



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
Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our next Club Meeting is on January 10th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza! We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members and guests will receive emailed info for the **Live** ZOOM access. Thank you Alfy's Pizza so much for the use of your room! The service is exceptional! Public is invited to all our meetings. Program: Transmitter Expo, rates, modes, motor cut, throttle curve?



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Buzzards and Friends,

The club elected two new board members during the December meeting. Jason and Paul will both be missed, and the new Board members will have some big shoes to fill.

Congratulations to Ron Swift who has been elected as the club's new Vice President, and Vince Bell who was elected as the Safety Officer. I look forward to working with both in the coming year.

After the business portion of the December meeting, we returned to hav-

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December 13th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 6:37 pm

Introduction of Officers and guests:

15 Members, Zero Guests, and One Member (Craig) was on the Zoom Feed.

Some of the Buzzards Wives were also in attendance, Sandy DuVall, Melinda Weber, Sharon Beba, and Chris Bell were ready for the fun!

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Mark Weeks & volunteers (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



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ing our annual Christmas Party/Gift Exchange, which went well. I am not sure which format I enjoy better. The Potluck style party that we've had at the Scouts lodge in the past and gives us a lot more time to socialize and to sample great food or just doing the gift exchange during our meeting like we just did. It will surely be a topic of discussion when the board gets together to plan the events for 2023. Your input is needed and encouraged as this is YOUR CLUB, everyone. The Board is only here to serve you as members.

I hope that everyone had a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year! I know that a few members had plans to travel. I hope it all went smoothly and safely, I understand that air travel and the passes were trying.

Don't forget to get your planes and maybe an RC Car or Truck ready for the [Freeze-In](#) that is coming on January 7th. Who knows what the weather will be like since Mother Nature is keeping us on our toes.

But no matter what she has in store for us we will surely have a good time.

With the beginning of each new year the Executive Board tries to get a head start by proposing an events schedule, working on a project list, and other tasks to get started so when we do have that break in the weather, we have a plan. And we can get out and fly, too! If you have any ideas as to events and or project, please reach out to a Board member and we will see what we can do.

January's meeting should be a busy one so please plan on attending. If nothing else, it's a time to hang out with others and share stories.

Hope to see ya all there or at the field.

Mark



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- President – Mark Weeks
- Vice President – Paul Dibble
- Secretary – Steve Higgins
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

Minutes from November Meeting approval:

The motion was made, to accept minutes as posted, was 2nd and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Will be covered in new business.

Vice President: January 7th Is the "Freeze-In" starting at 10 am. We have planned fire pits, heaters, and 2023 Freeze-In patches for those who show, pilots or otherwise. Rob Beba finally volunteered to cook for us at the Freeze-In. It's a lot of fun and it'll probably be cold.

Secretary: We currently have 58 members in good standing. 21 Members have paid for 2023. We have 15 members whose AMA expires in the next 22 calendar days, so be sure to check your AMA status. [You'll need the AMA membership to fly in the Freeze-In] Toward the end of the year, I'll reverify AMA membership and send messages to those who are close to expiring.

Roger Young recently joined as the newest member. Roger is in the Navy and has recently been deployed at Naval Station Everett. He was out Sunday, and he's a smooth and excellent pilot. Some 3D might be involved .

Treasurer: Bank Accounts are Good... We are in the Black.

Safety Officer: Because of the cold and wet weather... You could lose your plane. Be prepared for the cold/wet... Don't venture out there by yourself. Stay safe!

Jay mentioned that he had a severe reduction in flight time with battery-powered planes the last time he was out at the field. There was at least a 30% drop in battery usage. It's best to keep them in a hand warmer to keep them warm while at the field. Mark talked with Chet and it's starting to get cold in PA... and he did a talk about battery power for his clubs.

