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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

Dear Eagles,

Please find below an update on our recent activities and developments.

First, I am pleased to report the success of our recent field cleanup day. We had an overwhelming number of members volunteer their time and effort, for which I extend my sincere gratitude.

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Photographs documenting our accomplishments are included in the attached newsletter. We achieved significant improvements, and the field is now in excellent condition. Specifically, we successfully removed the plastic surrounding the gazebo, organized the storage containers, cleared the wood debris resulting from the flooding, and restocked the fire wood near the containers to reduce the risk of it being carried away by future floods. Furthermore, the consistent efforts of Bob and Dave in mowing and maintaining the grounds are greatly appreciated and should not be overlooked.

Moreover, we are hopeful that the recent challenges presented by weekend rainfall will decrease, leading to more favorable weather conditions on Sundays and Tuesday evenings.

Regarding our ongoing projects, progress is being made on the gate modification, the development of an online camera resource, and the associated budgeting, which may exceed initial estimates. In the interim, the officers have decided to proceed with the purchase and installation of an additional solar game camera to further enhance security at the field.

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We will also be building 2 more flight stands in the near future!

Concerning training initiatives, I have been informed that we are nearing completion of a curriculum sheet and guide for new students. Kenny, Tim, and Zach will distribute this to the instructors, who will have the opportunity to provide feedback for further refinement. This new resource will offer new students a clear understanding of expectations and key focus areas, particularly when working with multiple instructors. I anticipate its imminent release and will continue to oversee this project, given its importance to our program's success.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Zach and Ben from Tailheavy Productions have generously offered to create a promotional video for our club. This video will highlight our facilities, teaching methods, annual events, and potentially include testimonials, which we believe will be a valuable asset in promoting our club within the community. We eagerly await its completion.

Sincerely,

John Yassemedis

AMA District 1 AVP &
SNHFE President!



Southern NH Flying Eagles ... the Early Years

Article Submitted by founding member **Bob LaCroix**

It all started early 1984 when Ernie Viens and Bob Lacroix were flying with another club at Swenson's farm in Merrimack. A new neighbor about a quarter mile away moved in from just outside Boston and complained about the noise. The runway was half in Merrimack and half in Bedford, the gentleman when to the town of Merrimack and complained, the Town told him that the flying club was there first so he went to the Town of Bedford and complained even though he did not live in Bedford. The next morning Ernie and I went flying and there was a sign there that said "No flying per order of the Town of Bedford". This club did a lot of pattern flying and would not let any other flier get in their way so Ernie and I decided let's start our own club and the hunt went on for a field. Found one in Milford by a church that had services from 9-10 am, hence was the rule no flying before 10 as everything was nitro powered back then, lost that field due to noise. By then Dick Stuke had joined the club and helped Ernie and I write the constitution and by-laws and I drew the club logo.

Stanley Drobysh is the gentleman in the blue hat and Ginny Patterson is the woman with the banner on the left



Southern NH Flying Eagles ... the Early Years (continued...)

Article Submitted by founding member Bob LaCroix

Located another field in Milford which was surrounded by houses and lost that one due to a crash in a woman's back yard. Found another field in Bow which was owned by the Bow power plant, lost that field due to a complaint that someone was drinking and crashed an airplane by the power plant. Had another field in Mont Vernon and lost that field due to a new owner moving in then in 1988 I was looking for a field closer to home, remembered a field where I used to ride dirt bikes and owned by Dana Patterson and approached him. Said he was glad to see someone use that land as he couldn't because it was a flood plain. First we had to clear the brush and get permission to cut back the hill by the railroad tracks and was approved by the B&M railroad, got a hold of Tate brothers paving and he agreed to a small fee and pay for the diesel fuel so Dick Stuke and I shelled out \$1,200 dollars each for services and equipment for clearing the field, lots of loam and grass seed for the runway and round wire spools for flight tables from Hendricks wire and cable in Milford. The north end of the runway was a fairly deep crater and the dirt from the tracks was used to fill it in. Didn't take long to figure out that we needed some sort of fence to keep dirt bikes and four wheelers off the runway. As time went on Dana Patterson passed away and left the field to his daughter Ginny. She didn't want it so donated the field to the town. I went to see the town manager to see if we could continue using the field and was told they wanted to build a baseball park there, this was early spring and I knew the field was underwater. I asked him if he had a few minutes to look at the field and maybe we could share it. He followed me to the field and got as far as the railroad tracks as the field was flooded.

He looked at the field turned to me and said "It's all yours, just keep it clean". We then decided we should name the field Drobysch Patterson flying field in honor of Dana Patterson and Stanly Drobysch who was from Nashua, a World War 2 veteran and flew in the Berlin airlift. The rest is history!!!!

-- Bob LaCroix



Club Calendar

June 1 (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

June 8 (Sun) – Fun Fly Event – with Limbo Competition! @ 10AM

June 16th (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Sept 12-14th – **So NH Flying Eagles Float Fly!**

July 4th (Fri) – Merrimack Independence Day Parade – SNHFE attending

July 6th (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

July 21th (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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



Fun Fly Event – Now with Limbo & Dice Roll Competition!

From Bob LaCroix: The event will be a fun fly, no prizes, just a fun time.

Date: **Sunday June 8th**



“Awesome skies today” – Ron Quattrochi.

Picture provided by Ron on May 24, 2025

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting May 4, 2025

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field.

Meeting Called to order: 1100

Members present: 20

Officers in Attendance:

John Yassemedis – President

Scott H – Vice President

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Steve Lewis – Secretary

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer (Abs)

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed.

New members introduced

- Fin and his Dad.
- Steve and Jay are looking to get back in to the hobby.
- Ken Coler

President's Report : Presented By John Y.

