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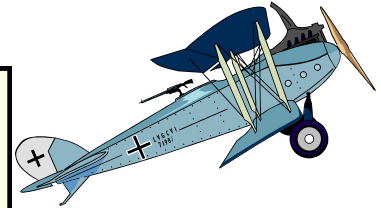
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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, January 14th, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza along RT2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program:

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President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,

Thanks to one and all for making the December meeting/ Christmas party a real success. The business portion of the meeting was brief allowing time for a discussion surrounding the development of Brinkley Field. We also held elections for club officers.

ers. Chet Blake will return as President, Jim Reynolds will be back as Vice President, Rick Hanners is taking on the roll of Secretary, Ron Swift remains club Treasurer, and Vince Bell is staying on as Safety Officer. Jay Bell was once again awarded the Special Service

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December 10th Meeting Minutes — Tim Shegrud

The December meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President** - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President** - Brian Richardson
- Secretary** - Tim Shegrud
- Treasurer** - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** - Vince Bell
- Field Manager** - Jay Bell - Absent
- Newsletter Editor** - Ron Swift
- Webmaster** - Ron Rueter - out of town

Visitors and New Members - Alt-

hough many spouses and other family members were present, no introductions were conducted.

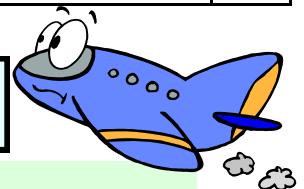
Officer's Reports

Secretary - Tim Shegrud solicited edits and corrections for the October minutes. A motion was offered to accept the November minutes as found on the website. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

We now have 33 members and 3

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Club Officers and Contacts



President: Bryan Chet Blake (425) 879-2792

Vice President: Jim Reynolds 360) 435-9662

Secretary: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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Award for his efforts of maintaining our present flying field.

As for me, I won't be going too far. With my connections to the scouts via the project I am managing, Chet has asked me to stick around to assist with the development of the new field. I'm happy to do so and plan to help in any way I can.

This is an exciting time for the Buzzards. A change of watch at the top and a new flying venue are just what the doctor ordered to reenergize the club. Thank you to everyone who helped me over the last three years while I did my best keeping the club moving forward.

See you on the flight line,
Bryan Reightley
Ex-BBMAC President

Hey Fellow Buzzards,

Bryan and I talked about doing a split message for this month, since the gavel changes hands again and it's more than fair for him to have a message for us all.

I'd like to take time to recognize and applaud Bryan for the hard work of developing a field and the way he handled the abuse that came with it.

Often times it's easy to sit in the audience at a meeting and demand action or criticize the way things are being handled. In reality, the development of the Fern Bluff Road field met many unforeseen obstacles, circumstances and frustrations.

I can say for certain that everything done or accomplished was done with the Club in mind, to try and sustain our dropping membership, encourage new membership and have a steadily improving place

to fly.

Bryan and the Board met serious and challenging times making tough decisions trying to meet on common ground with the landlord, often having to negotiate to keep us flying.

I for one, appreciate the efforts and utilized the end result of that hard work at the field just about every Saturday and often on weekdays. I also wish to thank the preceding Board members for their sincere efforts and results.

I'm happy that Bryan is willing to stay on in an advisory position and direct contact with the BSA (Boy Scouts of America), the onsite construction crew and representative of the past few weeks of talks and thoughts with the BSA.

NOTHING has changed in what I felt years ago. This is YOUR Club, please, PLEASE, PLEASE attend meetings, and keep current with developments and be part of them by voicing your ideas, opinions or votes where necessary.

Keep it YOUR Club, still the BEST Club around!

See ya flyin'
Chet Blake
BBMAC President



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paid members for the next year.

Vice President– Brian Richardson announced that the next event will be the 2014 Freeze-In on Saturday January 4th.

With the potential new field we should consider a Float Fly, details to follow.

Currently we have two participants in the 2014 Builder's Contest.

