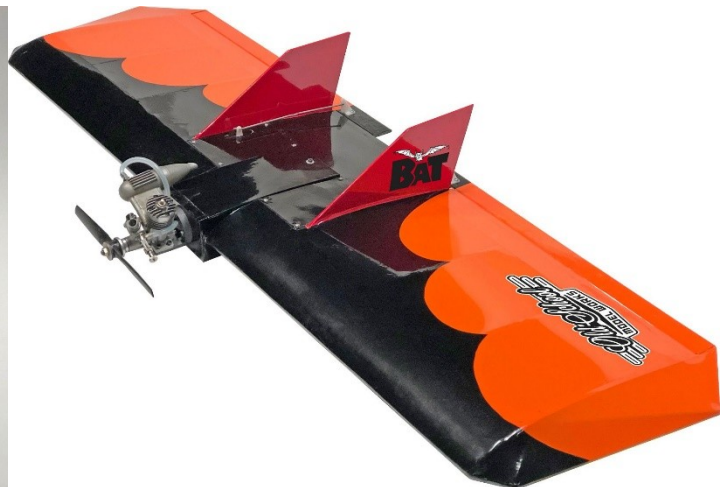
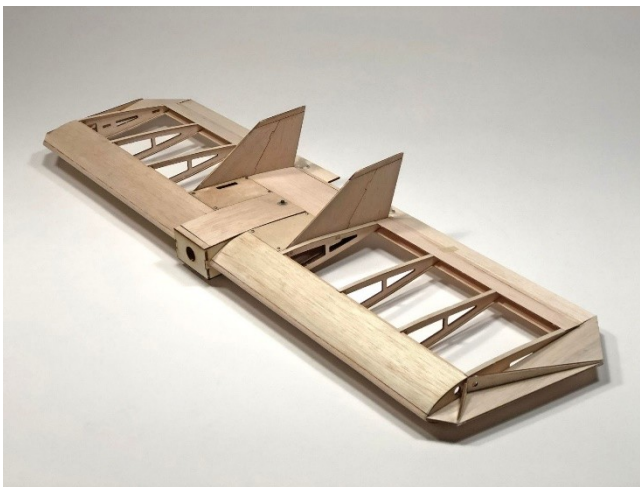
Another annual event we support is the Merrimack's 33rd Annual Winter Carnival. I am looking for volunteers to staff a SNH Flying Eagles booth at the carnival. This carnival will be held on Saturday, February 8th from 12:00 to 3:00. Our club sets up a booth and promotes the Flying Eagles and the AMA. We normally set up RC simulators, talk about our hobby and give handouts. This is a fun time and helps recruit new club members. If you are able to volunteer some time for this event, please let me know.



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

Special event –

Bob Lacroix is promoting a fun event for this spring. He is encouraging interested members to purchase an OSMW Bat Airplane Kit. This is an easy build kit. Dave Majchrzak recently built a Bat and it turned out great. Dave would be a good contact for information about the Bat. The event is to build these aircraft, then fly them in aerial dog fighting in the spring. The dog fighting will involve attaching a string and crate paper streamer to each aircraft then attempt to cut the opponent's streamer. This should be a lot of fun. I plan to participate. Contact Bob Lacroix to purchase a kit from ABC Hobbies if you're interested.



REMINDER-

It is time to renew your club membership. Membership renewals started on September 1st. 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.

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The next Club Meeting will be held:

- At the St. James United Methodist Church
- January 8th, 2025.
- The meeting starts at 1930 (7:30 PM).

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Tim Sowder

President

SNH Flying Eagles



Club Calendar

Jan 8 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

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

Feb 2 (Sun) – **Frozen Finger Fun Fly | Free Intro RC Flights @ 9AM – 2PM at the club field.**

Feb 8 (Sat) – SNHFE at Merrimack Winter Carnival @ 12-3p @ Wasserman Park

Feb 5 (Wed) – Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

Feb 17 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Feb 28 (Sat) - Last day to renew club membership without initiation fee.

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

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

December 4, 2024

- Meeting held at St. James Church
- Meeting Called to order: 1936
- Members present: 22

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 (not present)

New members introduced

- No new members present

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- This past sunday we lost 3 planes
 - The Apprentice lost contact and it just flew away.
 - One Aeroscout the rudder servo
 - One Aeroscout hit the trees
- We will be replacing one plane with a new Apprentice.
- Kenny & Zack did some more tree cutting.
- Tim S & Steve graded the parking lot
- The charging station weather shield(windows) have been installed.
- There is a new club marker sign at the top of the hill near the sharp turn.
- Memberships need to be renewed by the end of the year.



