



# Buzzard Droppings



Gold Leader Club

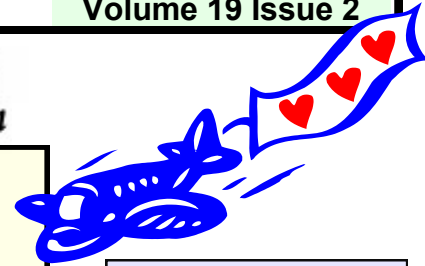
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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, Changed to February 7, 2012, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)). **Program: Charlie Higgins—Indoor Flying**

Meeting rescheduled for Feb 7th due to Valentines Day

### President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,  
The BBMAC board members continue to work with our landlord in formulating the best plan for improving the access road. Given the time of year, and the weather we've had lately, it's been a struggle to move things along as fast as we would like. Arleen, our landlord, has a sizable investment in the ac-

cess road and wants to be sure this is not jeopardized. The biggest challenge we have is finding a way of delivering the materials without causing damage to the solid sections of the road. She is not concerned about normal vehicle traffic as the improvements she has  
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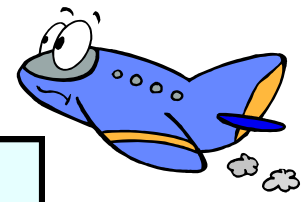
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### January 10th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

Club members met at Alf's Pizza in Monroe for the year's first meeting. President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. 24 members were present. He introduced the club's officers:  
President – Bryan Reightley  
Vice President – Jim Reynolds  
Treasurer – Rick Hanners

Secretary – Vaughan Houger  
Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell  
Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift  
Field Manager – Jay Bell  
Webmaster – Ron Rueter  
Doug Hoff, a former member, was visiting. Additionally, Gary Oren  
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### Club Officers and Contacts

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made are designed to handle this. It is not designed to have a fully loaded dump truck drive on it during the winter while the water table is high. Her improvements have incorporated a fabric barrier underneath the crushed rock to prevent the rock from disappearing into soft ground. She believes the fabric would be damaged if overloaded right now. The ideal plan would be to have the material dumped directly in place in a layer several inches thick minimizing hand work of the material. Arleen would allow us to do this during the summer but not right now, so we must come up with an alternative plan.

Arleen has suggested coming in off Highway 2 and behind the pole barn to reach the bad section of road. This would involve removing several sections of fence and clearing a path through the blackberries but appears to be the shortest alternate route and keeps the truck on relatively undisturbed soil. This plan is still under consideration by the board as we have concerns for the additional costs that would be incurred if the truck was to get stuck.

At this point we have three options as I see it. First, we can take the risk involved in hav-

ing the material placed via dump truck coming in off of Highway 2. Second, have the material delivered to the property and have volunteers place it via smaller vehicles and equipment. Or third, wait until the conditions improve sometime in late spring so we can come in off of Fern Bluff Road.

A discussion regarding the access road will be held during the Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. I will be seeking ideas from members on how best to approach the access road improvements. Please plan to attend and share your ideas.

See you soon,

Bryan



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was visiting as well.

### Officers' Reports

**Secretary** – Secretary Vaughan stated the club currently has 22 members for the year 2012 to date. He asked for attending members to approve the December meeting minutes as published. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and the minutes were approved.

**Vice President** – Jim Reynolds did not have any 2012 events to present due to the uncertainty of when the new field would be able to accommodate such an event. He did propose a “grand opening” of sorts when the field does become available.

**Treasurer** – Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. He distributed a financial report, which explained our expenses and revenue. Over the years, the net amount has fluctuated some but has remained in the black.

**Safety Officer** – Vince Bell commented that since there is no flying, to date, there have not been any accidents. He recommended that if you want to check out the new field to do so by entering via the Fern Bluff gate and not off State Route 2.

**Field Manager** – Jay Bell brought everyone up-to-date as to the current status of the new field. He researched possible road materials

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and cost to improve the access road so that it would be secure and passable. One option was to use a mix of chipped asphalt and concrete. It would require about 20 yards (2 dump truck loads) for distributing in some of the less stable areas on the road.

Initially the thought was to allow the dump trucks to enter from Fern Bluff road to dump their load. The landlord, Arleen, was not amenable to this suggestion. Additionally, the sand and gravel company would require the club to sign a waiver for liability. If the trucks were to enter via State Route 2, should a truck get stuck or damaged.

