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The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Hello everyone!

First of all I want to thank our past President and officers who have done an amazing job at leading our club over the past years. Tim Souder is one tough act to follow. If I can do half the job, I'll consider myself a success. No fear if I slack a bit as the rest of our club officers will surely guide me. I have a seasoned team of Officers and caring club members who may not have the title, but are always vocal of issues and very supportive in all the activities we take on.

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2025 is here and we have an exciting season ahead with the Budget Meeting and Show and Tell on Wednesday April 2nd at 730pm at the St James church hall. Doors will be open just before 7:00pm to let members showing get set up. So, bring your winter projects or just come to vote on the best ARF, Kit/scratch built models.

This year my goals are to really push for community Outreach, not just with the AMA District 1 Outreach team that I have been a part of since its inception, but for our club. I will continue to ask each and every member to bring and welcome at least two guests either young or old to our club this year. Let's introduce them to model aviation and show them how educational and fun Model Aviation is. I've asked Kenny Donahue to continue to be our Head Instructor teaching and most importantly make sure there is someone there to man the buddy boxes in his absence. He has always been there to help and may even enjoy it more than flying his own airplanes. (They certainly are shinier lol.)

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I also recruited Tim Souder with his excellent teaching skills and attention to detail to work together with Zach Sweetzer who is fantastic at marketing to come up with simple but effective flight school curriculum. We can always do a little better with instructor trainings to so we all can be on the same page and share great tips without confusing students. This will help students move through the program much faster and without missing important details when working with more than one of our dedicated instructors. We have a quite a few instructors and can always use more, I may be tapping you on the shoulder and asking so join the party and give the regular 4 or 5 guys a break to fly their own aircraft.

Another personal goal is to get our club web page easier to navigate and be community positive, with simple to find tabs and show off the great things we do.

SNHFE & the Community. Teaching, 4th of July Parades, Youth gatherings, fund raising like Toys for Tots, Honor flight New England. Etc.

Bi-laws and Club Constitution found in an easy to reach tab.

About our members. BIOS of the club Founding Fathers, Other dedicated people who make the club what it is today.

Dedication memories of members we've lost.

Success Stories BIOS and photos of our Youth members who started in RC and have made a career from it in Engineering or Aviation. We can all think of few youth members we are very proud of.

See you on the flight line,

John Yassemedis



Club Calendar

April 2 (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James
Budget & Show-n-Tell

April 14 (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

May 2 (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

May 10th - NH Flying Tigers RC Flea Market (see add on page 7)

May 21 (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

June 8 (Sun) - Fun Fly Event - OSMW Bat @ TBD time



Designated Club Instruction Times: Sunday AM, Tuesday evening (during Daylight Savings Time)

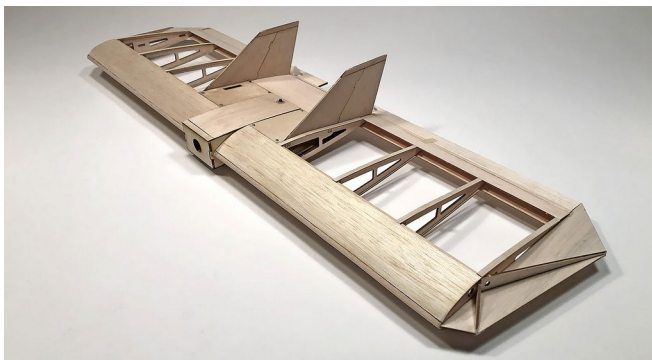
Fun Fly Event – OSMW Bat

From Bob LaCroix:

The Bat event will be a fun fly, no prizes, just a fun time. Only stipulation is battery must be no bigger than 3S, with capacity no larger than 2200mAh.

Date: **Sunday June 8th**

Where to buy: ABC Hobbies \$79.95, Bob can deliver to field.



The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting March 5, 2025

The March meeting was called to order at 7:30 by John Yassemedis, President

Officers in Attendance:

John Yassemedis – President

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Officers on vacation: Steve Lewis,

Dave Majchrzak, and Scott Hurley.

Total attendance including Officers: 13 members; New members: 0

Minutes:

Acceptance of February Minutes: Since the February minutes were not available on line, Karl Anderson read the minutes aloud. The minutes were unanimously accepted by those present.

