



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza along RT2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

**Program: Watt Meter—A WHAT, HOW and WHY Demo**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Fellow Buzzards!

I hope by now everyone is fully aware of our conditions at the current field and moving forward to our new field.

If you recall I received a letter from our landlady stating that the cabins were moving in 'sooner than later' and in a few weeks. I did as

requested by those in attendance at last meeting and sent back a carefully worded email that we have no agreement that states we'll be out sooner than April 30, 2014 as per the signed agreement with Bryan and the Herself. I have not

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### February 11th Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:34pm with 14 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

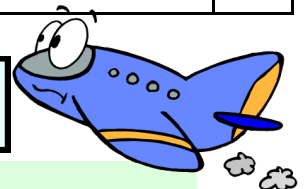
- President – Chet Blake
- Vice President – Jim Reynolds
- Secretary – Rick Hanners

- Treasurer – Ron Swift
  - Safety Officer – Vince Bell
  - Field Manager – Jay Bell
  - Webmaster – Ron Rueter
  - Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift
- Field manager Jay Bell and Webmaster Ron Rueter were not in attendance.

Chet called for additions or cor-

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### Club Officers and Contacts



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

**Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662**

**Secretary: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312**

**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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received a response. If anyone wishes to see that email, let me know.

While Vince, Eric, Jay and I were at the field Saturday 3/1, some demolished cabins arrived via flatbed trucks with cranes and off loaded by our south fence and to the west. A talk with the gal there that is arranging it offered some info. As these are torn down they are brought to the field and will be erected at some point where our flight tables are now. I explained our lease expiration date and she just basically said that was between us and Arleen. Yep!!

On other news, we did have a small work party Saturday 2/22 and moved some articles that were on the cement side of the pole barn to the barn basement at the new field. This was to show our willingness to work with the landlady. She stated the storage area with cement floor is needed for materials and tools for the upcoming work at the field.

The BSA was very cordial and put in a gate for us for easier access and a brand new barn door on the west end of the barn so we can access the stalls for storage. It's still very wet there and dirt work most likely won't start for a while.

We plan on having one last Blast that V. P Jim Reyn-

olds will bring up and hopefully we won't be pushed out of the current field before that can happen.

One of the really GREAT attributes of the Buzzards is the camaraderie that has always existed and I want to fortify that more and more. A few ways are by working together, being part of the TEAM, helping one another when needed at the field or work parties, caring about each other, learning as a group, open and often communication of Club matters, your Club.

Please..... show the landlady that we still need this flying field and Fly when ya can! Chet



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rections to the minutes as published on the web. Ron Swift pointed out a small number of differences between what was published in the newsletter and what was published on the website, however, the changes weren't significant enough to require corrections. The minutes were approved as published.

## Officers' Reports

**Vice President** – Jim is still looking into a reciprocal agreement with the Arlington Eagles that would allow Buzzard members to fly there for a nominal fee. The schedule for moving our equipment from the current field to the new one is still being worked on. In addition, there might be a possible last Good Bye Field pot luck party one weekend towards the beginning of the month. Tentatively the work party might be the last weekend in April, the 26th – 27th.

**Secretary** – The membership level at the present time is 33 members of which 17 have paid

their dues for the year.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank and dues deposits from 4 members received at the meeting need to be made. The club currently has 17 paid members.

**Safety Officer** – No safety issues have been reported.

**Newsletter Editor** – Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. The Buzzard booth was busy with people pulled in by the simulator. 45 copies of the newsletter were available with 15 picked up afterwards. Ron thanked everyone for their support and thought that the show was a success. There will be a number of changes to be made to improve the experience of the show attendees.

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## Old Business

**Camp Brinkley Lease** – On Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, the club entered into a lease agreement for the open land up at Camp Brinkley. A copy of the signed lease was handed out to all the members present so the membership could go over the various points under New Business.

**Current Field** – At the last meeting there was a discussion about possibly selling the fencing material to the landlady. Ron Swift hadn't looked up the dollar amount involved as yet but would look back over all the development expense reports from our current field to find out. The consensus of the membership present was to take the fencing material with us.

Recently there were several emails from Arleen Gibson informing us that the cabins she plans to bring in would be coming sometime soon. Eventually, it was relayed to us that she is expecting them to be moved the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of March. She is implying that the cabins would go on our rented property, but she has not said that outright. Not knowing what her intentions are regarding this, Rick Hanners handed out copies of the current lease agreement to all the members present to keep with them when out at the field just to show that we do have a legal right to be on that piece of property.

