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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.

January 2012

Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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

Buzzards and Friends,
I hope the holidays treated everyone well and your hangers are full of lots of projects. Remember, winter is the season for building and the builders contest will be here before you know it.

In spite of all the good progress being made developing of our new flying field the board members had

to make the difficult call to cancel the 2012 Freeze-in. We will hold a discussion during our upcoming meeting on whether or not to re-schedule this event for later in the year.

If you've not seen the field lately the grading work to level the field

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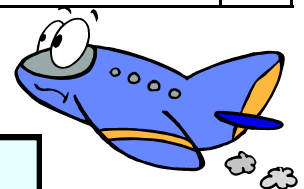
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December 13th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

Club members and their wives and/or children met at Alf's Pizza in Monroe for the annual Christmas celebration and a brief business meeting. President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. He introduced the club's officers:
President – Bryan Reightley

Vice President – Jim Reynolds
Treasurer – Rick Hanners
Secretary – Vaughan Houger
Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell
Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift
Field Manager – Jay Bell
Webmaster – Ron Rueter

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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 : Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
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has been done and a plan is in place for improving the access road. Jay will put this plan into action as soon as the weather permits. In the meantime the road is pretty sloppy so it would be wise to stay off of it until Jay can do his thing. Once the access road has been improved we will begin having work parties to repair the gates, prep the field for seeding, installing the perimeter fence, and building the flight stations. Notifications for these work parties will be sent via email and posted on the website. Please keep an eye out for them and plan to join in.

See you soon at the new field,

Bryan



Summer Fun!

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No new visitors were noted. It was great to see members and their spouses/**children** attend for the social experience, gift exchange, and enjoying the special desserts provided by the ladies.

Officers' Reports

Secretary – Secretary Vaughan stated the club currently has 59 members. He commented that of the 59 all but 20 had renewed their AMA membership. Members need to renew their AMA membership for 2012 in order to fly starting January 2012.

Vice President – Jim Reynolds was absent due to a family emergency. President Reightley did comment on the annual Freeze-In scheduled for January 7, 2012 at the new field off Fern Bluff Road.

The next club meeting is January 10th 2012 at Alfy's.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. Next month Rick will provide a financial balance sheet.

Safety Officer – Vince Bell commented that since there is no flying to date, there have not been any accidents.

Field Manager – Jay Bell stated the san-i-can was back. The field was still in need of grading in preparation for grass planting for a smooth runway. A couple of bids are out to determine what the grading would cost. Everything from the old field has been transferred to the new field.

Newsletter editor – Ron Swift nothing new.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter – A new feature was added: Wing Tips as part of the Builder's Corner menu pick. This is for members to share tips and tricks they use in [aircraft] construction, covering, etc. Be sure to check the web site as things change frequently and new items are always being added.

Announcements

These are announcements carried over from the November club meeting:

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The NW Model Hobby Expo is scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12. <http://www.nwmhe.com/> Ron Swift will have a schedule sign up in the near future.

Freeze-In 2012: Location the new field.

Date: January 7, 2012

Meeting location: Ron Rueter offered to investigate other possible venues for our monthly meetings. It seems we have a challenge when our meetings coincide with an election night and Ron makes a presentation. More information will be presented from Ron's investigation in the months ahead.

Old Business

Bryan called for old business:

Nominations for 2012 Club Officers President Bryan asked Vaughan to read the current nominees:

2012 Club Officers' nomination:

President: Bryan Reightley

Vice President: Jim Reynolds

Secretary: Vaughan Houger

Treasurer: Rick Hanners

Safety Officer: Vince Bell

Special Service Award: Jay Bell

A motion was made to close the nominations. This was seconded, passed, thus closing the nominations for club officers for 2012. As there were no new nominations for officers, and no objections mentioned, the officers listed above were retained in their positions for 2012.

Congratulations to the officers and to the club for its support!

New Business

New field: Jay Bell, field manager, stated the bids for runway grading ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,700. Projected time to accomplish the task is about a day. A motion was made to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 to contract out the work for grading. After some discussion, mostly centered on the cost – benefit of spending money and the associated potential risks of investing then losing the field, the motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

A second motion was made on the topic of preparing the access road from Fern Bluff to the flying site. The estimate for gravel came in at around \$2,500.00. This motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

The club officers were granted authority to spend \$1,500.00 for field grading and \$2,500.00 for improving the access road.

The meeting adjourned at around 7:12 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2012, at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Subsequent to the business meeting members participated in a "White Elephant" gift exchange along with partaking in the delicious variety of Christmas desserts. Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other and catching up on events, plans, and other things.

The club newsletter is available online at <http://www.bbmac.net/>. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425) 788-6045.

Respectfully submitted , Vaughan Houger, Ph.D
BBMAC Secretary



Board of Trustees 2012



Photos for Fun



A visit to the field on Saturday, Dec. 31 pretty foggy and muddy!



