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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

This is my last report as the president of this great club. I have mixed feelings about leaving the presidency. On the one hand, we have achieved a lot over the last four years. On the other hand, the position requires a whole lot of a person's time and effort. I plan to spend some of that reclaimed time with my grandsons. Yes, I said grandsons. My second grandson was born on February 18. I'm a very happy grandpa! I'll continue helping the club whenever I can and providing instruction for new drivers. I will also manage the Float Fly in September.

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What I have learned during my time as president. One of the very positive aspects of this club is our volunteerism. For the last four years we have supported projects around our flying field. Another important aspect is the way we promote our club by supporting town events around the town of Merrimack. A good example is Trevor and Russell volunteering their afternoon on February 8th to staff a SNH Flying Eagles booth at the Merrimack Annual Winter Festival. Trevor and Russell reported that our booth had the most participants of any the booth. Thank you, Trevor and Russell! Every time we support Merrimack town events we pave the way for improvements at our flying field. When we go to the town manager or the town council to request permission for improvements, we receive yes's because they recognize all we do. The town council has complemented us on how well we maintain our flying field and out buildings..

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

As I said at the beginning of this report, I am very proud to have led this club for the last four years and we have a lot to be proud of. Our first accomplishment is the large number of new members we have attracted and the number of new members we have provided training to become competent solo pilots. Here are some of the other accomplishments we have achieved:

- Added the "Poop Deck" (Porta-Potty deck),
- Replaced the flying field entry gate,
- Added the solar charging station,
- Added protective shield around charging stand,
- Obtained permission from the town to clear a huge area of trees,
- Contracted Bob Ducharme to cut and remove trees,
- Replaced the Fourth of July float,
- Held two large auctions to assist in paying for the tree removal,
- Applied for and received an AMA grant for the tree removal.

This all occurred while we continued to maintain the grass, remove brushes, paint the pavilion and flight stands, rolled the field and parking lot. We have been busy little beavers.



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

I recall all of this to bring attention to the club officers instrumental in making all of this happen. I'd like to recognize Steve Lewis, Ted Ede, Carl Anderson, John Yassemedis, Ken Donahue, Bob Fregault, Carl Anderson, Dave Majchrzak and Tim Campbell. These are the people that made everything happen. Please give these members a pat on the back for a job well done.

Your club officers starting on March 5th are:

President – John Yassemedis

Vice President – Scott Hurley

Treasurer – Bob Fregault

Secretary – Steve Lewis

Field Marshal – John Spitz

News Letter Editor – Dave Majchrzak

Safety – Carl Anderson

John Yassemedis will take over the President's Parking spot and flight stand. Please support him with the same enthusiasm you supported me.

The March club meeting will be held at the Saint James United Methodist church at 7:30PM on March 5th. John will be looking for budget items for next year's operation.

I'll see you around the club.

Gratefully Yours Truly,
Tim Sowder
Former President
SNH Flying Eagles



Club Calendar

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

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

April 2 (Wed) – Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James
Budget & Show-n-Tell

April 14 (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM



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

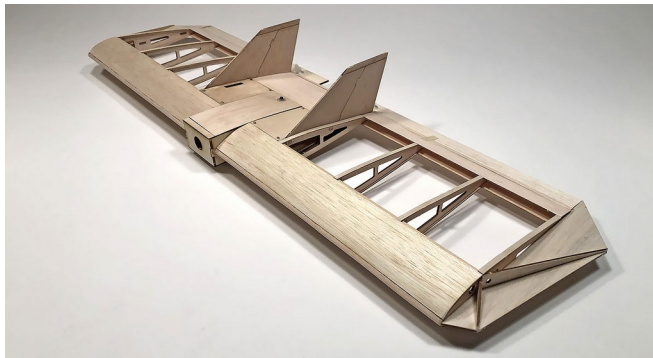
Fun Fly Event – OSMW Bat

Update From Bob LaCroix:

The Bat event will be a fun fly, no prizes, just a fun time. Only stipulation is battery must be no bigger than 3S, with capacity no larger than 2200mAh.

Date: TBD, May or June

Where to buy: ABC Hobbies \$79.95, Bob can deliver to field.



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

February 5, 2025

- Meeting held at St. James Church
- Meeting Called to order: 1935
- Members present: 13

Attending Officers:

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

New members introduced

- No new members present

President's Report

Presented By Tim Sowder

- No new business
- Float fly
- Tim will be contacting Greenfield to get the status of the upgrades.
- Event dates September 12th – 14th.

Secretary's Report

Presented By Steve Lewis

- Motion to accept the minutes as posted in the news letter. Accepted by the membership voice vote.
- Steve will not be at the March meeting. Will need someone to take notes.



