



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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Our Club Meeting will be held **March 8th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the **Live ZOOM** access. Thank you Alfy's Pizza for the use of your room! The public is invited as always!

Program: Rekindled from last month—Spektrum
Presentation: Transmitters, Receivers, Batteries, Servos, Telemetry



President's Message — Mark Weeks

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Hello Buzzards,
I can feel Spring coming around the corner, or at least I hope it is coming soon. And with the start of Spring comes the start of our events season! This year's events schedule, I think, has a little something for everyone to get involved and enjoy.

We are going to start things off with our Spring Work Party on March 19th. We have enough tasks both large and small so everyone can find something to do to help out. You're

all welcome to come and have some food and pitch in a bit – please let one of the board members know if you are able to make it.

Then, the second weekend of April comes the Northwest Model Hobby Expo. While it's not an official Buzzards event it will give us a chance to add to or clean out our hangers a little. For me, the best part about this expo is that we get to show off our club to new possible

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February 8th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:31pm
Introduction of Officers and guests:
President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Paul Dibble
Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Jason Milsom
A request for new members and guests:

Mike Wiesner New Member...
Flying for a long time.. Like to have his Draco out on Sunday and it sure was pretty.

John Lindgren lived in Nevada and now back up in the PNW. Love to fly big fast loud stuff.

16 Club Members were in attendance, with 1 guest.

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705 Vice President: Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
Safety Officer: Jason Milsom (425) 328-5705 Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705
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members and share our hobby with the general public. We will have a sign up sheet at the club meeting to help man our club booth.

I think that everyone should be pleased with what we have in store this year. I am looking forward to getting the runway back into pristine shape as the first round of fertilizer should be spread soon. Last year's heat along with the lack of water really did a number on the grass. We seem to have more moss than grass for now. If you have expertise in landscaping, please feel free to volunteer your skills or impart any knowledge.

This morning I went to the field to get a few flights in before the predicted rain was to set in, and while the rain held off the wind did not. I was able to get a couple flights in - my planes bounced around quite a bit and I was happy to get back on the ground safely. The best

part of the day was just hanging out with the other guys that had the same idea as I had. We sat in the clubhouse with a couple of propane heaters and just shot the breeze. Even when it's too inclement to fly it's always a great day at the field! Camaraderie at its best...

Hope to see you at the field soon,
Mark



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Minutes from December's Meeting approval: Motion was made to accept minutes as posted – Motion was Passed

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Make sure we thank the Alfys Pizza staff. They let us use the room for free and give us a good discount.

Vice President – Don't forget, Saturday the 12th @ 2 PM... Practice Race Whoop Day.

Secretary – We have 28 paid members for 2022, there still are a few who haven't paid the 2022 dues. Check your AMA Renewal

Info: We have 23 Members whose AMA Expires this year. 14 Members who have expired AMA membership or their membership expires within the next 60 days. 4 Members who have paid dues for 2022, whom their AMA expires in the next 30 days. I will be sending individual emails to those members within 60 days of expiry by Friday the 11th of February. Please check your spam filters for said emails. Plan on getting new Member cards out by the beginning of April. Those who I see at the field often, I'll hand them to them directly. Those who I don't see often - they will be mailed.

Treasurer – Doing good... Bank account is in the Black. AMA Registration is updated and paid.

Safety Officer – Make sure you do a preflight... Check your servos...

Field Manager – Sometime in March, need to put down fertilizer.

Newsletter Editor – Brought copies of the newsletter.

Webmaster – Pics, news and comments are always wanted for the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

See last month's posting (Mark asked if we need to go over them at the meeting) None brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark:

Found a Power Pole... It's on a 4X6... We will get it out to Ranger Dave, and they may put it up. It'll be nice to have in this year, but this is based on the Scouts time frame.

Next Month Dues for 2022 are Due... Please, we must keep our AMA up to date.

Ranger Dave, and Don have swapped positions. Dave is the administrator, and Don is taking care of maintenance. They have asked us that when we have the Tank Event that weekend if they can bring scouts to watch the event. Dave and Don have also asked if we can assist with an Aviation Merit Badge. The question was asked do we know what the Merit Badge details? Mark will find out these details. [Mark said he had the Merit Badge info in an email...]