- 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.to be removed from around the brook. Need to set time for a few members to assist with removing them before the end of the year.
- 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.

The Secretary's Report Continued...

Safety Officer Report

Presented by Carl Anderson

- Nothing new to report on

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Bob Fregault

- Presented the past month's income/expenses.
- Members are starting to renew for next year.
- Membership numbers. 24 for 2025.

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny Donahue (not present)

VP Report / AMA district 1 representative

Presented by John Yaz

- Looking for assistance with running the revived Eagles cup. Looking to start after frozen fingers.
- Frozen fingers Event sanction has been approved.
- Tyler D is now the new AMA president
- 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 (not present)

New Business

- Bob Lacroix would like to do 3 fun flies over the summer.

**Business Meeting adjourned 1955,
Christmas party begins.**

Submitted by Steve Lewis

This years raffle isn't another foamy trainer. This model is the incredible and desirable to anyone who flies. It is very high quality Balsa covered 2 meter 6S electric Timber SWS \$849.99 Value

Wingspan: 80.0 in (2032mm)

Length: 55.9 in (1422mm)

Weight With Recommended 6S 5000mAh

Battery: 148.7 oz (4216g)





**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:

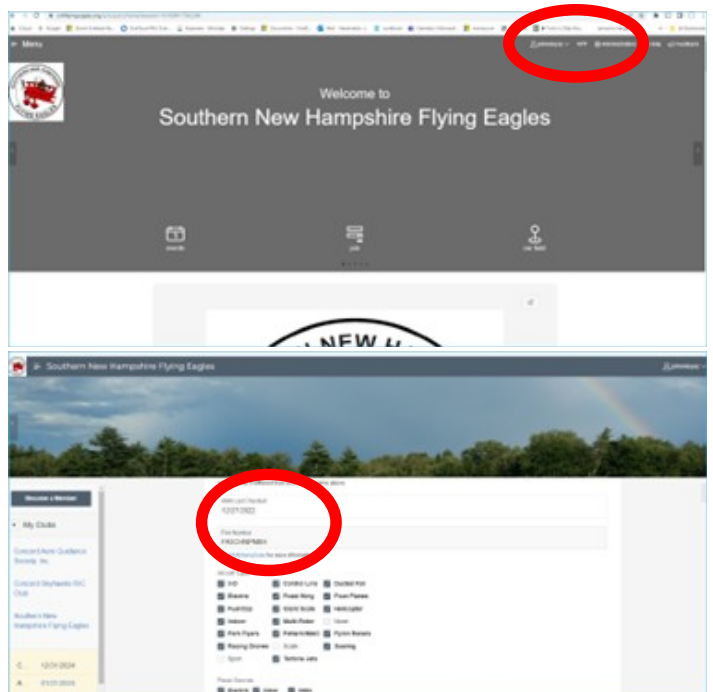
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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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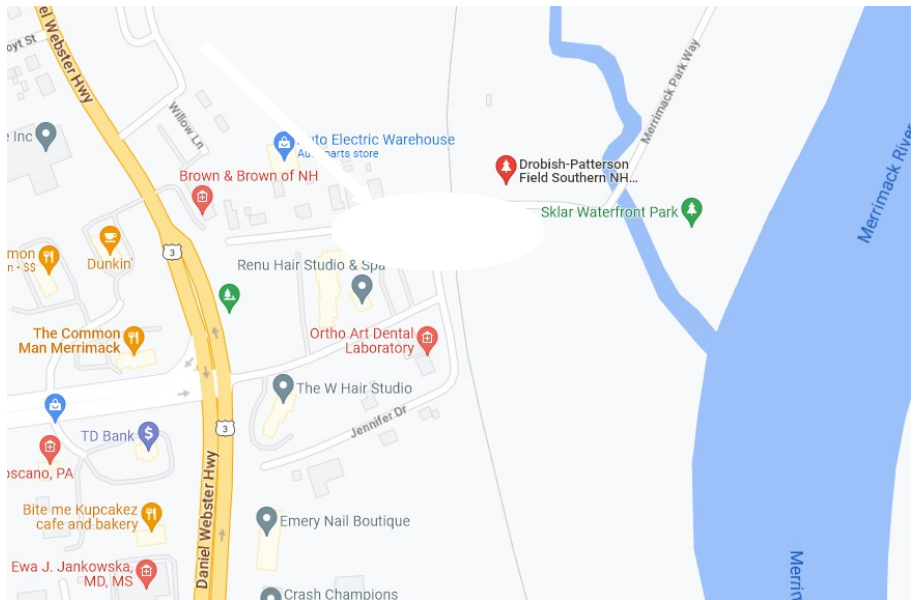
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Disclaimer:

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.

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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