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Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

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Monroe, Washington



Happy New Year!

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President's Message — Chet Blake

Well, here we are again, another year ending and another new one starting. As far as our Club, I enjoyed a great year and once again, shared with so many friends at the field. I am blessed to share memories with you all. My wish for everyone is that 2010 be better than this past year, both on the job / financial markets and for all of

us Buzzards getting a new field.

Ron Rueter has been in contact with the owner of the field on Ben Howard Rd. and after the holidays, he will set up a practice fly there with any type of plane that can be hand launched, glow or electric. This will certainly benefit us, plus give the land owner a sample of

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December 8th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

The December Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting is the yearly family night at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. This is a night Barnyard Buzzard members bring members of their family to enjoy food and fellowship. President Chet Blake called the meeting to order on December 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M. There were 30 members present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 5, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alf's Pizza in Monroe.

President Chet Blake thanked everyone for showing up. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. Ron Swift introduced John Foglesong who manages the yearly Northwest Model Hobby Expo. The

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (425) 879-2792

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Vaughan Houser (425) 788-8616

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831



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what this crazy hobby is all about. There's no option as far as a makeshift runway until later on towards spring.

There are a couple of other places that might be on the horizon, but until we get an absolute yes, the search will continue.

So, for this year end and the New Year coming, I hope you all had a GREAT Christmas and wishing you a prosperous, healthy and safe New Year.

Don't forget, Ron Swift will be hosting the 2nd annual Freeze-In on Sunday, January 10.

I hope to see you there.

Chet



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2010 show is planned for February 12 – 14.

Outside the normal meeting business, tonight's major event was the election of the 2010 officers.

Chet asked for a motion to accept the November minutes as presented in the December newsletter. A motion to accept was made, seconded, voted on, and accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

- President – Chet Blake
- Vice President – Ron Rueter
- Treasurer – Rick Hanners
- Secretary – Vaughan Houger
- Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift
- Field Manager – Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President – Chet Blake reported Dale provided several more names of individuals who might have potential fields for us to check into. Dale's Christmas tree farm is in full swing selling Christmas trees. Dale mentioned his concern with vehicles speeding down the road. This is just a reminder to be careful and mindful of others when driving to and from the field.

Chet also mentioned talking with Dale about Art Greonovegg who has the farm about half way down SR 203 from Monroe to Duvall. No word yet from Art as he has not gotten back to Chet.

VP – Ron Rueter reported someone responded to one of the advertisements for a possible new field location to rent. This location is several miles east, down Ben Howard Road. The owner is apparently willing to give it a go. The flying area is smaller than our current field. Ron was soliciting pilots with hand launch type airplanes to check out how the area would be for flying.

The other location is about four miles north of the current Snohomish Radio Aero Club (SRAC) field. The owner has 16 tree-free acres and inquired as to how much the Buzzards were willing to pay. After the initial contact the owner has not called back.

Secretary – Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 69 members.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,271.03 in the bank. There are 6 individuals who have entered into the builder's contest.

Safety Officer – Vince commented this year was a good year in that we maintained safe handling and operating of our airplanes. Keep up the good work and slow down traveling to and from the field.

Old Business

Chet and Rick presented Children's Hospital with a \$1,200.00 check. Goodwill efforts of this nature are greatly appreciated. Thank you all

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for your contributions!

Freeze-In event date change. The original date was Saturday January 2, 2010. There was some conversation stating this might be too close to New Year's Day to expect a good turnout. A motion was made to move the Freeze-In to the following weekend, Sunday 1/10/2010. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. There was one nay; the rest aye's. The optional date was the original date of 1/2/2010. [editorial: If something happens on 1/10 to where the event is cancelled, how do you go back in time to hold the event on 1/2/10?]

New Business

Dick Ovrud suggested the possibility of combining our club with the Evergreen Radio Modelers Association (ERMA). Apparently there might be a sight on Smith Island that the Tulalip tribe owns which could work for ERMA and our club. Dick was offering this as a possible lead to pursue.

