

The Eagles' Nest



President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Hello Southern NH Flying Eagles,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the flying season and taking advantage of every opportunity to get out to the field before the cold winter months set in. As we move toward winter, we have several important items to discuss and some exciting events coming up.

Our next club meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 PM at St. James Church. One of the hottest topics on the agenda will be a discussion regarding club dues increases for 2027. This is an important conversation that will affect the future financial health of our club, and I encourage every member to attend, ask questions, and listen to the officers plan we would like to share.

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Looking ahead to December, we'll be holding our annual Holiday Party. As always, we'll be enjoying good company, great food & conversation, and the ever popular & fun Yankee Swap. It's one of the highlights of the year and a great opportunity to celebrate another successful season with fellow club members.

We'll also be discussing plans for the gazebo enclosure for the winter months and reviewing our winter field preparation efforts to ensure our facility remains protected and ready for the next flying season and the annual Frozen Finger Fun Fly.

And now for the really exciting news...

The club will be conducting an auction featuring more than six donated aircraft, kits and a DJI Phantom 3 Pro. Trust me when I say that some of these airplanes are or practically brand new and have been built incredibly well. The craftsmanship on several of these models is truly impressive, and opportunities like this do not come around very often (see pages 5 & 6 for pictures of these great aircraft).

Whether you're looking for your next project, a new addition to your hangar, or simply enjoy seeing some outstanding aircraft, you won't want to miss this opportunity! Bring some cash or your PayPal information!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Southern NH Flying Eagles through your volunteer efforts, participation, and dedication to the hobby. I look forward to seeing all of you at the November meeting and at the field in the weeks ahead.

Blue skies and happy landings,

John

President

Southern NH Flying Eagles

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING EAGLES MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

October 7, 2026

Meeting held at St James

Meeting Called to order: 1931

Members present: 13

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:

- Plum Island (Jet-tober Fest) - 10 October
- Concord - Darrell Wagner Event - 10 October
- Folding Firepit for Float Fly Firepit
 - On display at the event - Total is \$246 to vote to pay it outright
 - Motion to reimburse Ted.
 - All in favor, non-opposed.
 - All old concrete block pieces have been disposed
- 2 former members donated aircraft and will bring to next meeting for a mini auction
- Someone tried to join Facebook page and lives in Merrimack
 - Concern of flying near an area outside the club.
 - Johnny will coordinate and has already reached from a public relations standpoint.
- Fire in Outhouse at the field
 - No damage, ashes.
 - Police were notified and they may be using drones at the field.
 - John Spitz showed up at the field and already cleaned the outhouse with the pressure washer.

Vice President Report:

- Float Fly success this year
 - Have a 3 year permit this year, but now a \$100 more each year due to a an admin fee and event fee
 - Note to remind people to pay for camping in the future; daily Pilots meeting
 - Thank you to the volunteers.
 - Suggestion to newcomers, moving registration to first path to beach.
 - Raffle prize was stupendous! Big Thank you to Hobby Etc, in Manchester.
 - Remember to thank tall Paul!
 - Thank you to Mike Ferrieto.

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Treasurer's Report:

- Acquiring an extension pole for next year, to reach planes from trees
- 31 Pilots at \$30 each for float fly
 - Netted ~\$700 from event
- Accounts are in good standing
- Nash Casinos donate to charity
 - But we need to ensure we have a charitable purpose of the organization
 - Question not in the application, what would you use the charitable gift for.
 - Trevor and Bob will work together on this and look at the district level.
- Discussed 1 future rate for membership dues.
- People are already paying for 2027 dues, keep it coming in!
 - Join / Renew Here

Field Marshall:

- Question on painting stands and pavilion floor
 - Postponed until spring / Tuesday night. Break it out in stages.
- Postponed until spring (runway)
 - Holding off so that it is not damaged in during Float Fly
 - Looking at a different thread.
- Did Budget for plexiglass and will have it for winter.
- No fall cleanup day.
- Ted volunteered to store lawn mower over winter to avoid flooding.

Safety Officer:

- Think smart!

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept minutes from newsletter. All accepted, non opposed.

Newsletter Editor:

- Published for review.

Other Business:

- None

The meeting concluded at: 2040

Donated planes coming up for auction at the November club meeting

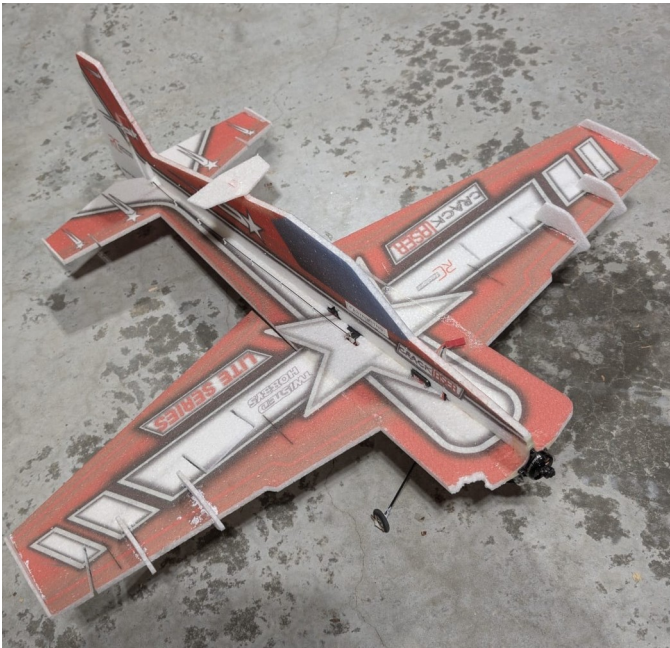
Over the last month, the club has received two very generous donations of six quality planes from former members. All proceeds will go to support the club.

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.



Club Calendar

November 4th (Wednesday) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St James Church

November 16th (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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Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley

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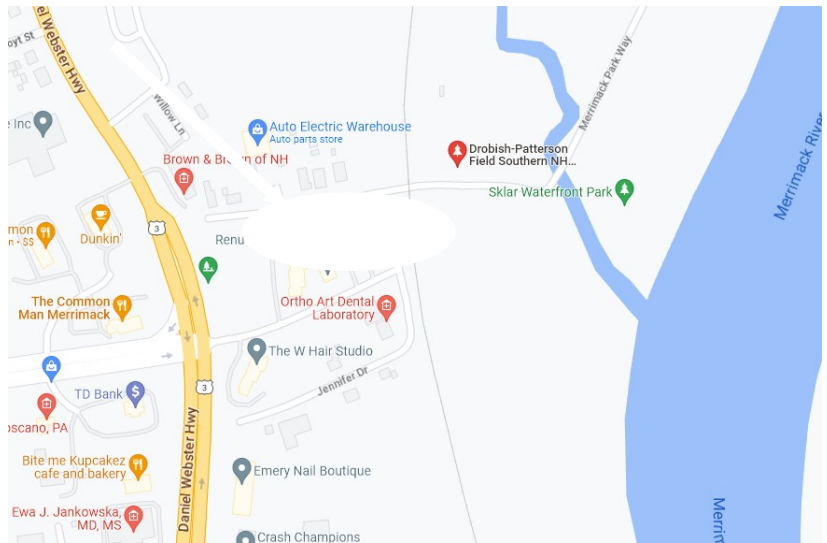
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Disclaimer:

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
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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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