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The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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Through 8/24/2027

President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Hello Flying Eagles

I hope everyone is finally enjoying some dry weekends. We all complained about the rainy weekends, and now it's the humidity and heat. Don't worry, the cold will be coming all too soon, so let's enjoy whatever it is before the white stuff starts falling and the teens are here. J

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Hopefully all of you saw, Bob Fregault had asked members for a commitment to purchase club jackets, shirts, and hats with a deadline. If you missed it, that ship has now sailed and the order is in. And you'll be waiting for the next volunteer next year to run this drive for new swag. Thanks for taking this task on Bob. We know getting responses from members on time is challenging. I can't wait to get mine and see members wearing the new swag!

I have mentioned in an email (or two) that Tim Sowder is asking for needed help with our annual Float fly in Greenfield this September. Again, please reach out to Tim and volunteer for some of the many tasks needed to make this an outstanding event. Without your help, we can't do these fun things alone and I worry we will burn out the same group of people who we always see working and making this and all projects and events happen in this club. It's not fair to them to do it all for you!

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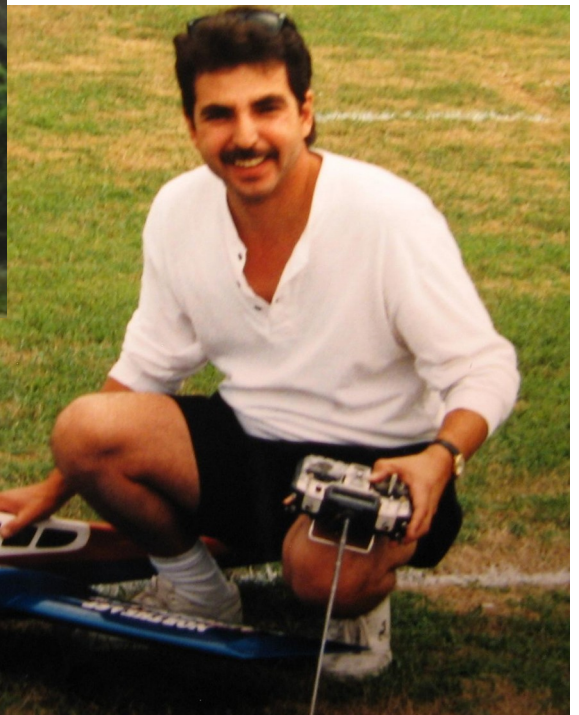
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I want to remind all members this Sunday Aug 2nd is our club meeting at 11 at the field.

When you come down to the field you will see that our field marshal John Spitz and Chief instructor Tim Sowder have been busy volunteering a good days work doing brush cleanup around the perimeter of our field. It's very important to keep on top of this as it helps keep down the new vegetation that encroaches into our field each year. Thank you John and Tim! Also the field has been mowed faithfully each week by Bob Fregault and Dave Brimblecom, so let's continuously thank them and help them if you can. It takes hours and hours of their time each week. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,
John Yassemedis
AMA District 1 AVP & SNHFE President

30 years difference and still loving it!



Club Calendar

Aug 3rd (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

Aug 18th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

Sept 3rd (Sun) - Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

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

Sept 18th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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



Dave B



Yaz



Dave M

2025 JOEL CHAPPELL MEMORIAL RC FLOAT FLY

27TH ANNUAL

LEARN TO
FLOAT FLY!

SUMMARY:

Join us for three days of RC float flying, camping, and relaxing 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
- Power available for charging
- Secure overnight storage
- Food available for purchase
- Note: no dogs allowed on beaches



PILOT FEE \$30.00/WEEKEND



PUBLIC WELCOME!

SEP 12-14, 2025

PICNICKERS BEACH IN GREENFIELD STATE PARK, NH



MORE INFO: Tim Sowder @ 603-320-3698

www.snhflyingeagles.org

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting July 6, 2025

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field.

Meeting Called to order: 1103

Members present: 14

Officers in Attendance:

John Yassemedis – President

Scott Hurley – Vice President

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Steve Lewis – Secretary

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer (Abs)

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed.

New members introduced : none

President's Report (John Y):

Last month the club did a demo for the local Boy Scouts.

The 4th of July parade was a big success.

Bob F. has put an email and order form for club swag.

August is both the family day and national aviation day. We need a volunteer to run the event.

Tim S has been appointed as chief Flight instructor. A big thank you Kenny D for his time as Chief Instructor.



Secretary's Report (Steve L):

The June meeting minutes posted in the newsletter are not the official minutes taken. Steve will look into locating the correct record..

Safety Officer Report (Carl A): (absent)

Treasurer's Report (Bob F):

Bob reviewed income & expenses for the previous month.

paid members through July 6th.