Runway View



Driveway View



Flight Line View

December 13, 2011 Meeting





Safety Corner

I hope that everyone weathered the snow and the cold and got all the toys they asked for. Ron had to remind me again to get off my deadand 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 only had a couple incidents that I can think of. One incident involved the airplane chasing the pilot around before it chewed on his ankle a bit, sending the pilot to the emergency room for a few stitches. Another was while retrieving the plane. The plane bit back because the pilot was falling on it. No self respecting plane wants a full size guy to fall on it. The good news is both pilots are going to live to fly at the new Field.

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

A couple of years ago Dave Gee's 'Safety Comes First' column in Model Aviation, related 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. It must have been PCM or one of the 2.4g systems. Oh, by the way it was a JR

transmitter, although it really doesn't matter what the brand is, batteries are batteries. Of course, the connectors are different. The good part was the another pilot thought of a quick solution that turned a sure disaster into just a nerve racking one. They pulled a battery pack from another JR transmitter and replaced the dead one and brought the airplane back to the field for a safe landing.

There are a couple of lessons to be learned here.

1, Know the condition of your transmitter battery pack. 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—just like when we're flying it!

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, SO



Dave Weber Special Service Award for 2011—Jay Bell

Jay (on the right) receives the Special Service Award for 2011. Many know of Jay's dedication to keeping our old field flyable. Now with the new field under development, Jay is leading the way to getting the big jobs done in time for the summer flying season.

Congratulations and thank you, Jay!



North West MODEL HOBBY

EXPO!

February 10, 11, 12 2012

Fri 2-8 pm Sat 10 am - 6 pm Sun 10 am - 3 pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Monroe, WA
53,000 sq.ft. Arena Building on West end of grounds



Tickets:

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**Many of the fine local clubs with display booths,
who want to tell you all about this great hobby.**

<http://www.nwmhe.com>

Our club has a booth at the NW Model Hobby Expo and I have 3 tables reserved at the Swap Meet. If you are able to help with our club table or would like to put an item in my swap area, please call me, Ron Swift at 425 788-6045 (home), (425) 765-6745 (cell) or send an email ronswift@cablespeed.com. We will circulate a signup sheet for the club booth at the January Club meeting as well.

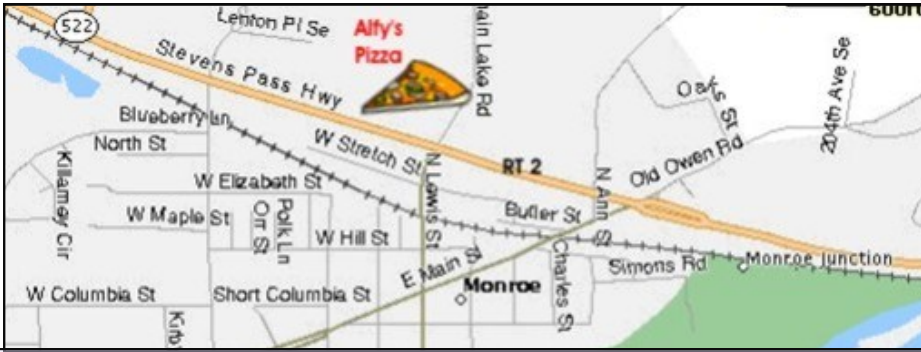
If you have items you want to donate (proceeds go to our club charity), please let me know and we'll make arrangements to get them.

We have 3 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.

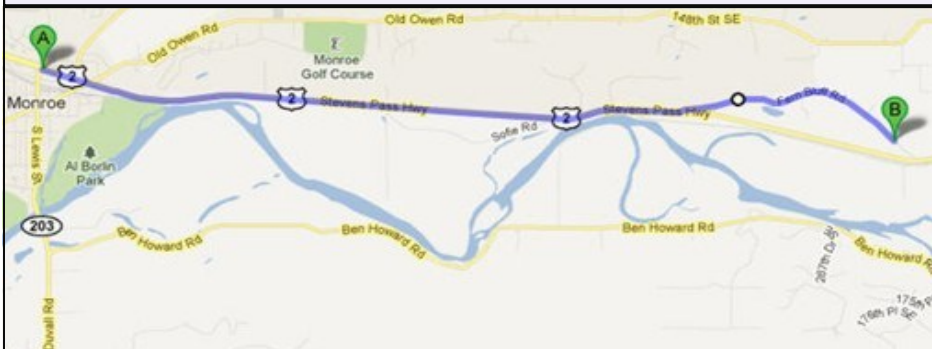
Ron



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 Alfys 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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



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 Houger 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 10	Alfy's Pizza
February 14	Alfy's Pizza
March 13	Alfy's Piizza
April 10	Alfy's Pizza
May 8	Club Field
June 12	Club Field
July 10	Club Field

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web [site \(http://www.bbmac.net\)](http://www.bbmac.net) has lots of photos of our field. Also, check out the photos on page 4... We're under construction for the 2012 flying season.

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