Election of officers for 2010

President Chet Blake turned our attention to the election of officers for 2010. Secretary Vaughan Houser read the names of those nominated associated with the corresponding office. The nominations were as follows:

President – Chet Blake
 Vice President – Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift
 Secretary – Vaughan Houser
 Treasure – Rick Hanners
 Safety Officer – Vince Bell
 Dave Weber Special Service Award – Scott Curtis, Chet Blake, Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift
 A motion was made to close nominations.

This was seconded, voted on, and the members unanimously agreed to close nominations. Ballots were passed out. Members voted. Ballots were collected. Outgoing VP Ron Rueter tallied up the results.

Election results:

President – Chet Blake
 Vice President – Jim Reynolds
 Secretary – Vaughan Houser
 Treasurer – Rick Hanners
 Safety Officer – Vince Bell
 Dave Weber Special Service Award – Chet Blake
 Congratulations to all who participated and to our 2010 board.

Announcements

Ron Rueter reviewed how the blog in Yahoo was working for members. Not all of the members had been added. Ron was going to resend the BBMAC group to those who had not already become members..

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

2010 Freeze-In: Saturday January 10th, 2010

A motion was made to conclude the meeting. It was seconded, voted on and carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday January 5, 2010 at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser
 BBMAC Secretary.





Safety Corner



All seems to be going well at the field, no serious injuries that I have heard about. Keep up the good work.

It is starting to get colder so be sure and dress for the weather, keep your fingers and head warm. Keeping your feet dry will go a long ways to your overall comfort. I like the Sorel type low cut boots with insulation, but there are a lot of boots on the market that will fit the bill. Standing around and the occasional trip into the brush for an airplane really doesn't tax your footwear, so you really don't need to spend a fortune for a boot that will keep your feet dry and warm. Be warned there can be a big difference between **waterproof** and **water resistant** depending on the manufacturer and what the boot was made to be used for. More on cold weather flying and preparation later.

Some random thoughts on using weights to balance your new plane:

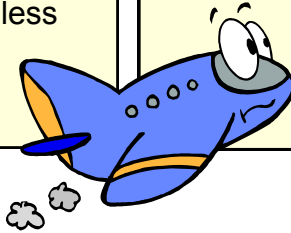
If you need to add weight to the nose, always add it as far forward as possible, it will take less weight to balance the airplane. If you add it in the engine compartment do not rely on

the sticky tape. It is not fuel proof and turns to a gooey mess in short order and the weights will fall off. Use small screws and attach the lead strips to the firewall, or use some other way to mechanically fasten them to the aircraft structure.

Another method to add nose weight is to use the Higgley heavy hubs. These work well and get the weight as far forward as it will go. If all else fails, install a bigger heavier engine.

Adding weight to the tail is the same thing, but if you lose a tail weight the airplane becomes more stable and usually all you have to do is replace the weight. I hate to admit it, but the sparky guys do have an advantage here. They can move their battery pack(s) fore and aft to achieve the best balance. Remember to laterally balance your plane, too!

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer



Builder's Competition 2009-2010 Rules

- Entries can be made by any club member in good standing.
- Each model is considered an entry and will have a \$10.00 fee.
- Payment along with the name of the model can be submitted to any board member or event judge.
- Event judges and ruling body will be comprised of 4 members plus the Vice President. These members are not yet named, but new judges for each year would be a great idea!
- Judges cannot judge their own plane.
- You must build the model yourself.
- Two main categories (others such as wet fuel vs. other may also emerge as we progress):
 - ◊ ARF
 - ◊ Stick build (plans or kits)
- You must beat someone to win (must have other entries in the same category).
- You can finish the model you previously entered, but didn't complete.
- New models must be started after the May judging club meeting (end of the previous competition).
- Two special awards voted on by the attendees of the May meeting:
 - ◊ In the Bones (award to the best model started, but not finished)
 - ◊ Members Choice Award
- Prizes will be color plaques of the winners and models.
- You must have fun!
- Extra points awarded if the model is flown before the May meeting.
- A write up of the model including the wingspan, weight, modifications, power, etc. would be helpful.
- Questions should be directed to the judges or Vice President, who is the responsible events coordinator.



