



# 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

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

**Program: Stories and Bargains from the NW Model Hobby Expo**

### President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Guys!

For our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Freeze-In mother nature did not disappoint!

The work that was done last year really shows, we had dry feet due to the gravel that we placed,

parking was not an issue even though we still had snow on the ground and most important we had great field conditions.

Thanks to Sandy for bringing us

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### January 10th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

The meeting was called to order by the NEW **2017 President Mark Weeks** at approximately 6:31 with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance. Mr. Doug Hoff was the guest this evening.

Club Officers were introduced ...  
**President** – Mark Weeks  
**Vice President** – Bryan Reightley  
**Secretary** – Chet Blake  
**Treasurer** – Ron Swift  
**Safety Officer** – Don BAiley

**Field Manager** – Jay Bell - absent  
**Webmaster** – Ron Rueter - absent  
**Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift

Mark called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No corrections were mentioned. The minutes were approved.

#### Reports

**VP** – Bryan reported that there

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

**Secretary:** Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

**Safety Officer:** Don Bailey (425) 350-9557

**Field Manager:** Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

**Vice President:** Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

**Treasurer:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

**Newsletter Editor:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

**Website:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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Pizza and HOT coffee; and thanks to Ron Swift and Ron Beba for arriving a little early and setting up the tables, getting the fires lit and coals hot so we could stay warm. I kept hearing that people look forward to this event each year and we as a club should be proud of what has been developed. All our events are open to AMA members and some members from the Arlington Eagles, and ERMA came out and flew with us.

At 9:00 am the temperature at the field was a whopping 16 degrees, there was snow on the runway and it was still below freezing by the end of the event. The wind made it feel much colder and tested our flying skills, but that's what makes us better pilots, right? With the help of two burn barrels and lots of wood all 22 participants were able to stay warm between

flights.

The executive board has had its first meeting of 2017 and we have a very busy event year again. For those of you that enjoyed the Night Fly and the Boats and Floats events, we have once again scheduled 2 each this year. We also added a couple of new twists to the Glider and Quad events. The event schedule was laid out at the January meeting and will be posted on the website soon.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming [NW Model Hobby Expo](#) January 27<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a club booth and also a selling table that will need manning. Please contact one of the Board members to sign up and help out. This is a great event for us to show what we have to offer.

See you at the field,  
Mark Weeks, BBMAC President

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were 22 participants at the Annual Freeze-In. including guests from Arlington Eagles and ERMA R/ C Clubs.

It was a 'real' Freeze-In with temps in the low 20's. 2 burn barrels, pizza and hot coffee kept the participants warm. It was a GREAT day at Hanners' Memorial Field

Bryan announced the 2017 Event Schedule for the rest of the year...

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Night Fly
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Glider Event - Don Bailey CD
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Floats & Boats
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Business meeting – Builder's Contest
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Drones and/or FPV event
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Model Aviation Day Open House and Auction
- August 26<sup>th</sup> – Fun Fly
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Floats & Boats
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Night Fly
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting – Rebuilder's Contest
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Party at the Camp's newly remodeled Lodge 3:pm
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Annual Freeze-In

**Treasurer** – There is still \$272.00 left from the 2016 field improvement budget transferred to 2017 Budget .

We are doing well as planned and look forward to picking up more members at or after the NW Model Hobby Expo, January 27, 28 & 29. Ron also

mentioned that there was \$25 in donations from the Freeze-In.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 38 but 2 members haven't rejoined the AMA. Chet has sent reminders to them. Just as a reminder, You MUST belong to the AMA in order to be a member. We have 8 members paid for 2017.

**Safety Officer** – Don said that he was impressed with the Safety consciousness exhibited at the Freeze-In. Keep up the good work!

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

The latest newsletter will be available at the NW Model Hobby Expo.

**Field Manager** – Nothing new to report

## OLD BUSINESS

We held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Family and Friends Christmas party at the Camp Edwards Administration Building. We had 17 in attendance, a nice turn out and plenty for the facility we had. Once again, a very special thanks to the Camp Edwards Leaders and Rangers. Ron and Ron were sent pictures

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and if you have more please forward them on.

Ron and Chet presented the Sky Valley Food Bank our check for \$500.00 and we received a really appreciative thank you from the staff and the leadership there. A picture is out in the newsletter.

Ron Swift received a 15 year Gold Leader plaque, badges and a letter from the AMA. This is a real accomplishment for any club. We really stand out with this.

Chet commented as he is leaving the President's position that "There had been so much achieved that he couldn't be prouder to be part of the Club and all the efforts made. His personal contributions were literally pale compared to the many members that made this club the best around.

Three years ago we visited a wet, marshy, couldn't drive in soggy field with a relatively high water table. Look at where we are at now....WOW"!!