Bob Has been looking into moving money into a CD verses a savings account. The club has approved moving money to a CD.

Field Marshall's Report (John S):

John built a new latch for the gate and hopes to have it installed later this week.

VP's Report (Scott H): No report.

The Secretary's Report (continued....)

By: Steve Lewis

Newsletter Editor's Report (Dave M):

The News letter was sent out.

Thanks to Bob L. For a history of the club submission to the news letter.

Please submit good things we do for the community to the newsletter

Other business

*Float fly Sept. 12 -14**

* Volunteers needed. Tim will put out an email with what we need help with.

* Tim has spoken with the Park ranger.

* They are rebuilding the boat house. Giving us more room to store & charge planes in It and it should be ready for Float Fly.

* They have plans to bring in additional sand for the beach.

Bob F. has been working with the town about installing a mail box at the top of the hill before the turn. Still awaiting a couple of final approvals.

Bob F. is anyone interested in club swag.

* There will be a minimum order.

* Bob sent out the order for last night. Please complete the order form with what swag you are interested in.

Business Meeting adjourned 1135





**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:

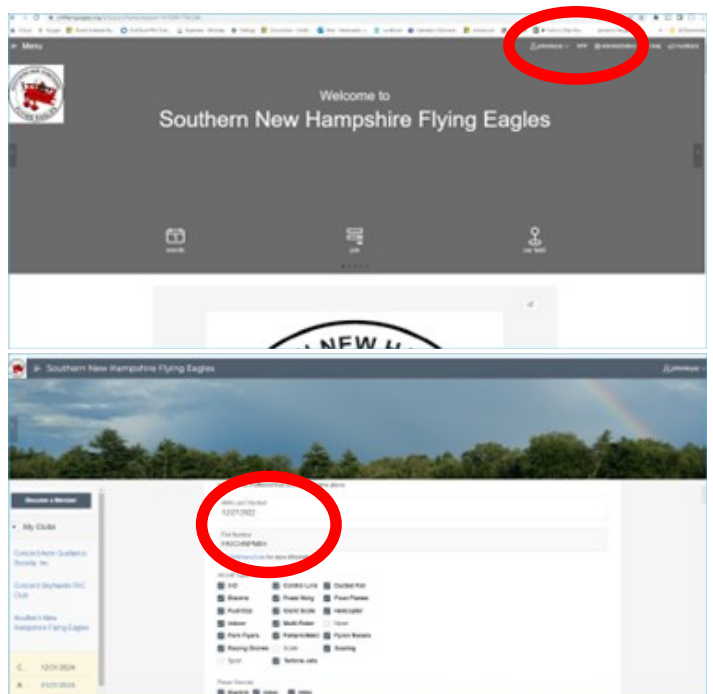
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

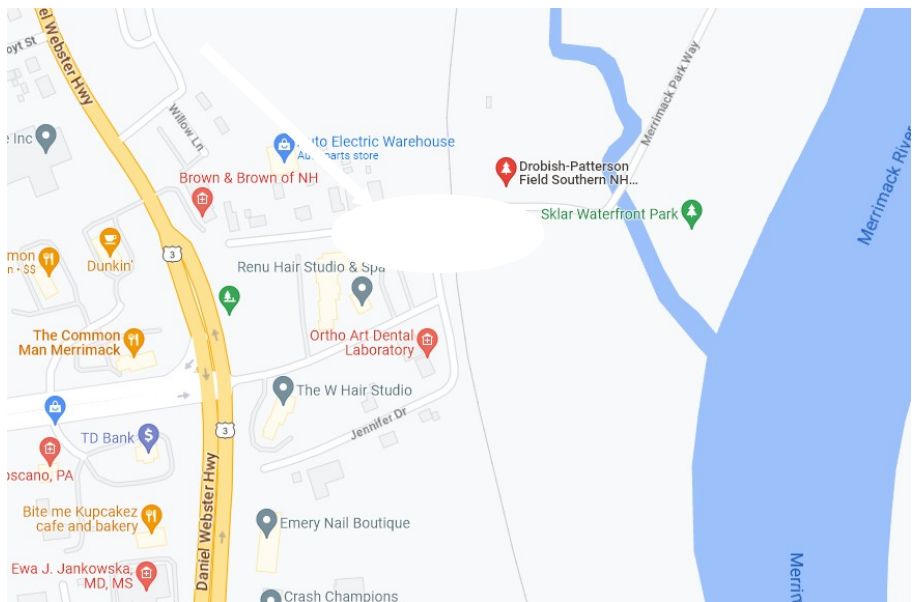
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Disclaimer:

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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Websites

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AMA District I

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