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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 NH Flying Eagles,

Please note that the time has come to transition our meetings indoors. Our October club meeting will be held this Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at the St. James church upstairs at 7:30 PM. Members are always encouraged to bring an item of interest to share with others. Things don't always need to be reserved for our annual Show & Tell event. So please feel free to share, as some models may not survive that long or not even fit into the typical judged class, like an educational training tip or handy tool, etc. (...continued on page 3)

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New Pilot: Stephen Guerin

New Pilot: Ganak Govindarajan

Congratulations!



## President's Report Continued... (From Page 1)

Saturday, Oct. 4th, is the Hampton Airport Airshow that our ADOT (AMA District Outreach Team) team will be attending again, and the Skyhawks are running the Darel Wagoner Memorial Fly In. Sunday, Oct. 5th, is our annual Family Day, where we will cook up some food on the grill and ask members to consider bringing a side dish. Please bring the family! We have been sharing this event with National Model Aviation Day, but this year it just didn't work on the proposed date. Let's pretend, lol. We still want to do our part to share the AMA passion with the local community and invite anyone to have a try at the buddy box.

As we enter the fall season, I would once again like to acknowledge our exceptional members and volunteers. The membership is the foundation of our success. We have enjoyed a remarkable season of flying, camaraderie, and skill development. Each member contributes a unique value to the club, and it has been gratifying to witness the growth of our shared passion for model airplanes and a few members even joined me in promoting with the AMA Outreach team, expanding outside of our club.

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

As we approach the winter months, let's maintain our fun & practice. Unlike some clubs, we do not need to cease our activities during the colder weather and snow. Just dress warmly and consider adding a radio glove to your equipment. Winter is also an ideal time for equipment maintenance, including repairing those less-than-perfect field repairs we've all seen, conducting thorough component inspections, and beginning new builds for the spring. Additionally, the winter season presents an opportunity to enhance our skills through simulators when we just can't find the time or the weather is just slippery, wet, and cold. Remember, any of us can host a Real Flight group using SNHFE as the name and possibly use the club charter number as a password.

Our first upcoming event next year is our Annual Frozen Finger Fly in Feb! I recommend starting the hunt now for inexpensive, lightweight trainer aircraft or an EPP foamy with reinforced landing gear and provisions for snow skis, as minor damage is always anticipated. The objective is to enjoy the experience without concern for damaging your shiny aircraft.

Stay well,  
Yaz

John Yassemedis  
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SNHFE President  
AMA District 1 AVP - Technology and Safety Officer  
Horizon Team Pilot



## Club Calendar

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

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

November 5th (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

November 17<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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



Thank you to all the 2025 Float Fly volunteers!





Thanks to Dave Beach for donating his RC collection to the Flying Eagles!

Stay tuned for details.



Trevor explaining the finer points of his new twin engine military plane to President Yaz.

# The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

## SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting Aug 3, 2025

Meeting held at Drobysh-Patterson Field.

Meeting Called to order: 1100

Members present: 12

### Officers in Attendance:

John Yassemedis – President

Scott Hurley – Vice President

John Spitz – Field Marshall (Abs)

Steve Lewis – Secretary

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer (Abs)

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed. (Abs)

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

- Float fly is this coming weekend
  - Still need help with set up/clean up
- AMA D1 was at the Pease Air show on 9/6.
- Please be a little more aware of your language when there are younger children around.
- St. James Church is looking for assistance with set-up/clean-up for their fall festival on October 16th(setup).
- All the approvals for the mail box are set. Bob & Trevor will install it later this week. Our new address will be 14A Griffin St Merrimack, NH.



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

Minutes posted in the newsletter accepted by voice vote

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

John Y showed extension cables from Spektrum to help keep batteries away from chargers. Allowing users to put the battery in a lipo bag or other container to help avoid additional damage should the battery burn

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

- Bob reviewed income & expenses for the previous month.
- Club swag has been delivered.
- Members can now start renewing their 2026 membership

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

By: Steve Lewis

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

The new camera has been installed.

The road to the field has been washed out and needs attention. Bob F. will contact the town

## VP's Report (Scott H):

No report.

