



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.



February 2021

Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Our February 2021 Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10th, online through Zoom at 6:30 PM. This is in keeping with the guidance from the medical profession and scientists for gatherings of larger groups. We hope that we get way beyond phase 1 soon and can have our usual club meetings. **Program: Sharing stuff Santa brought us and new projects!**



President's Message — Mark Weeks

January has provided us a little bit of everything on the weather front. We have had some snow, a lot of rain and some fantastic cold and sunny days for our flying adventures.

January 2021 marked the end of an era regarding our barn. The best that the Scouts can figure is that the barn was built around 1897 and as we remember it first collapsed on Valentine's Day, 2019. While it has slowly been falling apart, just a cou-

ple of weeks ago the rest of it has tumbled down. Our landlords were right there to clear and make sure that we still had access to our field. I know that I have said many times before, but it is worth saying again, we are so lucky to be involved with them and cannot thank them enough. They are looking into the total removal of structure, but that will take some time. We

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January Meeting Minutes—Ron Swift

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and introduced the current club officers for 2021:

President – Mark Weeks, himself
Vice President – Bryan Reightley
Secretary – Ron Swift
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Chet Blake



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Presidential Comments/Introduction:

Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

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have gotten the approval to do some salvaging of wood, with the understanding that we do it safely, and DO NOT put ourselves at risk of injury.

January 2nd was our scheduled Freeze-In event, but due to possible heavy rain and high winds, the board decided to move it to the next weekend. What a great decision! We had great weather, blue skies and freezing temps. The thermometer showed 26 degrees for the hardy souls who attended. We really did a good job social distancing and set a pattern for future events while we deal with COVID restrictions.

Who besides me thinks 2020 put way more stress on us than we have seen for many years? My work recently insisted we take a class on Keeping Mentally Fit for health-sake. I thought I would share the key points to remember during these stressful times and how our flying can help:

- Take care of your physical health:** Eat right, get enough sleep, exercise.
- Get fresh air and exposure to sunlight:** What better way that get out to the field for some flying.
- Take care of yourself - Set aside some time for you:** Once again, a trip to the field can take care of this.
- Spend time with people whose company you enjoy:** Again, what better place than the field.
- Pursue a hobby, or a new activity:** The field again.
- Manage your stress:** OK, at times flying can add some stress, but it's always a good stress.
- Identify your strengths, weaknesses, and boundaries:**

the field is a good place to reflect on these.

- Search for Knowledge:** Our members have a wealth of knowledge, all you have to do is ask and sometimes you don't even have to ask.
- Exercise Outdoors:** While out at the field you can take a walk. There are some great places to go; have you ever seen the lady who parks at the field and then goes for her walk?
- Ask for help when you feel overwhelmed:** If you ever feel overwhelmed, reach out to another Buzzard and ask for help or just an ear to bend for a bit.

I can always find a reason to go the field and now with these 10 pointers my wife cannot argue. All I have to do is say it's for my health.

Hope to see you at the field soon.

Kind Regards and
Happy Hobby-ing,
Mark Weeks



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Thank you to all past club officers for their contribution – hopefully we can use their term in office as examples to follow both in Washington and outside

10 Club Members were in attendance, no guests Entertained a motion to accept minutes as posted – Motion made, seconded, no discussion and passed unanimously

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Mentioned that the Freeze-In was a week later than planned, but the weather turned out great. It was a great time and the food was great. Special thanks to Sandy DuVall for helping make the food and hot beverages available. *[Ron mentioned 14 guys signed up for the Freeze-In patch being donated by Sandy. Mark mentioned Steve, Jason and others may not have signed in (true).]*

Hold off discussion of the 2021/22 events until new business.

Secretary – Ron Swift

Currently our active club membership is 63. Membership form and check received from

Seth. *[Discussion about this mentioned other board members received some renewal info from George and others. – A work process will be documented for Dart and Ron to get the right info in a timely manner. Mark mentioned sending a club roster to Bryan and Ron, but they never received this. Mark will send out a roster to the executive board members as a baseline]*

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Dart now online – taking the club accounts over from Vaughan.
Sent a check to AMA for the club charter Correction to the accounting – A \$30.50 charity donation has yet to be received – Vaughan presented a check to the Sky Valley Food Bank from our Charity Auction for the amount of \$600.00 that included the yet-to-be-received donation.
Got the books updated. Both the Savings and Checking accounts are in the green, up-to-date, and healthy.

Safety Officer – Chet Blake

The barn is mostly down with the bottom half of the building landing in the road, the top

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Safety Corner

By Chet Blake

Hey Guys,

So here we are already facing February already! Last year we had a lot of snow and 2 years ago on Valentine's Day the Barn partially collapsed and finally finished falling during a stormy - windy night on January 12 this year.

