



# Buzzard Droppings



Gold Leader Club

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

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe (See page 7 for a map).

**Program: Pot Luck**

### President's Message — Bryan Reightley & Chet Blake

Happy New Year!

I would like to thank Jim, Vaughn, Rick, Vince, Jay, and Ron for your willingness to remain in your current positions. Your doing so will unquestionably make for an easy transition for me. I would also like to thank Chet for bringing me up to speed and answering the many questions I've asked since

being nominated. It is my sincere hope to serve the club as well as he did.

For those who have not met me, here's a quick background... I am a self-taught RC pilot, beginning for a short time in the early 80's with sailplanes launched with a hi-start.

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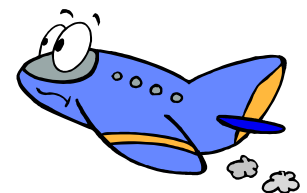
### December 14th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. 21 members along with their families and friends were present for the annual Christmas event. The next meeting will be on January

11, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. Additionally, this is the night club officers are elected.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. Bob Markey introduced himself as a guest. He would like to join the BBMAC. Welcome Bob.

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Bryan Reightley (360) 668-6075  
**Secretary:** Vaughan Houger (425) 788-8616  
**Safety Officer:** Vince Bell (425) 788-2456  
**Field Manager:** Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

**Vice President:** Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662  
**Treasurer:** Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312  
**Newsletter & Website:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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I returned to the hobby about 5 years ago flying electrics....so far. I have been a BBMAC member for 2 ½ years. My learning curve would have been much shorter with the support of a club like BBMAC from the beginning. As I begin my term as President, I look forward to meeting those of you I have not yet met, and getting to know better everyone I already know. Who knows....maybe I could still be converted to glow.

See you at the field,  
Bryan

Hey Guys,  
Bryan and I decided to both write a short piece for this month's newsletter as we 'Change the Guard'.

Mine is simple, support and guide Bryan as you have done so patiently with me. You guys are the guiding voices of the Buzzards.

I was back East for 3 days during all the chaos of winter travel with airport overload and shut down.

It's pretty amazing (and even more so, humbling) that even in the 21st century we still don't hold a hand over the forces of nature. As of the 30th there were still people trying to get through LaGuardia in NY. That made me think about our 3rd Annual Freeze-In coming up 1/8/11.

Make sure you have the new 2011 AMA card with you, hopefully some great winter weather and most importantly, be there and have FUN!

See ya Flyin'  
Chet

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Chet asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

- President – Chet Blake
- Vice President – Jim Reynolds
- 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 thanked Jay Bell for taking care of the club's mowers. Chet also reminded everyone about the upcoming Northwest Model Hobby Expo scheduled for February, 11 – 13, 2011.

**Vice President** – Jim Reynolds commented that events were done for the year. He also reminded everyone about the annual "Freeze-In" scheduled for January 8th.

**Treasurer** – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially.

**Secretary** – Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is at 63.

**Safety Officer** – Vince reported that everyone did a good job staying safe for the year. He wanted the members to keep up the good work in 2011.

**Field Manager** – Jay reported the mowers were put away for the winter.

**Newsletter/Website** – Ron Swift stated the web was in good shape. He still is asking for articles and photos.

## Old Business

The sound meter and data sheet are available for members to record their airplane engine noise. We will continue to take readings.

NW Model Hobby Expo is coming February 11 – 13, 2011. For further information you can check out the following web site: <http://www.nwmhe.com/>. The club will have a booth. Ron Swift has purchased 5 swap tables, which members are welcome to use for selling/ swapping their items. Please contact him for more information. Thank you Ron.

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## New Business

The proposed 2011 budget was presented by Treasurer Rick Hanners. Rick described the process in coming up with a 2011 budget. The synopsis of the decision was to raise member dues by \$10 to \$70 per member. First time members will be required to pay a onetime fee of \$110, which includes membership for the year. Additional family members may join for an amount equivalent to 1/2 the regular Full Member's annual dues per person, or \$35, per year, per the club By-Laws. [http://barnyard-buzzards.com/Membership/Bylaws\\_11\\_07\\_2007.htm](http://barnyard-buzzards.com/Membership/Bylaws_11_07_2007.htm). The \$70 amount was derived by looking at the 2010 revenues and expenses. This resulted in a short fall. Consequently, the board decided to cut certain budget items: The builder's contest budget item was reduced to \$80. There will be no club sponsored food at events. Events were cut from 4 to 2. There will be one Fun Fly and one Combat Event in 2011.

