



Buzzard Droppings



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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

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

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

Program: **AMA Meeting Info and Expo Stories**



Locator of Lost Airplanes

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards!

For those who didn't come to the Freeze-In, it was a great event. The day was cold, calm and sunny. Many friends and members were present. I think we had 27 flyers and a few visitors. The Club provided pizza and bottled water and a

really cool patch for those attending. Thanks Sandy for making those patches, they looked great!

By now I hope you have all read or heard the recent AMA directive on registering your 'drone' at <http://registermyuas.faa.gov/> I dislike the

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January 12th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 pm with 12 members and 1 guest, Doug Hoff in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- **President** – Chet Blake
- **Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- **Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- **Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- **Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- **Field Manager** – Jay Bell

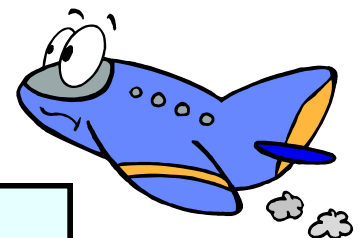
- **Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift
- **Webmaster** – Ron Rueter (Currently in AZ)

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published. The minutes were then approved.

Reports

VP – December 12th at 3:00 pm the Christmas party was held at the

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

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Field Manager: Open Position

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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'drone' word due to all the media sensationalism, but the true reason the FAA uses it is that it's a generic term for anything flying that is controlled from the ground. This is not just multi-rotor, but fixed wing and heli too. The AMA is telling us all to register with the FAA while they work out issues for the future registrations. The dead line is Feb 19th. Don't delay or forget about it AND when you register you'll be assigned an ID. Remember to write it or make a label to affix it to your aircraft. Don't be the person they find and make an example of!!

We are planning to have lots of flying events this year including Fun Flies, Floats-n-Boats, Model Aviation day and Night Fly-in. We'll post the dates following our February club meeting. Hope to see your smiling faces at Alf's Pizza on February 9th at 6:30 pm.

Here we are at the NW Model Hobby Expo Jan 29, 30 & 31. The Club has a booth and there should be plenty of reasons to acquire a new flying machine or

parts. Be there and see what's happening, support the Club booth and visit with old friends. Get that FAA registration, fly legal and stop in at the Expo. See ya there, Chet



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lodge.

January 2nd was the Freeze-In and it was a great success with 27 flyers and 10 guests in attendance the temperature at the start of the event was a balmy 20 degrees.

Treasurer – Finances are in good shape, there is still money in the field improvement fund as well as money in reserves. Cost for the Freeze-In was \$138.34 with \$35.00 in donations, so the event cost was \$103.34.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 34 plus 1 student members. 13 Members paid for 2016. New member Ted Becker has joined our ranks.

Safety Officer – Retrieving downed aircraft is an issue. Eric had an incident during the Freeze-In and on Sunday he was able to retrieve his plane, but it is definitely wet and the buddy system should be used.

Newsletter Editor – Hard copies of the newsletter are available, a number of copies have been sent to local hobby shops. Pictures and stories are needed.

Field Manager – Jay is retiring as the field manager, his duties will be split up for the time being. We cannot thank Jay enough for all his hard work and guidance in getting the field to where it is

today.

Webmaster – Items, stories, pictures are needed. As always looking for input, send to Ron.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party was on December 12th at the lodge dining hall and once again was a great time. We had 13 attendees and we will look into an earlier date for 2016.

It would be a good idea to have the GPS coordinates located at the field. Mark nominated his wife to make a sign with GPS coordinates and elevation to be placed on the frequency board.

There has been an offer to the Arlington Eagles to use our flying field until they acquire another field to use and get it flyable.

2016 Dues are due by the end of the March meeting, but can be paid anytime.

We accepted a new member Dave Beardslee. Welcome Dave!

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For the time being there is no driving down through the pits, it is very wet and muddy.

Flight stations are wet and in need of something. The conversation about placing pavers in the locations was brought up. As the weather improves we will be adding the pavers to help mitigate water issues and help keep stations in their place.

Last meeting Chet brought up about needing to attack the water in the pits. Some of the ideas are to either build it up with dirt, and/or 5/8 minus, or add some sort of drainage system. As spring approaches we will work on this more.

NW Model Hobby Expo is Jan 29th – 31st and we will have a club booth. A sign-up sheet is being passed around and is on the website.

The Log Book is still needed at field. Mark will purchase a write-in-the-rain tablet and will acquire a waterproof holder to place it. It will be mounted on the frequency board. Al brought in a holder and it will be installed with the notebook.

Elections were held and results were:

- President – Chet Blake
- VP - Tim Shegrud
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Ron Swift
- Safety officer – Vince Bell

Special service award: Len and Brian Douma, were co-winners.

