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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).



President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards,
Wow, what a January for flying. It's been a great month to get out there and get the thumbs loosened up.
Our Freeze-in had a great turnout. With modest temperatures and the sunny day it turned out to be, it was perfect. Who would have guessed? Thanks to Ron and

Sandy for all the work to pull this off. We'll petition you next year to make weather arrangements like that again!
At our last club meeting we covered a few things I want to make sure you're aware of.
#1, we approved a motion to move all future club meetings to

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January 5th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on January 5, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. 23 members were present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 2, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alf's Pizza in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed

all who showed up for the meeting. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Ron Swift introduced Tim Lamar who is visiting from Portland, OR. Tim Baird introduced his brother, Luke. Luke signed up to join the club this evening.

President Chet Blake reminded everyone, the monthly newsletter is

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (425) 879-2792

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

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Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831



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the second Tuesday of each month to avoid conflicts with different Holidays and move our meeting a tad closer to Christmas for our annual extravaganza.

#2, last meeting we asked if anyone has access to or owns a trailer, farm type tractor and/or a front end loader. This is to help keep costs down while developing a new field so we don't have to rent a Bobcat or that type of equipment.

#3, the Northwest Hobby Expo is February 12 through February 14. The Club has voted to support the expo, we have 4 swap tables and a Club booth that needs to be manned. Last meeting the roster went around and a very few members signed up. It will be circulated again during our February meeting, please take a time slot to support the Club.

#4, remember, it's now 2010. Time to have that new AMA card or you can't fly at the field (or any organized, chartered field or AMA event, including the indoor Fun Fly at the NW Model Hobby Expo!).

#5, The Builders Competition is underway, so signup and support this club event, too, and you may win the recognition you deserve during our May 11 meeting!

So remember, the upcoming February meeting is the first Tuesday, February 2 and all future meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month So, the March meeting is scheduled for 3/9/2010.

See ya Tuesday night!

Chet



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online. It is available in PDF format for those of you who want to download an electronic version. A motion was made to accept the December meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. No discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

President – Chet Blake

Vice President – Jim Reynolds

Treasurer – Rick Hanners

Secretary – Vaughan Houser

Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift

Field Manager – Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President – Chet mentioned talking with Dale about Art Greonovegg who has the farm about half way down SR 203 from Monroe to Duvall. No word yet from Art and has not been able to get back to Chet.

Chet asked Ron Rueter for an update on the potential field located several miles east, down Ben Howard Road. Ron stated, Jennifer, the owner, is very interested in leasing the field for a small amount of money. No specific amount was mentioned. When weather permits several members will bring their electric airplanes to test out the “flyability” of the field.

In light of our club's field situation, Chet will put another advertisement in Craigslist. The previous ad did result in a couple of leads.

Chet Blake asked for the officers to report on events and news for the past month.

VP – Jim Reynolds proposed planning for three events: A Fun Fly in June, an Open House in July, and a Combat event in August. These events are contingent on having a place to fly.

Secretary – Vaughan Houser reminded us that now is the time to renew your membership. Your club dues need to be paid by the March, 2010 meeting. Remember this is the time of the year to renew your AMA membership for 2010.

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The 2009 AMA card was only good until December 31st. Also, you can renew your club membership for 2010. Vaughan also highlighted the upcoming [NW Model Hobby Expo](#) scheduled for February 12-14 at the Evergreen State Fair Arena building. For more information you can contact the event contest director, [Ron Swift](#).

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,195.88 in the bank. Rick shared the BBMAC 2009 Finance Report. The balance sheet compares income and expenses. For the year 2009 the club came out \$430.51 in the black.

Rick also talked about the urgency of planning and taking appropriate action to begin the process of removing items from our current field in preparation for vacating to our new one. This preparation is necessary ultimately because we will be leaving the field and Dale could ask us to leave within a moment's notice.

Safety Officer – Vince reported no accidents occurred during 2009.

Field Manager – Jay Bell reported the club's mowers were moved to Brian Illston's for winter storage.

Newsletter – Ron Swift welcomes photos and articles you might want to share.

Old Business

The Northwest Model Hobby Expo is fast approaching. Here is the web site for more information: <http://www.nwmodelhobbyexpo.com/>. Sign up sheets were passed around for members to support set-up, club table, and the swap table. Ron Swift will have arm bands for members working the expo.

New Business

Proposed practice fly-in at field Jennifer owns. A set date has not been established.

