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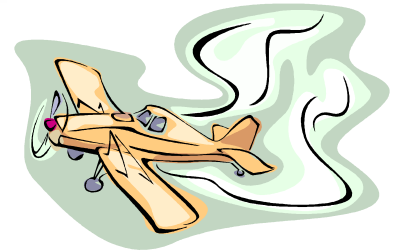
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Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: Noise Reduction Discussion



President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Fellow Buzzards !!!

Most of you have heard that we have retained the field with a proposal that Dale has verbally accepted. No one had the proposal with them last meeting and my apologizes that I couldn't be there. The gist of the whole thing is this...

It's very hard to regulate field usage by dB (sound) levels that

certain models make. Instead of having to police and maintain a check for every plane that every member owns, we simply said this.....

"Some engines cannot easily achieve the 92 dB recommendation. In this case, we would like to offer the following changes to pro-

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March 9th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

Vice President (VP) Jim Reynolds called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. 22 members were present. (President Chet Blake was trying to quickly recover from a bout of pneumonia. Heal fast Chet!)

The next meeting will be on the

second Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alf's Pizza in Monroe.

VP Jim Reynolds welcomed all who showed up for the meeting. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Mark Mixel was visiting with us. Welcome Mark. As always, it was great to see the members who

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Vaughan Houser (425) 788-8616

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831



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tect both the landlord and the Club and show that there is a solid control order made and sustained such as:

- No flying I.C. engine, ducted fan or pusher type air craft before 9:00 a.m. and not after 7:00 p.m. . Monday, Thru Saturday.
- No Flying I.C. engine, ducted fan aircraft or pusher type air craft before 10:00 a.m. and not after 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- No flying I.C. or ducted fan or pusher type aircraft on Easter Sunday. Electric quiet fliers, electric gliders and non- powered gliders welcome.

We wish to allow battery powered-electric (low noise quiet flyers, and gliders) 9:00 a.m. to sunset on a regular basis, since they offer less offensive noise.

After we get the approval of the membership attending our next meeting, Jim Reynolds will re-write it into a final, formal rental agreement that will be presented to Dale. Please plan on being at the meeting to go over details.

Also, good news is that Marymoor R/C

Club and King Co. have reportedly come to an agreement. I'm very happy to hear that. Marymoor Field has been a long time institution in the park and has served many R/C enthusiasts over the years. It is a beautiful setting with Mt. Rainier in the background.

See you at the meeting !

Chet



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turned out for the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes as published in our newsletter. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Jim introduced the club officers, then went into the officers' reports.

President – Chet Blake – not in attendance

Vice President – Jim Reynolds

Treasurer – Rick Hanners

Secretary – Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift

Field Manager – Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President – Chet Blake was absent working on returning to health

VP – Jim Reynolds saved his information for later on in the meeting.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the

Buzzards have \$8,461.75 in the bank, plus a couple of hundred collected at the start of the meeting from members renewing. Rick shared that as of tonight's meeting 13 past members had not renewed their membership.

Secretary – Vaughan reported that about 53 members had renewed.

Safety Officer – Vince stated his desire for members to succeed at take offs. Apparently, there seems to be an epidemic of people veering their planes to the left on take off. Remember to correct by adding the right amount of right rudder.

Field Manager – Jay Bell reported the field looks good.

Newsletter – Ron Swift reminded people that the newsletter can be found on-line at <http://barnyard-buzzards.com>.

Old Business

Field situation. Jim reported that he and Chet

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had talked with Dale. Chet presented a proposal to Dale which stated a due diligence on actively pursuing a noise or flying time limitation during the day. (The entire proposal is at the end of the minutes.)

Additionally, Chet proposed increasing the rent to be competitive with what Dale would normally get in terms of yield from his crops in the area the club occupies.

In essence, Jim reported that Dale was pleased with the proposal. The Barnyard Buzzards are "good to stay." (Secretary's editorial: A **BIG** round of kudos to Chet for developing the relationship with Dale and working to a win-win solution!)

