



Buzzard Droppings



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 AMA Chapter 2953 Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Our January 2021 Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13th, online through Zoom at 6:30 PM. This is in keeping with the guidance from the medical profession and scientists for gatherings of larger groups. We hope that we get to phase 4 soon and can have our usual club meetings. **Program: Xmas Goodies—What was given and received this Holiday—Stories and Zoom presentations greatly appreciated!**



What do you mean postponing the Freeze-In 'til January 9th???

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards
While it's still December as I write this and I have not officially moved into the Presidential role yet, I know from past experience that Ron will be asking for my monthly newsletter input very soon. December has had some really great days for flying so far and there have been a few

diehard members out flying. Today, Saturday the 12th the sun was out clear blue skies and at 9:00 am it was still a balmy 24 degrees. What a great day for flying!!
2020 was, what else can I say, difficult. OK it was just plane crap- py! We did still get some flying and
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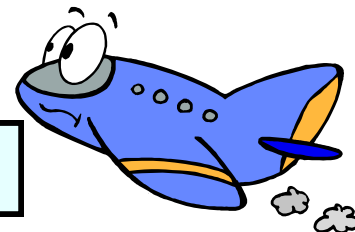
December Meeting Minutes—Mark Weeks

President Pro tempore - Vince Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and then introduced the club officers:

- President – Don Bailey - Resigned as President to move out of state
- Vice President – Vince Bell
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Vaughan Houger
- Safety Officer – Dart Sharp

15 Club Members were in attendance, with no guests
Motion was made to accept minutes as posted – Motion was Passed

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Club Officers and Contacts

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| President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705 | Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 |
| Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045 | Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989 |
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a few events in, all while social distancing, and wearing facemasks. We did miss the hot dogs and chips at the events, but this year will be better, and we should get back to normal soon.

Thanks to the board members that have served us the past year or more. Don left us early to find new air space in Idaho. We wish him well and can't wait till he comes back this way. Thanks to Vaughan for keeping the financials in good order, I am sure that Dart will have no issues following in his footsteps. Then there is Vince. He made sure that the events went off without a hitch and when it was allowed, our stomach's full. When you see these three guys make sure you tell them thanks.

We got a lot of the little projects done last year. The car track got rearranged to allow for a tank-pit. Yes, tanks! It also has the driver's platform finished with its safety rail. We also have a good start on the crawler track, and while all are a work in progress they can be used anytime. We have a shed that we can sit in and under to get out of the rain or sun as needed. The barn is so close to being completely down, one good windstorm and we should not need to worry about it anymore. Once that's done, we can

reclaim some parking spaces back. For the last couple of years we have talked about the big cherry tree leaning over the pits and that we should do something before it does some damage on its own. Thanks to Bruce and Ben for cutting it down.

The Board is already at work planning the 2021 event schedule [proposed schedule is in this issue] so we can present it to the membership at the January meeting. It does look like we will be having our meetings for the time being via Zoom. We're looking forward to getting past this COVID 19 thing.

Please, if you see something or have an idea that you think would make our club any better than it already is, do not hesitate to contact one of the board and let us know.

See you at the Field!

Mark Weeks



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OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President – While the Christmas party for 2020 has been canceled the Freeze-In will be held on January 2nd starting at 10:00 AM.

Secretary – We are currently at 63 members.

Treasurer – Funds are in good shape with all bills paid.

Safety Officer – “Nobody died” All kidding aside, nothing to report. Everyone is doing a good job.

Field Manager – Bryan and Jay applied a coat of winter fertilizer on the runway after doing the last mowing of the year. The cherry tree has been dropped and the logs are waiting for the Ranger's to pick them up. Thanks to Bruce and Ben for taking that project on. Bryan has also been looking for used Port-A-Potties and has not had much luck yet. Lastly the barn looks to be on its last legs The main roof beam has now cracked and the remaining roof is sagging. It won't be long until it falls. Please be careful and don't hang out around the north end of the barn (toward the road!).