**Bylaw Change** – There is a proposed Bylaw change that was published in the current newsletter which will be voted on at the next meeting. It is for Article IV Dues, Section 1. The wording change is to allow greater flexibility in setting the yearly dues and new membership fee. The current section mentions a dollar amount of \$100 and the new wording would eliminate that:

### Current wording:

The annual dues for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a majority of the members present during the October business meeting. In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The

\$100.00 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership.....

### Proposed wording:

The annual dues and initiation fee for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a vote of the majority of the members present during the October business meeting. The fees paid for a new Full Membership will be non-refundable and does include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The new membership fees will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership.....

**Builders Contest** – There was a motion passed to move the Builders Contest from the May to the June meeting. It might possibly be held at the camp mess hall at Camp Brinkley.

## NEW BUSINESS

**New Lease** – The new lease was signed on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at a meeting that the board had with Scott Findlay from the Boy Scouts Council. It was pointed out that the lease is for one year so that each party could get to know one another with the goal being a multiple year lease in the future, all of which looks doable. The AMA rules and our Safety Rules will be in effect as always. There was a question of who do we notify in advance of events. Chet pointed out that Ranger Dave would be our contact person but that contact information for both rangers and Scott Findley was recorded. We also signed a Hold Harmless agreement that protects them from liability.

There was a discussion about when we might be able to start putting dirt in. Bryan Reightley indicated his dirt guy suggested about June so the ground would be dry and firm enough for heavy equipment.

**Possible Farm Donation** – There is a 22 acre farm somewhere in Duvall that a wealthy family owns. Recently there was a tragic suicide resulting in the family wishing to dispose of the farm, possibly as a donation to some





organization. They might possibly talk to us or gift it to the county possibly. There are all kinds of questions surrounding this.

*Current Field* – A discussion about the landlady's intentions regarding where the cabins are going to be put was started. Basically she is being very circumspect about the exact locations of the cabins. Chet is corresponding to with her via email pointing out the end of lease date on a document she signed. It was agreed not to ask her directly where the cabins are going in the hopes of not putting that idea into her head.

*Miscellaneous* – Chet got an email from Bart Johnson. He apparently has some RC equipment and a trailer that he would like to unload.

Chet asked him if he is trying to sell them or what but no answer back before the meeting.

### Show and Tell

Jim Reynolds gave a talk on the assembly and flying aspect of his new FlyZone Beaver [with floats...]

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Hanners, Club Secretary

## Safety Corner

### Why do we CRASH??

Last month we talked a bit about why we crash. Three of the reasons we came up with:

- Flying beyond our ability.
- Trying to do a new maneuver too close to the ground.
- Is the airplane balanced?

Here are a couple more

How about equipment failure? This is another that sometimes is real equipment failure and sometimes it is an excuse for a dumb thumb (or fingers in some cases) maneuver. In recent times, I have seen both from the same pilot. With the dumb thumb the airplane went into a spin and didn't come out until it hit the ground. I think this crash could have been prevented by a little what-if thinking before taking off. The next was most likely caused by equipment failure. Post crash examination showed that the pin in a plastic clevis had broken. Not good anywhere, but this one was connected to the elevator. RC airplanes do not fly well without elevator control.

Batteries are always a suspect in a crash. Batteries are probably the weakest link in mod-

ern radio systems. This is usually a case in the spring after the battery has been sitting all winter and not taken care of. Recycle your batteries and make sure they are up to snuff before using them. Some of the entry level transmitters use individual cells. Make sure the contacts are clean of all corrosion. In this type of transmitter the batteries seem to last a long time, but not forever, keep an eye on them.

We'll dredge up other reasons for crashing, but for now remember to dress for the weather and keep body parts out of the spinny thing.

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





# Our New Flying Field !!!



It is so nice to have a landlord who proactively takes actions that will help us. The work grading, installing a new gate, and a new access door on the barn is done already!!! If the rain stops—who knows.....

# NW Model Hobby Expo



Yes, we were well represented at the Expo this year. Many thanks to the club members who helped out. We gave out many newsletters and single page flyers about our club. Many asked about our new field at the Boy Scouts of America. You see a rare photo of a time when the Version 7 Real Flight Simulator wasn't being used and neither was the demo board, showing the pneumatic retracts and the old school 72 MHz transmitter and receiver, servos, etc.





# Work Party







Jim Reynolds provided the program for our February club meeting reviewing the setup of the floats on his Fly Zone Beaver. Good job, Jim!



What a mixture of weather—Ron's resurrected BalsaNova





# Buzzard's Builders Competition

Since there has been SO MUCH Excitement about the 2014 Builder's Competition here's the up-to-the minute details as we currently understand them...

