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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza, Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).
Program: None Planned

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,

Recently a questionnaire was posted on the club website. The goal being to provide the board members anonymous input on issues we are dealing with as a club. The board will share both the survey results and their thoughts during the March 12th club meeting. If you have not yet participated I encourage you to take a few moments and fill it out. The survey is to-

tally anonymous and the more input received the truer the results will be.

The March meeting will bring to a close the grace period for renewing your membership without paying the initiation fee. This is also the biggest month for members to renew. Spring is nearly here, the weather is starting to turn for the better, and daylight sav-

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February 12th Meeting Minutes — Tim Baird

The February meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:32PM. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President** - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President** - Brian Richardson - absent
- Secretary** - Tim Baird
- Treasurer** - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** - Vince Bell
- Field Manager** - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor** - Ron Swift

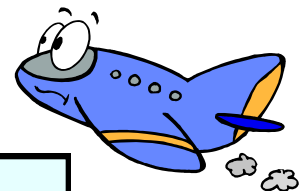
Webmaster - Ron Rueter - out of town for the winter

Visitors and New Members - Jack Workman is interested in joining a club and has a few planes already that he would like to learn to fly. He has been flying a bit in his yard.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Tim Baird solicited ed-

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Vice President: Brian Richardson (425) 501-2965

Secretary: Tim Baird (360) 348-6033

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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ings begins this month. All are terrific reasons to dust off your planes and work on your flying skills. Just remember to renew your membership first.

See you on the flightline,



Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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its and corrections for the January minutes. Ron Swift asked to have the Treasurer's report corrected, the expenses from the Freeze-In had not been paid and closed as of January as the minutes reported. With this correction noted, a motion was offered to accept the minutes. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Vice President– Brian Richardson was unable to join us, so Bryan R. provided the following: We have several events and contests planned for this year. We will have the Builders Contest during our May meeting, a Fun Fly, one Combat Contest and 2 Open Houses. The first Open House will be June 8th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM and will be combined with our Annual Charity Auction. Then, of course, at the beginning of next year we will have our Freeze-In.

The Builders contest is now open. Entry fee is only \$10.00. Please join in.

Treasurer – As mentioned above, Ron cleared up the confusion of last month's minutes stating that the Freeze-In had not been cleared as of last month. He then gave a brief accounting of the health of our checking account. He also announced that for his convenience he is in the process of moving our club account to Bank of America. The new account will have a monthly service fee for which Ron is assuming responsibility, but comes with convenience of a credit card for Jay to use for needed supplies rather than to pay out-of-pocket then be reimbursed by the club.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell only had to report on an injury that Jay sustained while taking tables down after the expo. It seems he pinched his finger pretty good while folding up the legs on a table.

Field Manager - Jay Bell reiterated that the field, as well as the infield, is still in need of additional topsoil to help smooth out the surface. Fertilizer and perhaps even additional grass seed would also be good to add to both the field and the infield. Fill dirt is rather inexpensive from the nursery just west on Highway 2 if we can haul it ourselves by the pickup load.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift has hardcopies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos to be published in the newsletter. It was suggested to have Dean's name removed as an instructor as it seems he is unlikely to renew.

Announcements

The NWMHE was very successful for us all as we had one new member join at the show and a perspective member stop by the booth to ask many questions then was in attendance at the February meeting the following Tuesday.

Ron informed us all that he had heard at the expo that Tim's Hobby in Everett was due to close by the time of our meeting. Al Schmidt said he would stop by the next day to investigate this rumor. *** Secretary's note: Al confirmed that this was indeed only a rumor and there was no truth to it at all. ***

Old Business

Bryan's talks with Arleen.

I attempted to hold a frank discussion with Arleen regarding her changing needs for her property and BBMAC's rights as a tenant. Instead she let me know upfront she had no answers for my concerns and redirected the conversation towards her program to help Vets and that she was still figuring out her own needs for the property.

At this point

Arleen is moving forward with her plan to work with Vets in need. She refers to the program as "H3" short for Horses Helping Hero's. She is not totally confident "H3" will pan out but is proceeding as if it will.

She will be in a training program in March working towards a required certificate prior to acquiring insurance for operating "H3".

Arleen plans to begin working with 1 to 2

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Vets in April or May.

She's working on a plan to relocate several cabins to her property for use by the Vets but has not thought through where they would be located.

She recognizes and will consider our flyover area if and when the cabins come to be.

She is aware of and sympathetic to the inconvenience having the gates closed along the access causes to BBMAC. She's willing to hear our ideas regarding the gates but non-committal in making any decisions to change the situation at this time.

The members present were concerned on many levels of the outcome of the chats Bryan has had with Arlene. At least one person suggested that it sounds like we are being set up for departure.