Speaking of that, there are still many hazards around that area and curiosity peeks when events like this happen. With the main walls totally down, now it's inviting to take a look at the remnants. There are gaping holes in the rotting floor—**so just keep away**. Rangers Dave and Don brought equipment to clear the drive and requested that barn wood seekers do not attempt to retrieve any wood until they approve it.

There might be some remnant nails laying around and a few of the members have tried sweeping the area with magnets. So hopefully most, if not all of them, are removed from the driveway. Thanks to all for the work clearing and making the area safer.

The Freeze-In was here and gone. It was a great day with a hefty turn out. Everyone seemed to be doing the right thing, calling out their intentions from the pilot stations, social dis-

tancing and enjoying some hot cocoa, donuts and our typical camaraderie .

One last but important topic, the extremely wet time of the year. Our field is really wet and pools of water are everywhere just beyond the runway itself. 'IF' you need to go out after a downed aircraft, PLEASE check the maps on the frequency board for a general idea of the area, noting creek areas. Take a prodding pole with you (they're behind the frequency board) and don't go if you are alone. Have a buddy watching/waiting for you, cell phone ready if needed. It's wet but we can still enjoy what we love to do with good safety practices.

Have fun, Stay Safe, see ya at the field!

Chet



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apparently did not fall directly down either. We need to be careful around the barn as always. *[Bryan mentioned the Rangers cleaned up the mess, but we need to be careful of the possibility of nails in the road. The road has subsequently been swept with magnets, hopefully picking up the nails. Thank you to the Rangers and helpers for making the road passable! Some information was shared about using the top road as an access to the flying field and the muddy conditions making this a slippery proposition. For now recommendation is to use the "normal" lower access road.]*

Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

The field is very wet so new projects are on hold until the field dries out.

Project proposals are accepted anytime. *[A short list is being developed now and will be discussed at a future meeting.]*

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

According to Ryan at the corner store, the newsletter is being picked up like hotcakes – seems local neighbors are interested in

our hobby and the club. He requested more copies of the January issue. Helps build relations with the community.

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces parts & models, articles, etc. to ronswift@cablespeed.com for the newsletter – Thank you!

Website – Mark Weeks

Same request as the newsletter for use on our website.

Appreciate any pics from our Freeze-In. Maybe have the content in the newsletter and website the same or similar. *[Chet and Ron sent photos to Mark from the Freeze-In and current Barn condition.]*

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that there was no new action of past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting minutes as published.

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NEW BUSINESS

Cherry Tree Project

Mark thanked Bruce and Ben for dealing with the cherry tree and the aftermath involved. Made the burning of the material by Chet, Mark, etc. easy. As time and conditions permit, Mark encouraged members to help with the burning of the scrap. Just make sure the fire is out/contained before leaving. Just be smart about it

Fire Extinguisher

A question was asked about the availability of a fire extinguisher at the field. One member mentioned having one in his truck. One thought there was one in the storage container. Mark volunteered to make sure that we have one at the frequency board. It was mentioned to be sure the extinguisher was the correct type (fire and chemical) as well as properly charged. It will be verified before placing it at the frequency board.

FAA Rules and Information on Change

The FAA Remote ID and 107 testing was brought up. Chet was on the AMA website and many had watched the AMA podcast. It was suggested that it will be likely 2-1/2 to 3 years before any change will be needed. Also, it was mentioned that we are required to have 2 pieces of info with us whenever/wherever we fly: FAA ID and AMA membership ID. It was also mentioned that not every model we have needed to be registered. We can have our operation as usual, since our club field is unclassified. AMA will apparently take care of registering us with the FAA. Chet will continue to stay on top of this.

Chet Appointed as the AMA Liaison

Mark appointed Chet Blake as the club AMA Liaison Advisor, bringing news of FAA/AMA policy changes. Also keeping track of training requirements going forward. He accepted the continued role. Thank You, Chet!

Event Calendar

Mark went over the proposed calendar of events and included a January 8th Freeze-In 2022. Mark mentioned the events are much the same as last year, with the dates corrected for 2021. Also, a new Heli day has been added. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed schedule for our 2021 season. There was very little additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

[See the approved event calendar on page 9.](#)

Annual Charity Auction

Mark made a motion to officially make our annual auction the club annual charity auction. The motion was seconded. The idea is to keep the charity giving in the forefront of the event. In the discussion, the history was brought up – originally proposed and implemented in 2004. Later, in 2006 the proceeds were awarded to the Sky Valley Food Bank as well as the Special Olympics, Children's Hospital (proposed by member, Dave Bell, auctioning his plane) and more. Over the years, personal items were also auctioned off, but this proposal would have only items and services auctioned with the proceeds going to the club charity, Sky Valley Food Bank presently. Over the past 15 years we have donated \$13,071. [*Three years ago, our funds helped repair the Sky Valley Food Bank freezer, saving the Holiday season food donations!*] The motion passed unanimously.