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

(Absent)

The News letter has been sent out.

## Other business

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

Need assistance with set-up and clean-up.

Need help with sat/sun concessions.

Need a Beach Master and cooks.

Need someone to pull Ted's trailer on Thursday and bring it back on Sunday.

Greenfield SP is a FREA site so no need for a remote ID.

The State has brought in sand for the beach.

Tim Will be meeting with the park ranger on Tuesday.

## Business Meeting adjourned 1136

Submitted by: Steve Lewis



Float Fly 2025



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**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:

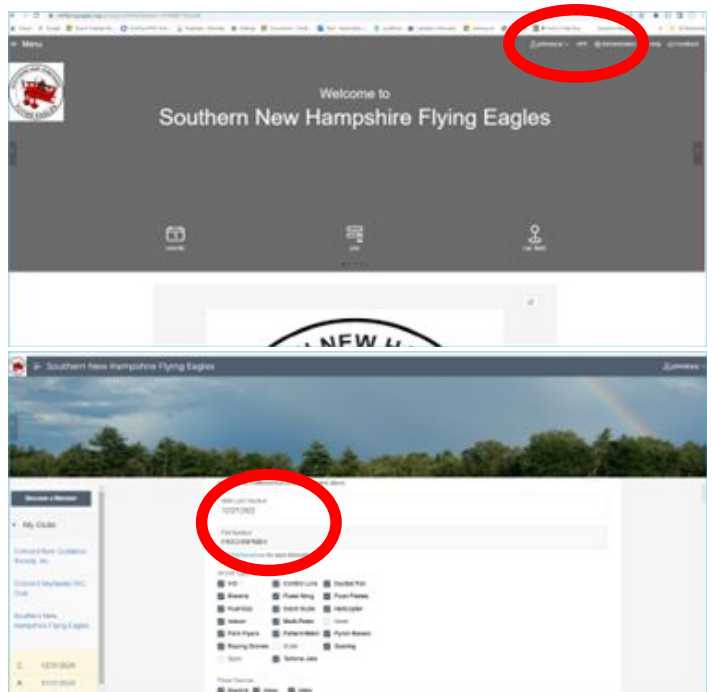
3) Sign into the club webpage with your user id and password.

<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

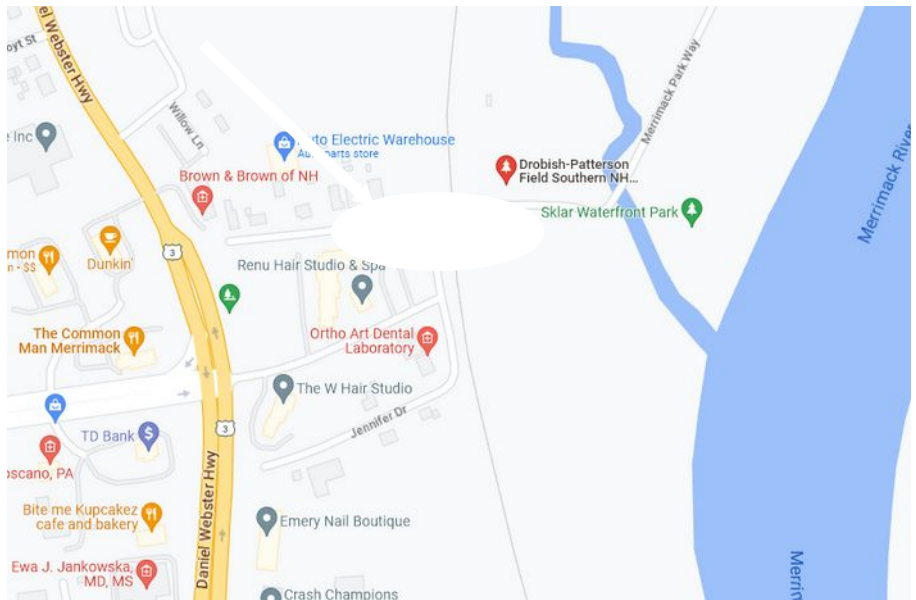
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### Disclaimer:

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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