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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,

I'll make this short and sweet. Jonny Yaz and the rest of the members did a fantastic job with the 25th Annual Frozen Finger Fun Fly. The reports I've received are all very positive for the event and the welcoming our club members always present. I thank you are for a job well done. Especially to John for arranging and managing the entire event.

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President's Report Continued... (From Page 1)

This month is the Officer's Election. The nominations were received during the January meeting. There were no competitive nominations for any of the positions other than for Field Marshal.

Positions:

- President – John Yassemedis
- Vice President – Scott Hurley
- Treasurer – Bob Fregault
- Secretary – Steve Lewis
- News Letter Editor – Dave Majchzak
- Safety – Carl Anderson
- Field Marshal – Kenny Donahue and John Spitz

To vote for the officers you must be a member in good standing with the club. We can also accept nominations up until the actual election.

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

I am hearing from the flight line that people are straying away from calling their aircraft intentions when flying near the runway. This has caused some near misses and has a little anxiety to the field. We don't need that. We are a club of fun and acceptance. We also are known for being friendly with everyone. We need to make sure we announce our maneuvers near the runway. This includes east bound departures from the easterly runway....we don't have! I won't mention any names, George and Rick.

Please remember to renew your club membership for the 2025 season before you use the field as the by-laws state. Also, remember that any member that renews on or after March 1st will be required to pay the \$25 initiation fee.

The Club Meeting is:

- Wednesday, February 5th
- 1930 (7:30PM) at the Saint James United Methodist Church, Merrimack, NH

Sincerely Yours,
Tim Sowder
President
SNH Flying Eagles





Club Calendar



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

January 8, 2024

- Meeting held at St. James Church
- Meeting Called to order: 1935
- Members present: 14

Attending Officers:

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

New members introduced

- No new members present

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- Officer nominations will be this meeting.
- Merrimack winter carnival Feb 8th 12 - 3pm, need volunteers
- Frozen finger fun fly Feb 2nd.
- if you haven't renewed yet you will need to before you fly.
- Both heaters are working.
- If you need a key for the container see Steve L. There is a \$5 deposit.
- If you start a fire in the fire pit Please make sure it is out before the last person leaves for the day.
- Last person to leave the field please make sure the containers and gate are locked.
- Looking to put up the plastic around the pavilion this sunday.



- Bob Lacrox is looking to restart competition this year. The plane of choice is the Bat.

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 Fregault

- The club is no longer using the PO Box and has dropped the account
- 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)

The Secretary's Report Continued...

VP Report / AMA district 1 representative

Presented by John Yaz

- Need help with set-up for Frozen fingers.
- Open fly starts at 9:00AM
- Will need a small generator or two.
- Ted will pick the food.
- Propane tank will need to be filled.
- Grill will need to clean-up.
- John & Bob are planning on cooking.
- Need an official timer for the events.
- Documentation - Pictures and Video. Ken D.?
- If there is snow the field will need to be packed.
- John is working on flight demos.

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak

- The newsletter was posted 2 days ago..
- Always looking for new content.

New Business

Officers nominations.

President: John Yaz

VP: Scott

Treasurer: Bob F.

Field Marshall: John S., Kenny D.

Safety: Carl

Secretary: Steve L.

News Letter: Dave M.

Business Meeting adjourned 2020,

Submitted by Steve Lewis





The Picture Page

Frozen Finger Fun Fly 2025





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**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:

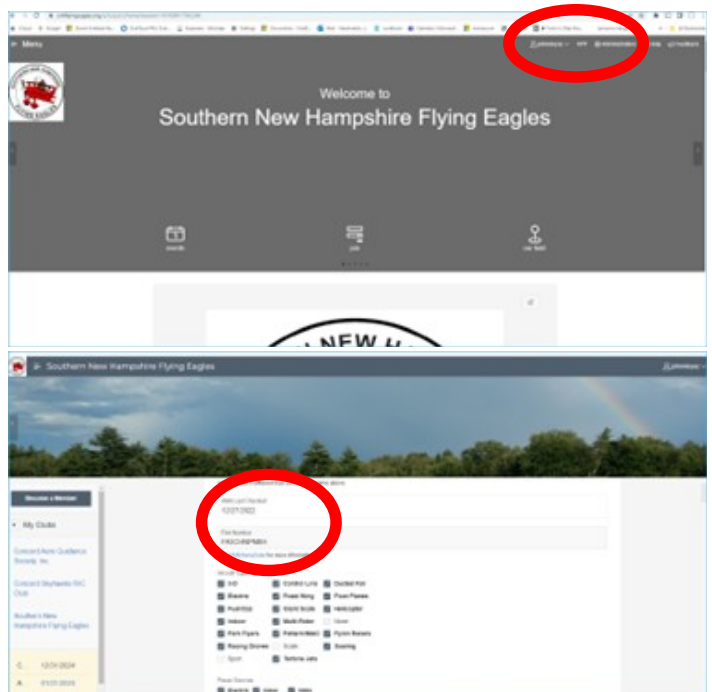
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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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Flight Instructors

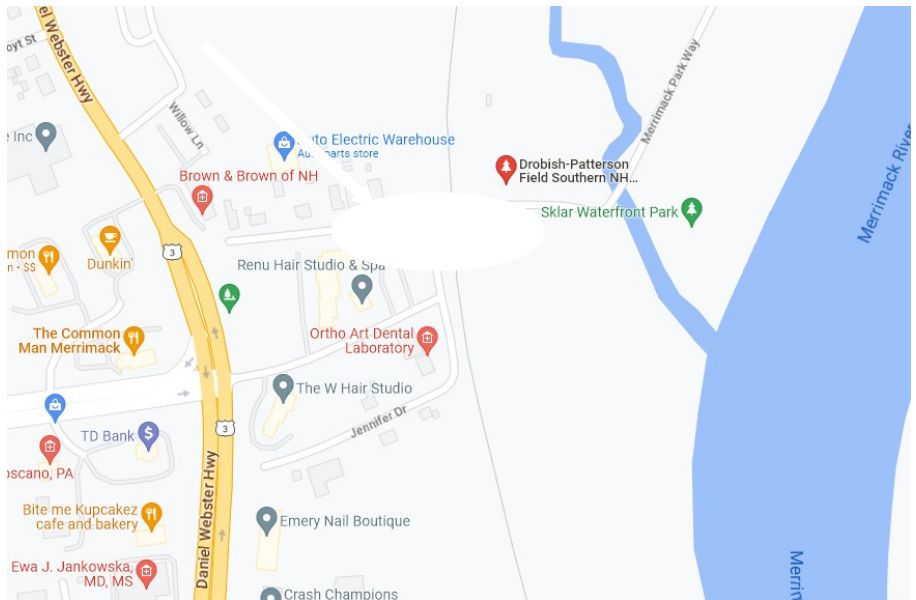
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Disclaimer:

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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