Newsletter Editor – Always looking for stories, photos and information you would like to share.

Webmaster – Pics, news and comments are always wanted for the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations for Officers:

- President: Mark Weeks
- VP: Bryan Reightley, Paul Dibble
- Safety Officer: Chet Blake
- Secretary: Ron Swift
- Treasurer: Dart Sharp
- Special Service award: Mark Weeks - Jim Stewart - Steve Anderson

There was much discussion regarding how to conduct the vote in December. With the COVID pandemic number on the rise again, it was decided by the attendees of the meeting and the Board that we should slightly differ from the normal voting process.

Mark will send out an email to all members letting them know that all nominations will need to be in to the board by November 29th. This is ten days before the December Meeting. Mark will email all members the list of candidates for voting. The voting period will open on December 2st, 1 week be-

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Safety Corner

By Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards and Friends.

This is a new role for me as Safety Officer. I've had the honor of being Secretary and President, so this will be a new endeavor and hopefully not too painful for you!

I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays as best as possible under the Covid conditions we are enduring.

We all talk safety and feel we're being safe. We feel safe within our own mind, world or working place because our view is just from us. Others might look and see something that we are complacent with and we never give it a second thought. It might be not having a good restraint on a model when running it up. It might be reaching around a spinning prop to adjust the carburetor. Or it might be not having a throttle kill on our electric models and bumping the throttle. It might be not feeling up to par, but getting that flight in anyway or going out after a downed plane without knowing the field conditions (creeks and deep water ravines or just not prepared). Or maybe not dressing that prop or knife cut properly. All of these can come with some form of consequence. Maybe luck has been on our side... Safety shouldn't be relying on luck.

I mention these because I've been at fault in many and witness to others. Being the Great Club we are, we care and watch out for each other. Speak up or remind a fellow flyer in a friendly way if you see something out of sorts or

unsafe and offer help. That act could not only save someone some pain or loss but could be protecting others of consequences.

So final thoughts for this month: If you got that new RC model for Christmas make sure you set it up with standard safety practices, (secure linkages, motor/engine mounting held fast and tight, controls operating properly, battery charged and proper size, check CG), or inspect Ready to Fly for the same issues before that first flight. Don't be shy about announcing a maiden flight. Fellow flyers and friends will help give the right of way and keep eyes on it for you. Keep it relatively close until you feel it's flying properly and you feel comfortable with it.

As for monthly Covid updates the Governor's info can be found here <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/COVID%2019%20November%20Statewide%20Restrictions.pdf>

Have fun, Stay Safe,
see ya at the field!
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fore the meeting. We will be using Survey Monkey to make voting easy and secure. We will send the link one week before the meeting also.

The below verbiage is from the meeting when we allowed email voting and as I hope you can see we are still abiding by the wishes of the membership while dealing with COVID.

"It was decided that an email notice of nominations for the 5 Executive Board Positions plus the Special Service Award will be emailed to the membership at least 5 days before the date of the election. The entitled voter MUST Reply to ALL (Meaning all 5 Executive Board members) by 6:30pm - 24 hrs. before the election. In doing so the legitimate vote(s) will be counted on election night."

The field needs a fall fertilizer treatment, Volunteers?: Bruce has volunteered to spread fertilizer.

Bryan will get in touch with him once it's on site.

Presentation of the Budget: The budget was presented and after a couple of adjustments, adding some extra funds for Port-A-Potty maintenance. Also \$1200.00 was added to the field maintenance portion of the budget to address parking needs and a possible turnaround.

The cherry tree topic was discussed and the best way to remove it. Bryan will check with the Scouts to see if they have a cherry picker or some ideas as to how best to drop it down. We also talked about hiring a tree guy to drop it down.

Bryan will also check on a used Porta-Potty cost and an ADA size cost, and report back to us.

