



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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Monroe, Washington
Model Airplane Club

Our Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday January 11th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the ZOOM access. Thank you Alfy's Pizza for hosting our club meetings! The public is invited as always! If you send your email address to our Club Secretary—See below contact list— we would only use the address for sending out the Newsletter to you.

Program: Your Christmas Gifts & Projects (kits, tools and more)

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Happy New Year, Buzzards!
2021 is now in the books and it was, to put it mildly, a difficult year. The COVID crud was still harassing us or at least the mandates were. Washington's La Nina weather pattern with a wet spring and summer or strong winds causing us to have to cancel many of the events we

had planned, and then ending in bitter cold with snow. I am hopeful that 2022 will be a better year all around.

I really want to publicly thank both Ron Swift and Bryan Reightley for their hard work as board mem-

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December 14th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

The ZOOM session was started 15 minutes before the club meeting. Ron Swift monitored the ZOOM interface and recorded the meeting for later publishing and sharing the meeting minutes with lots of help from Steve Higgins. To fix some issues from the November meeting, Ron brought a sound bar. Reports from members who used the ZOOM interface, the

meeting was OK and helped to allow participation in the meeting. Ron moved the camera during the meeting to focus on the speakers. Some commented that this helped because they were able to see the person talking. Hopefully this can be continued.

At 6:30 PM President Mark

Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Jason Milsom (425) 328-5705

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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bers last year. A lot of behind-the-scenes work goes on, so when you see them out at the field or wherever, please let them know their work is appreciated.

While I am talking about the board, I would like to thank all those who ran for office. It's encouraging to see members wanting to be more involved and making a difference. Please welcome Paul Dibble as our new Vice President, Jason Milsom as our new Safety Officer and Steve Higgins for taking on the Secretary role. I know that they will all do a fantastic job.

The new board has hit the ground running, getting the event schedule set to present at the January meeting, and there are plans to fix some of the issues with the By-Laws. We will also be working on a project list so when we have the work party this year, we can have everything in place before hand to ensure things move along efficiently. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

The January 8th Freeze-in is quickly approaching and with the cold and snow we had the last week of December let's hope it sticks around for a little while longer so we can do some flying with skis. Remember floats also work on the snow. I hope to see everyone there!

I want to personally thank every member for being such a great group and it is a always a blast to just kibitz or fly with you. I hope that everyone has had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make 2022 even better.

Sincerely,
Mark Weeks



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Weeks called the meeting to order on December 14th at **Alfy's Pizza** and introduced the current club officers for 2021:

- Secretary – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer – Steve Higgins
- Vice President – Bryan Reightley and assistant field manager
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- President – Mark Weeks

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

18 Club Members were in attendance , including two through ZOOM. We had one guest, too. Total attendance was 19.

Mark requested any additions or corrections to the November meeting minutes as published. There were none. Mark entertained a motion to accept minutes as published – A Motion was made to approve the November minutes as published, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Didn't have much to report. There was an executive decision to cancel the Christmas Party due to a lack of interest at the November meeting. The Freeze-In is scheduled for January 8th at 10:00 AM. – Mark mentioned there may be children at the event! Mark has volunteered to bring chili. Mark

also mentioned that a door was added to the clubhouse.

The field is **WET!!!**

Secretary – Ron Swift

Our club membership is currently 54. Quite a few people signed up for 2022 membership, but the exact number and names are not known at this time... We have until the end of the March 2022 meeting to sign up as members. After that there is a \$25.00 reinstatement fee plus the membership dues.

Treasurer – Dart Sharp.

Plenty of money in the bank.
Paid the Port-a-potty bills.

Safety Officer – Steve Higgins

No incidents reported in the last 2 to 3 weeks. Hadn't been out to the field in the last 2 weeks.

Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

The "pretzeled" shelter cover was removed a couple of weeks ago. Mark wanted to delay the discussion for restoring the shelter frame, etc. in the New Business part of the meeting agenda.

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift &

Website – Mark Weeks

Have hard copies of the newsletter – these were passed out. If you have some pictures or have something of interest, please jot down something and send it to both Ron and Mark. You

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know: see a bear walking by, write it up and send pictures – we need to share this stuff! Ron mentioned putting in a section about our personal workshops as a feature in the newsletter and possibly on the website. There was some discussion among the members, but nothing was determined.

The corner store has copies of our newsletter and many read it. It is nice to share what is going on with our neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that the information is already in the meeting minutes that were ratified earlier in our meeting. Everyone read the minutes and agreed with the contents. No additional info or activity has been submitted for these happenings. So, we'll move on to new business.

