

August 2026

The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Hi everyone! It's your club president here, just dropping in with a few quick updates. First off, our next meeting is this Sunday at 11 a.m., so mark your calendars.

We're also gearing up for our annual float fly, which is just over a month away. It's always a fantastic time to get those float planes ready! A quick heads-up for our night flyers: the Timber X is currently sold out, and I don't expect it back in stock before the event, so you might think about ordering some LEDs to light up something you currently own to try some fun after hours at the event. But we'll still have a great time watching the typical crew who partake in the night float flying!

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Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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

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President's Report, cont'd

Speaking of improvements, you may have noticed that the field has been cleaned up along the northern and eastern sides of the runway—huge shoutout to John Spitz for taking the time to do that with his new machine. It wasn't a club event; he just went out of his way to help us out, so a big thank you to John!

Thank you, Tim Sowder, for researching the best method to seam the new runway material and for ordering a special machine to do the stitching. An update on the installation dates should be discussed Sunday.

That's it for now. Thanks for being part of the Southern NH Flying Eagles, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the field!

Yaz



SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

July 12, 2026

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field

Meeting Called to order: 1103

Members present: 20

Attending Officers:

Johnny Yaz, President

Scott Hurley, Vice President

Trevor Cook, Club Secretary

Ted Ede, Safety Officer

Bob Fregault, Treasurer

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Tim Campbell, Newsletter (not present)



From the President:

- Float for the parade, was a great event, Thank you to Ted, Steve, Tim, and Kenny, as well as Laura and Bob Gaudet for being at the event.
- Find a way to stitch 2 halves together for the run way.. permission has been given to buy a \$500 machine to sew to halves together.
 - Then will need to pull up all staples, salvage old runway, and lay down the new runway
 - Nothing wrong with keeping the material at this time until we can affix the two parrell pieces on budget
 - Still will need volunteers when we are ready.
- Float fly is coming up
 - State finally accepted insurance after a couple attempts.
 - Steve secured the tent (same size as last year)
- New Members
 - Mark Plante
 - George Moranian
 - Richard

Vice President's Report

Float Fly 2026

- Insurance with the state, waiting on the permit

Treasurer's Report

- Mower insurance covers flooding and theft, paid in June
- Currently at 64 paid members
- Question asked about interest in Swag again.
 - Need minimum numbers (12 for each)
 - Hats, tee-shirts, sweatshirts, etc
 - Almost all members raised hands in unofficial vote of interest.

Field Maintenance:

- No updates

Safety Officer:

- No concerns

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Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted by all.

Newsletter Editor:

- No update

Other Business:

- Make sure FAA and AMA number is on your plane so that you are able to find it
- Bob made a comment about a plane responder
- If there is no movement in 30 seconds, to an aileron (for example) the responder beeps to help find the lost / crashed plane.
- Question about moving the brush back on the field to cut it back. It's on the list to cut back a lot of the new growth.

The meeting concluded at 1127

Submitted by: Trevor Cook

SNHFE Club Secretary





Bob Lacroix sent pictures of this little beauty. His description:

3d printed powered glider from Eclipson called the Fox. 52 1/2 inch wing powered by a 1250 kv motor with a 9x5 folding prop on a 3S 1300 battery. 3 channel, motor, ailerons and elevator. 40 hours of printing and 50 part

2026 JOEL CHAPPELL MEMORIAL RC FLOAT FLY

28TH ANNUAL

LEARN TO
FLOAT FLY!

SUMMARY:

Join us for three days of RC float flying, camping, and relaxation on Otter Pond at the beautiful Greenfield State Park in NH.

MORE INFO:

- Free introductory flights!
- Flight times
 - Fri/Sat 9am–Dusk (electric starts 7am)
 - Sunday 9am–2pm (electric starts 7am)
- Campsites available
- AC Power available for charging
- Secure overnight storage
- Food available for purchase
- *Note: no dogs allowed on beaches*

PILOT FEE: \$30/WEEKEND



PUBLIC WELCOME!

SEP 18–20, 2026

PICNICKERS BEACH IN GREENFIELD STATE PARK, NH



MORE INFO: Scott Hurley | scott1767@gmail.com

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AMA Sanction 20323

Club Calendar

August 2nd (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11:00AM @ Club Field

August 17th (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

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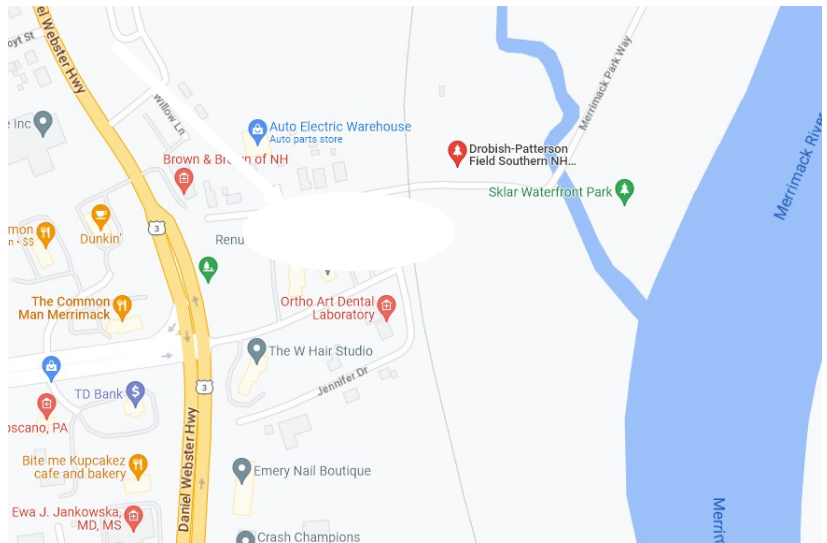
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Disclaimer:

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.



Drobysh-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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