



# 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

Our March 2021 Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10th, online through Zoom at 6:30 PM. This is in keeping with the guidance from the medical professionals 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: Safer Plane Retrieval**



Fun flying in cold weather.

### President's Message — Mark Weeks

Greetings Fellow Buzzards,  
I can't believe that March is almost here and it's time for my words of wisdom, or at least my monthly message.

Well, it has been a little over 2 years since the barn had started falling down and now, we can say that it is all gone. Each time I make

that last turn I looked to see what changed with the barn. It is going to take some time getting used to not seeing it there. Once again, we cannot thank the Rangers, Dave and Don, enough for getting it removed. With it being gone we have opened up new parking and

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### February 10th Meeting Minutes—Ron Swift

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on February 10 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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### Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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maybe even a small picnic area. We will need to wait for a while to let the ground settle and dry before we add gravel and some grass seed, but it will make a nice addition to our field.

I can feel spring right around the bend and I am making an inventory of my planes, helicopters, etc. to see what they need in the way of repairs so I can spend more time flying and enjoying just hanging out and BS'ing.

We are doing a really good job with social distancing and abiding by the safety precautions set forth. Our event schedule hopefully will return to a more typical Buzzards style. We will do our best to keep everyone informed as April approaches and the



event schedule gets rolling.

With our unpredictable weather it is tough to plan ahead for flying. Still, when the sun is out or at least the rain has halted, get out to the field and can get in a flight or two. It is such a great pick me up and stress reliever.



Mark flying off the snow on our field!



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### Presidential Comments/Introduction:

12 Club Members were in attendance, special guest Doug Hoff

Entertained a motion to accept minutes as posted – Motion made, seconded, no discussion and passed unanimously

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### Vice President – Bryan Reightley

- No events were held after the January Freeze-In
- Next scheduled event is April 24th – the Night Fly
- Saved beams and 2x6 material from the barn. They are stored temporarily up the hill in the RC track area. They are for a set of stairs to make access from the lower parking lot to the upper track area a little easier. Please don't take or burn these as they are needed.
- Ranger Dave salvaged the tempered glass from the barn and the good news is they will be cut to fit the openings in the club house, eliminating the need to constantly replace the plastic sheeting when it gets windy. This is a work in progress. The glass is stored on the ground to the

north of the club house.

- Went to use the lights in the storage container and noticed the battery was gone! Mark shared that he knew that the battery was taken by Steve Higgins to charge it. Steve joined the meeting later and gave a status on charging the battery and other plans for the lighting system. See the New Business section for the update. Bryan mentioned that Jay Bell got all excited when he found out there were lights down there. Jay wanted to get the solar panel hooked up. So, he is organizing stuff on his end to take down there. It seems to be a large project for him at this time, but plans are being drafted, kind of a kit so we'll know what he had in mind for solar panel. Bottom line – Steve has the battery and will charge it, likely to bring it on Saturday. The lights worked and that's a good thing.
- May 1st the Work Party – no details as yet

#### Secretary – Ron Swift

- Currently our active club membership is 65.
- Members need to renew by the end of the March business meeting or pay the \$25.00 late

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# Safety Corner

By Chet Blake

Hey Fellow Buzzards and Friends!

So one of the largest Safety Concerns we've talked about for years is finally gone. The barn was reduced to near match stick sized pieces and hauled away. The only concern left with that area is the sharp fall off where the west wall was. I've heard that the Scouts want to back fill but that might be awhile. I'm suggesting we make some saw horses or the like to put along the bank with caution tape strung between them to warn those who might back in that area to turn around when parking up on the hill by the track and tank pit. The Scouts can easily move them when needed to do their back fill.

On a different subject, here are a couple pics. In one you see a member taking a probing pole with him to check for deep ravines, and ESPECIALLY this - he didn't go ALONE. Fellow members and friends stood by in case he got into trouble. Always have a friend watching or wait until someone is available to be there with you if necessary. The cost of that aircraft is nothing compared to your life.

Mark and Jay had a special retrieval that I'll ask him to talk about at the meeting. By the way, there is a pair of hip boots in the container if needed.

The other picture is how wet our field is just off the runway. 'IF' you need to go out there,

take a sturdy probe and don't be complacent with what appears to be shallow water. There are deep holes when it's this wet.

Here's some good stuff... I counted 17 robins on the field this morning. I think we're heading the right way .

See ya at the Field, Chet



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fee.

- Member updates and checks were given to Dart..
- Need the key to the mailbox. Mark has a key for Ron. [done]
- Asked if the format of the meeting minutes for January were OK. Consensus was yes, the format is fine.