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NW Model Hobby Expo News: It looks like the EXPO has been postponed to May. Ron will keep us informed as time gets closer or changes occur.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held this year via Survey Monkey and we had a total of 26 voting members. Thanks to all those who voted.

Your 2021 Buzzards officers are:

- President: Mark Weeks
- VP: Bryan Reightley
- Safety Officer: Chet Blake
- Secretary: Ron Swift
- Treasurer: Dart Sharp
- Special Service award: Mark Weeks

The Cherry Tree was taken down thanks to Bruce and Ben, and Bruce's dad. Also, a thank you to the others that helped move the brush to the burn location. Thanks again to them.

There has been a photographer lady that has been using the field and surrounding area. She does have permission with Ranger Dave but ONLY IF we are not using the field. We are the ones who have a lease, not her. If you have any questions contact one of the board members. We do not want to cause any issues but we are required to follow the AMA rules by not flying over people. So when she comes onto the field this is an issue. Also, they have been parking their cars on the road right at the end of the runway which is a safety concern. The Rangers are aware and will address it with her.

IT was noticed in the latest AMA magazine that the Buzzards are sponsoring the Hobby Expo. Ron explained that it is a formality as for the

past few years one of the Buzzards Contest Directors have CD'd the indoor flying portion of the EXPO. The club is not obligated in any way for funds or has liability in the event. Ron has once again offered swap tables and a club booth. The date has been moved from January till May. More to come.

We have a little over \$569.50 to donate to the Sky Valley Food Bank. Vaughan has offered to stop by and drop off a check. Bryan offered to make up the difference so we can donate an even \$600.00.

Steve Higgins reported on the lighting in the container. He has met with Jay and they have a plan to get it installed soon.

A reminder that it is FAA Drone renewal time. \$5.00 for 3 years. Visit <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/> Make sure to click on "I FLY under part 107 or as a Public Aircraft" - the Exception for recreational flyers

Motion was made to get gift cards for the Rangers as last year. Motion was passed Vaughan will purchase them.

PROGRAM: None for December

Sharing: Jim Stewart showed his latest Balsa project, which looks like it is coming along really well. He says he only has another 20 or so hours to put into it before he gets it in the air.

ADJOURNMENT:
8:10 PM



Zoom - Video Conferencing, Web Conferencing, Webinars ...

To download ZOOM go to <https://zoom.us/> You will need this application for our next club meeting on January 13th at 6:30 PM. If you are using a laptop computer, they come with a microphone and camera. For a desktop computer (towers), you will need to add a USB camera to one of the USB ports, then install the drivers. These usually come with a microphone. You could add a headset, which has a microphone and earphone. Using a headset will keep from annoying others in the household from hearing the discussions. A cell phone is a bit simpler, since the microphone, camera, internet/WIFI, etc. are included, but need to be enabled for ZOOM to access them.

You can use a cell phone, flip, or simple home phone to enjoy the meeting with just audio by calling the phone number for the ZOOM Meeting. If you want the phone # for the meeting, please call Ron Swift (425) 765-6745 and he will give you the number to call for that meeting. Please join in the meeting and help set the priority and details for the upcoming the 2021 season.



