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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!

Just a quick reminder that our next club meeting is this Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM at Saint James Church in Merrimack.

Agenda Highlights: Business Meeting followed immediately by our Annual Yankee Swap!

If you're new to the club or haven't participated before, it's a blast—you'll definitely want to join in every year.

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Please bring an RC-related gift valued around \$20–\$25.

A big thank you to Tim Campbell, who has volunteered to be our “Christmas Elf” and run the swap and pic up the food. Thanks, Tim!

Food & Fun:

The club will cover the provided food, but we welcome members to bring a dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, or a side dish to share.

Looking Ahead:

Don't forget—time is ticking toward our Frozen Finger Fun Fly on February 1st! More details coming soon in a flyer.

Also, let's start spreading the word! Invite friends from other clubs in District 1, and feel free to bring a coworker, neighbor, or a kid who might enjoy the fun. We'll even have RealFlight Simulator and Buddy Box setups for anyone who wants to try their hand at flying!

We hope to see everyone there for a great evening of camaraderie and fun!

Winter Indoor Flying:

I've attached a flyer sent to me from Wayne Watjus, the Fremont Flyers President. He and his club have been working hard to expand weekday flying to nights and weekends for those of us who work. It looks like he has done it! It's great to see them sharing this amazing indoor flying site with everyone around. I've personally gone a few times, and it's well-run and quite a bit of fun. Let's get out there & support them! .

See you there,
Johnnie Yaz
President, SNH Flying Eagles



Seacoast United

88 Shirking Rd Epping, NH



New Nights & Weekends

Starting Dec 5, 2025 for the winter season

Friday nights 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Sundays 9:00am to 1:00pm



Weekday Schedule 2025-March 2026

Every Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am to 2:00pm

Indoor Flying

ALL INVITED



NOW OPEN
UPSTAIRS

SIDELINES

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HOURS

TUES - FRI 4PM - 11PM

SAT & SUN 11:30AM - 11PM

cost: \$10.00/day

Any questions text Wayne @ 603-498-4690

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting Nov 5, 2025

Meeting commenced at 7:30 PM
12 Club members in attendance,
including Officers

Attending Officers:

- John Yassemedis – President
- Scott Hurley – Vice President
- John Spitz – Field Marshall
- Steve Lewis – Club Secretary
- Carl Anderson – Safety Officer (Abs)
- Bob Fregault – Treasurer
- Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed. (Abs)

From the President:

- Yaz asked for the monthly Newsletter to be accepted. Motion was carried by voice and hand vote.
- Yaz thanked all who participated in the Fall field clean up:
 - The pavilion roof was patched with Flex seal to address the recent leaks
 - John Spits used his brush hog to clear the field perimeter
 - Steve Lewis cut overhanging tree branches along the parking area
 - The flight stands and the pavilion floor need to be painted. Will be addressed in the Spring



- Two aircraft were found in the area surrounding the field but the owners' identification as well as their AMA and FAA numbers were not on the aircraft. Yaz reminded everyone that it is a requirement of the FAA that such information must be visible on the exterior of every airplane but that the Club was not going to police this requirement.
- The Club auction on Sunday was a great success. Time Campbell was acknowledged for his contribution of a near perfect bind an fly aircraft that he donated to the auction. It garnered a lot of bidding.
- Josh Goudreault was mentioned as an excellent Heli pilot who has done a number of demos at Club events. Yaz suggested that Josh could be a valuable resource to any club member looking to learn how to fly Helis.

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Indoor flying with
the Fremont Fliers

The Secretary's Report

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From the President (cont.):

- The annual Christmas Swap is next month. Secret Santa gifts should be in the \$25 range. Tim Campbell volunteered to be the Christmas Elf again this year. Thank you, Tim!
- Tim Campbell addressed the meeting stating that he would send out an email with the Christmas Swap details and that he would pick up the food for the event.
- The Frozen Fingers event will take place in February, the details for which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Yaz talked about the need to find volunteers for Contest Directors (CD's). Members who have volunteered over the years as CD's are in need of relief. This is especially true for the annual Float Fly as Tim Sowder will not be available for next Fall's (2026) event. Yaz mentioned that there is a formal training process for CD's sponsored by the AMA. Yaz also stated the need for trained CD's in order to have an AMA sanctioned event.



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VP report:
absent

Treasurer report:

- Bob F gave an overview of October's monthly revenue and expenses which also included the results of Sunday's auction.
- Bob also mentioned that the folks of ST James Church wanted to thank the members of the Flying Eagles for their help in setting up the church's Fall Festival.
- Bob gave a brief summary of the Club's current account balances.