If she really is planning to have cabins in the field she has to understand that our insurance prohibits flying over people.

She is in a position where she feels she needs to utilize her property to produce an income.

What's next???

I recommend the board meet with her so more representation is present when ideas and options are discussed. This will help with accountability.

One suggestion for this is to invite her to dinner and have a discussion with some of the members of the club. We should have a list of issues with possible solutions to discuss. Bryan asked for volunteers and is still looking for volunteers for this dinner.

We should have a written list of things we have done for her and how it brought value to her and her property as well as the challenges we are facing.

We could offer again to fence off the field that Arlene wants to be able to use for the horses.

If we make improvements to the gate off Highway 2 then we need to use double gates to allow access to 'Big Trucks' when they may need access.

We need to ensure that any future effort, and/or expense, promotes easier use of the field for us.

Whatever we purchase leaves with us.

New Business

Our goals as the board for the year include finding ways to access the field more easily. One of the ideas that has come up is to see if we can install an automatic gate opener for one or more of the gates.

Ron has done some research into the auto gate idea and has found examples that range from \$300 to \$1400. Some operate on 110 volt while others use 12 volts. Some may require 2 batteries but solar power may be utilized to keep them charged.

Keep in mind that all of the fences need some sort of attention not just the main one.

We may also be able to post Arlene's phone number on the main gate so that we can call her if we find it locked.

Regardless of the outcome of these talks we need to keep looking for our next field. A proposal has been offered to form a committee whose purpose is to search for viable new flying fields. Volunteers will be needed to form the committee. The need for this committee is not likely to change.

The board is assembling a survey to be posted on the website. We are hoping to get a lot of the current and recent members to participate. This was actually suggested by Chet last month and Bryan has spearheaded the implementation of it. Some members present at the meeting were concerned the original survey may have been too broad in scope; perhaps it should be more focused. It was asked what the objective would be. The board is hoping to learn what the membership feels we need to do to build more participation and grow our membership.

The board agreed to meet again on Saturday June {actually February - Ron S}16 to review and edit the survey questions to have posted on the website as soon as feasible.

Bryan asked if the new orange fencing is helpful. The ones who replied said it did make the fence easier to see.

Program

There was no Program this month.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:02 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 12th, 2013, at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Baird, Secretary



Your photos and articles can be added here when you send them to Ron.



Photos for Fun



AMA District XI Vice President , Mike Mosbrooker and Treasurer, Ron Swift at the NW Model Hobby Expo Static Awards Ceremony.



Sandy DuVall, Ron's wife, helping with the Funtana 90S





Safety Corner



What is this thing called **SAFETY**? We hear about it all the time in all sorts of places. Highway Safety, Gun Safety, and just about anything else you can think of that people are involved in. The dictionary defines **SAFETY** as:

- #1. The state of being safe, freedom from the occurrence or risk of injury, danger, or loss.
- #2. The quality of averting or not causing injury, danger or loss.
- #3. A contrivance or device to prevent injury or avert danger.

Some things that are relatively safe for one group maybe an extremely dangerous situation for another group. Let's take a gun lying on a table at a gun club meeting, even if it is loaded as in a live fire demonstration. With this group the gun is assumed to be loaded. Anyone handling the gun is going to verify that it is in fact not loaded before handling it, or that it is only pointed down range in a safe direction. This same scenario with a bunch of unsupervised untrained 10 year old kids is a really really bad situation. It is not that the gun is more dangerous. It is that one group has a healthy respect and training to know that the gun is potentially dangerous and the other group lacks that training.

The same thing goes for us at the field. We know that a running engine is a dangerous thing and we know how to respect and use it in a safe manner. If there are kids around, or even adults, they may not have the training to know that a running engine is very dangerous. After all, we can be rather casual around them. They cannot see

the propeller—so what is going to hurt them. Most kids have learned that noise alone will not hurt them. This is just another example of different groups seeing things in different ways. So any time you have a guest at the field be sure to take a couple of minutes and instruct them as to the dangers involved with our hobby (sport).

There are a lot of ways we could make our hobby a lot safer for all concerned:

- We could build a great wire safety dome over the entire field.
- Stand in a heavy steel wire cage while on the flight line.
- Require wearing steel fingered gloves while starting the engine.
- **Or we could use common sense during the pursuit of our hobby.**

As a final thought this is safety rule #14:

NO aircraft is to be flown over or behind the pit and spectator areas. Use good common sense when flying. High speed low passes and touch-and-go landings shall be conducted in such a manner as to prevent a potential hazard to other flyers and spectators. Pilots must communicate their intentions to their fellow pilots by calling out. Good communication is more than a courtesy, it promotes safety.



UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer





Builders Competition

The new Builders Competition is now underway for 2013! We hope more of you guys will participate for the judging on May 14, 2013. Even previously entered models that have never been judged can be entered! Some additional questions were asked and here are the responses!

