

The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

I hope you're all doing well!

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at the 28th Annual Joel Chapell Memorial Float Fly at Greenfield State Park. This year's event was a tremendous success thanks to your support and teamwork. A big thank you goes to Scott Hurley for becoming an AMA Event Manager and applying for the sanction and park permits. Additionally, a special thank you to Trevor Cook, who stepped up for every task needed and was a joy to work with.

We will share the event recap and final profit numbers at our club meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 PM at St. James Hall. I look forward to seeing you there to celebrate!

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Upcoming Events & Holiday Party

- Saturday, Oct 5th: Darrell Wagner Memorial Fly-In at Skyhawks.
- October 3rd–6th: 4-day event at Plum Island Airport featuring open flying (Foam BNFs, 3D, Scale, Giant scale, EDFs, Turbine Jets, etc.) and camping for registered pilots.
- Annual December Holiday Party: Please mark your calendars and watch for an upcoming announcement from our holiday Elf. Join us to gather, eat, and enjoy a fun Yankee swap!
- Club Officers: I encourage all members to consider stepping up for club officer roles. Fresh perspectives keep our club energized and help distribute the workload. I plan to step down next year to focus on my role as District AVP and assist Andy Argenio and more outreach keeping our RC community strong.

Donations

- Float Fly: Special thanks to Paul at Hobby Etc for the raffle plane and accessories, Fred at ABC Hobbies for always providing discount gift cards at 1/2 price, and Mike Fiorito for adding prizes to the raffle pile for the second year in a row.
- General: Thank you to Steve Narkunas, former club vice president under Joe Marone, for donating three beautiful nitro airplanes and accessories, one is brand new. The build quality is outstanding on them all, and they can easily be converted to electric if desired. Photos will be shared at the upcoming meeting or in this newsletter if we can get photos to Tim Campbell in time. These aircraft will be available for bidding at the November meeting for maximizing club profit and making it fair for all.

Grant Opportunity

- Mike DeGulis brought a grant opportunity through New Hampshire's casino grant program to our attention. Bob Fregault is leading the review of the application process. If successful, these funds will help support future club activities and improvements.

Thank you all once again for your dedication, enthusiasm, and support. The Southern NH Flying Eagles continues to thrive because of you.

Best regards,

John Yassemedis

President, Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

September 6, 2026

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field

Meeting Called to order: 1100

Members present: 19

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



From the President:

- Wed – Sunday Oct 7-12 (Columbus Day weekend)
 - Open Flying at Plum Island (public can come right in)
 - Turbine buddy boxing
 - \$50 includes lunch..
 - 1 day for Saturday's only

Vice President:

- Float Fly
 - Need help with Firewood is good
 - Next Tuesday to load up Ted's Trailer
 - Fees are good for 3 years
 - Trevor has stickers for inspections
 - Mike can help with
 - Raffle off Floats
 - Camping, Register at office, and will register site
 - Beach and parking lot is same as last year. Use of building, electric at building
 - \$100 application, \$100 entry fee, \$60 electric fee. plus small incidentals. Plus tent costs
 - Doug bringing boat from Concord
 - Pilot fee is \$30 for the weekend.
 - Looking for more volunteers for Sunday and Thursday
 - Steve spoke about dinner
 - Pulled pork and chicken for dinner
 - \$30 - \$35 range for cost of meal. No salad but will have a dessert
 - He will be sending out email regarding Dinner, be on the look out.
 - Burgers and Hot dogs for lunches. Water and chips as well.

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Field Marshall

- Need to review bug spray for wasps
- Looking at adding an extra steps to side of pavillion

Newsletter

- Send pictures or articles or ideas for content to Tim Campbell
- Really nice article from Tim Sowder regarding instructors.

Safety Officer

- Flight line is edge of runway
- Safety area is between runway and the fence.
- No hovering in front of pit area.

Treasurer's Report:

- Spending was on Sewing Machine / Thread, Float fly expenses, and Brush hoad
- All set for October meeting at St James Hall,
- Swag numbers received from vendor, working on sending out emails requesting interest.
- September 1st opened up Renewals.
- Looked at adding next years meeting for September into the Church (adding an extra \$50.

Secretary:

- August meeting minutes accepted as published in the newsletter

New Business

- Bob Lacroix made a motion to purchase a third roll of runway material so the replacement would be wider than the current one instead of narrower
 - Motion was seconded. The motion failed, vote was 1 in favor , 18 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41



Message from Scott Hurley, VP

Our club's summer flying season came to a close with our annual Float Fly at Greenfield State Park. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun, despite the windy conditions and the rain rolling in on Sunday.

I would like to thank Tim Sowder for assisting me and making the process of running my first official event a true joy. John Yaz for securing the raffle prize which is always a hit. At the field, Trevor and Steve helped me with setup and registration, and I am incredibly grateful for all of their support.

Best of all, the event was a huge success, and we have officially secured a three-year permit for the future!