The road improvement topic generated quite a lively discussion about how best to proceed. Thoughts ranged from letting the road dry up so trucks could enter via State Route 2 to just having the trucks dump their loads inside the entrance and using the tractor, or rent a bob cat, to distribute the materials. Other suggestions included soliciting the services of members who have trucks to procure the materials and take it to the field. One thing that is uncertain is how big a truck Arleen would allow on her property. Bryan was expecting to meet, or at least talk, with Arleen in the upcoming weekend.

Any option other than having the dump trucks distribute their loads in the appropriate spots increases the risk of damage/wear and tear to others' vehicles. Even if we use Arleen's tractor the club would be liable for the damage and make any necessary repairs. The same would hold should the club rent equipment for material distribution.

Several members commented regarding the need to continue looking for another field. Comments included things like, "How much do we invest in this field with no guarantee it will work out for the Buzzards in the long run." "This field is looking like more of a problem than we thought." "The board was authorized to spend a

designated amount, let them proceed." President Reightley stated that the trial period was until the first of May, but that he was certain Arleen would commit to the contract allowing the club to stay.

**Newsletter editor** – Ron Swift brought hard copies of the newsletter should someone want one. Otherwise there was nothing new.

**Webmaster** - Ron Rueter – Ron was absent, but as close as an email away. He and his wife are away for awhile. However, the website is current.

## Announcements

Ron Swift presented the NW Model Hobby Expo event coming up:

The NW Model Hobby Expo is scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12. <http://nwmhe.com/> Ron provided a Buzzards club booth schedule sign up for those who wanted to volunteer.

## Old Business

Bryan called for old business (See Jay's report above):

## New Business

Al Schmidt presented an opportunity offered by a neighbor in Snohomish who was making a facility available for in-door flying. As this is in the start-up phase, more information will likely be available in the near future.

## Show and tell

Tim Baird showed his latest airplane project, which he had at the builder's contest in May, 2011. Tonight, though, the plane was finished and looked great! Thanks for sharing your craftsmanship, Tim!

## Evening Program

Ron Swift made a presentation about "Differential, Expo, Rates, Mixing and More –

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Overcoming Common Control Issues.” Ron illustrated via demonstration using his Jerry’s Big Boy and description how to set up your radio and what you can expect the results to be. Nice job Ron!

The meeting adjourned at around 7:12 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at Alf’s Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 PM.

The club newsletter is available on-line at <http://bbmac.net/>. If you still want to receive a “hard” copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser,  
Ph.D BBMAC Secretary



# Safety Corner

It is time to get the airplanes out for their annual detailed inspection. Look them over for potential problems. Make a list of the needed repairs and another list for the parts you don’t have on hand so that you won’t forget them when you go to the hobby shop (or send in an order).

When you are working on your electric powered models use extreme caution. Electrics have a nasty habit of starting when least expected. Internal combustion engines don’t usually just start up when the throttle is advanced. In fact, sometimes they don’t start at all. Electric motors start unexpectedly and that topic is one the one thing that Dave Gee (Model Aviation’s Safety guy) gets the most letters and E-mails about. If you are testing in the house think about what will happen if the motor starts and runs in reverse, what if the airplane moves forward. Know where the transmitter is so you can get to the throttle stick if you need to without reaching over the propeller.

For those that make up your own battery packs: Shorting the negative and positive leads on a Nicad or NiMh cell or battery can cause some anxious moments and maybe burned spots—hopefully not on ones person. Dealing with lithium batteries can be much, much worse. They can and will burst into flames big time and burn your

house down. Not that Nicad or NiMh batteries won’t, they are just a little less likely to burn your house down.

If you insist on making your own battery packs; work with one wire at a time insulate the end of the wire you are **not** going to be working with, solder the other end to the termination (Battery terminal or connector) and insulate it. Remember one connection and insulate, never have any un-insulated wires flopping around that are connected to a battery.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer







# Photos for Fun



Fun Fly 2011



Combat 2011



Charity Auction 2011



Freeze-In 2011



Builders Competition 2011



Gold Leader Club

It is events like these that help the Barnyard Buzzards earn the AMA Leader Club Gold Level—for ten years in a row!

