

The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Dear Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 4th of July parade and celebrated our country's 250th anniversary. It was wonderful to have you promoting RC aviation to the community. Special thanks to Ted Ede for organizing it all from the float to candy purchase. While my family was unable to attend due to our family vacation, My wife donated candy to hand out again. We all truly appreciate everyone who represented our club so well!

As a reminder, our next meeting is this Sunday, July 12th at 11 AM. The weekend has been adjusted slightly due to the past holiday weekend. As always, feel free to bring along any friends or neighbors interested in aviation.

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Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

Effective 9/16/2023
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President's Report, cont'd

Our agenda will include:

- 4th of July recap
- New runway installation- Updates
- September Annual Float Fly
- Club swag
- Plum Island Fly-in and Camp-out July 18th

See you all there!

Best regards,

John Yassemedis

SNHFE club President



SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

June 7, 2026

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field

Meeting Called to order: 1103

Members present: 13

Attending Officers:

Johnny Yaz, President

Scott Hurley, Vice President

Trevor Cook, Club Secretary

Ted Ede, Safety Officer

Bob Fregault, Treasurer (not present)

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Tim Campbell, Newsletter



From the President:

4th of July parade

- Ted is setting up
- Parade is going in opposite direction. Meeting at High School (where we finished in the past) Parade is more downhill this opposite route (Ending at Tractor Supply)
- Meet around 10/10:30, Tuesday before will load up truck
- Lollipops will be donated this year; trying to get at least 3600 as they eventually ran out in previous years.

Volunteer page on WhatsApp, if not on it, let one of the officers know so you can get added.

Runway material came in, unloaded on site

- Tim Sowder and Scott Hurley taking lead
- Will use a sewing machine to get the middle good.
- Look at doing a facebook poll to get the most people to showup.

Working through camera's need to make sure they work when needed.

- Passing along to Trevor to help offset the workload from the Field Marshall

Vice President's Report

Float Fly 2026

- Sanction for AMA approved for Float Fly.
- Working for remainder of paperwork to send to AMA
- We need a permit if setting up a tent.
 - Suggest to get a vote on a tent.
 - Plan to buy a club tent.
 - Lots of discussion on an alternative, cost and time effective solution of doing the tent. There is the expense for the tent and the accompanying inspection.
 - Benefit of the current solution does provide shade and water.
- Will see what Steve come up with first before looking at purchasing a tent.

Treasurer's Report read by Yaz

- The bill for the snow plow came in and has been paid.
- Mail has been coming into old address
- Question has come up, is it worth keeping \$125 a year for the mower insurance.

Field Maintenance:

- John has been working a lot.
- Moved tree down near port-a-jon.

Safety Officer:

- No concerns

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted by all.

Newsletter Editor:

- Newsletters went out, check your emails.

Other Business:

- Motion made regarding placing the year the club was started and who the founders are of the club. The idea will be brought to the
- The constitution has different names in the founders of the club. 1984 was when the club started.
- Earny Vaines and Bob started club.
- Spraying of bugs
- Wouldn't mind sharing the duties
- The Sprayer leaks a lot.
- Ask about painting the stands
- Brush at the end of the field, ensuring we keep at a good level.

The meeting concluded at 1142

Submitted by: Trevor Cook

SNHFE Club Secretary





A plaque acknowledging the club founders was added to the signage on the field container. Bob Lacroix and Ernie Viens started the SNHFE in 1984 and we've been flying ever since. Shake Bob's hand next time you see him at the field.



A fine looking group of club members accompanied the SNHFE float in the Merrimack 4th of July parade. Big thank you to Ted Ede, Steve Lewis, Tim Sowder, Kenny Donahue, Bob Gaudette and special guest star Laura Kozel for making us look good.



31st Annual DAWN PATROL 2026

...Over Green Road Sector

Saturday, July 11 – July 12 **AMA Required!**
Two-day event! **FRIA Flying site!**
Wheels up at 7 AM



Any Scale RC: Pre-WWI, WWI, & Golden Age aircraft

(No Cubs or Ugly Sticks)

Pilots Landing Fee \$15 **Spectators free!**

Food available for sale!

NCRCC Flying Field, Green Rd., Ellington, CT

Follow Rt. 140 into Ellington, turn onto Muddy Brook Rd., then a left onto Green Rd. (follow NCRCC signs).

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PLUM ISLAND AIRPORT

RADIO CONTROLLED FUN FLY!

ALL RC PILOTS WELCOME!

- AIRPLANES EDF JETS ONLY!**
No turbines. EDF jets only.
- FUN FOR ALL!**
All skill levels. Great community.
- HISTORICAL PLUM ISLAND AIRPORT**
Grass & paved runway. Fly where history took off!

COME FLY. HAVE FUN. SORRY NO TURBINE JETS

FLY & ENJOY
Relaxed, friendly environment.

ALL MODELS
Electric, glow, gas—if it's RC, bring it!

CAMPING IS WELCOME
Good people. Great flying. Good times.

LANDING DONATION \$20 LUNCH INCLUDED!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 18 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 19 (Weather Permitting)

WHERE: HISTORICAL PLUM ISLAND AIRPORT
1373 Parker River Road
Newbury, MA 01951

WHAT TO BRING:
Your RC aircraft, transmitter, batteries, chair, and a great attitude!

CAMPING IS ALLOWED! SET UP FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 17. SPEND THE NIGHT AND EVEN SPEND SATURDAY NIGHT!

LET'S KEEP THE SKIES FUN AND SAFE! BE RESPECTFUL • FLY SAFE • FOLLOW FIELD RULES

SEE YOU AT THE FIELD! JOIN OUR COMMUNITY! 1-603-770-3130 MIKE FIORITO

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Club Calendar

July 12th (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11:00AM @ Club Field

July 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
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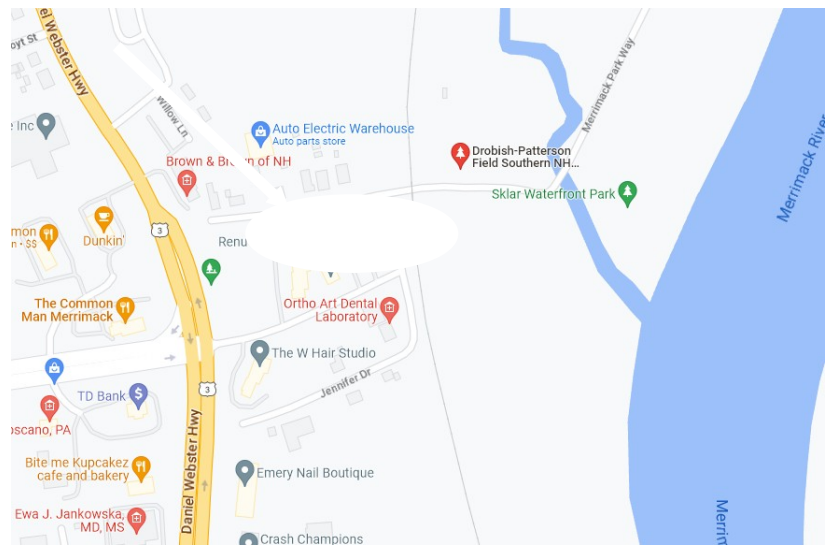
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Disclaimer:

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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