Donated planes coming up for auction at the November club meeting

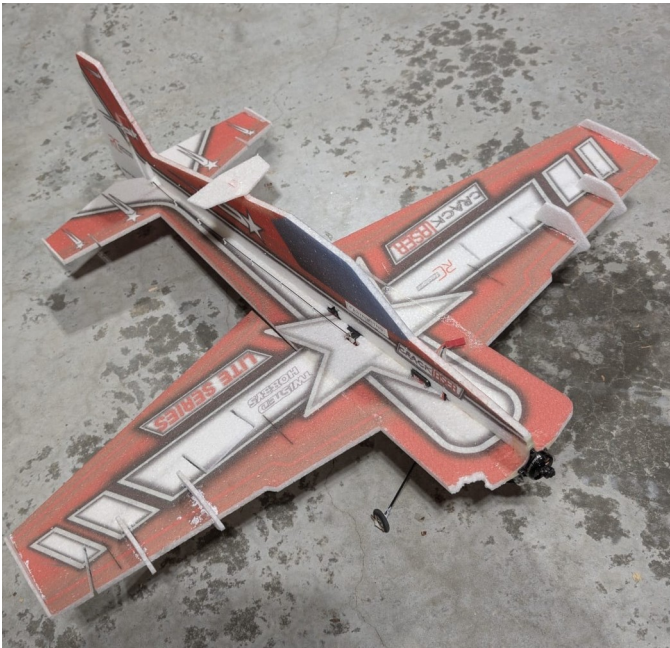
Over the last month, the club has received two very generous donations of six quality planes from former members. All proceeds will go to support the club.

First, Steve Narkunas, former club VP, donated three beautifully built planes. A 96" Senior Telemaster, 60" Carl Goldberg Eagle 2, and 60" Great Planes Cherokee. All built from kits, finished in Monokote, and equipped with quality nitro engines.



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Second, Alan Kirby, a former member, donated a profile foamy, Artizan, SU-34, and a Phantom 2 quadcopter with radio. All are close to bind and fly ready, just need to test some of the batteries.



Zach Sweetser took Braden Van Hirtum for his first ride in a seaplane and they buzzed the field tower.



From Bob Lacroix about his new plane:

New airplane added to the Hangar. Always wanted one because I used to work on the civilian version at Manchester airport and have the master rod hanging in my garage from one of the engines. Civilian version is a Beechcraft 18, military is a C-45. The R/C has a 5 foot wingspan and flies on a 4 cell battery. It has retracts and flaps, maidenied it and flies great, only added a little down trim. 6 minute flight on a 4S 3700 milliamp battery





Darrell Wagner Memorial Fun Fly



October 10th 2026

Oct 11th Raindate



**This event will be held at
the Concord Skyhawks
field from 10AM to 3PM.**

27 Locke Road, Concord NH.

**Come have a fun filled day as you know Darrell
would have enjoyed. Food will be provided by
the clubs.**



A food donations box will be available and greatly appreciated by the
SNHRCC and Skyhawks



**PLUM ISLAND
AIRPORT
HALLOWEEN HOWLER**

**RADIO CONTROLLED
FUN FLY!**

**ALL RC PILOTS
WELCOME!**

**AIRPLANES
WELCOME!**
All RC aircraft
foam, prop driven,
gas, glow, turbines.

**FUN
FOR ALL!**
All skill levels.
Great community.

**HISTORICAL
PLUM ISLAND
AIRPORT**
Grass & paved runway.
Fly where history
took off!

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**LANDING DONATION
\$50
FOR THE WEEK
LUNCH INCLUDED**

WHEN:
EVENT SET UP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
**OCTOBER
8th, 9th & 10th
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
**11th & 12th
CLUB DAYS
STAY AND FLY**

FLY & ENJOY
Relaxed, friendly
environment.

ALL MODELS
Electric, glow,
gas— EDF jets
and turbines!

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

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

WHERE:
HISTORICAL PLUM ISLAND AIRPORT
24 Plum Island Turnpike
Newburyport, MA

LET'S KEEP THINGS SAFE!
BE RESPECTFUL • BE SAFE • HAVE FUN!

1-603-770-3130 | Mike Fiorito

SEE YOU AT THE FIELD!

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!
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Club Calendar

October 7th (Wednesday) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St James Church

October 19th (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

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Secretary: Trevor Cook

Treasurer: Bob Fregault

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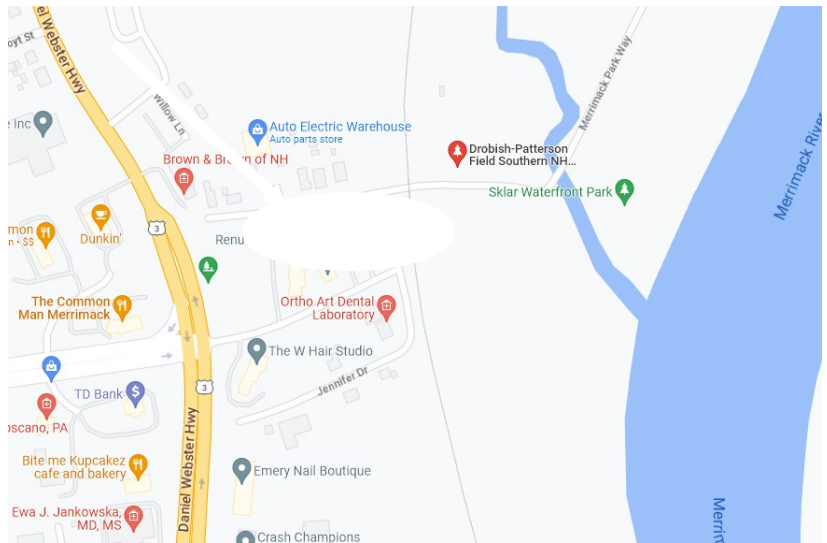
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Disclaimer:

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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