Safety Officer Report

Presented by Carl Anderson (not present)

- Nothing new to report on

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Bob Fregault

- Bob reviewed the income/expenses for Frozen fingers.
- Bob reviewed the monthly club income/expenses.
- Membership numbers. 59 paid members for 2025

Field Marshall Report

Presented by Kenny Donahue (not present)

- No report.
- Bob F is working with the Fire department and town manager to get permission to burn the brush piles. We will need several volunteers to tend the fires.

The Secretary's Report Continued...

VP Report / AMA district 1 representative

Presented by John Yaz

- Thank you to everyone that helped out with this year's frozen fingers. Both prep and during the event.
- The event was a big success. 24 registered pilots and about 100 spectators showed up.
- Special thanks to Rick T for taking on selling tickets.
- The raffle did very well.
- Special thanks to Cody w for stepping up to help Judge the competition.
- Ted donated the food for the lunch.
- Lessons learned:
 - The start times on the different media did not match up.

Newsletter

Presented by Dave Majchrzak (not present)

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

Election of Officers.

Club secretary cast one vote for the uncontested positions.

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| • President | John Yaz | winner |
| • VP | Scott | winner |
| • Treasurer | Bob F. | winner |
| • Field Marshall | | |
| | • John S. 8 | winner |
| | • Kenny D. 5 | |
| • Safety | Carl | winner |
| • Secretary | Steve L. | winner |
| • NewsLetter | Dave M. | winner |

Business Meeting adjourned 2030

Submitted by
Steve Lewis



**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:

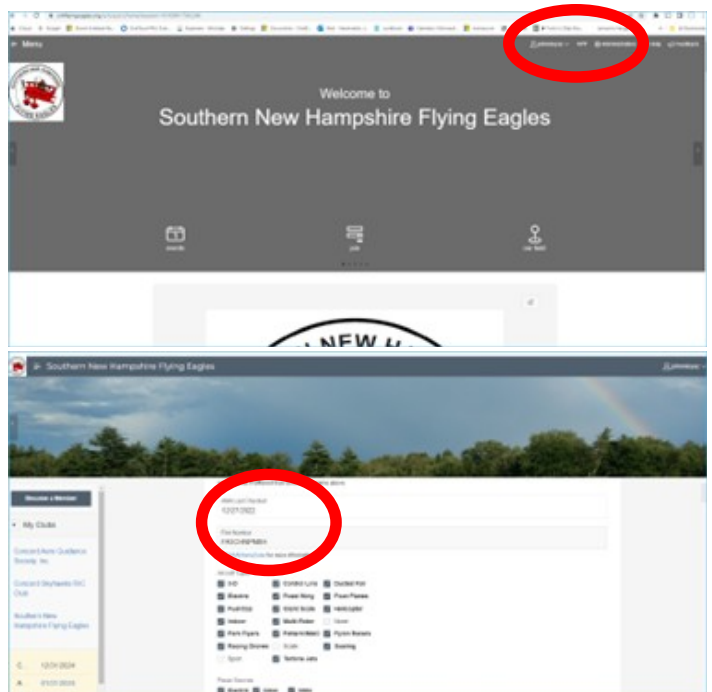
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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



Flight Instructors

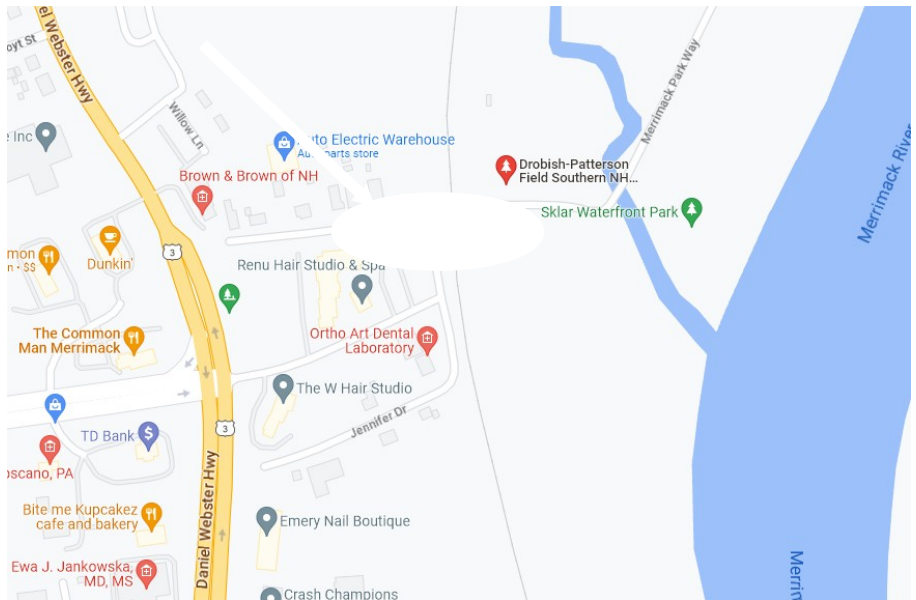
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Disclaimer:

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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AMA District I

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