Field Maintenance Officer:

- John Spitz mentioned that the field perimeter was mowed with the brush hog
- John is still planning to build two new flight stands; Trevor Cook volunteered to help with the construction.
- The brush piles still need to be burnt. This will be addressed in the winter months when there is snow on the ground. No burning permit is required if there is at least two inches of snow on the ground (per the Merrimack Fire Chief).

Safety Officer:

- Carl Anderson stated that there were no new or pressing safety issues to report for the month of October.

Secretary' Report: No report as Secretary was absent.

Other Business:

- A general discussion was held about the lack of member attendance at club meetings. There are over 80 members in the club but monthly attendance averages only about 15-18 members. There is a need to get more members actively involved in Club meetings and activities and not rely on the same few individuals all the time.



The Secretary's Report

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Other Business:

- The idea of having the Officers' Meeting on the same night as the club meeting was briefly discussed as this would reduce the need for separate Officers meetings each month and free up some of the officers' time commitment to the club. The issue is still being discussed at the officers' level.
- The idea of reinstating the 50/50 raffle at club meetings was suggested as a means to generate a little more participation of the members as well as support the club financially.
- The idea of having hobby demonstrations at each meeting was proposed as a means to entice members to attend club meetings as well as teach member about facets of the hobby that they need help with or are unaware of. Examples mentioned included:
 - How to properly set up a modern computer radio
 - How to successfully maiden an aircraft
 - How to make foam tack repairs on a foamy airplane
 - Heli setup instructions for members looking to get into helicopter flight
 - How to properly solder components
 - The capabilities of computer radios beyond just setting up control surfaces; e.g., how to use telemetry, servo mixing, installing flaperons, programming flight modes, etc.
 - An overall review of batteries from voltage sizes, to charging, to identifying unsafe batteries
 - How to install and setup a gas-powered aircraft
 - How to make covering repairs to aircraft

The meeting concluded at 8:25

Congrats to new
solo pilot:
Mike Degulis !!



Club Calendar

December 3rd (Wed) – Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM
@ St. James

**Holiday Yankee Swap after Dec 3rd
meeting!**

December 15th (Mon) – Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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

January 19th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

February 1st (Sun) – ***So. NH Flying Eagles
Frozen Finger Fun Fly***

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





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): Tim Sowder
- Newsletter Editor: Dave Majchrzak



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

Flight Instructors

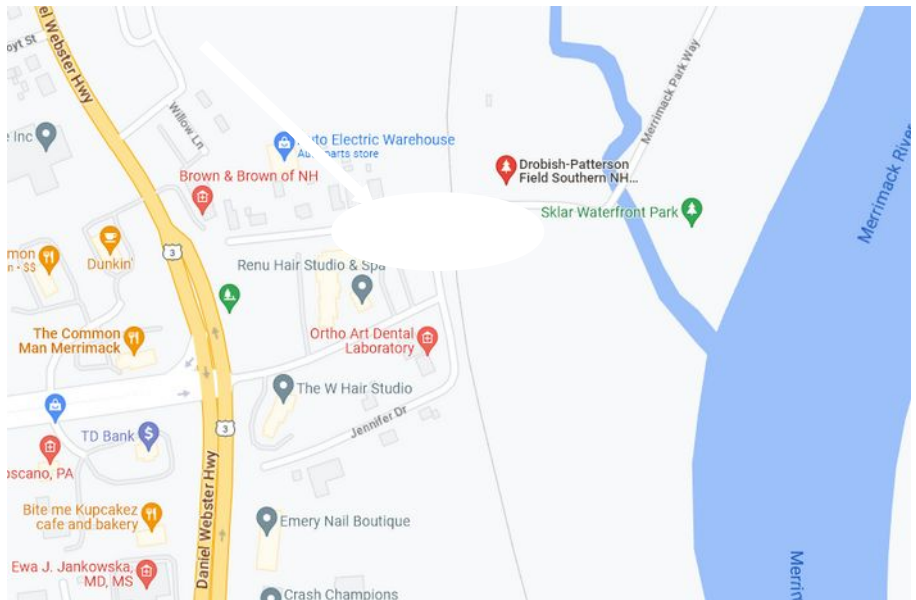
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Disclaimer:

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
14A 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, \$75 Family Membership
- 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

So. NH Flying Eagles

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