President's Comments:

Parking Lot is a mess. Please help monitor the condition of the parking area and as best possible minimize the creation of ruts. Club will employ mud locks as necessary to keep the parking areas smooth and rut free.

There is a First Aid kit in the container. The container should be kept open whenever someone is flying, even if that is just one person. Quick access to the First Aid kit is essential. Be sure to close the container



when leaving the field.

Please roll the gate lock to 0's when locking the gate to ensure that the lock is engaged before leaving the field.

The Eagles Cup will be reinstated this year. We need club members to volunteer to be Contest Directors. The aim is to have fun and engage as many club members as possible. Emphasis should be on fun rather than competition. Would like to have one event each month between May and November.

'Bring a Friend' should be encouraged to help build club membership, especially with younger individuals. Youth are the future of the club.

Is there any interest in bringing back the "Club Banquet"? The last banquet was before covid struck.

The Secretary's Report Continued...

Treasure's Report:

Bob Fregault updated the club as to the club finances as of the end of February.

Brush Burn:

Bob Fregault updated the club as to the status of the brush burn to clear debris from the flying field.

Tim Sowder, John Spitz, Bob, and Rick Chapman attempted to burn the brush but the brush was too green and not dense enough to support combustion. The attempted burn was terminated after an hour and a half.

A memo was sent to the Town Manager and the Fire Marshall thanking them for their support and informing them that we would not attempt another burn this winter.

Open Discussions:

- **Next year's budget:** The annual budget to be approved at the April meeting. Yaz asked for inputs as to any projects or field improvements that members think the club should consider. Ideas can be submitted via email.
- The April meeting is the annual "Show & Tell" meeting.
- **Gate Closure:** Ken Donahue is still working on the computer file to create the club logo for the steel disk to be added to the field gate. John Spitz suggested that other materials, like

aluminum might be used to create the disk. Another suggestion was to use a decal applied to the disk enclosure instead of etching a metal enclosure. No decision was made at the meeting.

- **Bridge:** The possibility of building a field bridge across Naticook Brook was discussed. The bridge might need to be 40 feet in length in order to span the brook. John Spitz mentioned that the Gobain plant in Merrimack was being dismantled and that there were steel beams that might be available. Another suggestion was to use used telephone poles as the bridged support. No decision was reached.
- **Club Swag:** A member asked if we would be purchasing club attire this year. Bob F agreed to take the action item.

Items suggested for the annual budget:

Acquiring a defibrillator to be available for emergencies at the field.

Building a bridge across the brook.

Improvement of the ramp for the container housing the mower.

Replace the 2 small flight stands with standard flight stands.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes taken by Bob Fregault.



RC FLEA MARKET



Saturday May 10th 2025

Rain Date: Sunday May 11st 2025

10:00AM – 1:00PM

1 B ST Derry NH



Flying enthusiasts are invited to our field to sell and/or purchase RC aircraft related items new or used. This is a cash only event:

- \$15.00 seller fee per 6FT space, includes tables (Tables Are Limited)
- \$10.00 seller fee per 6FT space if providing your own tables
- Ample parking and porta potty available at the field. Bring your own food and beverages
- Sellers: Arrive at 9:00AM for table set-up. Open to buyers at 10:00AM
- Sellers: Please reserve a table no later than May 3rd 2025.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES
www.nhflyingtigers.com

CONTACT INFORMATION
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Directions: From North or South
Take route 93 to exit 4 Derry (Rt.102)
Head East on 102
Turn left Crystal Ave. (Rt. 28 N)
Turn left on A St. (Seven Eleven on the corner)
Turn left onto B St.
Turn right on the dirt road just after blue building (Total Air Supply)



**Federal Aviation
Administration
FAADroneZone**

Adding FAA Number to your Profile

The FAA requires that all RC clubs maintain a list of FAA Registration Numbers for each club member.

Please follow the instructions below to obtain an FAA UAS registration number:

1) Go to https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone

2) Once at the FAA page, click the “Register your drone at FAADroneZone” link

* Once you register your drone, you will receive an FAA registration certificate.

You must have your registration certificate (either a paper copy or digital copy) in your possession when you fly.