Treasurer – Ron Swift gave a brief accounting of the status of the club's account. We are doing well and have enough to finish out the year and get started with a new field. The fee has already been paid for the Northwest Model Hobby Expo booth.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell says we have been doing well. No new incidents to report. Remember, it is getting colder out there so dress appropriately and include hats and gloves.

Field Manager – Jay Bell had nothing new to

report. He did announce that the field is currently frozen.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift has hardcopies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos and articles to be published in the newsletter.

Webmaster – Ron Rueter is out of town for the next several months but will be keeping the website fresh and interesting.

Announcements

Please keep the Northwest Model Hobby Expo this February 7, 8, and 9th on your calendar.

With regret It was announced that Tim's Hobby in Everett will be closed for good on Dec 31st.

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Old Business

New Field

Bryan, again, presented a poster board drawing of the proposed new field at Camp Brinkley. He laid out the basic outline of the entire area as well as a few of the significant land marks. Those include the barn and the road. He also drew out his proposed location for the runway. Additionally he laid out his expectation for the build out schedule.

The news for the day is that the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is only asking for a Hold Harmless agreement from us.

The board had gathered a week previous to the meeting to discuss the proposal to the members about the field itself and what we would like to suggest being presented to the BSA as an agreement. Tim Shegrud presented this to the members in attendance.

- No other entity will occupy or use the field without prior agreement
- Rent should be \$1.00 per year plus merit badge seminars planned 3 months ahead
- A request to vacate the field will be made a minimum of 1 year before prior to deadline
- Soil and materials will be provided by the BSA for field development
- We agree to maintain an area approximately 600' X 400' immediately east of the barn
- BSA will allow BBMAC the use of the water and power already located on the property
- BBMAC will provide insurance as offered by the AMA
- BSA will assist us in notifying the neighbors of our intentions for use of the field
- BBMAC should have no official restrictions on flying times
- BBMAC will provide advance notice of any flying events at the field
- This agreement should stand for 10 years

The board then opened the floor to questions or additional suggestions.

What is to come of the barn? Is there anything inside we need to be concerned with?

The BSA has asked if we could dispose of the barn structure itself (burn it down?). Although there are a few things in the barn (including but not limited to a yard tractor like our mower) there is nothing that is expected to be left there after we take occupation of the field.

What is the traffic like on the road that bisects the field? Estimations are that there are fewer than 3 cars per hour.

What about storage at the field? Camp Brinkley has a shed they are no longer using and are looking to get rid of. They have offered to let us have it for our storage shed. Transportation of the shed from where it is to our field has already been offered.

Could the ground floor of the barn be used for

storage or whatever? The ground floor is usable.

The field on the north side of the road is mostly swamp. If a plane goes down it may be irretrievable.

Are there any limitations to the improvements we can make? At this point there has been no mention of any limitations.

How high is the water table at worse? We don't know.

Nominations for officers

This is the time we elect our officers for the coming year. After reviewing the members nominated for office so far the floor was opened up to additional nominations. The following are the results.

President: Scott Curtis officially declined his nomination but Chet Blake accepted a last minute nomination and is running unopposed

Vice President: Brian Richardson was nominated and Jim Reynolds, too, accepted a last minute nomination

Secretary: Tim Shegrud was nominated and Rick Hanners, also, accepted a last minute nomination

Treasurer: Ron Swift is running unopposed.

Safety officer: Vince Bell is running unopposed

The board neglected to hold nominations for the special service award, so the award was left open for an all write in vote.

After all was said and done the results are as follows.

2014 President:	Chet Blake
Vice President:	Jim Reynolds
Secretary:	Rick Hanners
Treasurer:	Ron Swift
Safety Officer:	Vince Bell
Special Service Award:	Jay Bell

Pictures of the incoming board members were taken and should be posted on the website soon.