Congratulations guys! We will have the new patches available for every club member at the February 7th club meeting!  
Ron Swift





# North West MODEL HOBBY

**EXPO!**

## February 10, 11, 12 2012

Fri 2-8 pm    Sat 10 am - 6 pm    Sun 10 am - 3 pm

**Evergreen Fairgrounds - Monroe, WA**  
53,000 sq.ft. Arena Building on West end of grounds



### Tickets:

**\$12 Friday**  
**\$10 Saturday**  
**\$7 Sunday**  
**\$6 any day with Military ID**

**Kids under 10 FREE**  
**with Certifiable Adult**

**All Indoors - All Weekend - R/C Airplanes, Helicopters, Boats, Cars!**

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**Scale Model Displays of Airplanes, Boats, Cars**

**Many of the fine local clubs with display booths,  
who want to tell you all about this great hobby.**

**<http://www.nwmhe.com>**

Our club has a booth at the NW Model Hobby Expo and I have 3 tables reserved at the Swap Meet. If you are able to help with our club table or would like to put an item in my swap area, please call me, Ron Swift at 425 788-6045 (home), (425) 765-6745 (cell) or send an email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com). We will circulate a signup sheet for covering the club booth at the February 7th Club meeting as well.

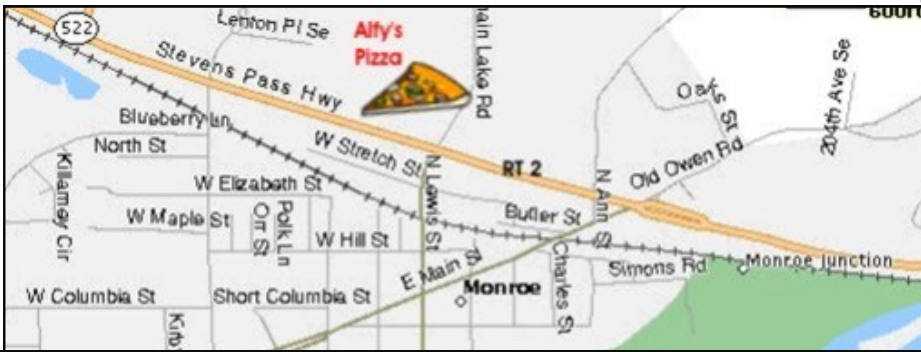
If you have items you want to donate (proceeds go to our club charity), please let me know and we'll make arrangements to get them.

We have 3 free passes to the event to rotate to the club members who help out. This should allow the volunteers to staff the club table and still see the show.

There are a lot of new features in this show and of course, the indoor flying area!

Hope to see you there.

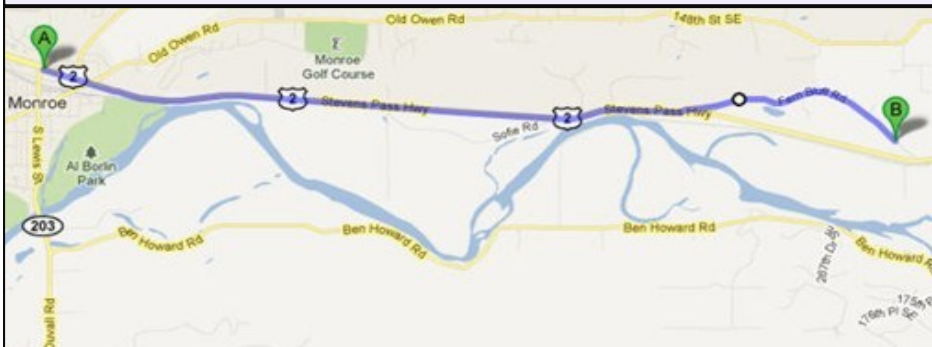
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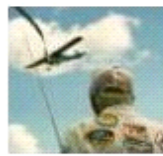
# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** During the winter months we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alf'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 for location... 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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



## 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 Houser 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

<b>Meetings begin at 6:30 PM</b>	
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	
<b>February 7</b>	Alf's Pizza
March 13	Alf's Piizza
April 10	Alf's Pizza
May 8	Club Field
June 12	Club Field
July 10	Club Field
August 14	Club Field

### Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web [site \(http://www.bbmac.net\)](http://www.bbmac.net) has lots of photos of our field. We're under construction for the 2012 flying season.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's  
Pizza in Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).  
Program: Charlie Higgins—Indoor Flight



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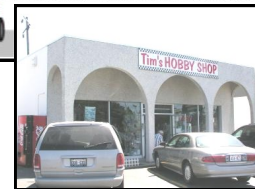


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