Special Committee Reports

Port-a-potty committee – [Grant, Dart and Mark]

Dart talked to the guy offering to sell the units – the same type as used in Snohomish. They are \$750 each and \$600 to get the two shipped here. The shipping cost is guaranteed for 7 to 14 days, but the shipping costs are increasing very fast. If we're going to do it, we should do it now. We allocated \$1500.00 for the units, but we will need another \$600 to get them here. Dart also mentioned he told the sales guy he would tell him tomorrow whether we are going to do it. A motion was made to increase the allocation for the port-a-potties by \$600 to cover the shipping cost. The motion was seconded. Discussion – Question when would these arrive? Answer the guy said he'd get them here by the end of January. We will need to get them off the truck. We also will need to assemble them. The amended allocation of \$2100 for two units passed unanimously. The units are coming from Tennessee.

Field Management Team

Jay Bell has announced that he needs to pass the job of Field Manager to someone else due to the workload he has at home. Bryan also announced that he needs to play a lesser role due to moving to Anacortes. We asked for someone to step into this role in the past meetings and at the events, but so far no one stepped forward. Mark said if OK with the club membership, he would assume

the role for now and ask for help with projects as they need to be done. Bryan would continue to be the point of contact with the scouts. The Field Manager is not currently an elected position, but appointed. So, if anyone wants the position or wants to help, please speak up! There were no volunteers and no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Club Events for 2022

Mark sent the Survey Monkey forms to all the club members with an email address. The request was to select your top 10 events. The results will help the 2022 board prioritize and schedule the top ones to for approval by the club. There were 20 responses received.

Event	Number of Votes	More info/ Proposed Date
Fun Fly	20	
Boats & Floats	17	
Freeze-In	17	
Gliders	17	
Night Fly	17	
Warbirds	17	
Combat	12	
Family Picnic	12	
UMX Planes	7	Small Foamy Fun Fly?
Helicopters	7	
Rebuilders Contest	7	
Christmas Party	7	
Pilon Racing	6	
Home built foamy	6	
Tanks, Cars, Work Party	6	

The annual Charity Auction was left out, but assumed we would do that event, too.

If you have some ideas let the Board know before the 2022 board convenes.

XMAS party was cancelled. If we did hold one would we want to have it at the field?

Maybe change it to a family day. Some ideas

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were thrown around about patches, year round flyer vests, stickers and other stuff for recognition. Maybe these ideas would help the dwindling participation for our events. Ideas you have to increase participation and get flyers out to the field are appreciated.

Awnings

A motion was entertained to purchase a new frame for our "car port/awning//shelter" once they go on sale at Harbor Freight – cost about \$110 - \$115 – motion passed. Mark will take care of this...

Charity Check Delivered

Dart delivered the check to the Sky Valley Food Bank. He mentioned they are not open for very many days or hours. [Illustrates the need in our area. Not much being donated to fill the shelves as it turns out.]

Club Guest Plane

Jay mentioned he had wrecked our club plane – a Radeon Glider, earning him the first Yard Dart Award during our glider event. Jay would like to donate his Fun Cub, Spektrum Transmitter and two batteries rather than paying to replace the currently unavailable Radeon Glider.

2022 club officers

Forms were passed out to the few members who had yet to vote for club officers. Ron donated a few pencils so the vote could be completed. Mark provided the forms. Many liked the online voting. It was pointed out that the nominations should be closed before the voting starts. This way the candidates will be finalized. The new board will look into changes in the By-Laws. Many changes were discussed last year, but changes were not made. This becomes the task for the new board.

The Results:

- President: Mark Weeks
- Vice President: Paul Dibble
- Secretary: Steve Higgins
- Treasurer: Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer: Jason Milsom
- Special Service Award: Mark Weeks

Thanks were given to the outgoing club officers for their many years of service:

Bryan Rieghtley – Past President, Vice President and Field Manager

Ron Swift – Past Club President, Treasurer and Secretary

Program: Expo Results –

Ron mentioned that we have the new NW Model Hobby Expo for April 9th and 10th, 2022. Club booth was very active especially on Saturday. Jay Bell brought the booth photos, field layouts and information showing the accomplishments over the years. Ron brought the photo albums showing planes and members over 21 years of Buzzard activity. Rick Weber donated the Real Flight Simulator which was in use during the entire weekend. Newsletters and other materials were available and maybe we will get a few members from the events.

Corner Store Brick

Ron mentioned that the corner store was upgrading their store entrance. Ryan Reed offered the Buzzards a corner stone with our info on it for \$75.00. The membership did not seem to want to make a motion nor discuss this opportunity. Ron then took on the responsibility to get donations to make this happen. The stone would have this info:

Barnyard Buzzard
Model Plane Club
BBMAC.NET

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

Freeze-In Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 AM – loads of firepits, chili and more. Come on out! Planes with floats and skis work well. Mark mentioned he had taken off and landed on water on the South end of the flying field when the rain was sufficient. Too cool!

