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# The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA  
Approved FRIA Site  
In Merrimack, NH

Effective 9/16/2023  
Through 8/24/2027

## President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles,

Thank you all for an amazing spring & summer of memories and all with a great safety record. Every takeoff and landing this year has been powered by your passion and dedication. It's been inspiring to watch our model aviation community grow stronger week after week and the level of skills increase. Your energy and commitment make this club more than just a hobby—it makes it a fun home for us... wait, should I say nest for us? 😊

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Pic from  
the 2025  
Plum  
Island Jet  
Rally.

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--Honoring Our Event and Field Volunteers

Our events wouldn't run without the many members who go above and beyond. There are many but a few members who have always stood out. Guys like Kenny Donahue, Bob Lacrox, Tim Sowder, Dave Brimblecom, Trevor Cook, Ted Ede, Brian Pekins, the Hurtin family and Linda Bielawa, and many more who come help over and over. Whether you're cleaning up the field branches at dawn, or packing in the mud rutted parking lot at dusk, or logging countless hours mowing and trimming the grass, and maintaining our locks, your hard work shows the pride you have. Our field looks amazing, and our events always come together because of you. I try my best to say it, but I really need to thank you formally for taking on every task—big or small—with a can-do attitude.

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## President's Report Continued... (From Page 2)

### --Marketing and Community Outreach

Special Thanks to Zach Sweetzer for spreading positive words about our club with the creation and editing of the club FB page; it takes creativity and persistence. From drafting engaging social-media posts to providing demo flights at ours and other local clubs, you and Ben amplified our story across Southern New Hampshire and also in your many Tail Heavy Production videos. Your efforts have not only brought new faces to the field but also forged memorable connections with the community!

### --Acknowledging Our Officers

Behind every committee meeting, every answered email, and every strategic plan, our officers have been the steady rudder guiding our flight path. You've juggled schedules, balanced budgets, and represented the club at every turn with professionalism and enthusiasm. Your unseen hours of coordination keep us organized and ensure that every member's voice is heard. I am deeply grateful for your leadership and unflagging support. These men are not mentioned above but are always right there volunteering at each event too. Thank you to the officers team: Scott, Bob, Steve, Dave, John & Carl.

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Russell and his new  
Cub!



## President's Report Continued... (From Page 3)

### --New Partnership

We're thrilled to share that Paul Markey—manager at **HOBBY ETC** in Manchester and a familiar face from RC Buyers Warehouse is teaming up with our club to help expand **HOBBY ETC's** reach into the RC airplane market. To kick things off, **HOBBY ETC** has generously donated two brand-new E-Flite airplanes for our September Float Fly:

- BNF Twin Otter with float kit and battery
- BNF Scrappy, also with battery included

We are beyond grateful for their support!

### --Looking Forward Together

As we approach the fall season and our final two events, I'm filled with optimism for what we'll achieve together. Let's all keep nurturing our club, welcoming new flyers, and sharing our passion for model aviation.

Your dedication has set us on a course for growth, friendship, and unforgettable enjoyment. Here's to more warm Sundays and Tuesdays under calm and dry skies.

John Yassemedis AKA Yaz  
SNHFE President



## Club Calendar

Sept 1st (Mon) – Membership renewal begins for 2026

Sept 7th (Sun) – Club Members meeting @ 11AM @ Field

Sept 12-14<sup>th</sup> – **So NH Flying Eagles Float Fly!**

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

October 1st (Wed) – Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

October 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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



Trevor has  
a new  
Horizon  
Super  
Timber!

**Tim Sowder 'chillaxing' while flying.**



**Rick Chapman and Johnnie Yaz experimenting with new aircraft retrieval drone.**

**It works!**



**Bob Fregault organized a very successful club swag order. Thank you Bob!**



# 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](http://www.snhflyingeagles.org)

# The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

## SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting Aug 3, 2025

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field.

Meeting Called to order: 1103

Members present: 16

### Officers in Attendance:

John Yassemedis – President

Scott Hurley – Vice President (Abs)

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Steve Lewis – Secretary

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer (Abs)

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed.

### New members introduced :

Joe Cormier

### President's Report (John Y):

Need help with the float fly.

Family day and meeting will be in October.

Need more member involvement in the upcoming float fly. There is a lot that needs to be done to make this event a success please see Tim S.

Hobby Etc. in Manchester is starting to carry airplane models. They have also donated a couple models to the float fly to raffle off.



### Secretary's Report (Steve L):

The June meeting minutes originally posted in the July newsletter were incorrect. The July newsletter has been edited with the correct meeting minutes.

The July meeting accepted by voice vote.

