

The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

Effective 9/16/2023
Through 8/24/2027

President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

I want to extend a huge thank you to our members who represented us so brilliantly at the Winter Carnival at Wasserman Park, Merrimack. A special shoutout to Russell, Trevor, and Mike for dedicating their time and energy to promoting our love of model aviation. We know they did an incredible job running the flight simulator, answering questions, and bringing in potential new pilots to our club.

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Their commitment truly made a difference, especially given the event was rescheduled a few times. We also want to acknowledge Tim Sowder, who couldn't make it due to the schedule changes, but whose support and intent to promote the club were just as valuable.

As the weather warms up and we look forward to more flying days ahead, let's keep the momentum going. Remember, we have our meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 PM at St. James Church to discuss the budget. Bring your ideas so we can make this a great year for all of us. Thanks again to everyone for your hard work and dedication to our club!

Happy flying,

John Yassemedis

SNHFE club President

Newsletter Editor's Hello

As your newly elected Newsletter Editor, I wanted to extend a big THANK YOU to our outgoing Editor, Dave Majchrzak, and the great job he's done over the last few years keeping us all informed. If you see Dave at the field, please let him know his time was much appreciated.

I don't intend to make any big changes to the format or content of the newsletter going forward, but am open to any suggestions you may have. As always, please send any newsworthy items, pictures related to the club or your own hangar to me and I'll be sure to find a spot in the next edition.

Thanks,
Tim Campbell



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting Feb 4, 2026

Meeting called to order 1930
15 Members present

Attending Officers:

John Yassemedis – President
Scott Hurley – Vice President
John Spitz – Field Marshall
Steve Lewis – Club Secretary
Carl Anderson – Safety Officer
Bob Fregault – Treasurer
Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed. (Abs)



From the President;

- Thank you to all those who helped out with the Frozen fingers.
- Several members donated food to the event.
- Kash Kiszra won the T-28 raffle plane.
- All members are responsible for safety at the field and events.
- Merrimack winter carnival is this weekend 12 - 3 at Wasserman park.
- Concord Sky Hawks is having a flea market Sat February 21st Baptist Church Concord. Sky Hawks are looking for an RSVP if you plan on attending.

VP Report:

- No report

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob F gave an overview of January's monthly revenue and expenses.
- 41 members have renewed as of 2/4/26

Field Maintenance:

- For the Frozen finger field prep on Saturday 1/31 John brought equipment to help prep the field for Sunday's Frozen fingers event.
- Flight stands in (in remembrance of Andy Finley).
- Due to the cold the pressure treaded wood is frozen together. With the weather warming over the next few days. John will attempt to complete the stands.

Safety Officer:

- No report

Secretary' Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

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The Secretary's Report

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Other Business:

- With the new year we need to set the budget for the year the officers are looking for project ideas.
- New plastic for the pavilion.
- Spare parts for the charging station in case of flooding.
- Geo-textile and pea stone for the parking lot.

Officer Election Results

- President - John Yaz 15 votes
- Vice President - Scott H. 15 votes
- Field Marshall -
- Ken D. 7 votes
- John Spitz 8 votes
- Club Secretary - Trevor Cook 15 votes
- Safety Officer - Ted Ede 15 votes
- Treasurer - Bob Fregault. 15 votes
- News Letter - Tim Campbell 15 votes

The meeting concluded at 20:42

Club Calendar

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

March 8th (Sun) – **Daylight Savings Time** begins

March 10th (Tues) – First Tuesday evening flying of the season!

March 16th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

April 1th (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James **Show & Tell**

April 20th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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

Our Field on 1/4/2026





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 2026-27 So. NH Flying Eagles Officers

President: John Yassemedis
 Vice President: Scott Hurley
 Secretary: Trevor Cook
 Treasurer: Bob Fregault
 Field Marshall: John Spitz
 Safety Officer: Ted Ede
 Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley
 Head Instructor(appointed): Tim Sowder
 Newsletter Editor: Tim Campbell



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Flight Instructors

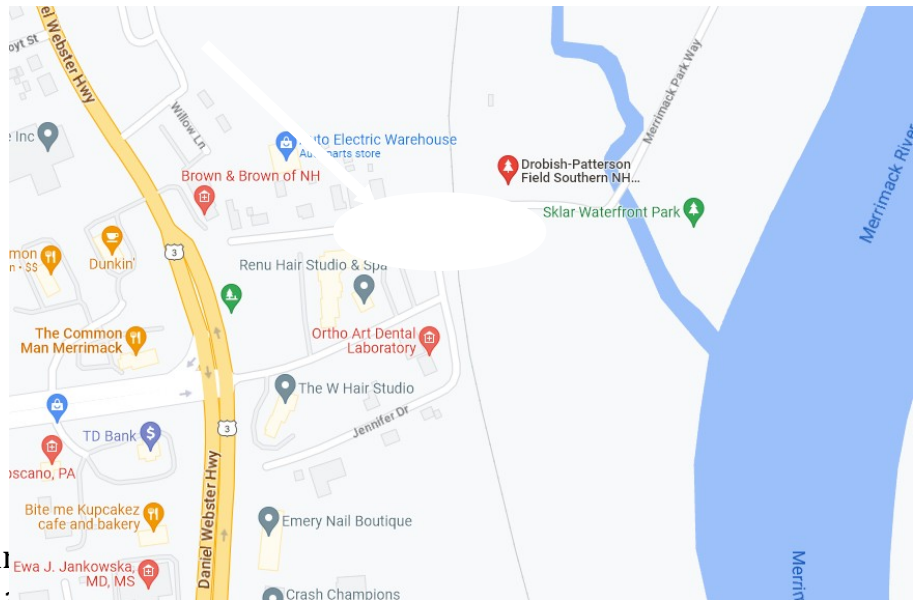
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Disclaimer:

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.



Drobysch-Patterson RC Field
14A Griffin St.
Merrimack, NH
03054



The Merrimack field is less than a mile from the highway. 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, \$75 Family Membership
- 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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