Field Manager: Two weeks ago, it was very snowy... the county plowed the road all the way to the gate. Roads are still slick, so drive carefully. Remember there was a white car stuck in the ditch on the way out of the field last winter. Both lawnmowers are in storage for the winter. The container is locked up with a new lock that's harder to cut. The new lock is a bit tricky... just be patient with it, and you'll get it open.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the newsletter/website. Ron was highlighting a picture he took of Santa and Snoopy as the "Red Baron" in Monroe.

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Phil Tallman from the AMA is also looking for an article for the AMA information. So if you have an idea for this, let's work on it, and see if the AMA can use the article.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections: Ballots for the 2023 Board were handed out to those who didn't vote online.

And the 2023 Board is:

- President: Mark Weeks
- Vice President: Ron Swift
- Secretary: Steve Higgins
- Treasurer: Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer: Vince (Grumpa) Bell.
- Special Service Award: Ron Swift

We surely thank Jason and Paul for their work all year long. These aren't difficult jobs, but they take some time. Thank You Very Much.

Survey Monkey has changed how they do business... They will charge \$100.00 per month in 2023, so we aren't going to do that. We will have to figure out some website code or a way to do this next year.

Mark arranged to get the Special Service Award to Ron for engraving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Survey: No Events have been scheduled yet. The survey was just fact-gathering. We wanted to get information so the new board can put together a schedule to prepare for the new event year. The survey was sent out because it was the last day for the free survey.

Top 7 Events. Fun Fly, Boats, Gliders, Combat, Tanks, Night Fly, Charity Auction. The auction is a given must do! The board will get to the lists, put together a schedule, and present it for approval next month at the January 10th meeting. The awnings are down, and we should purchase a new one when they go on sale. Mark missed the Black Friday Sale last week. Keep an eye on sales at Harbor Freight.

Michael C is working on the door for the clubhouse. Michael needs to hang the track, paint, and mount. He will be out Thursday weather permitting, to mount the track and hang the door. Ron talked Michael about the decision for either the hinged or sliding door choice. The sliding door just made more sense to install. Mike asked if we wanted to lock it... For now, locking it might just invite people to get nosy. It can be modified later to put a lock in, if necessary.

AMA Remote ID FRIA: Mark provided some detail that FAA has classified AMA as a CBO (Community Based Organization). The AMA will then help us get the FRIA. The AMA regs are tighter than the FAA regulations as of now.

Ron said the legislature voted and passed the CBO exceptions for the "drones". If they hadn't done that, the FAA and Remote ID and licensing would be different. No type 507 for us unless commercial use.

Steve went to a Kucrker Rankin event where they showed a thing called "Remote ID Puck" It was about the size of a USB Stick and ran about \$75 - \$80's, it's less expensive than the \$400 one on the market.

Ron wants one, so it can help locate his downed planes, and a big drone to lift them! [Sandy agreed!]

AMA Leader Club and a new award for years clubs have been in service. Mark was hoping that Doug was here so he could remember.

Ron again suggested that we appoint a Club Historian. It was discussed that Vince, Doug, and Ron (since 2001) may have been around the longest. We should get with Doug and see if we can get some history. Ron volunteered to talk to Doug and help with the history of the Barnyard Buzzards.

Ward would like us to update the website. There are still some issues with old information on the website. There are old members' names, pull-downs don't work properly at times, and the member application is outdated.

Status on the Power Pole: Mark talked to Ranger Dave, and he knows we are looking to get power and water. The water has just been fixed to the houses by the scouts. We have money in the budget to repair/replace the broken pipe. Dave is talking to his dad to see what permits need to be issued for the work. We already have the pole. So it's just getting it installed and set up.

It was suggested that we give Christmas Gifts to the Rangers. It was originally suggested to be a lower amount. A motion was made that we up the amount for each. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the membership.

SHOW AND TELL:

None

PROGRAM: Christmas Gift Exchange.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was called at 7:15 pm.