Ron is providing 4 swap floor tables and a double club booth for the Buzzards use and asked if this is adequate for the NW Model Hobby Expo event. Maybe we should be giving out information on our events.

Ron has a waterproof box that we can use for newsletters at the field. He said he will take care of installing this at the field.

Ron asked if there were instructions for the assembly of the porta-potties, so that we can determine what tools we need to bring. We will address this once we get closer to the work party in March. Brian will have 2x2 pavers on

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to use as a stable base for the porta-potties. There was a question as to whether FFA numbers should be on your plane. Brian R. responded that the answer for this was no, but just as a reminder those numbers should be on the outside of your plane. If you don't have the FAA number you still **must** put the required AMA information on your plane when you bring it to the field.

A question was asked about FAA numbers, if we should include them in the club documentation.

SHOW AND TELL:

Jim Stewart showed off his glider that he's been building...

Jay Whelan showed off his FPV quad... This prompted a discussion on the Quad

Events we will be having 1 weekend a month this summer. We will be having a practice event starting at 2PM this Saturday the 12th of February.

PROGRAM:

Steve H. started a presentation on how to program an AS3X. He forgot his 3S Battery to demonstrate with a plane. Steve will attempt this again in March!



ADJOURNED.

Bush Mule



Maine Tonkin's plane, the Bush Mule, was finally found by his daughter, Nancy Ward, who is in charge of training for King County Search and Rescue (SAR). She had 40 trainees last month who were working in our area. There were about 600 SAR volunteers doing some 200 rescue missions last year.

You can see what's left after the critters nibbled on it. This is what happens to our models when they are on their own in the wild after a while. I have probably 3 or 4 out in the wild. Some have been found, but the water level is/was much too high to rescue. Others, no one knows (yet). These make for wonderful stories! Maybe Dart's glider will be found in subsequent SAR training missions. If you lose a model, hopefully you have a picture of it to share with others. Who knows, they may chance upon it while searching for theirs. Bryan Reightley found and brought one of my planes back while looking for his. He had water up to his neck that day. I am appreciative still!

Moral of this story... Don't feed the critters and do your best to get downed planes. Share the lost plane info and hopefully yours will be found before they are nibbled to death.

Ron Swift



Upcoming Events

Event Schedule:

Freeze-In	January 7th	Jan 7th 2023
Work Party #1	March 19th	(Weather Permitting, May Move)
Expo	April 8, 9 and 10th	
Cars/Tanks/Crawlers	May 8 th (<u>Changed to April 30th after meeting due to Mothers day</u>)	VE Day 1Pm Start
Gliders	May 14th	
Warbirds	June 4th	
Rebuilders	June 14th	Meeting Night.
Boats n Floats#1	June 18th	
Fun Fly	July 16th	
UMX Planes Combined with Fun Fly	July 16th	
Family Picnic	July 30th	
Combat	August 13th	
Heli	August 27th	
Auction	September 10th	
Boats n Floats#2	September 24th	
Night Fly	October 8th	
Builders Contest	October 11th	Meeting Night
Christmas	December 13th	Meeting Night Gift exchange
Freeze-In 2023	January 7th 2023	
Work Party #2		
Pilon	To be determined.	
	Detail To Follow. Ex One Sunday a Month.	
Small Quad	???	





Photos For Fun



Our new newsletter box.



A really old (2018) aerial photo of our flying area from our website. The barn and U-control area are no longer part of the field. Just note the changes we have made with more to come. Make sure to help out at our work party on March 19th. Yes, we have even more upgrades in store for the area.





Ron Swift

During our March club meeting, not only is it the last moment to renew your membership, but we will have signup sheets for supporting our club booth. The show is from 9:00 AM on Saturday until 6:00 PM. On Sunday, the hours are from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will also do the setup of our club booth on Friday afternoon, likely at 2:30 PM. And teardown on Sunday starting at 3:00 PM. If you have the time, please help out. Contact Ron Swift (425) 765-6745 (cell phone) or send email ronswift@cablespeed.com to sign up if you can't make the club meeting.