- Field clean up day May 17th.
- The Billerica club is running a construction derby in July. Yaz will post dates in the news letter.
- It is everyone's responsibility to be safe and mention it to others that may be unsafe.



- Reminder that name, FAA, AMA numbers are required on every plane
- Training, Tim S & Ken D are working to revamp our training program.
- The May meeting will be the first Sunday at the field.
- Thanks to Tim S for the addition to the gate to help keep it open.
- Looking for volunteers for the 4th of July parade.
- There is a local bee keeper looking to put a hive on town property.
 - He is looking to install it on the road in the south east corner.
 - There are several members that have allergies.
 - Membership voice vote was no.
- R/C swap meet next weekend run by the Derry club.

The Secretary's Report (Continued)

Secretary's Report : Presented By Steve L.

- Motion to accept the minutes as posted in the news letter. Accepted by the membership voice vote.

Safety Officer's Report : Presented By Carl A.

- Nothing new to report on.

Treasurer's Report : Presented By Bob L.

- Bob review income & expensed fr the previos month.
- 68 paid member through April 30th.

Field Marshall's Report : Presented By John S.

- Any concerns about the parking lot. No one had issues.

Vice President's Report : Presented By Scott H.

- If you need supplies you may want to consider going to ABC hobbies.

Newsletter Editor's Report : Presented By Dave M.

- News letter was sent out

Other Business:

- Fun fly on June 8th CD will be run by Bob L.
- Float fly Sept. 12 -14 AMA volenters needed.
- Bob F. is any one interested in club swag.
 - There will be a minimum order. Bob will ask what there min order is.
 - He will put an order list together

Business Meeting adjourned 1132

Submitted by
Steve Lewis



The Picture Page our field cleanup. Thank you to all!



The Picture Page our field on May 11-12th, 2025



The Picture Page our field on May 11-12th, 2025





**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:

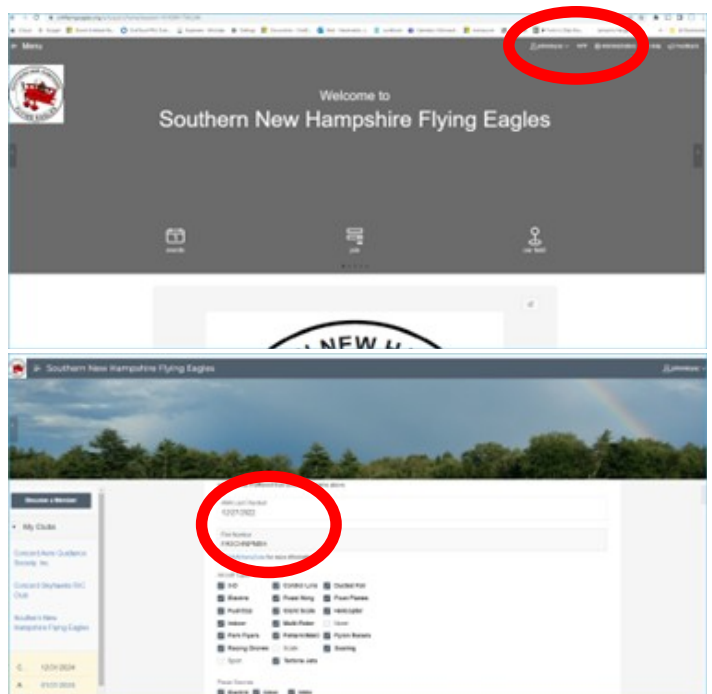
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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: Scott Hurley
- Secretary: Steve Lewis
- Treasurer: Bob Fregault
- Field Marshall: John Spitz
- Safety Officer: Carl Anderson
- Webmaster (appointed): Chris Whalley
- Head Instructor(appointed): Kenny Donahue
- Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak



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

Flight Instructors

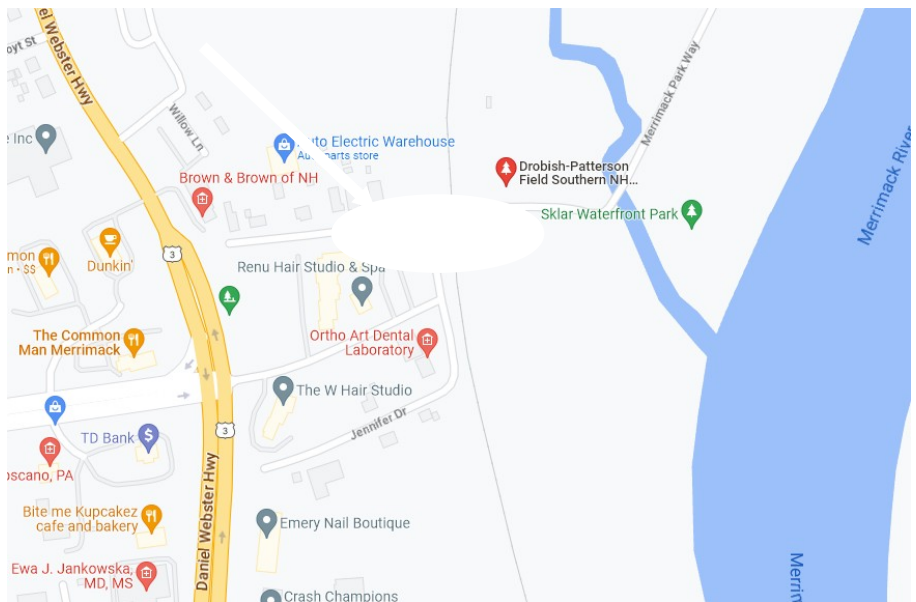
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Disclaimer:

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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