* The FAA requires that you label all drones with your registration number before you fly them.

Add your FAA registration number to our club website:

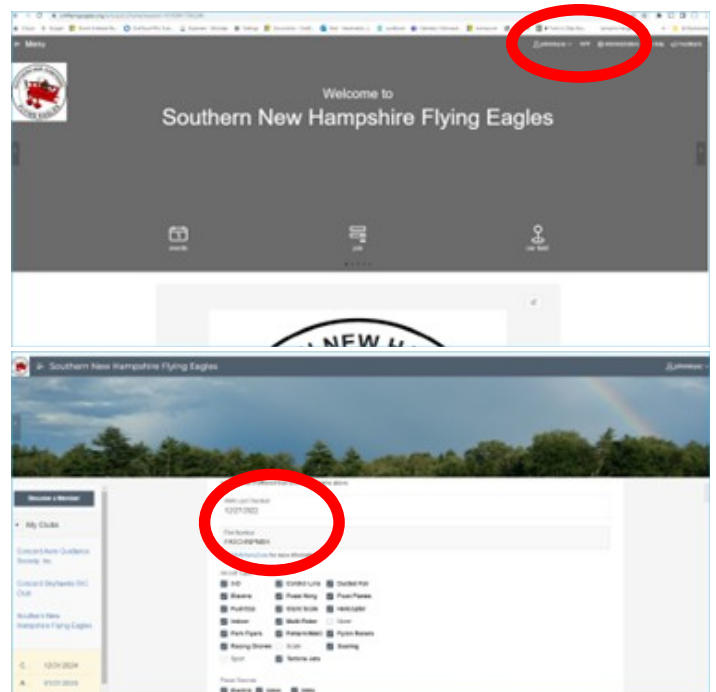
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<https://www.snhflyingeagles.org/>

4) Click on to the down arrow next to your name and select “Update Profile”

5) Enter your FAA Certificate number obtained from FAA DroneZone UAS registration, then click **save** at bottom.

* Please see an officer if you need help.





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 2024 So. NH Flying Eagles Officers

President: John Yassemedis

Vice President:

Secretary: Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Bob Fregault

Field Marshall: John Spitz

Safety Officer: Carl Anderson

Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley

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Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak

* Submit your photos / articles to Dave at dm70nh@gmail.com



Flight Instructors

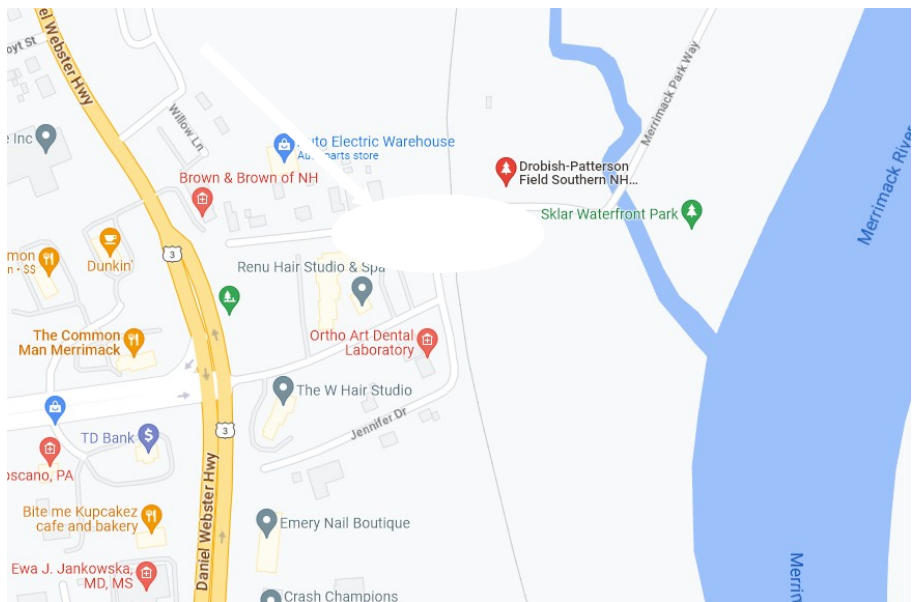
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Disclaimer:

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
 2-18 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, Family Membership \$75
- 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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