New Business

No new business at this time

Program

Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

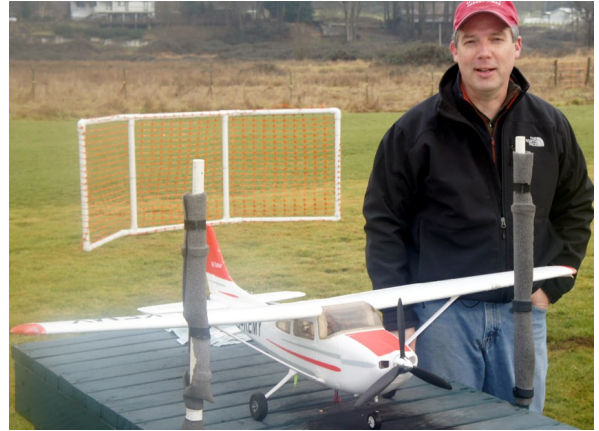
The club provided plenty of pizza and salad bars for all who attended the party. Many people brought desserts to share with all. Once the business of the meeting was completed numbers were written on pieces of paper to reflect the presents brought for the gift exchange then each person who brought a present drew a piece of paper with a name on it. Bryan, Brian and Tim conducted the selection of presents based on the drawn numbers. An abundance of smiles and friendly chatter was observed.

About 8:52 a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted Tim Shegrud, BBMAC Secretary.



Photos for Fun





Safety Corner

Here we are at beginning of another year. We were very fortunate last year we didn't have any major injuries, let's keep it that way for the 2014 flying season.

Keep in mind, in the winter we wear heavier clothes 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, much worse. If you are that close to the prop you had better re-think how you are doing things.

I know that I have hit on this subject before, not that I'm picking on the electric guys, (well may be a little). When you are ready to connect the battery and arm the system, make sure your plane is secure, and you are following all the Cautions, Dangers and other Warnings. You know, the first 96 pages that the manufacturer has detailed in the operators manual that came with the ESC and motor. With the ESCs that I have, you [**initially leave the propeller off!!!**], turn on the Transmitter before connecting the battery then put the throttle lever to high speed and then back to low speed and the thing will beep a few times, when you next advance the throttle the motor will go. Remember you can inadvertently move the throttle lever by other means. **Know and pay attention to what you are doing.** When you land disconnect the battery before turning off the transmitter.

In this respect electrics are far more dangerous than the internal combustion engines.

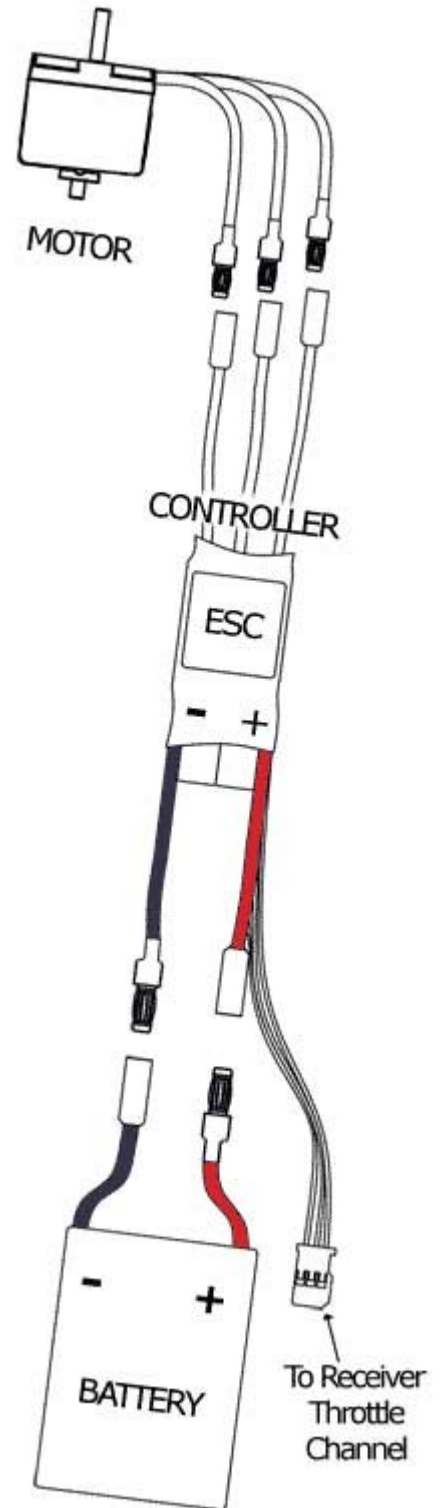
When setting up a new electric airplane in the shop leave the propeller off

