



Buzzard Droppings



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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: **Buddy Box Setup**

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Happy New Year, Buzzards!
A big note of thanks to all of last years' Board Members for their service & those who were nominated/volunteered to run for an Executive Board Position this year.
Thanks Chet for your leadership and guidance as Club Presi-

dent! We have come a long way in a short time because of it. I also want to thank you for helping me for the last two years and for helping me transition into this new position, all I will have to do is follow your example and the Club will
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December 13th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 pm with 12 members and 6 guests in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- Field Manager** – Jay Bell - Ab-

sent
Webmaster – Ron Rueter - Absent
Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.
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Club Officers and Contacts



- President:** Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705
- Secretary:** Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Safety Officer:** Don Bailey (425) 350-9557
- Field Manager:** Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

- Vice President:** Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638
- Treasurer:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
- Newsletter Editor:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
- Website:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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continue to grow and prosper.

Special thanks to Vince Bell for serving as our Safety Officer since 2006, and for helping me learn how to use the center of the runway and not just the outside edges!

I joined this club shortly after we moved to Hwy 2 and started the field there. Being a very new pilot flying at Hwy 2 scared me to death - I was sure that I would crash into a house, power lines or the road. When it became clear Fern Bluff Rd. was not going to work out for the club, I was very excited when Byran talked about a possible location with so much potential.

The Camp Edwards location gave me an opportunity to crash just about anywhere... and I did. I was the first member to lose a plane, my Champ is out there somewhere. With the guidance of many members I am a better pilot and want to extend my sincere thanks. The Club and its members are what drew me to the Buzzards and this group is really something special, with a lot to offer.

Having finally found our "home" and having worked so hard as a team, we truly are a Club that others can look at as the gold standard. Chet said many times, "We are a work in progress", and this past year has shown

that. The field gets better each year, new members join and share their skills and expertise. We learn from the more experienced flyers, we share with new pilots, we help each other. This is what makes the Buzzards a first class Club.

I look forward to 2017 and with the help and guidance from every member we will be the best club for new flyers as well as the most experienced pilots.

Mark



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Reports

VP – Christmas Party was held on December 3rd. everyone had a good time.

January 7th at 10:00am will be the annual Freeze-In event.

Treasurer – There is \$272.00 left in the 2016 field improvement budget. We are doing well as planned and will have the planned funds to roll over into 2017.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 38 members, we have 5 members paid for 2017.

Safety Officer – The field is good and no incidents to report. Please be careful while driving to the field during inclement weather, the roads can be slick.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

Field Manager – Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party: Can not be held in the main lodge, but Bryan Reightley was able to talk with

Ranger Dave and has confirmed that we can use the administration building for the party. This is the building right in front of the lodge and should handle our rambunctious group. Thanks Bryan!

Party will be 12-3-2016 at 3:00pm

Northwest Model Hobby Expo is coming up at the end of January the 27th thru the 29th. The club will have a booth and a selling table.

Ron Swift has been working with a FPV group to demonstrate at the EXPO with races and some events.

A few guys were out at the field a couple of weeks ago and talking about the field, membership and the way to get new membership. While thinking about FPV and all it entails, Bryan and Mark kicked around the idea of adding a dedicated FPV area on the other side of the barn in the lower pasture. It will be interesting to see the FPV demo at the EXPO and see if it is something worth perusing of feasible.

2nd round of officer nominations for 2017 officers started: (See New Business)

There was discussion about how to get members to volunteer for office. Tim made a motion to change the bylaws to reduce the Boards membership due by 50%, after discussion the motion was

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tabled until next meeting, Ron and Tim will come up with a reworded proposal for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

We held the 3rd annual Family and Friends Christmas party at the Camp Edwards Administration Building. We had 17 in attendance, a nice turn out and plenty for the facility we had. Once again, a very special thanks to the Camp Edwards Leaders and Rangers. Ron and Ron were sent pictures and if you have more please forward them on.

Ron and Chet presented the Sky Valley Food Bank our check for \$500.00 and we received a really appreciative thank you from the staff and the Leadership there. A picture is out in the newsletter.

Ron Swift received a 15year Gold Leader plaque, badges and a letter from the AMA. This is a real accomplishment for any Club. We really stand out with this.

As Chet stated in the newsletter, the President and Vice President offices have a 3 year term limit. Chet stated that his term is up and his reflections are: "There has been so much achieved that I couldn't be prouder to be part of the Club and all the efforts made. My personal contribution is literally pale compared to the many members that made this club the best around. 3 years ago we visited a wet, marshy, couldn't drive in soggy field with a relatively high water table. Look at where we are at now....WOW"!!