Photos for Fun





Children's Hospital Donation



\$7000

(four year total!)



Our club donated \$1200 to the Children's Hospital this year. In this tough economic climate, this is considered to be a big donation from a club with just under 70 members.

A photo of Chet and Rick giving the check is above. The majority of the funds came as a direct result of our 2009 annual auctions.

The auction items were donated by club members and friends of the club. Yours truly, Ron Swift, was again our auctioneer providing entertainment as the auction heated up. The club voted to provide a bridging contribution to bring the total amount to \$1200. In this way, every club member was involved in our project. In four years we have been able to donate over \$7000 !

Instead of patting ourselves on the back for the progress we have made, we are discussing ways to make this area of our community in-

volvement even more successful, so we can contribute more in 2010.

Many members donate directly to the charity of their choice. For those who want to support the club project, we will graciously accept donations anytime during the year for our charity auction (cash or items). The donations are tax deductible.

This is a time of great need for our community and many of these charities have experienced less contributions, so the timing is right for our holiday gift giving project.

You can obtain more details on our website : <http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com/Charity/index.htm>

Many thanks to all who contributed to make this a success!

Ron Swift

Buzzards Freeze-In 2010

Our 2nd Annual Freeze-In has been changed to be on **Sunday, January 10 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**

This is an event that can combine snow, high winds, rain, fog and cool weather with flying, food and good old fun!

A special 2nd Annual Buzzard Iceberg Patch will be presented to all attendees of this event. Some members missed out on the last patch and you won't want to miss this one!

For the faint of heart, we will have TWO heaters at the club field for this event.

So, rain, snow, whatever.. (well, maybe

not floods...) we'll be at the club field to share a few shivers and bragging rights. We'll have food available (free!!!) for the adventuresome. A buddy box setup will be available.

Dress warm with many layers and plan to have the best time of your 2010 season (well it is the first event!). If you have questions about what to bring or want to volunteer to help with the event, call Ron Swift at (425) 788-6045 or email

ronswift@cablespeed.com.





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Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. We meet at 6:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Alfy's Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. During the summer months (weather permitting), the club meets at our flying field. See the schedule below...

If you would like additional information, come out to a club meeting, or contact one of our club officers. Each meeting starts with an introduction of the club officers followed by a short business meeting. We will have a **program** about some aspect of the hobby/sport. Then, a **Show & Tell** and **raffle** conclude the meeting, which ends at around 8:30 P.M.

Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer the newcomer free lessons to learn how to build models and to fly them. If you should have any questions about the club, flight instruction or membership requirements, call any of the club officers. We have a safety checklist available for those new to our flying field.

Use of a computer simulator is advisable. This allows you to practice safely and will end up saving you hundreds of dollars in the long run.

Still, in any case, the best way to learn to fly R/C planes is by finding an instructor to help. Learning on your own can be expensive and somewhat less safe.

We provide instruction for both building model aircraft as well as flying these models. In most cases, a buddy box system is used at the flying field. Experience has shown this to be the safest method to learn.

Those who want to enroll in the pilot training should contact Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houser at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of the club instructors.

Current Flight Instructors:

Dean Appell	360 435-7803
Vince Bell	425 788-2456
Rick Hanners	360 668-1312
Ron Swift	425 788-6045
Brian Taylor	425 225-5247



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
1st Tuesday**

January 5	Alfy's Pizza
February 2	Alfy's Pizza
March 2	Alfy's Pizza
April 5	Alfy's Pizza
May 4	TBD
June 1	TBD
July 6	TBD

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web site (<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>) has lots of photos of our field.

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