Bryan Reightley gave a recap of the last 3 years of the club fields and how we have arrived at our new home. Thanks Bryan for all you have done to acquire this great facility.

Mark presented a summary of 2016 accomplishments 13 events lots of project completed. Thanks to all that participated.

Field is very wet, but parking and pit are in great shape. Mark and Chet were able to drive to the south end of parking without any issues. It's really a nice change.

The floor was opened up for new nominations for 2017 officers

President: Mark Weeks

Vice President:

- Tim Shegrud
- Bryan Reightley

Secretary: Chet Blake

Treasurer: Ron Swift

Safety Officer:

- Don Bailey
- Ted Becker

Special Service award:

- Jay Bell
- Dart Sharp
- Brian and Len Douma
- Mark Weeks

**The Election results and 2017 Board members**

President: Mark Weeks

Vice President: Bryan Reightly

Secretary: Chet Blake

Treasure: Ron Swift

Safety Officer: Don Bailey

Special Service Award: Mark Weeks

Chet thanked the club for "the opportunity" to

serve and be part of the leadership of this club. It's been fun and rewarding seeing where we are today. Thank you to each and every Member, Executive Committee member, Field Manager, Newsletter and Website editors for your help, cooperation and guidance. The Club is headed in a solid direction and he's excited to see what's next in line. Thanks again!!"

Brett and Brenda Wilson along with Tyler Willard and Kody Knutson from DieHard Drone Racers shared information on types of drones, headsets, etc. They also set up a small indoor demonstration with mini quads. They provided lots of information and only scratched the surface.

**New Business**

Last Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Mark discovered that the side door to the barn had been shot at multiple times with what appeared to be hand gun caliber and 1 slug shotgun round.

Upon checking inside, he discovered that the refrigerator took the brunt of the bullets in the door and handle. After checking further he noticed that the electronics were hit and disabled. Bryan let Ranger Dave know as a precaution and a notice that something had occurred on Scout property.

This brought up ideas about security and possibly a motion light just as a precaution. More ideas and news to follow.

Ron asked for the Club's permission to use the fishnet material we use for safety fencing at the Expo to make a safety net for the drone activities. the Club agreed.

The Club will have a Club booth and a swap meet table. Ron will supply a Flight Simulator, newsletters and membership forms.

**Program**

Mark showed how the Spectrum DX 9 can wirelessly communicate with other Spectrum radios in trainer mode and not have to be wired. One of the beauties is that a switch can be flipped and not have to hold the trainer switch as before, and the instructor takes over by moving any stick or switch.

Ron showed the wired method and how to match up throws between Master and Slave radios. Nice job guys and Thanks!

Adjournment – 7:49

Respectfully Submitted by  
Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary





## Safety Corner

It had started out as a warm and beautiful day for flying, but now a nagging breeze had picked up and the clouds were gathering to the west. Yeah, it was windy, but not enough to stop our hero Bubba from going up for one last flight before the rain moved in. After the usual routine of flawless loops and rolls and knife-edge passes, ol' Bubba smoothed it in on a short final and plunked it down on the sod with a perfect three-pointer. But suddenly, to everyone's surprise, a strong gust from the left picked up one wing and cartwheeled Bubba's favorite toy onto its back. No points for that landing! Fortunately, there was no damage, and nothing fell off, so Bubba righted the plane and rushed for cover as the first raindrops started to fall.

The next day, Bubba was out flying again, this time with clear skies and no wind to speak of. During one of his famous giant loops, right before everyone's eyes, there was a loud SNAP, as the wings clapped together and Bubba's plane came streaking down and buried itself in the hard ground. "Wha' happ'nd??", he shouted. "That plane could handle anything!"

While the above story is fiction, I'm sure most of us have heard of such an unfortunate event, or seen one first hand. Knowing what happened on the last flight before this ill-fated one, we can all arrive at the same conclusion—what would normally be a perfectly safe maneuver to perform, a gentle loop, and with a strong and reliable model, was now the catalyst for catastrophic failure. The difference this time was that the airframe had been compromised due to that cartwheel landing, and though the pilot was skilled and seasoned and familiar with what his plane could handle, there was obviously an insidious and undetected flaw in the wing that led to premature failure.

It's not hard to see how this kind of complac-

cy can happen. There was no visible damage to the airplane, and it was slowing down on rollout when it flipped over, and made no loud cracking sound, so it is easy to assume that there were no consequences. But had the pilot taken the time that evening to thoroughly inspect the airframe, even going to the extent of supporting the wing between a table and a chair and pressing down on the center section, the weakened spar may have revealed itself. I know a guy who ignored his rattley engine noise, until one day the entire engine and firewall shot off the front of his plane! I've seen tail feathers fly off of planes whose owners stubbornly dismissed the telltale sound of flutter. Loose hatches and canopies, wobbly landing gear, even control surfaces that are so slackened they can't find center, are all signs that a thorough inspection is in order.