There was a recommendation to make a motion to accept the proposed 2011 budget. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and approved.

### Nominations for 2011 Club Officers:

Chet announced the club officer nominations for 2011. The following nominations were made:

President – Bryan Reightley  
 Vice President – Jim Reynolds  
 Secretary – Vaughan Houser  
 Treasure – Rick Hanners  
 Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award – Chet Blake and Jay Bell.

Chet went through each of the office nominations to solicit additional candidates from the present members. No new nominations were presented. A vote was taken. The results are as follows:

President – Bryan Reightley  
 Vice President – Jim Reynolds  
 Secretary – Vaughan Houser  
 Treasure – Rick Hanners  
 Safety Officer – Vince Bell  
 Dave Weber Special Service Award – Chet

Blake

Congratulations to the 2011 BBMAC Board!

## Announcements

Remember to visit the Barnyard Buzzard website for information. <http://barnyard-buzzards.com/Calendars/index.htm>

## Program

The evening's events included a gift exchange and visiting. Thanks to all of the ladies who organized and provided the smorgasbord of desserts! You, ladies, and the desserts were (are) much appreciated!

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Alf's in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a printed copy, call Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser  
 BBMAC Secretary.



Board of Trustees 2011



# Photos for Fun



**RC FLYING IN 2011**  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHET





## Safety Corner

I hope that everyone weathered the snow and the cold and got all the toys they ask for.

Ron had to remind me again to get off my dead .....and get the Safety Corner in for the newsletter.

Here we are at the beginning of another year. We have been very fortunate this last year, we didn't have any major injuries. Let's keep it that way for the 2011 flying season. In this part of the country we can fly all year and a lot of us do, so we fly in all kinds of weather.

Remember that the weakest part of our radio systems is still the batteries and thumbs (or a few cases finger tips). Be sure you know the condition of them (the batteries not the fingers tips and thumbs, well maybe, the thumbs and finger tips but that is a different subject). Cold is bad for batteries. Know your batteries. If you can't get more than 75% of the rated capacity from the battery pack when you recycle it, it is time to consider replacing it.

A couple of years ago Dave Gee, Safety Comes First Column, in Model Aviation, relates to an incident where the transmitter battery failed while in flight. As it turned out the airplane was programmed to make a big circle if the transmitter signal was lost, must have been PCM or one of the 2.4g systems\*. The good part was the other pilots thought of a quick solution that turned a sure disaster into just a nerve racking one. They pulled a battery pack from another transmitter and

replaced the dead one and brought the airplane back to the field for a safe landing. There are couple lessons to be learned here.

- 1) Know the condition of your transmitter battery pack. And if the low battery alarm goes off declare an emergency and land ASAP.
- 2) Spend the time to program the fail safe features of the receiver. This may take some trial and error. You can't just set the throttle to idle, put in a little right or left turn and up elevator. Too much turn and the airplane will spiral into the ground. Too much up it may stall and hit the ground nose first.

Remember in the winter we are wearing heavy, and for the most part, loose fitting coats with bulky sleeves. Be careful around the propeller. Most of the time all that happens is an embarrassing hole in the coat, but it can be much worse. If you are that close to the prop you had better re-think how you are doing things.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer

\* Oh, by the way it was a JR transmitter and it really doesn't matter what the brand is, the batteries are batteries. Of course the connectors are different...



**HOLIDAY PARTY AND DECEMBER MEETING - A GOOD TIME FOR ALL!**



Our club has a booth at the NW Model Hobby Expo and I have 5 tables reserved at the Swap Meet. If you are able to help man the club and/or swap tables, please call me, Ron Swift at 425 788-6045 or send an email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com) . We will circulate a signup sheet at the January Club meeting as well.

If you have items you want to donate (proceeds go to our club charity) please let me know and we'll make arrangements to get them.

As before, we have 6 free passes to the event to rotate to the club members who help out. This should allow the volunteers to staff the tables and still see the show.

There are a lot of new features in this show and of course, the indoor flying area!  
Hope to see you there.

Ron

# North West MODEL HOBBY

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*February 11, 12, 13, 2011*

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# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** During the winter months we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alf'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 for location... 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. Next we 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 these club instructors to set up lessons.

### 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  
2nd Tuesday**

January 11	Alf's Pizza
February 8	Alf's Pizza
March 8	Alf's Piizza
April 12	Alf's Pizza
May 10	Club Field
June 14	Club Field
July 12	Club Field

### 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 \(http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com\)](http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com) has lots of photos of our field.

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