Bryan Reightly gave a recap of the last 3 years of the club fields and how we have arrived at our new home. Thanks Bryan for all you have done to acquire this great facility.

Mark presented a summary of 2016 [field development] accomplishments, 13 events, lots of projects completed. Thanks to all that participated.

NW Model Hobby Expo will be held January 27th thru 29th. We will have a booth and a sign up sheet will be at the next meeting [January 10th].

Field is very wet, but parking and pit are in great shape. Mark and Chet were able to drive to the south end of parking without any issues. It really is a nice change.

Floor opened up for new Nominations for 2017 officers

- President: Mark Weeks
- Vice President: Tim Shegrud
Bryan Reightly

- Secretary: Chet Blake
- Treasurer: Ron Swift
- Safety Officer: Don Bailey, Ted Becker
- Special Service: Jay Bell
- award: Dart Sharp
Brian and Len Douma
Mark Weeks

The Election results and 2017 Board members are:

- President: Mark Weeks
 - Vice President: Bryan Reightly
 - Secretary: Chet Blake
 - Treasurer: Ron Swift
 - Safety Officer: Don Bailey
- Special Service Award: Mark Weeks

Chet thanked the club for "the opportunity to serve and be part of the leadership of this club". It's been fun and rewarding seeing where we are today. Thank you to each and every Member, Executive Committee member, Field Manager, Newsletter and Website editors for your help, cooperation and guidance. The Club is headed in a solid direction and I'm excited to see what's next in line. Thanks again!!"

Program: FPV Racing. Brett and Brenda Wilson from DieHard RC Racing along with Tyler Willard and Kody Knutson shared information on types of drones, headsets etc. They also set up a small indoor demonstration with mini quads [Tiny Whoop]. They provided lots of information and only scratched the surface. Thanks so much for sharing.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm





Safety Corner

“Whatever mistake can be made in this hobby, I’ve done it—at least once!” This is my favorite quote for the newcomer to the hobby, and it is meant as a candid admission as well as a warning. If there’s one thing I have learned in my 45-plus years of building and flying RC model airplanes, it’s that the next big goof is just waiting for the average guy to slip up due to complacency or forgetfulness.

Sometimes our mistakes are relatively harmless, but there are some bad errors that can cause real damage to airplanes, property, and human bodies. So how can we prepare ourselves for the inevitable mishap, and how can we prevent the really bad stuff from happening? As the new club Safety Officer, I have a few good ideas that I would like to pass on to the rest of the club, in addition to reiterating the superb advice that has been shared in past Buzzard Droppings articles from our previous Safety Officer, Vince Bell (thanks, Vince!)

There are many good safety tips I have picked up over the years, whether from other people, or by learning the hard way, such as never permitting any part of my body to be downwind of a moving Xacto blade. That tip is obvious to everyone, but I still find myself violating it now and then, which is why I always have a box of Band-Aids on the shelf nearby. I keep thinking that one of these days I will stop puncturing myself, but it still happens on occasion—usually when I am in a hurry or I am distracted, and every time I get nicked I say “When will I learn?!” Indeed.

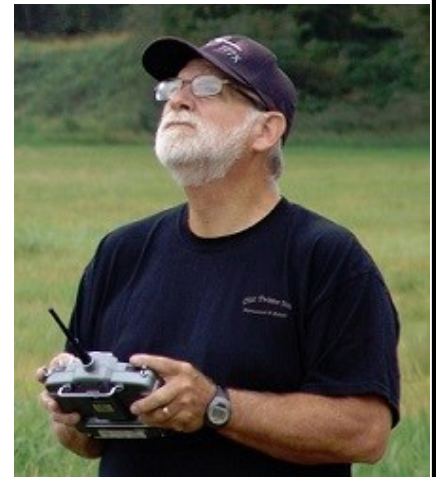
How many of us (show of hands please) have been bit by a propeller, more than once? How many times have we forgotten to check the CG after a repair? Or had a flyaway or death spiral due

to a dead battery? (This just happened to me last spring!) The truth is, when we are dealing with model airplanes, there are a whole bunch of ways to goof up and do something stupid, or even get hurt. If you’ve made it pretty far along in the hobby and never had an incident, you are lucky and rare. It can happen to the best of us!

