

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

Hello Flying Eagles,

This Wednesday, we are delighted to host our annual show-and-tell meeting, which will include awards for Best of Show, Best ARF, Best Kit, and President's Choice. Please join us at St. James Church at 7:30 PM; doors will open at 7:00 PM. The business portion of the meeting will be brief, as we will review the 2026 budget, and messages from our officers and new business, after which we will proceed directly to the show-and-tell.

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We are very grateful to Fred at ABC Hobby and RC for generously donating a portion of the gift cards we have for prizes again this year. Please remember that to be eligible to win, you must bring one or two of the projects you have been working on this winter. Don't be shy, we encourage everyone to bring out your projects, whether finished or not to share with fellow members and vote!

See you all Wednesday!

John Yassemedis

SNHFE club President



THE BIG BURN OF 2026

On March 7th, four intrepid SNHFE members ventured across the tundra to burn the brush pile on the east side of the field. Despite warming temperatures, the men were met with 2 feet of snow while carrying all the implements they'd need to set the mound ablaze. After 10 minutes of walking followed by 20 minutes of chest gripping, sweating, and panting, they unleashed the arsenal against the snow covered tangle. Alas after hours of effort, the pile remained - too soggy, diffuse and stubborn to give in - while our boys hiked back. The pile may have won the day, but a time is coming when our perseverance will prevail. To be continued...



SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES MONTHLY CLUB MEETING March 4, 2026

Meeting held at St. James Church.

Meeting Called to order: 1930

Members present: 13

Attending Officers:

Johnny Yaz, President

Scott H, Vice President

Trevor Cook, Club Secretary

Ted Ede, Safety Officer

Bob Fregault, Treasurer

Tim Campbell, Newsletter

From the President:

- Thank you for coming out
- 2-4 inches of snow coming in next day
- Tonight is the budget meeting. That will be tonight's focus.
- Thank you from the newsletter for the Wasserman park crew.
- 4th of July, the next thing for the town, is the Parade, keep in mind.

Vice President Report:

- Nothing to report on.
- Will be in Florida for next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob F gave an overview of the February monthly revenue and expense.
- \$100 contribution has been authorized to the AMA scholarship fund.
- April 1st to March 31 is the Fiscal Year for the club
- Burning the brush, fire chief has been contacted. Looking to burn this weekend or next weekend. Need to make sure to let the Shift Chief know.
- 2 piles. 1 on the East field. And the other is on the other side of the river.
- Looking to burn the closer one as the priority.
- Tim Campbell, Tim Sowder, Bob F
- Up to 56 members paid up this year!



Field Maintenance:

- See Burning notes from Treasurer

Safety Officer:

- Nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

From the Newsletter

- First newsletter sent out, check your emails
- If you have any pictures, send them in.

Other Business:

- With the new year we need to set the budget for the year the officers are looking for project ideas. Copy of the budget was passed out.
- New plastic for the pavilion (Gazebo Weather Shield). Plexiglass top / plywood at the bottom. ~\$1500
 - Existing plastic, put on the backside, and put new plastic on the Field Side.
- Web based Field Camera \$0
 - Trevor will pilot a system for 1 year, no cost to the club.
- Replace Runway ~\$5000
 - Take existing material and use it in the roadway as a subbase to make the driveway more solid. (future plans)
 - Scott H volunteers to take lead.

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The Secretary's Report

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Other Business cont'd:

New budget proposals cont'd

- Flight Stands ~\$200 to Cleanup / Fix
- Lights in south container, replace them so they match the lights in the north container
 - This can be funded from miscellaneous funds.
- Snowblower for the club ~\$500

Other topics discussed

- Discussed possibility of raising the dues for 2027 to ensure operations costs are fully covered by dues collected
 - Vote in favor of waiting until 2027 to enact any changes which would also need to come before the club membership for vote.
- Discussed adding option to membership form on the club website to donate more to the club, and/or say they are interested in supporting the club through volunteering.
- Discussed moving the mower, and solar control panel ahead of possible weather / water melt. Flooding of the field.
- Joe Marrone is still looking to get rid of the bandsaw and donate funds to the club. We want to put it on the facebook page.

The meeting concluded at 2045

Submitted by
Trevor Cook
SNHFE Club Secretary

2nd Annual RC Swap Meet

South County Radio Control Club (SCRCC)
of Rhode Island

April 4, 2026

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Seller set up starts at 7:45

Location: Smithfield Elks Lodge, 326 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917

Sellers table fee \$10

Entrance fee \$5 per adult

No food or drinks allowed inside the venue

For further info contact FRANK GRZYCH 401-639-3767 OR FRANKGRZYCH@GMAIL.COM



Club Calendar

April 1st (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

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

May 3rd (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11:00AM @ Club Field

May 18th (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
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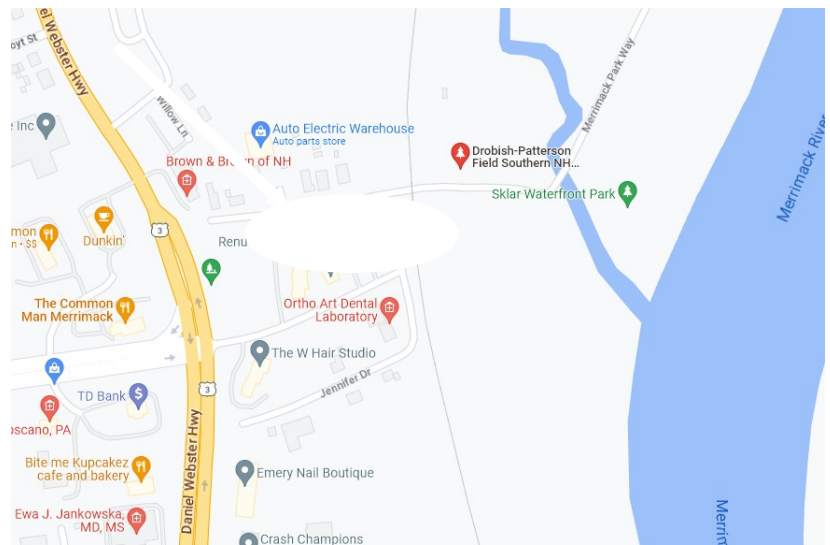
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Disclaimer:

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.



Drobysch-Patterson RC Field
14A 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, \$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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