until you are sure that the propeller shaft is turning in the right direction - usually counter clockwise if you are looking at the shaft from the front of the airplane. Then and only then install the propeller and for the first test - Still **make sure the airplane is secured so it cannot move forward or backwards. Check that the area around the propeller area is clear of debris. A propeller will suck loose stuff in from a surprising distance and throw it with force a surprising distance.**

There are many other things we use that have rotating mass. Like the cut-off wheels we use on the Dremel tools. Stay out of the rotational plane of these. They are very easily shattered (as anyone that uses them knows). Better to use the re-enforced type all though they do make wider kerfs, require more power and generate more heat. When you're grinding and cutting always wear safety glasses with side shields.

Let's keep it safe this year.

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





Amazing Gifts—Thank You—All!



Christmas



Party





Our next, new flying field!!!



Saturday, January 4th, Annual Freeze-In 10 - 2 pm
All events held at our club field (see map on page 9)
Call Ron Swift for questions and/or additional details (425) 788-6045



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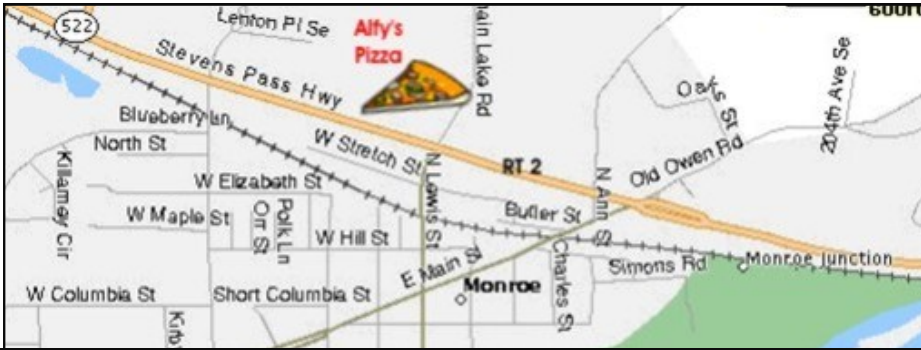
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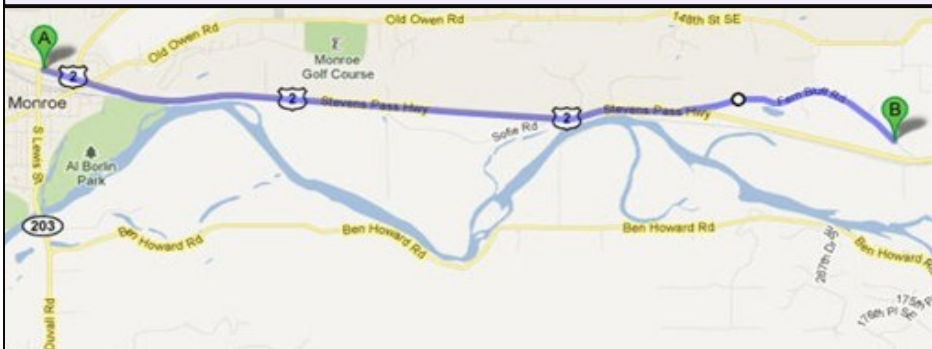




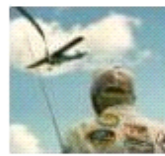
Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 Alfie'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.

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 our club secretary, **Tim Baird (360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

2nd Tuesday

December 10	Alfy's Pizza
January 14	Alfy's Pizza
February 11	Alfy's Pizza
March 11	Alfy's Pizza
April 8	Alfy's Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located east of Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our website (<http://www.bbmac.net>), has lots of photos of our field. We've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday January 14th 6:30 PM** at
Alfy's Pizza Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).
Program:



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