The current thinking is to have a Realflight simulator version 9.5 with a large monitor at the club booth. Also planned are plenty of photos of the club activities, events and just having fun! We have a couple of banners to put up. And, if we

get some volunteers, a few models to spice up our area.

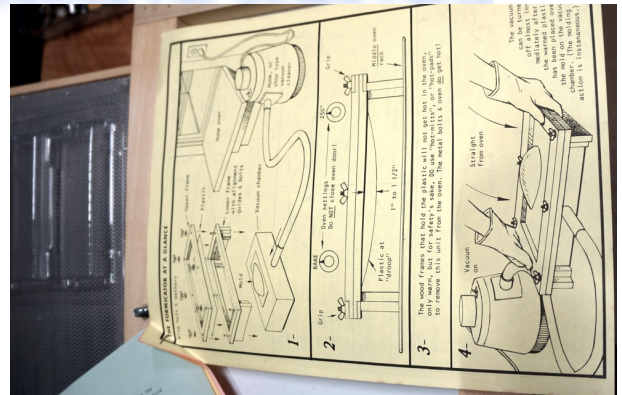
The club booth has two 8 foot tables, four chairs, and pipe and drape. Copies of the most current newsletter, membership application, and membership packet will be available, too. Some have suggested having a laptop or computer displaying our website, too. We also have 6 weekend Expo passes to share with those members helping out. so they can enjoy the rest of the show, too.

There are four swap tables for our stuff. In past years these had been used for the donated items which we put into our charity auction. We have been donating the auction money to Sky Valley Food Bank in Monroe.



Ryden Air Museum from a Doug Hoff Shop Photo

Formicator - Vacuum Forming Device For Small Parts



Yep—A shop vac and loads of patience brings this cool tool into the shop. Making the plug can be time consuming.



2022 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____ FCC License # _____

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)

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 Member is \$90.00 a year.
 Additional Family Member is \$45.00/yr.
 Student Membership is \$25.00 a year.
 Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting.

Please send your check and a copy of your current AMA Membership to:
 Steve Higgins (Club Secretary)
 20330 10th Ave W
 Lynnwood, WA 90262
 Steve@surrette.com

Thank you for your interest in RC.

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 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: _____



Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

Last month I wrote of the need for model pilots to have a mental pre-flight checklist. But let's imagine this scenario: You've got your new model all ready for it's maiden flight. You've thoroughly checked it out at home and after arriving at the flying field you've given it another quick check.

It barrels down the runway and jumps into the air. But right away there is a problem. It's flying but is very hard to control. Something is wrong but you don't know what it is. Could it be just very out of trim? Should you proceed with the flight and hope you can sort it out? I can't tell you what you should do, but you should always have an escape plan.

Top priority: If your model is in any way threatening bodily harm to anyone around or possibly damaging property, you do whatever you can to get the model down quickly - even if it means deliberately crashing it.

Beyond that it varies a lot depending on the situation, but you should have a few basic skills you practice and memorize. Let's say your model is out of control for any reason, maybe something has gone wrong, a servo stripped, a linkage came off, a control surface is flapping in the breeze or maybe you have just become disoriented and the

plane is doing loops, stalls and/or rolls out over the field somewhere. My last ditch method is to pull back on both sticks. Reducing the throttle is always a good idea when you are out of control. But also pulling back on the elevator will cause it to either start doing tight loops or stalls and recovery. Either way it slows it down and buys you some time to recover or at a minimum, reduces the speed before impact. You don't have to use my method, but you should have a plan or method of your own for when things go wrong and you should practice it. Using a simulator is helpful. Or practice with an expendable model with enough altitude to recover.

Also, note the pictures below and be careful of ice on the roads.

Jason Milsom -
Safety Officer-
BBMAC



Jason Sends Crash Warning Photos Yep, Drive Carefully - Avoid Ice





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 Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. at Alfy's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll have a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 / steve@surette.com for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings. Make sure to stay for the program!



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:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Spektrum—Setting Up Drones Using the AS3X Controller, Flight Controller



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<http://www.bbmac.net>



THROUGH THESE DOORS
Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—April 9 & 10, 2022. Please visit our updated website for more information and highlights! We're looking for volunteers to help set up the swap tables on Friday and take them down on Sunday. <https://www.nwmhe.com>

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