



American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post # 101 in Andover N.H. held a flag burning ceremony on June 14, Flag Day. The majority of the flags were collected prior to Memorial Day from graves of veterans buried in Andover cemeteries and determined to be unserviceable. Pictured here are post members who took part in the ceremony. Left to right- Richard Powers, John Hanscom, Lloyd Perreault, Levi Southworth, Bill Leber, Ronald Evans, (Koby Perreault and Mason Graham, Merrimack Valley Band members who played taps) and Don Clendenen. Photo: Jim Goody



Recently the American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post # 101 in Andover N.H. fabricated a metal flag mast with all associated hardware and installed an American Flag on the Kenniston Covered Bridge in Andover N.H.. The post extends a big Thank You to all who participated on this project. Pictured left to right are post members Bill Leber, Lloyd Perreault, Levi Southworth and Ronald Evans. Photo: Don Clendenen

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support rep and factory pilot explained that the FireFLY 6 is different than what most people refer to as drone aircraft. It is a fixed wing aircraft with a wingspan of 60 inches that has the ability to take off and land vertically. It is designed to travel at 30 knots which is about 35



Eric Freymann of BirdsEyeView Aerobotics attaches a wing onto the Firefly 6 PRO Aircraft prior to take off at a recent demo event. Photo: Steve Foley

miles per hour.

Various "payloads" are available including a variety of cameras for video and still photography. There is also a payload that uses magnets to pickup or drop off loads. Maximum weight of the payload is 1.5 pounds.

Some of the cameras use thermal imaging which can see through smoke and in darkness. This is useful for locating hot spots in wildland fires, and

can locate people at times when they would not be visible with the eye or a traditional camera.

Besides search and rescue operations and firefighting, the aircraft is a valuable tool for inspecting power lines and pipelines, creating maps, checking crops and a variety of other tasks.

The fixed wing design gives it a longer range, more speed and longer operating time than most "quadcopters." It has a flight time of up to one hour depending on wind and payload, and according to the companies website, it can cover up to 600 acres in one flight.

With its ability to take off and land vertically, it can be used almost anywhere that has a 10 foot square open area.

The craft can be operated manually but a flight plan can be programmed in a matter of minutes on a laptop computer and the flight, including take off and landing can be done completely in autopilot. Freymann explained that without vertical take off and landing capability, it is very difficult to make a smooth and safe landing with robotic fixed wing aircraft. Prior to landing the craft during the demo, Freyman had the craft "loiter" which causes it to continuously fly in a 65 meter circle. When the craft was approaching the best alignment to the wind, he then executed the landing.

The Firefly 6 Pro looks like it is made of Styrofoam, but Freymann was See FireFLY on page 12

Lions Club July 4th Pancake Breakfast Cancelled This Year

Press release

For many folks, it is a tradition to start off the 4th of July celebration by attending the Lions Club pancake breakfast. Due to the renovations taking place at the Andover Elementary and Middle School, the breakfast will not be happening this year.

Construction on the school began in the early Spring with erection of walls on an addition to the Southeast corner of the building. As soon as school ended last week, crews have been busy working on multiple projects inside the building.

Lions Club president, John Hanscom says that the club's popular breakfast will be back for next years celebration.



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