### Safety Officer Report (Carl A): (absent)

No report

### Treasurer's Report (Bob F):

Bob reviewed income & expenses for the previous month.

Club swag has been ordered.

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

By: Steve Lewis

### Field Marshall's Report (John S):

John S & Tim S cleared up the perimeter with thier brush hogs. There is still additional brush clearing to be done.

The new latch for the gate has been install and the modification for the chain will be done soon.

### VP's Report (Scott H): (absent)

No report.

### Newsletter Editor's Report (Dave M):

The News letter was sent out.

### Other business

#### *Float fly Sept. 12 -14\**

They have added sand to the beach.

The boat house should be ready for us to use for the float fly.

Need volenteers.

- Need someone to manage the food consetions.
- Need cooks for Saturday & Sunday lunches.
- Need a cashier for Saturday & Sunday lunches.
- Wood splitting day TBD.
- Help with set up on Thursday and clean up on Sunday.

### Business Meeting adjourned 1137

Submitted by: Steve Lewis





**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](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:

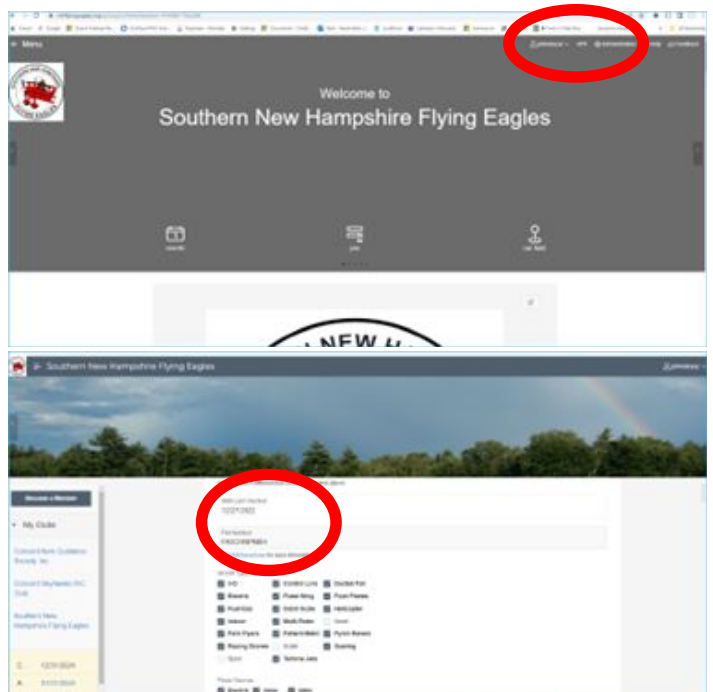
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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](http://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): Tim Sowder
- Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak



\* Submit your photos / articles to Dave at [dm70nh@gmail.com](mailto:dm70nh@gmail.com)

## Flight Instructors

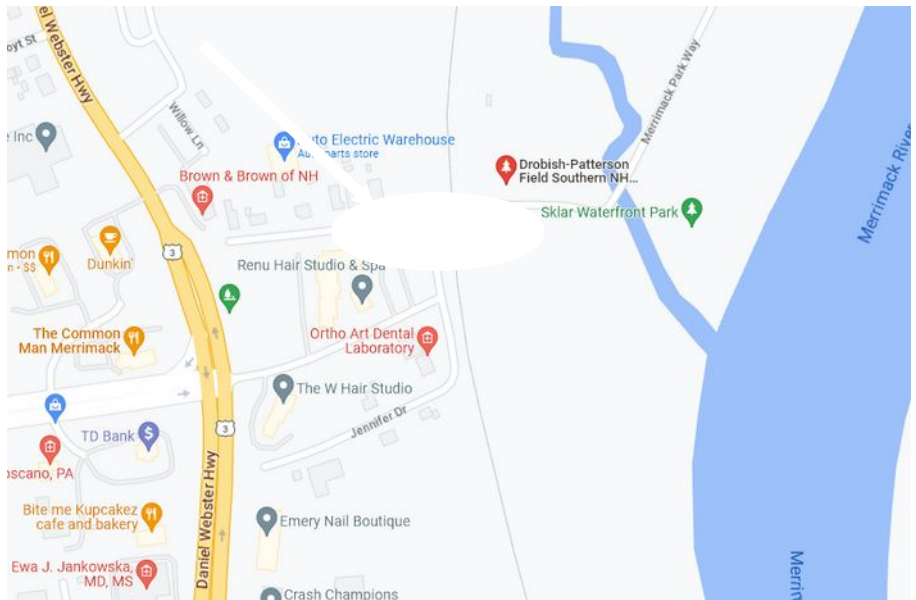
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### Disclaimer:

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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