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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

Hey Eagles,

I'm personally inviting you to our "Frozen Finger Funfly" on February 1st. We'd love for you to come and bring some friends – maybe from other clubs or even family – for a day of cool activities, open flying, optional competitions, and some food and warm drinks and world famous chili. 😊

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If you're thinking or hear from others it's too cold, just remember we're one of the few clubs that's open all year. We've got a plowed parking lot, a clear plastic-wrapped gazebo that blocks the wind with club heaters, a charging station, and bonfires for our chilly gatherings. Our restrooms are always open too, and we fly every Sunday, no matter the weather.

Please spread the word with a few calls texts & posts to other clubs and support the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles! This annual fun-raising event is a big hit thanks to our members and friends, and we can't wait to see you there.

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Tim Sowder 1/4/2026



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Oh, and don't forget our club meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 PM at Saint James Church. We'd really appreciate it if you could make it, as we'll be figuring out volunteer roles for the upcoming event. Looking forward to a good meeting!

Last important note, I worked it out with Paul Markey from Hobby Etc in Manchester NH, and they offered to sponsor the for the second time in the last year with raffle prizes. We'll be selling tickets for at the event. This year it will be the big yellow amazing flying Carbon-Z T-28. its a big aircraft and \$619.00 value! Be sure to support them and say thanks when you stop in, and tell them you're with our club!!

"Land like gear is already broken"

John Yassemedis
SNHFE President
AMA District 1 AVP

1/4/2026



2026 FROZEN FINGERS FUN FLY



SUMMARY:

Join us for our annual winter RC flying event. We fly no matter what! Rain, snow, sleet, shine, you name it.

FREE INTRO
FLIGHTS!

MORE INFO:

- Registration begins at **9am**
- Event held rain, snow, or shine
- Use floats or skis if snow is present
- Dress for the weather, stay warm!
- Food offered
- Fun fly contests
- Raffle and prizes
- All aircraft types welcome



LANDING FEE: \$10



PUBLIC WELCOME!

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

SNHFE R/C FIELD | MERRIMACK PARK WAY, MERRIMACK, NH

MORE INFO: John Yaz @ 603-321-8442

www.snhflyingeagles.org
AMA Sanction 19299

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

Dec 3, 2025

Meeting called to order 1934

19 Members present

Attending Officers:

John Yassemedis – President

Scott Hurley – Vice President

John Spitz – Field Marshall

Steve Lewis – Club Secretary

Carl Anderson – Safety Officer

Bob Fregault – Treasurer

Dave Majchrzak – Newsletter Ed. (Abs)

From the President:

- We need to put up the plastic on the gazebo.
- Need to schedule a date to burn the brush piles.
- Frozen fingers sanctioning has been approved.
 - Set up will be the Saturday before.
 - As with all events we will need assistance with set-up and the day of the event.
 - There will be openfly as well as a couple of competitive events.

VP Report:

- No report

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob F gave an overview of October's monthly revenue and expenses.



- 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:

- John has the field roller used to groomer the field for Frozen Fingers and will attempt to repair it.
- We will need a snow mobile or two to help groom the field for float fly.

Safety Officer:

- No report

Secretary' Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

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The Secretary's Report

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- **Other Business:** Several members helped with ST. James Church's fall festival. The church is very appreciative and sent the club a thank you card
- Tim S. will not be available to CD the float fly 2026. Scott H has stepped up to run the event this year.
- Fremont Flyers in Epping is hosting indoor flying weekdays until March 2026.
 - Location is Seacoast United 88 Shrking Rd Epping, NH.
 - More information is available on their Facebook page.
- The meeting concluded at 8:00

The annual Holiday party begins.

January 1st Fliers!



Club Calendar

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***

February 4th (Wed) - Club Members meeting @ 7:30PM @ St. James

February 7th (Sat) – ***Merrimack Winter Carnival***, Wasserman Park, Noon-3pm

February 16th (Mon) - Club Officers meeting @ 7PM

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

Our Field on 1/4/2026





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 2025-26 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



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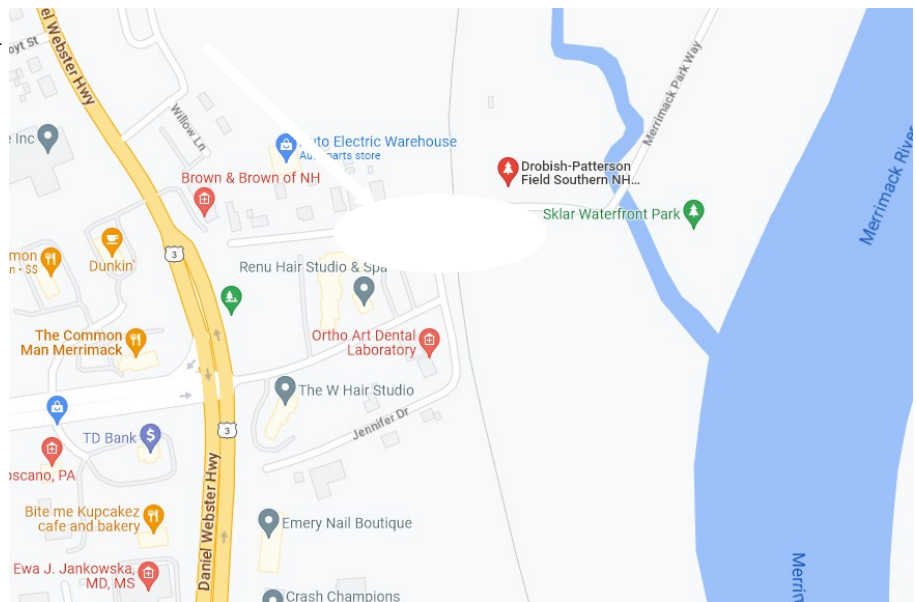
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Disclaimer:

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)

Mailing Address

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Websites

So. NH Flying Eagles

<https://www.snhflyingeagles.org>

AMA District I

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