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made and seconded for adjourning the meeting. Scott Curtis acknowledged Ron Swift for having provided the services to provide an on-time high quality newsletter for the club for many, many years. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted, Ron Swift, Outgoing BBMAC Secretary





2022 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____

AMA # _____ FAA ID _____

RC Frequencies 2.4 GHz 72 MHz 50 MHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

Primary Interest / Skills:

Building Flying Electronics Covering Painting

Teaching Contest Director Contest Judge

Design/Experimental Other: _____

Flying/Modeling Types:

Sport Flying Pattern Helicopters Events and Competition

Crawlers Tanks RC Vehicles Boats and Water Flying

Drones/Quads/FPV Gliders Scale

Annual Full Member is \$90.00
 Family Member is \$45.00 a year
 Student Members are \$25.00 a year
 Due by the 2nd Tuesday in March

Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA Membership to:

Steve Higgins (Club Secretary)
 20330 10th Ave W
 Lynnwood, WA 1204874
 steve@surette.com

Thank you for your interest!

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 this club.

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's 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: _____



Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

Thank you for electing me as your Safety Officer for 2022. I shall do my best to promote our hobby while minimizing the risk to life, limb, and property.

Ours isn't a particularly safe hobby. Most of our contraptions involve some type of whirling meat slicer. We send these infernal machines aloft with high hopes they will return to earth in similar condition and location as when they left. There are many possibilities for trouble. Failure is always an option. It is our job to reduce the risk by being vigilant about the condition of our aircraft and the way we use them. It is also our job to remain alert when at our field as to what others are (or aren't) doing. While you are busy complaining to your buddy about how everyone should park the way you do be aware of who is flying and what they are doing. When you are hunched over your model in the pits trying to figure out why your latest greatest radio won't bind with your receiver and your back is facing the runway keep an eye and ear open for activity. Even being in the pits can be a hazardous place. Engines can kick back during starting

and propellers go flying by themselves. Electric powered aircraft always possesses the possibility of starting without warning due to malfunction or far more likely human error.

Our club is fairly easy going compared to other model flying clubs. Many of us prefer the relaxed atmosphere. But this doesn't mean we can afford to be relaxed about safety. As model airmen it is our responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe to protect ourselves and the future of our club and hobby.

BBMAC Safety Officer
Jason Milsom



Ron Stout By Ron Swift

Some sad news—Ron Stout passed away due to heart complications. As part of the weekday flyers, he will be missed for sure. His passion was with fishing and flying. Most weekdays when we planned to fly, the activities started around 8:30 AM. Tom Fixel and John Rennert would meet with Ron Swift at Starbucks in the Monroe Plaza. The three of us would proceed to the flying field. Usually Steve Anderson would arrive at the field first with Trixie and unlock the gate. Ron, John and Tom would arrive at the field and park facing NE to make it easier to leave later.. Ron Stout would be the fifth one to arrive, usually right after Ron Swift, John Rennert and Tom Fixel .

When it was cold out both Rons would start up their propane heaters. Otherwise the 5 weekday flyers would start assembling their models and start the kibitzing:

Kibitzing—look on and offer unwelcome advice, especially at a card game or speak informally; chat. (Definition from the internet).

Next, George Anderson (no relation to Steve) and Maine Tonkin would arrive.

We would increase the banter and talk about modeling. Ron Stout talked about SIG and their tarty delivery of parts and kits. Ron liked to fly his Dolphin, Fourstar 40 and the Ultimate Biplane. He mentioned having a new SIG kit for the building season we're in now and fixing up some previously flown models. Most of the damage was due to a landing gear failure, amazingly like ours, too. We go good at fixing these issues.

The photos are some from our twice a week get together experiences. Ron seemed to like working with alcohol engines and even helped with some of my gasoline two stroke engines. He also helped to retrieve the 90-inch plus airplanes. Thank you, Ron, for the great friendship and flying experiences we all shared!

Monica, Ron's wife, mentioned that a memorial service would take place in the spring. The service will be small.





Upcoming Events

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event	Dates	Event Information
Annual Freeze-In	January 8th 10:00 AM	Club Flying Field - Fun in the cold and snow with planes drones, and rotary powered models. Come on out and have some fun! We're hoping for a snowy, sunny, low wind day. Floats and skis work really well on the snow.
Work party	March 19th	Club Flying Field - Weather depending—Future updates will include start time, a project list and tools to bring!
Glider Competition ex	May 14th	Club Flying Field - An annual favorite and a great way to tend your RC skills whether flying a Bird of Time, Radeon, Walrus or something else. Loads of fun drifting on the thermals. Usually starts at 10:00 AM
Boats and Floats	June 18th and Sept 24th	On Lake Hughes: Submarines, Float Planes, Boats of many varieties, even recovery barges. Maybe even a canoe or rowboat trip or two... Usually starts at 10 AM

These and other events will be proposed during our January club meeting. Hope you can make it!







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 Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm at Alfy's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll have a ZOOM Meeting, so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Ron Swift using email to Steve Higgins steve@surette.com for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings!



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:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Your Christmas Gifts & Projects



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Visit Our Website
<http://www.bbmac.net>



THROUGH THESE DOORS
Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—April 9th & 10th, 2022. We're making this happen. We'll have the swap table reservation pages opening soon! Visit our website for more information and highlights! <https://www.nwmhe.com>

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