Christmas Party

Following the business meeting, the Christmas sharing commenced, Many gifts were exchanged and we shared in the unwrapped surprises. I know that Rick Weber flew one of his new models at the club field and it flew great! The evening was a lot of fun and the food at Alfys Pizza was good as always.



Freeze-In 2023

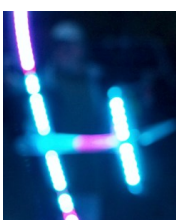
Hey, our annual Freeze-In is January 7 and hopefully not needed, but with a rain date of January 8th. We will send emails and stuff to confirm the event date and time, but let's bring in the New Year with a bang! We have wood fires, propane heaters, and plenty of parking at the field. We'll have a lunch at around noon. Come on out and fly, be a spotter or just have some lunch. If we have snow, float planes, planes with no landing gear, and planes with skis work great! If the field is icy, planes with wheels work, too. We have seen swamp buggies at previous events! Maybe we'll even have a new yard dart award winner. We have a patch for all who attend. Really!





Photos for Fun







Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

Well, here I sit without a thought in my head as what to write! As most of you know I haven't been very active at the field for the last year or so, getting both knees replaced has taken all the steam out of me.

Since we are starting a new year, the one thing that comes to mind is to get each of the air machines that you intend on flying this season and do a thorough inspection of each. Making notes as to the needs of each. So, you will be able to obtain the needed replacement parts.

Batteries are one of the things that just sit on the shelf, or most likely in a flying machine or whatever and go bad, just because they can, and do so very discretely. Of course, there are the times that they will eat metal connectors and other things that they can eat while they are dormant in their beds, likely including battery boxes and connectors.

Another thing that we should be aware of is that

most of the toys we play with have sharp spinning things rotating very fast. Yes, even helicopters and boats. Be careful!

It can be cold this time of year so think about what you are going to wear. We lose a good part of our body heat by not wearing a warm hat. Hands can get really cold and not function quite the way they should. It is also awkward to fly wearing gloves that were designed for skiers. I carry a pair of my old ski gloves in the car that I can slip on and keep my hands warm between flights.

Until next time
STAY WARM and
have fun be safe!

Thanks Jason
for a good job.
Vince Bell,
Safety Officer



Upcoming Events

Freeze-In

January 7, 2023

10:00 am

Club Field

The events and schedule will be debated and voted on during our January 10th meeting. Hopefully you can attend in person at Alf's Pizza or join in the fun using ZOOM on your pc, tablet, laptop or whatever. Your ideas and suggestions are valuable for planning. There are so many events for all the radio control planes, boats, helis, quads, tanks, submarines, etc. We could use help making the most of the upcoming good weather. Check out the [Flying Photos gallery](#) from 2022. Lots of fun stuff to do, see and share!





2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application

Name: _____ Email Address: _____
 Address: _____ Additional Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____ AMA #: _____

FAA ID: _____ FCC License: _____
 RC Frequencies: 2.4 GHz 72 MHz 50 MHz 5.8 GHz 27 MHz Other (Specify) _____

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)
 Building Flying Electronics Covering Painting Experimental
 Teaching Event/Contest Director Contest Judge Want to learn
 Other _____

Flying/Modeling Types:
 Sport Flying Pattern 3D Quads Helicopters Competing in Events
 Gliders Crawlers Excavators Tanks Boats Sea Planes
 Submarines Scale Glider Tug/Hi Start Other: _____

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$45.00. Student Membership is \$25.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to:
 Steve Higgins (club secretary)
 20330 10th Ave W.
 Lynwood, WA 98036
Steve@sumette.com
 Thank you for your interest in RC!

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

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/modeling 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 _____



25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting



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 10th at 6:30 pm at Alfie'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 Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 / steve@surrette.com for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings. Make sure to stay for the program!



Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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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



Best advice—buy and use a flight simulator, then find an instructor who will advise what to buy, how to build, and fly.



Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Transmitter Expo, rates, modes, motor

cut, throttle
curve ???



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Ron & Sandy

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