Ranger Gift Cards

A question was asked if the gift cards were awarded to the rangers yet. The cards were purchased, but not given out as yet. Bryan and Mark will get these to the rangers on Saturday, January 16th.

Projects and Work Party

Mark mentioned that we should think of projects we think need to be done this year. Please let Bryan or Mark know of your thoughts. A list is being developed that currently included barn cleanup, recovering the barn area for parking, and power line (see below). Also mentioned was adding stone to the hill to make access easier. Dart mentioned it is too wet now, but could be done, apparently not a tough task (for him!).

Power Pole

[*An apology for sending info about the current line was active (live). It is NOT! Ron*] The scouts are currently planning to keep the power line active in a newer location near the club house, complete with a light. Details are yet to be revealed, but the scouts are leading the planning of this activity. Some mentioned it would be nice to have power at the site again.

Parking Issues

The Freeze-In exemplified the need to in-



crease the parking areas. It was requested that we do not use the grassy area past the shelter to the south as a turn around area to prevent ruts and damage to the grass. It was agreed to move some of the benches in the crushed stone area so a turn around can be made near the frequency board. Mentioned, please park according to the vehicles already parked. Weekday guys seem to park pointing to the Northwest to make leaving easier. Weekend parking has used pulling in directly facing the Southwest. Mentioned before is the slippery slope coming up and down the hill – be cautious.

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing

FAA 107 License “Study” Group

Mark asked about interest in a study group. This was discussed, but no motion as yet. Keep tuned for this opportunity if interested. Mentioned was the FAA map reading and nomenclature as challenges for RC fliers, since the ideas are new to some of us.

Flite Test Models and Videos

New to some of us is the Flitetest “family”. As their website puts it *“From Drones, to Fixed Wing RC, to Full Scale Flight, this is your one-stop gateway to the most exciting hobby in the world!”* You can get info on their website about models like the P38 and the Versa-wing. Anyway take a look at a new way to get started in RC here: <https://www.flitetest.com/>

Projects/Demos for our Club Meetings

Mark invited us to think of projects and demos we could do at our club meetings. Keep up the attendance and interest. Send ideas to any of the club officers [*the tank battle and slo flyer presentations last year were lots of fun*]

Merit Badge and Programs for the Scouts

Ron asked about implementing a program to work with the scouts. Bryan mentioned that he had a conversation with Don, one of the Rangers about this topic. Bryan, Don and Ron will get together and present a proposal to the club at a future meeting.

Scouts – Amazing Landlords

Many commented that we are **SO LUCKY!**

Yes, the scouts have helped us to make a great RC facility on their property, helping us physically, with equipment, with ideas, with materials – WOW doesn’t quite cover it. Many thanks to you scouts, Rangers and support folks. What an example for us to follow!

Ron’s Saito 65 engine

Yes, rescued from the barn wall after spending months on display, was made available on the table in the “glass house”. Thanks, guys! .. it just needs a couple of push rods, maybe a few other things...

PROGRAM: Holiday Season Show & Tell

Mark showed his Mini-Tundra with the graffiti scheme. Chet mentioned these fly well, but need to be observant of the wind speed because they are small – no AS3X stabilization either.

Bruce showed his Inkjet Creative Media which makes decals like the roundels he plans to use on his Spitfire model. It has an adhesive back and once printed, a clear coat can be applied to preserve the decal before installing on the model. We’ll have to see his Spitfire when done!

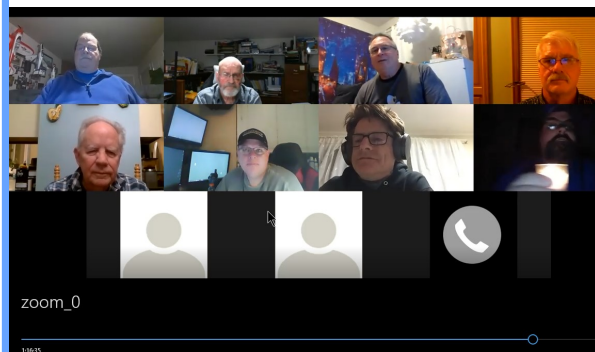
Steve showed his Ham Radio License Manual

Some discussion was held about “special” trophies and awards for members who have stood out. Bryan mentioned a yard dart theme idea and rotating the trophy to the most deserving member, possibly monthly...



ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Ron Swift



January Club Meeting as seen through ZOOM. See you in February!



Barn Update



A pretty view of Mt. Pilchuck and the top of the barn today. Some say it was difficult to hit the barn with our models, but for Ron, Dick, and quite a few others, it seemed natural for it to jump into the flight path.

