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One of the nice things about living in New England are the many lakes and ponds available to fly from and the AMA clubs hosting float-fly events. Associate Vice President Steve Brehm and I attended two memorial float-fly events in 2021. This column reports on the Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles (SNHFE) 24th Joel Chappell Float Fly.

After a 100-mile drive to Greenfield State Park and its 135-acre Otter Lake, we arrived at 8:30 a.m. on September 17, in time to set up the AMA shade unit and tables to help with registering pilots. The weather couldn't have been better and the 40 registered pilots flew a variety of aircraft during this two-day event. Club president Tim Sowder gave us an opportunity to brief the attendees on the status of FAA regulations.

This was, and is always, one of the best-planned and well-run events, offering great hospitality, a fabulous lake from which to fly, a boathouse to store and charge batteries, overnight parking for campers, and a Saturday night meal to die for.

We had an absolutely great time and thanks to everyone from SNHFE for another superb event. Check out the club's website for future events at www.snhflyingeagles.org/a/szz/r/rc/home. 



Les Haley and his wife waiting to fly Les' Sopwith Pup.



Ruane Crummett flew his Bridi Trainer with his friend, Linda.



The SNHFE club sponsored the 24th annual Joel Chappell Float-Fly.



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