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The Eagles' Nest



Operating our FAA
Approved FRIA Site
In Merrimack, NH

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President's Report

By: John Yassemedis

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Frozen Finger Funfly this weekend. The turnout was amazing – I couldn't believe how many members and guests braved the cold to make the day such a success. The field was in fantastic shape, the flying was nonstop, and the camaraderie is what makes the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles special. A huge, heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and members whose help made the event run smoothly; your time and effort turned a chilly day into a lucrative and fun time for everyone.

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Special thanks to my amazing wife Lynne, who wanted to pay for all the food today so we could be extremely profitable. It's not the first time her big heart has shined, as she also bought over \$150 in candy for the 4th of July event and gave to family day too. If you see her, just give her a thank you. People like her don't come along often. Ted Ede started this at last year's Frozen Finger by donating the food. Feel free to offer something up as members, as it certainly doesn't go unnoticed.

Meeting Reminder: We have a club meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM, and this will be our election meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to celebrate our successes and to help choose the leadership that will keep our club strong.

John Yassemedis

President, Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles
AMA District 1 AVP - Technology and Safety Officer

Frozen Fingers Fun Fly Pics



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Concord Skyhawks Club Winter Social Saturday February 21, 2026



12:00pm - 3:00pm
United Baptist Church
39 Fayette St
Concord, NH



Cost is \$20.00 per person to cover the cost of the food
Also for this event we will be raising funds for the club



Please bring any items you would like to donate to be raffled off,
thin out your fleet and help the club

The raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
and all proceeds will go to the club

This Friendly gathering will give you time to enjoy your fellow
club members and see what they are building.
Bring what you are working on and show off your
newest addition to your fleet.

Please RSVP via our website by February 13
click on the event and use the register button



February 21, 2026 10:30 am - February 21, 2026 3:00 pm

495th R/C Squadron, Inc. – Feb. 21st '26 Auction



495th R/C Squadron, Inc. Club Auction Feb. 21, 2026

Hosted by the 495th R/C
Squadron, Inc,
and Auctioneer Mike Chase

On Saturday, Feb. 21st, 2026, the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a club auction for R/C and hobby related merchandise. Open to all members and guests and friends, auction setup and viewing will begin at 10:30AM, with the actual auction starting promptly at 12 noon.

The auction will take place at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 from 10:30AM until 3PM.

Auction Schedule

Setup & Viewing: 10:30AM until 12 noon

Auction: 12 noon until 3PM

General Auction Rules

- Seller pays 10% of final sale price to the club.
- Buyer picks up item immediately after winning the bid.
- Seller provides all item descriptions (name, item description, minimum price, etc.).
- Seller may reclaim item(s) if not sold.
- All Auctioneer decisions are final!
- Bring a table to sell your small items (<\$20) with 10% of sales going to the club.
- No 'side deals' please!

Admission to the auction hall is \$3, which includes one free merchandise raffle ticket. We will also be holding a 50/50 cash raffle to be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win either raffle.

The auction hall kitchen will be open, and we will be serving coffee and donuts, as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda for lunch.

The Secretary's Report

By: Steve Lewis

SNHFE Monthly Club Meeting

Jan 7, 2026

Meeting called to order: 1932

Members present: 15

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.

From the President:

- Frozen fingers Fun fly is Feb 1st. We need assistance the Saturday before for field prep and set-up as well as Sunday during the event.
 - Hobby Etc. has donated a Carbon Z T-28 (6s) for the raffle prize.
 - Registered pilots will get one ticket for registering and ticket sales will be 5 for \$20.
 - Meet at the field at 9:00 am for Saturday set-up.
- Need to schedule a date to burn the brush piles. Most likely will be after the frozen fingers.

VP Report:

- With the snow on the field please try to limit where you walk to help to avoid damage to planes and limit the foot steps on the field. When possible try to use existing foot steps.



Treasurer's Report:

- Bob F gave an overview of December's monthly revenue and expenses.
- 28 members as of 12/31/2025

Field Maintenance:

- Flight stands in (in remembrance of Andy Finley).
 - Due to the cold the pressure treaded wood is frozen together. With the weather warming over the next few days. John will attempt to complete the stands.
- John has the field roller used to groom the field for Frozen Fingers and will attempt to repair it.
- Depending on snow fall and weather we may need a snow mobile or two to help groom the field for float fly.

Safety Officer (absent):

- No report

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The Secretary's Report

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Secretary' Report:

- With one edit to the posted minutes, Under the field maintenance the roller is for the frozen fingers not the float fly. minutes of the last meeting accepted.

Other Business:

- Joe Marrone. Had an unused gift for the Yankee swap that he gave to Tim Campbell for being the Chrstmas party Elf.
- Joe Marrone has an old 12 inch band saw that he will be donating to the club.
- Feb 7th will be the Merrimack winter Carnival. Tim Sowder and Trevor Cook will be working the event but if any one would like to assist let Tim know.
- Officer Nominations:

President: John Yaz

Vice President: Scott H.

Field Marshall: Ken D. / John S

Club Secretary: Trevor C.

Safety Officer: Ted Ede

Treasurer: Bob F

News Letter: Tim Campbell

Frozen Fingers Photo!



Club Calendar

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

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

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

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

Our Field , prepped for Frozen Fingers





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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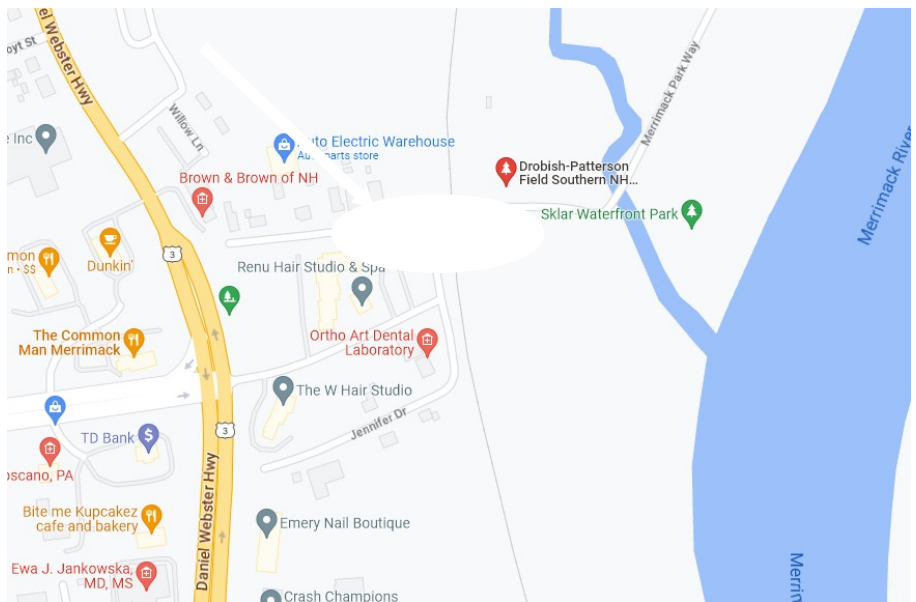
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Disclaimer:

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>

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