Upcoming Events



Freeze-In	January 9, 2021 10:00 AM Club Field Rescheduled from 1/2/21 due to forecasted high winds	We'll have our heaters out and lots of flying regardless of the temperature. We're hoping for a sunny, low wind day. Come check this one out.
Night Fly	April 24th 6:00 PM	Drones, Helis, fixed wings all with lights for keeping track of the flight path. A favorite event for many and loads of fun starting around 6:00 PM until?
Work Party	May 1st 10:00 AM—?	Field projects, then lots of flying & RC Stuff
NW Model Hobby Expo	May 22 & 23 starting at 9:00 AM 'til 6:00 on Saturday and 'til 5:00 Sunday	Please check out NWMHE.com for details
Gliders chasing Thermals	May 14th or May 29th	This classic glider training and competition is a great way to extend your RC skills. Open to all AMA members, club members or not.
Builder's Competition	Club Meeting June 9th—date may change due to Covid-19 requirements.	A cherished event highlighting building skills and excellent models of all kinds
Floats & Boats	June 19th or 26th	RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Fun Fly	July 17th 19:00 AM	If you can take off and land—you could win this event
Quads/FPV/Cars/Trucks even planes and gliders	July 31st 10:00 AM	If it is Radio Controlled and moves, makes noise, uses energy—bring it!
Annual Charity Auction	August 7th 10:00 AM	Entertainment and bargains, too. Don't miss this one! Sky Valley Food Bank has been our charity of choice for items designated by the owners. Owner has the right to refuse final bid as always.
Combat	September 11th 10:00 AM	Details to be provided soon
Floats & Boats 2	September 25th 10:00 AM	RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Rebuilder's Contest	October 13th 6:30 PM	At our October Club Meeting—If you crashed an model, and rebuilt it → bring photos and a story. You could win unbelievable prizes!
Night Fly 2	October 16th 6:00 PM	Drones, Helis, fixed wings all with lights for keeping track of the flight path. A favorite event for many and loads of fun starting around 6:00 PM until?
Christmas Party	To be discussed and Covid-19 safety protocols could influence this and any of our planned events!	

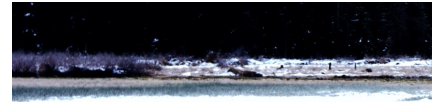
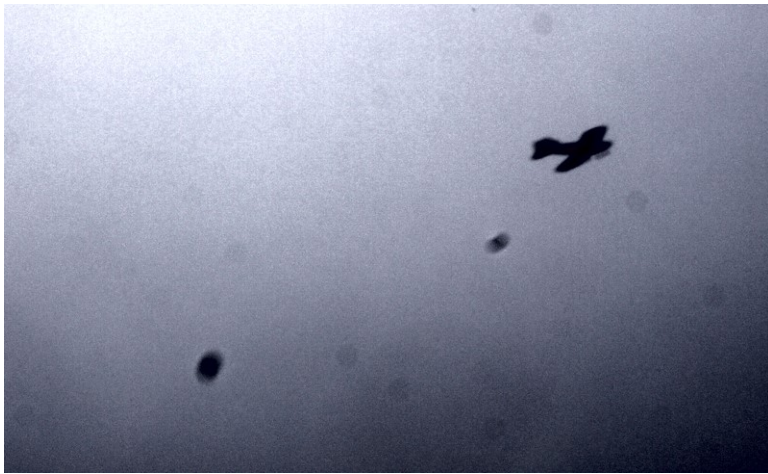


Pilots and Planes



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BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB (BBMAC)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ZIP _____
AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz
(72 MHz CHANNELS USED: _____)

(50 MHz Frequencies: _____)

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING
- COVERING
- PAINTING
- INSTRUCTOR
- PATTERN
- SCALE
- SPORT
- ELECTRONICS
- CONTEST JUDGE
- CONTEST DIRECTOR
- DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL
- Helicopters:
- Gliders
- Drones/Quads/FPV

Please mail your check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
Ron Swift
16325 315th AVE NE
Duvall, WA 98019

Annual dues are \$90.00 per year.

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 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 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 BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, OR DEATH, OR FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SPONSOR: _____ AMA CARD VERIFIED BY: _____

CLUB SECRETARY: _____
DATE: _____



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 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 at Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, staying on South Lake Roesinger 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. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alfys Pizza is closed for meetings.

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

January 13, 2021 - ZOOM Meeting You can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone

February 10, 2021—Details coming soon, but most likely another Zoom meeting



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 or the instructors. 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: January 13th 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting!
Program: Sharing stuff Santa brought us!



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Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—
May 22 & 23, 2021 Let's make this happen.
Stay Tuned for more information and high-
lights!

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