Who:

All members of the Barnyard Buzzards Club in good standing (dues paid).

When:

Starts immediately after the judging of the current contest. Judging will be done during our club meeting in May by the appointed judges. The May meeting will be at the Club Flying Field.

Why:

To help encourage building of models, build camaraderie, and recognize our skilled builders. (Also, some of us need to restock the hangar).

WIIFM (What's in it for me?)

Unbelievable prestige and worldwide recognition for modeling prowess. R/C Corporate sponsorship and contracts are again possible. Recruiters will be at the May meeting to observe the judging and awards presentation. And unbelievable prizes will be awarded.

Does It Have to Fly (Before Judging):

No, but extra bonus points are awarded to the models that are flown!

Categories and Judging:

Two are suggested:

☺ ARF

☺ Scratch/Kit

A special award will be presented by the Board of Directors for the most technically innovative model (special electronics, CO2, rubber power, diesel, jet, canard, ornothopter, rotary wing, etc). If you bring it, we'll judge it!

Entry Fee and Qualification Details:

So, you ask what's this going to cost?

Well, entry fee is \$10.00 per model. Model-

ers can submit more than one model. Each entry (model) not must be started prior to submitting the entry fee (no need to bring the plan, kit, etc. to the club meeting). Call Rick Hanners if you cannot attend a meeting and arrangements will be made. Entries are accepted by the club secretary anytime.

Other Questions:

Answers to questions covering any details not expressly covered by this document can be asked during any club meeting or through Vince Bell and the other judges who will confer with each other and respond.

Open House & Charity Auction

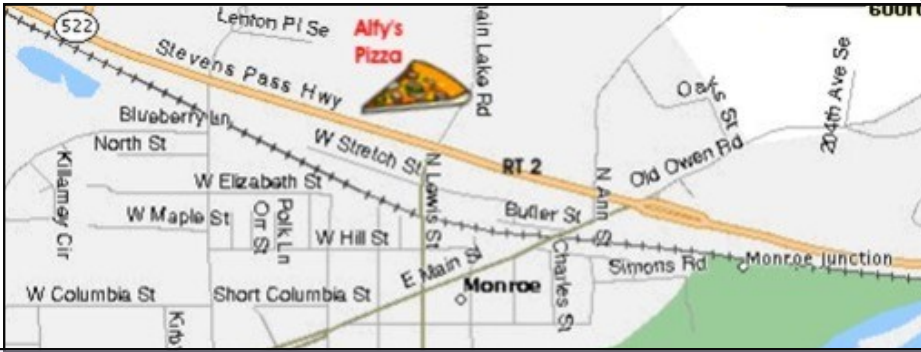
Saturday, June 8th
at our club field, 9AM-3PM
 Along RT2 on Fern Bluff Road, ~ 4 miles east of Monroe

We welcome all AMA members to fly their models in our first Open House at our new club field.

Also, everyone is invited to participate in our Annual Auction. You can have your stuff auctioned and keep the cash, donate items for our club charity or donate items for the club field improvement fund (3 ways the auction proceeds can be designated). The owner of an auction item has the right of final refusal.

We will have food available, too!

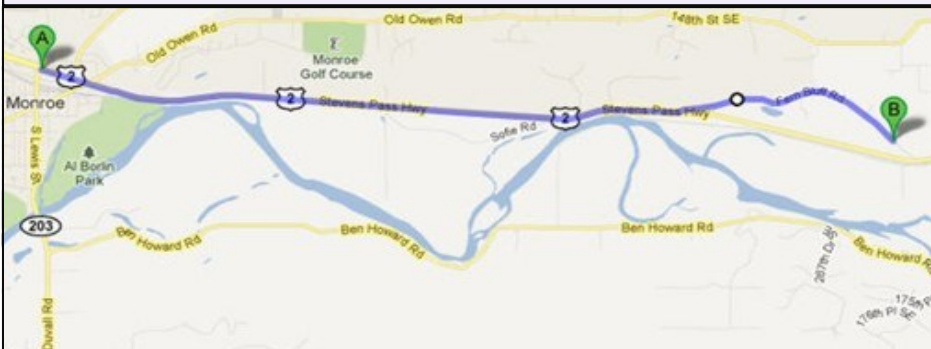
Please contact Ron Swift with any questions (425) 788-6045.



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, **Tim Baird 360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Rick Hanners 360 668-1312
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

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

March 12	Alf's Pizza
April 9	Alf's Pizza
May 14	Club Field
June 11	Club Field
July 9	Club Field
August 13	Club Field

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our website (<http://www.bbmac.net>), has lots of photos of our field. We've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday March 12, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza along Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).
Program: **None planned**



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