Take a minute now and then to give your stuff a thorough once-over, so you don't end up taking the walk of shame, like our friend Bubba!

Until next time, be safe and have fun! --  
Don Bailey, Safety Officer





# Club Meeting & Flying



## Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

April 22 Night Flight 6:30PM - ??

May 20 Electric Glider Event 10:00 AM

June 3 Boats and Floats Event 10:00 AM at the lake dock

June 13 Builder's Competition during our Tuesday Club Meeting

July 22 Quads Event 10:00 AM

August 12 Model Aviation Day/Charity Auction 10:00AM

August 26 Annual Fun Fly 10:00 AM

September 16 2nd Boats and Float Event 10:00 at the lake dock

October 7 2nd Night Flight 6:30 PM—??

October 10 Annual Rebuilder's Competition at our Tuesday Club Meeting

Dec. 2nd Annual Christmas Party 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Jan 6, 2018 Annual Freeze-In Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM

See the map on page 9—Guests are invited to these events!





# 2017 FREEZE-IN



Yes, it was about 15 degrees when the first flight was taken and it got up to a whopping 22 by the end of the day. The wind was a bit tricky at times, but the 22 pilots had many successful flights with all kinds of models. The burn barrels kept most of us warm through the event.







Mark, Pres. 2017



Charity Auction 2016



Fun Fly 2016



Charity Donation 2016



Open House 2016



XMAS Party 2016



Builder Competition 2016



Rebuilders Competition 2016



Normal Weekend Flying 2016



Charity Auction 2016



Boats & Floats 2016



FREEZE IN 2017

Photos from some of our events from our 2016 flying season (all year long). Join us in 2017— see our events list [on page 5!](#)



Drones & Gliders 2016





2017



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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RADIO FREQUENCIES  2.4 GHz  27 MHz  5.8 GHz (video)  
 72 MHz and channel # \_\_\_\_\_  
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MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership: \$90.00  
 Family Member: \$45.00  
 Student Member: \$25.00

Please mail check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:  
 Ron Swift [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com)  
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 Duvall, WA 98018  
 (425) 788-6045



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 2017 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!  
 Our dues for 2016 will be set at our October 11th meeting. Join now and get all of our 2016 & 2017 membership privileges! See this page 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 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 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 \*\*\*

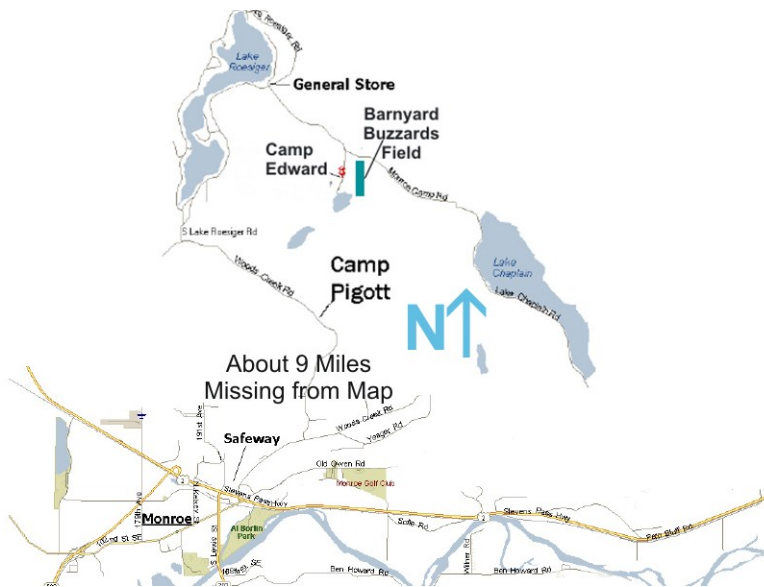
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

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. (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. Alf'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 Alf'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.

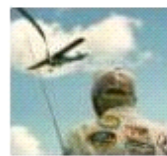
Then, a **Show & Tell** and **raffle** conclude the meeting, which ends at around 8:30 P.M.



### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Meetings begin at 6:30 PM</b>	
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	
February 14	Alf's Pizza
March 14	Alf's Pizza
April 11	Alf's Pizza
May 9	Alf's Pizza

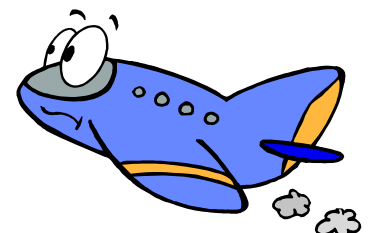
## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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

### Current Flight Instructors:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045







Next meeting, **Tuesday, February 14th 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 9](#)).

Program: Stories and Bargains from the NW Model Hobby Expo



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