Rick Hanners reviewed the proposed 2010 budget. Rick presented a proposed 2010 budget. He talked about some of the differences between 2009 and 2010. The major difference is a proposed rent increase to \$1,500.00 in anticipation of a new field. The increase in field rent pushes our finances into the red, should the budget align to actual expenses. A motion was made to accept the proposed 2010 budget. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Revision in event fees. In the past, members entering an event were required to pay \$5.00. The fee covered the event and lunch. Now, lunch will not be included in the event fee. Additionally, the person responsible for coordinating the event will be required to collect receipts and money, which will be submitted to the treasurer.

Revision to meeting dates. A proposal was made to move the monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. There are several holidays throughout the year that either conflict with our meeting dates or are close enough that attendance is affected. This proposed revision was opened for discussion. A motion was made to move the March meeting to March 9th and the subsequent meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. As a reminder, the February 2010 meeting will still be on 2/2/2010.

Field situation. Again, we are still looking for members to store tables and any other items from our current field location. We are also looking for a truck and flatbed trailer to move the

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shed. Kevin Craft stated he does have access to a truck and trailer should the time come to move the shed. Thank you Kevin!

Announcements

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.



Ron Swift and
the Blade mCx

2010 Freeze-In: Saturday January 10th, 2010 – 11:00 AM—3:00 PM.

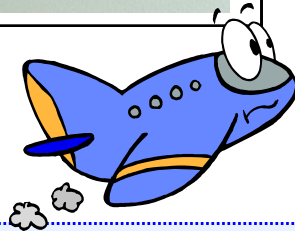
Evening Program: Ron Swift demonstrated his E-Flite Blade mCx helicopter along with the JR 10X radio. He bought the whole set-up from different sellers on Ebay for a very reasonable price.

Ron also shared information for using a replacement Li Poly transmitter battery for the PCM10X instead of the normal NiCads, a demo board illustrating the effect of setting up exponential, how to check your plane's lateral balance, Jet-X engine and rocket man plane, and some other interesting insights. Thank you Ron!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday February 2, 2010 at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425) 788-6045.



Builder's Competition 2009-2010 Rules

- Entries can be made by any club member in good standing.
- Each model is considered an entry and will have a \$10.00 fee.
- Payment along with the name of the model can be submitted to any board member or event judge.
- Event judges and ruling body will be comprised of 4 members plus the Vice President. These members are not yet named, but new judges for each year would be a great idea!
- Judges cannot judge their own plane.
- You must build the model yourself.
- Two main categories (others such as wet fuel vs. other may also emerge as we progress):
 - ◊ ARF
 - ◊ Stick build (plans or kits)
- You must beat someone to win (must have other entries in the same category).
- You can finish the model you previously entered, but didn't complete.
- New models must be started after the May judging club meeting (end of the previous competition).
- Two special awards voted on by the attendees of the May meeting:
 - ◊ In the Bones (award to the best model started, but not finished)
 - ◊ Members Choice Award
- Prizes will be color plaques of the winners and models.
- You must have fun!
- Extra points awarded if the model is flown before the May meeting.
- A write up of the model including the wingspan, weight, modifications, power, etc. would be helpful.
- Questions should be directed to the judges or Vice President, who is the responsible events coordinator.



Safety Corner

Here we are the second month of a New Year. It was just a few weeks ago that Ron was nudging me to get the February 2009 newsletter safety column written.

We had the 2nd Annual Freeze-In a couple weeks ago and as usual the weather was great. Not what you would think a Freeze-In should be. The temperature was in the high 50s low 60s, with no wind.

This brings up a minor safety issue. When there are several fliers **PLEASE** use the same landing pattern except in an emergency. Most pilots seem to prefer the right to left pattern wind permitting of course. So on a nice calm day land and take-off from the right.

Another thing. Before you **carry** your airplane to the runway for take-off look around and get feel for the traffic situation. **Landing traffic always has**

the right-of-way. If you are near a running engine it is impossible to hear another pilot call out his landing so look around for landing traffic. Also, use the pilot stations, we have four for a reason. Maximum of 4 planes in the air at a time (Club rule).

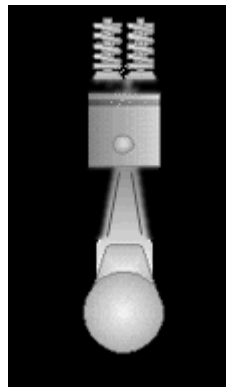
I have said this a million times always use common sense when around a running engine.

The picture below left is how not to pick your airplane off the table, the picture on the right below is a much safer method.