The AMA dues for 2016 has been sent in to take advantage of 2015 prices. Mark took care of this.

Eric Johnson has lost a P51 on the north side of the road. Jay had good photos and a possible line on how to get to it. Mark and Jay made an attempt to get retrieve it, but were not able to find it. Have a good idea how to get there now, just need to have right weather and time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark brought up the idea of making a path out of pallets to transverse the wet ground and to make a safer path to cross the creek. Motion made and approved

AMA notifications about responses to DOT and FAA regulations. Mark to send letter to all members and to check with AMA to make sure all members are on their list. The AMA originally wanted members to hold off from registering with the FAA, but they now feel that their progress and negotiations with the AMA will go beyond the February 19th deadline. Now they advise to register before Jan 19th to get the \$5.00 refund or by February 19th to be legal. You are advised to take this seri-

ously, fines can be quite high.

Chet received a card from Pricilla letting us know she is thinking about the club and sending best wishes.

Bryan and Mike Bradshaw were talking about some of the Buzzards getting together and attending an indoor fly with the Barn Owls.

The board will be meeting later this month to work out an event schedule; we will try and get it out before the NWMHE so it can be printed on the newsletters to hand out. Lots of ideas, Model Aviation Day, Quad Races, Night Fly, Boats and Floats, Fun Fly, and much more. We do not want to tie up every Saturday in the good weather months with events, but we also want to experiment with the choices and amenities we now have at our disposal.

Any ideas - please pass on to the board.

January Program:

Christmas Show and Tell

Ron Swift – Code Black Drone, small but full of features, GPS, camera. Check it out at <https://stacksocial.com/sales/the-limited-edition-black-hawk-drone-hd-camera>

Bryan – Avitron Bird – Ornothopter - He has flown it a few times and it flies pretty nice.

Chet – B-17 that was purchased on the special where \$10.00 went to AMA. They are all sold out. He has flown it a couple of times and it flies nice, too.

Doug Hoff – Shared a couple of items that he and his son printed from their new 3-D printer.

Mark – DeHalivand DH-86 balsa kit. Looks like a lot of work, but it will keep me out of trouble.

Adjournment 7:58





Safety Corner

We had a great turnout for the 2016 Freeze-In, I believe it was the 8th annual Freeze-In. I keep joking that to participate you are required to wear shorts and t-shirts, as it turned out the weather this year did not permit such attire, it wasn't, even close. Good job Ron S. (not that Ron had anything to do with the temperature that day).

This year we had an airplane go down very near one of the major creeks that flows through the bog that we refer to as the over fly area. This in itself is not a big deal as it happens a lot. Most of the time you walk out and retrieve the plane and the associated parts that were removed during the unscheduled landing. If all goes well you may just get your feet wet. When things don't go so well is where the trouble starts as it did in the retrieval of the airplane Saturday. First, we could not get eyes on the plane from the field side so we didn't know exactly where it was. In the search I fell down and got wet up to my waist, the water is cold, like ice, no it was ice.

Saturday afternoon Eric went to the west side of the creek and walked south and was able to get within about 30 feet of the plane when he fell into the creek and got wet above his waist. So at that point we were both wet and cold and still didn't know how to retrieve the plane.

Chet and others flew over the area and were able to locate the plane. So we knew exactly where the plane was laying from the pictures taken from his quad (drone). (Of course we didn't get to view them until later Saturday evening).

The next day, Sunday, we went back out armed with hip waders, and knowledge as to where the plane was. We tried to retrieve the plane again from the field side working from the south, but we could not get to the plane. While trying to cross the creek, I fell in and Eric had to fish me out, this time I was chest deep in the icy water. Back at the car, in the pit area, someone mentioned there was an extension ladder in the barn. Getting the ladder and testing it across two of the tables Eric thought it would work to bridge the creek. The direct approach was agreed upon as the best route, as it turned out the ladder was not long enough to span the creek. Going around to the south side of a clump of brush and laying the ladder out it was just long enough to span the creek and allow retrieval of the airplane.

Hypothermia (from mayo clinic)

Hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature. Normal body temperature is around 98.6 F (37 C). Hypothermia (hi-poe-THUR-me-uh) occurs as your body temperature passes below 95 F (35 C).

When your body temperature drops, your heart, nervous system and other organs can't work normally. Left untreated, hypothermia can eventually lead to complete failure of your heart and respiratory system and to death.

Hypothermia is most often caused by exposure to cold weather or immersion in a cold body of water. Primary treatments for hypothermia are methods to warm the body back to a normal temperature.