## What:

**Barnyard Buzzards Builder's Competition**

## Who:

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

## When:

**Starts last May 2013 after our club meeting . Judging will be done during our club meeting on June 10, 2014 by the appointed judges.**

## Why:

**The event is 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 June meeting to observe the judging and awards presentation. And unbelievable prizes will again 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:

**Three or four categories were suggested:**

- J ARF
- J Scratch
- J Kit
- J Overall Builders Award

**A special award 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 modeler. Modelers can submit more than one model. Models that were entered in previous years, but were not judged can be re-entered! Entries are accepted anytime .**

## Other Questions:

**Answers to questions covering any details not expressly covered by this document can be expressed during any club meeting.**

# 2014 Buzzard Membership

We are approaching the renewal of our club charter with AMA. As part of the renewal, we include the names and AMA numbers of the current club members. The cutoff for renewing club membership for this renewal is the end of our club meeting on March 11. Please renew (or re-join) the club to help us with the charter process.

Reasons to renew or rejoin the Barnyard Buzzard MAC:

- You get a spiffy full color monthly newsletter
- You have a voice in the design of our newest club field
- No initiation fee!!
- We have an even closer alignment with the Scouting program
- No neighbors that will complain about noise
- A very cooperative and encouraging new landlord
- Our great club events & cooking!

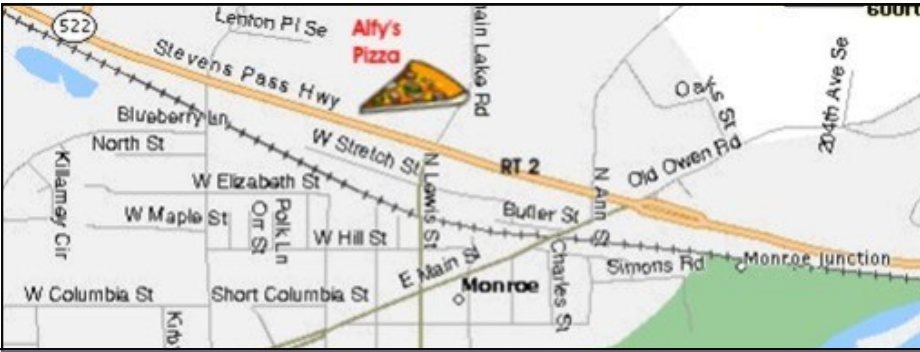
- Being part of a 13 year consecutive AMA Gold Leader Club
- Buzzards camaraderie
- Dues are only \$100 and will help us build the new flying field
- New capability of flying off water!
- Free parking (a deal breaker for sure!)

We hope you will join, renew or rejoin as the case might be and continue to support our club and our activities.

Please send your renewal to:

Ron Swift (425) 788-6045  
 BBMAC Treasurer  
 16325 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
 Duvall, WA 98019





# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

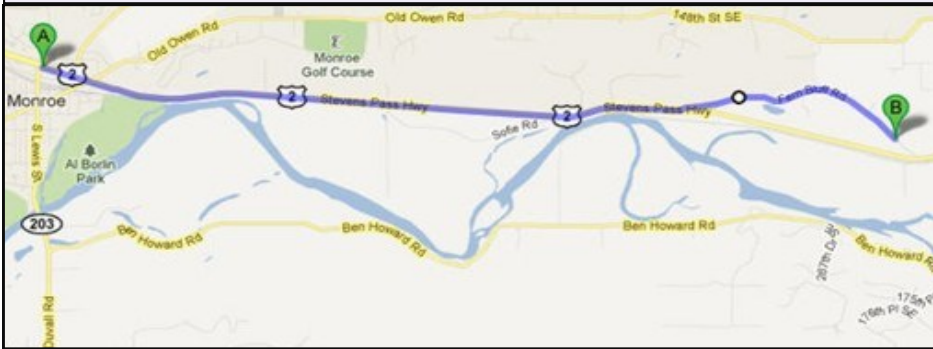
Our club meetings are open to the public. During the winter months we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfys Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. During the summer months (weather permitting), the club meets at our flying field. See the schedule below for location...

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

Our current flying field will be in use until the end of April 2014. 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



# 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 our club secretary: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any club instructor to set up lessons.

**Current Flight Instructor:**  
Ron Swift 425 788-6045



## Upcoming Meetings

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

March 11	Alfy's Pizza
April 8	Alfy's Pizza
May 13	Club Field
June 10	Club Field
July 8	Club Field
August 12	Club Field

## Our Flying Field

Our old field is located east of Monroe on RT 2. Our new field is in Monroe and we'll be planning and developing it over the next few months. We are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!) so join us at our meetings and at the flying fields.



Next meeting, **Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** at Alfys Pizza Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).

Program: **Watt Meter—A WHAT, HOW and WHY Demo**



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