### Treasurer – Dart Sharp

- Got his reservation for the trip to Hawaii (Just a joke about being treasurer ☐)
- Received \$180 for two member renewals.
- Got the books updated. Our accounts are in the green, up-to-date, and with the upcoming member renewals, lookin' good..
- Safety Officer – Chet Blake
- Things are going pretty well [from a field safety viewpoint]

- Lots of water on the field and especially off the runway.
- The barn should be gone by Thursday or Friday.
- The entry gate is being discussed and the scouts are taking the lead. There maybe two gates next to each other... We don't know yet. But there will be increased parking for sure.

### Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

- Barn demolition is going well. Because there was no rebar in the foundation, it crumbled. The equipment used tore through beams – they crumbled as he pushed through them.
- The revised plan is to clean up all the concrete and drag the dirt. Then overseeding the area. This will provide us plenty of

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parking. Lots of discussion about the barn removal and the high quality and high skill level of the team.

The demolition folks and the scouts wanted photos of the demolition [maybe even the damage Ron Swift's cub did when it hit the north wall. Ron finally got his engine back.

**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 again, the first 15 were gone. More copies were taken to the store. It was mentioned that maybe the locals have a lot of birds and needed something for the bottom of the cage □. Sharing our newsletter helps build relations with the community and provides an invitation to our meetings for those who might be interested.
- Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces parts & models, articles, etc. to ron-swift@cablespeed.com for the newsletter – Thank you!
- Sandy is looking for a handicap version of an out house for the field, hopefully a donation... More later.

**Website – Mark Weeks**

- Same request as the newsletter for use on our website.
- If you see an interesting article drop me a link and I'll post it.
- Our newsletter and website get a lot of viewers/readers. We want to keep them as fresh as we can. Thank you to all who make this happen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mark mentioned that once again there was no new action of past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting minutes as published. So, we'll move on to new business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **Barn Removal Project**

Mark mentioned that the field is closed until the barn removal project is completed. Bryan gave a good report on this already so moving on. Once the rangers contact us with the information that the project is completed, Ron will send out an email to everybody that the field is

open. Foundation was removed, opening up a lot of area

Walking around the area or driving, be cautious – there may be nails. The contractor for the removal is doing a great job and so far, few nails have been found in areas worked on.

**Safety Rail at the Top of the Hill**

We will need to do something at the top of the hill since some guys turn their trucks around there. Now there is a possibility of going over the hill. Might need a guard rail or something.

• **Barn Documents and Photos**

The contractor is very interested in photos of the barn and the demolition. Whatever pictures you have, the board (Chet?) is collecting them as documentation. So please send what you have to Chet. A mention of a board with a horse's name on it was collected by them, so whatever is available, they would like to have. Ranger Dave wants some documentation also. Bryan mentioned he had drone photos of the demolition. Rumor has it that the contractor wants a drone now□.

• **Storage Container Light System**

Steve mentioned that he took the battery to charge it. The condition of the charge left in the battery is unknown, but it seemed to have a short life. Steve mentioned using his 100 amp charger and cycling the battery several times to condition it for our use. He said he would bring it back on Saturday. Also mentioned that Jay has some batteries that can be used, too. Jay is working with the team on a charging system and other items, too.

• **Club House**

The shed on the north end of the field is called the Club House. It is for everybody to use and it is warm. When the glass windows get installed, it will be even warmer.

**See Something Say Something**

If you see something amiss or someone messing with our projects or property of the Buzzards or Scouts contact one of the club officers. It was mentioned that Ranger Dave can see more of the field area now that the barn is gone.

• **Mailbox on the Frequency Board**

The new mailbox on the frequency board is for helping club communication since the Covid-19 recovery has minimized physical contact between us. There is a slot in the mailbox where you can put in receipts, membership forms, checks and other club related



materials. The club officers have a key for the mailbox and will check it frequently. Having membership application and forms for expenses on the frequency board will be discussed.

**Burning**

No need - nothing left to burn from the barn. Bruce and all, thank you for all your help burning the material in the past. Very much appreciated!

**Stairs**

Stairs for the crawler/race track is a work on progress. We are looking for ideas for removing weeds, etc. Roundup 360 and other things have been tried with little success. The area to be used for these stairs will be marked off using yard paint.

Ideas and help are always appreciated.

**Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing**

**Heli Days Date Correction**

The schedule on the website and newsletters has the date as June 29th, a Tuesday. It should be documented as Saturday, June 26th. The date will be corrected and thank you!