Our job is to be vigilant and aware at all times, and to have the patience and discipline to “do the job the right way” every single time, so that the Law of Probability will fall in our favor. As a structural design engineer at Boeing, I have seen the many tactical and procedural ways that safety can be “built in” to our commercial airliners, so that the possibility of injury or damage can be reduced to the absolute minimum. Many of these techniques have a counterpart in model aviation, and the philosophies behind them are identical.

In future columns, I will talk about such things as redundancy and single-point failures, sound structure and material strength, use of checklists, prudent flying techniques, and whatever else I can pass on from my years in the hobby. But I am also open to suggestions from the club, so please send me your ideas, too!

Until next time,
be safe and have fun!
-- Don Bailey, Safety Officer



Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot’s fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

Dec 3 Annual Christmas Party- Scout Admin Building 3:00 - 6:00 PM
See the map on page 9 - Guests are invited!!!

Jan 7, 2017 Annual Freeze-In Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM
See the map on page 9—Guests are invited to this event, too!



Our Annual Freeze-In is only one week away! We'll have the propane heaters and burn barrel going with pizza and beverages, too.

Also, we'll have the buddy box setup for those who want to try flying one of our RC models!

Lots of fun and bragging rights. We even have a commemorative patch for those who participate.

Jan 7, 2017 Annual Freeze-In 10:00 AM
Open to all AMA members and visitors!



DieHard Racing Drone Presentation





2016 Buzzards XMAS Party





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- BUILDING ELECTRONICS PAINTING CONTEST DIRECTOR INSTRUCTOR
- COVERING CONTEST JUDGE DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL SCALE SPORT
- PATTERN IMAC HELI QUAD/HEX

Month Born:

- January February March April May June
- July August September October November December

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the rules, By-Laws and regulations governing club flying and related activities, and will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities with the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the flying site, which is for the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Full Membership: \$90.00
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Please mail check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
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One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2017 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Our dues for 2016 will be set at our October 11th meeting. Join now and get all of our 2016 & 2017 membership privileges! See this page for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.



25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Camp Edward and the Hanner's Memorial Field are located north of Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

*** **If you go the the left as shown by MapQuest** , make sure you take the next right to stay on Woods Creek Road. Then stay to the left at the intersection where Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop ***

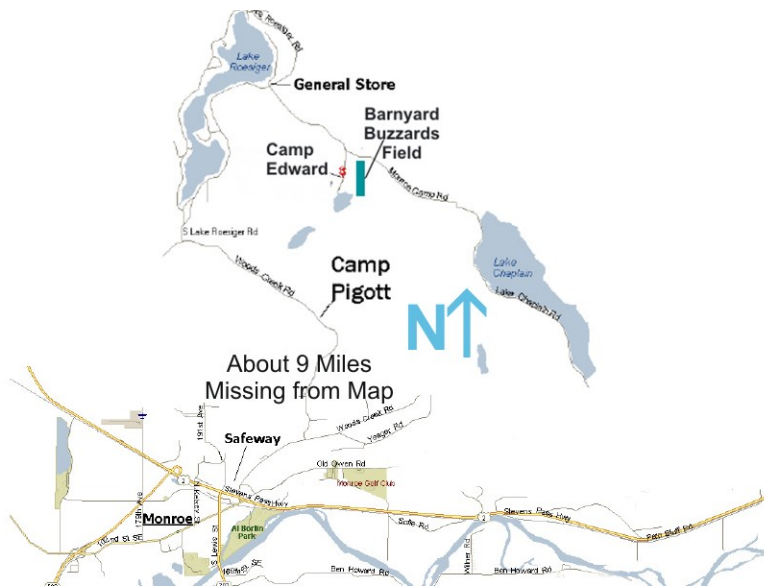
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesinger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn. Alfys Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

Our club meetings are open to the public. We meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfys Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. 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.



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday**

- January 10 Alfys Pizza
- February 14 Alfys Pizza
- March 14 Alfys Pizza
- April 11 Alfys Pizza
- May 9 Alfys Pizza

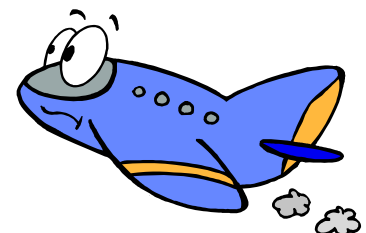
Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer all members 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

Current Flight Instructors:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting, **Tuesday, January 10th 6:30 PM** at Alfie's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 9](#)).

Program: **Buddy Box Setup**



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