Having a helper pick up your running model is likely the safest yet. That way you won't get antennas, etc. in the prop arc.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, SO

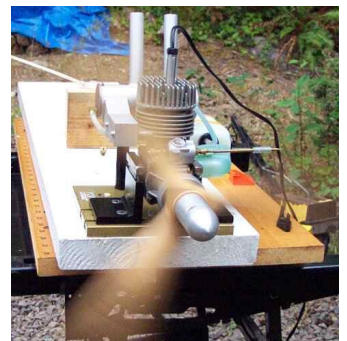
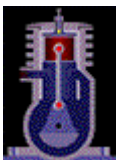


Never pick up a running plane from the front.... One of our members did just that and was lucky to get away with a small cut on his arm from the prop. I asked Chet to demo this, but he wouldn't do it with the engine running. Also, adjust the carb and remove the glow igniter from behind the running prop! Never reach over the prop!

Picking the plane up from behind or starting the engine with the model restrained on the ground is so much safer.

Making all carb adjustments and glow starter removal from behind the spinning propeller is the safe thing to do!

Having a medical kit with you is also a good thing, no matter how you pick up your model.





Buzzards Freeze-In 2010

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2nd annual Freeze-In. I counted 26 members attending and we had at least 2 visitors.

Amazingly enough, the weather was perfect (for January) and we had models on every table. Some members put their models away to make room so others could setup their models.

We had a patio heater again this year, It wasn't used much, but sure felt good to warm up the fingers after tuning up an engine and flying.

Together, we consumed 5 sheet pizzas that Sandy brought from Sahara Pizza in Duvall. There were a few pieces left at the end of the event, but we all had plenty.

As far as I know, we had no accidents and no incidents. It seemed like we had planes in

the air during most of the 3-hour event.

Sandy had a few of the patches for 2010 available and we kept tabs on who was there. If your name was on the signup sheet, you will receive the coveted Freeze-In patch for 2010 at our February 2 meeting.

If this event remains a popular one, we will likely design a new patch that will span several years. Something with a circle in the center and arc years surrounding it. Maybe a snowman with snowballs surrounding him with the years written on them.

Feel free to let me and/or the club officers know of any suggestions you have to make this an even more successful event!

Ron Swift





Fun Stuff

by Ron Swift



Horizon Hobbies and others advised against replacing the PCM10X NICAD batteries (or NIMH) with a LI Poly pack battery mentioning that a fully charged LI Poly battery is over 12 VDC. A new NiCad battery pack for the PCM10X costs \$74.00. A LI Poly battery is about \$15.00. I bought 3 of them and replaced all three PCM10X batteries with these. So far, no problems. There was a small mention of this in the latest AMA Magazine. I use the Triton charger to charge these.



Don't forget to sign up to help at our club booth and the swap tables. Call Ron Swift if you have questions: (425) 788-6045 or email ronswift@cablespeed.com. We'll have a sign up sheet at our Feb 2 meeting.

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The North West Model Hobby Expo

Evergreen State Fairgrounds -- Monroe, Washington

February 12-14, 2010

This page gives summary info. regarding the 34th Annual NW Model Hobby Expo.

For a more exhaustive description of the Show, click to see [General Information page](#)

Show Dates:

- Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 - 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Valentines Day Concerns? [Click here for relief!](#)

See the [Floor Layout here](#) (Map).

Public Admission: [Click here for Will](#) - [Call online Ticket Sales](#)

General Admission

[\\$12.00](#) - Friday

[\\$10.00](#) - Saturday

[\\$7.00](#) - Sunday

Any Military with ID (on Active Duty or not) \$6 any day
Children 10 and under Free with certifiable adult

Vendor Booth Fees: [Click here for Vendor registration Forms](#)

One Booth - \$300 / Two Booths - \$560 / Three Booths - \$810 / Four Booths - \$1000
First time attendees at our show discounted per booth price \$175.00

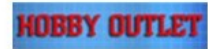
Swap Shop Fees: [Click here for Swap Shop registration Forms](#)

- \$40 per floor table space
- \$60 per wall table space - **SOLD OUT**

Participate in our new Forum for posting your club's events in the Pacific Northwest, Great deals For Sale/Wanted (without shipping required), and The Tailgate Section:

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Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. Starting in March 2010, we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfy'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...

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. We will 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.

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 Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houger at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

Dean Appell	360 435-7803
Vince Bell	425 788-2456
Rick Hanners	360 668-1312
Ron Swift	425 788-6045
Brian Taylor	425 225-5247



Upcoming Meetings

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

February 2	Alfy's Pizza
March 9	Alfy's Pizza
April 13	Alfy's Pizza
May 11	TBD
June 8	TBD
July 13	TBD
August 10	TBD

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web [site \(http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com\)](http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com) has lots of photos of our field.

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



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