Yep, the barn has fallen, but still dangerous. The Scouts are planning a clean up activity. ~When this happens, we will have some additional parking.





Freeze-In 2021



17pilots,
lots of
models,
25 attendees,
donuts,
coffee
and
cocoa—
Cool!





Zoom - Video Conferencing, Web Conferencing, Webinars ...

To download ZOOM go to <https://zoom.us/> You will need this application for our next club meeting on February 10th at 6:30 PM. If you are using a laptop computer, they come with a microphone and camera. For a desktop computer (towers), you will need to add a USB camera to one of the USB ports, then install the drivers. These usually come with a microphone. You could add a headset, which has a microphone and earphone. Using a headset will keep from annoying others in the household from hearing the discussions. A cell phone is a bit simpler, since the microphone, camera, internet/WIFI, etc. are included, but these resources need to be enabled for ZOOM to access them.

You can use a cell phone, flip, or simple home phone to enjoy the meeting with just audio by calling the phone number for the ZOOM Meeting. If you want the phone # for the meeting, please call Ron Swift (425) 765-6745 and he will give you the number to call for that meeting. Please join in the meeting and help set the priority and details for the upcoming the 2021 season.

Planes & Pilots





Upcoming Events



Our events are open to the public. Active AMA Members can participate, too!

Freeze-In	January 8, 2021 10:00 AM Club Field Rescheduled from 1/2/21 due to <u>forecasted high winds</u>	We'll have our heaters out and lots of flying regardless of the temperature. We're hoping for a sunny, low wind day. Come check this one out.
Night Fly	April 24th 8:00 PM	Drones, <u>Helis</u> , fixed wings all with lights for keeping track of the flight path. A favorite event for many and loads of fun starting around 8:00 PM until?
Work Party	May 1st 10:00 AM—?	Field projects, then lots of flying & RC Stuff
NW Model Hobby Expo	Postponed due to <u>Covid 19</u> – maybe December Swap Meet and Expo later in 2022	Please check out NWMHE.com for details
Gliders chasing Thermals	May 15th	This classic glider training and competition is a great way to extend your RC skills. Open to all AMA members, club members or not.
Floats & Boats	June 5th	RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Builder's Competition	Club Meeting June 9th—date may change due to Covid-19 requirements.	A cherished event highlighting building skills and excellent <u>models</u> of all kinds
Heli Day	June 29th	
Fun Fly	July 17th <u>10:00 AM</u>	If you can take off and land—you could win this event
Quads/FPV/Cars/Trucks even planes and gliders	July 31st 10:00 AM	If it is Radio Controlled and moves, makes noise, uses energy—bring it!
Annual Charity Auction	August 7th 10:00 AM	Entertainment and bargains, too. Don't miss this one! Sky Valley Food <u>Bank</u> has been our charity of choice for items designated by the owners. Owner has the right to refuse final bid as always.
Combat	September 11th <u>10:00 AM</u>	Details to be provided soon
Floats & Boats 2	September 25th <u>10:00 AM</u>	More RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Rebuilder's Contest	October 13th 6:30 PM	At our October Club Meeting—If you crashed a model, and rebuilt it → bring photos and a story. You could win unbelievable prizes!
Night Fly 2	October 9th <u>8:00 PM</u>	Drones, <u>Helis</u> , fixed wings all with lights for keeping track of the flight path. A favorite event for many and loads of fun starting around 8:00 PM until?
Christmas Party	December 4	Sharing our favorite holiday food, desserts, and comradery is a highlight. Also, traditionally, we have a white elephant gift exchange. Lots of fun and meet the rangers!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **2021**



BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB (BBMAC)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ZIP _____
AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz
(72 MHz CHANNELS USED: _____)

(50 MHz Frequencies: _____)

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING
- COVERING
- PAINTING
- INSTRUCTOR
- PATTERN
- SCALE
- SPORT
- ELECTRONICS
- CONTEST JUDGE
- CONTEST DIRECTOR
- DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL
- Helicopters:
- Gliders
- Drones/Quads/FPV

Please mail your check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
Ron Swift
16325 315th AVE NE
Duvall, WA 98019

Annual dues are \$90.00 per year.

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 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 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 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: _____

CLUB SECRETARY: _____
DATE: _____



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 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 Roesinger 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. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alfys Pizza is closed for meetings.

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

February 10, 2021 - ZOOM Meeting You can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone

March 10, 2021—Details coming soon, but most likely another Zoom meeting



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 or the instructors. 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: February 10th, 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting!
Program: Sharing stuff Santa brought us and new projects



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Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—
Postponed again. Let's make this happen.
Stay Tuned for more information and high-lights!

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