Hypothermia would be very easy to achieve by getting wet in the icy creek water and to make it worse if you were unable to extract yourself from the cold water and get back to the pit area and warm cars. So if you need to get an airplane from the bog be sure you have help and stick together. Use the probing poles, they not only help find the edges of drop-offs hiding in the grass, they can help with extracting yourself from the mud.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, "**BE SAFE, BE COURTEOUS!**"

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





Our BBMAC RC Events



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Christmas Party 2015



Freeze-In 2016



NW Model Hobby Expo 2015



Builder's Competition 2015



Boats and Floats Events



Fun Fly 2015



Just Plane Fun!!!



Freeze-in

2016 Buzzards Freeze-In

Saturday, January 2rd 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Yes, at 8:00 AM it was 18 Degf and by 10:00 AM it reached a whopping 20 Degf. The runway was as hard as concrete, but that made take offs pretty easy. Thanks to Jay, the field was in great frozen shape! The event started off with Ron's Reactor electric plane. We had 27 pilots sign in and about 10 visitors. Sandy brought the pizza from Duvall's Red Pepper Pizzeria and had bottled water available for all.

We had two propane patio heaters and a live campfire, too, to keep us warmer. Lots of flights and a couple of off runway landings. We had a Kadet Senior fixed wing plane on a buddy box system and held a few cold weather "lessons" with that setup, too.

Thank you to all who came out. We'll be back on January 7, 2017 for our next Freeze-In event. Mark your calendars!





Upcoming Events

We are planning to have lots of flying events this year including Fun Flies, Floats-n-Boats, Model Aviation day and Night Fly-in. We'll post the dates following our February Club meeting. Hope to see your smiling faces at Alf's Pizza in Monroe on February 9th at 6:30PM. The public is always welcome to come and check out what we're planning.



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RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz (video)
 72 MHz and channel # _____
 50 or 53 MHz (HAM) Frequencies _____

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

BUILDING ELECTRONICS PAINTING CONTEST DIRECTOR INSTRUCTOR
 COVERING CONTEST JUDGE DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL SCALE SPORT
 PATTERN IMAC HELI QUAD/HEX

Month Born:

January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

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 the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. 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 the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please mail check for \$90.00 and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
 Ron Swift
 16325 315th Ave NE
 Duvall, WA 98019 (425) 788-6045
ronswift@cablespeed.com



One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2016 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Our dues for 2016 will remain at \$90.00. Join now and get all of our 2016 membership privileges! See Page 6 for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.



25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Camp Edward is located near 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 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.

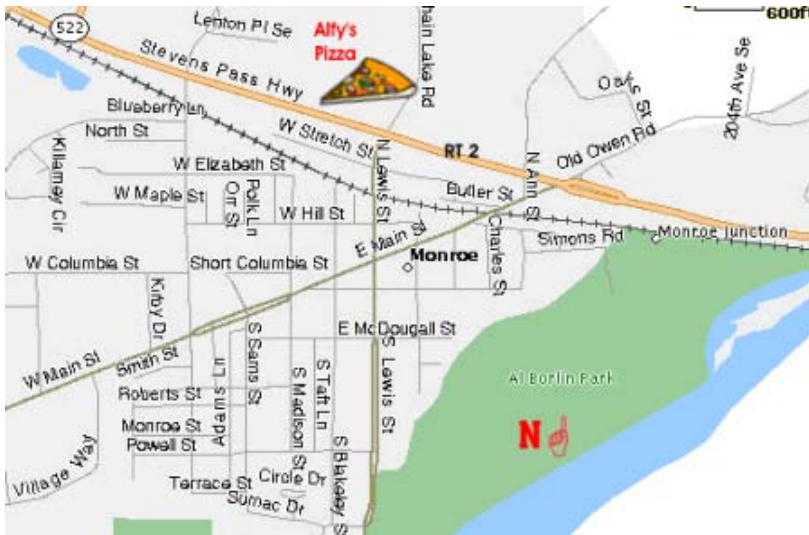
Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, The Lake Roesinger Store will be on the left. In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn.

Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

Our club meetings are open to the public. 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. 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.



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday

February 9	Alfy's Pizza
March 8	Alfy's Pizza
April 12	Alfy's Pizza
May 10	Alfy's Pizza
June 14	Alfy's Pizza
July 12	Alfy's Pizza
August 9	Alfy's Pizza
September 13	Alfy's Pizza
October 11	Alfy's Pizza

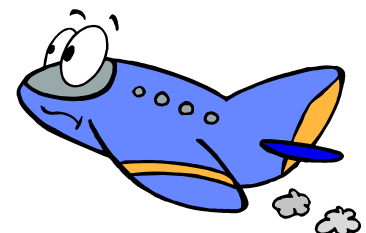
Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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. We have a safety checklist available for those new to our flying field.



Current Flight Instructor:
Ron Swift 425 788-6045





Next meeting, **Tuesday, February 9th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 9](#)).

Program: **AMA Meeting Info and Expo Stories**



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