**Question – Need More Pallets?**

No, pallets are not needed anymore.

**NWMHE Date Changed Again**

Ron mentioned that the dates for *the NW Model Hobby Expo* for 2021 have been changed to October 30th and 31st (Halloween!). Info is on the NWMHE.COM website. Also mentioned was that the Commercial Building previously used for the swap meet part of the Expo will be torn down and not replaced. Ron and Sandy are working on the new site layout .

**Posthole Tool**

We have some posts to set at the field. We have used a power auger on previous fields. [A question was asked about how many fields we have been thrown off of – a joke. Answer was none, and some commented on their curiosity of the club’s past and the changes that happened.] Comradery at its best☐

**Better Ways to Invite the Public to Our Meetings**

A discussion was held about the open club meetings and ways to inform/invite the public. It was subsequently decided to add info on our website inviting everyone to our meeting each month and how to get the meeting access info. Also, the newsletter will have similar info in each

edition.

**Doug Hoff – Rejoining**

Guest, Doug, mentioned that after 42 years of working at Boeing, he’s retiring and plans to start flying model airplanes again. Doug, one of the original founders of the Barnyard Buzzards MAC has many historic stories to share and frequently does. Doug also mentioned having found the original Buzzards logo. He sent a digital copy to the board members and it will be in the March



newsletter.

**Snow is Coming!**

Yes, we received advice that we should get our skis, floats and snow models ready. It is imminent. [Mark sent a photo of his plane on snow that will be in the March issue of our newsletter.

**PROGRAM: Holiday Season Show & Tell**

**Pocket 2 Camera**

Dart showed his new camera, capable to 4K videos and lots more. New to him, he admitted the need to learn how to use it, a handheld device. Dart is pretty crafty as well as a good pilot. We’re sure he will have that mounted to a jet, helicopter or something with wings... Stay tuned!



ADJOURNMENT:  
7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Swift— BBMAC  
Secretary



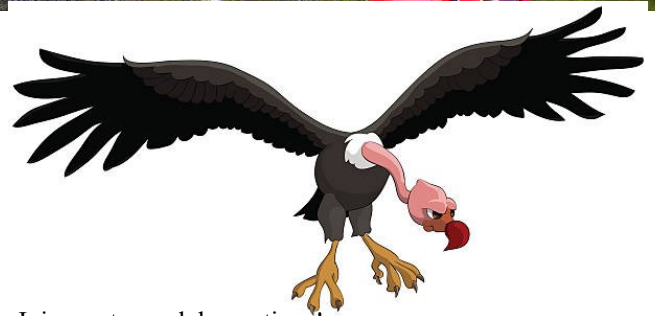
# Planes & Pilots





Yes, RC Model Airplanes do come in other colors besides red, but you'd never know it based on these pictures from February 13th!





Join us at our club meetings!

Our club meetings are open to the public. Currently we are using ZOOM to hold our meetings. If you would like to attend our club meeting, please contact our club secretary, Ron Swift, on his cell phone (425) 765-6745 or email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com). He will send the information to join in our ZOOM meeting. You can use a cell phone, tablet, computer (with camera and sound), or just your POTS (Plain old telephone service). Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM and last about an hour. At the beginning of the meeting, our club president will ask visitors to identify themselves and provide a short story about the and experience interest in RC Model Airplanes.






# 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!



# 2021 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC)

## Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ FAA ID \_\_\_\_\_

RC Frequencies  2.4 GHz  72 MHz  50 MHz  27 MHz  5.8 GHz

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

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**Primary Interest / Skills:**

- Building  Flying  Electronics  Covering  Painting
- Teaching  Contest Director  Contest Judge
- Design/Experimental  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Flying/Modeling Types:**

- Sport Flying  Pattern  Helicopters  Events and Competition
- Crawlers  Tanks  RC Vehicles  Boats and Water Flying
- Drones/Quads/FPV  Gliders  Scale

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00

Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA membership to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)  
 16325 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
 Duvall, WA 98019  
[Ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:Ronswift@cablespeed.com)

Thank you for your interest!

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the rules, Buy-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 this club.

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

## Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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**

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

April 14, 2021 - We might have a meeting place for a "get together" meeting with ZOOM. We will have info on our website and you can contact one of the club officers for the access information.



# 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: March 10th 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting!  
Program: Safer Plane Retrieval



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Ron & Sandy

*NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—  
October 30 & 31, 2021. Yep, Halloween weekend!  
Let's make this happen. Visit our website for  
more information and highlights!*

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