The club will put some rigor into conducting noise readings of pilots' planes. So, when you come out to fly expect to have a noise reading taken on your plane. (It doesn't hurt). All airplanes with an internal combustion engine, or equipped with a ducted fan, will have certain restrictions (see proposal below).

Dale and Chet talked about moving the gate to free up more land for farming. Dale did not see the need to move the gate.

The Barnyard Buzzard rent would increase from \$600.00 per year to \$2,000.00 per year. However, Dale said he would deduct the amount we have not used from the new rent, which would bring it to around \$1,800.00. The fiscal year would be from January to January instead of what it is now – July to July(?). Rick Hanners commented that there is currently more than enough [money] to cover the cost this year. At the end of the year, we can compare our budget from the prior year to determine if there is a need to raise membership dues. Current dues are at \$60.00 per member. It might be possible to raise the dues by \$20 ~ \$25 for a total of \$80.00 to \$85.00 per member.

The dilemma of the field situation may have prevented some members from rejoining in 2010. Jim suggested a grace period. Ron Swift reminded everyone of the by-laws which state when dues payments are required. Any time after the March meeting then, the member has to pay \$100.00 to rejoin. Rick mentioned the number of times he has contacted members about paying dues. There were some members still making an effort to get their dues in.

New Business

Ron Swift reminded people that Sandy does have the 2010 Freeze-in patches for people who attended the Freeze-in and had not picked up their patch. See Sandy for your patch.

Ron also talked about the AMA minimum criteria for a club to achieve **AMA Leader Club Status**. The AMA has additional requirements for reaching a bronze, silver, or gold leader status. For 8 years now, the Barnyard Buzzards have met the criteria as an **AMA Gold Leader Club**. Great job guys!

Ron also commented on the success of the NW Model Hobby Expo which was conducted in February. John Fogelsong decided to waive the table fees (\$160.00) for the Buzzards because of all the assistance given for setup and tear down. Thank you, John! But wait, there's more, the Buzzards did a tremendous job supporting the event, too. Thank you to all who helped!

Tim Baird talked about possibly doing a Boy Scout event sometime in May. This would be open to the public. A motion was made, seconded; a vote taken. The members approved the motion. So, prepare yourselves to help in the event.

Announcements

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

Evening Program: Dave Menzimer presented his Top Flite F4U Corsair. Dave described his journey researching and learning from others. One of the on-line sites he went to was RCUniverse blogs. He found some tips and insights on what to do, or not, in the construction of the airplane. Dave's version of the Corsair has lights, retractable landing gear and tail wheel. He described building the functional gear doors, flaps, and cock pit. Dave, you did an outstanding display of craftsmanship. Thank you for sharing your model! Now, all you need to do is tell us the day you plan to make its maiden flight.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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The next meeting is Tuesday April 13, 2010 at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger,
BBMAC Secretary.



BBMAC Club Proposal

To: Mr. Dale Reiner

As current President of the Barnyard Buzzards I would like you to review the following as a functional format of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club offer to continue rent with you at the current location on 168th St SE, Monroe, WA. 98272.

We wish to offer \$2000 per year plus an agreement to show due diligence in noise control.

As you well know, we currently have not actively pursued a noise or flying limitation control with exception to no internal combustion (herein referred to as I.C.) engines running before 9:00 a.m. and not after 9:00 p.m. or sundown.

We have previously only offered suggestions to members that have extremely loud aircraft. The AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics of which we are a chartered Club), offers suggestions that modelers should do all within their means to limit sound to a 92 dB or lower. We have the equipment to monitor and test the dB of any identified as being extremely noisy.

Some engines cannot easily achieve the low dB recommendation. In these cases we would like to offer the following changes to protect both you and the Club and show that there is a solid control order made and sustained such as.....

No flying I.C. engine or ducted fan air craft before 9:00 a.m. Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat.

No flying I.C. engine or ducted fan aircraft later than 7:00 p.m. Mon, Tue, Wed Thu, Fri and Sat.

No Flying I.C. engine or ducted fan aircraft before 10:00 a.m. and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

No flying I.C. or ducted fan aircraft on Easter Sunday.

We wish to allow battery powered-electric (low

noise quiet flyers, and gliders) 9:00 a.m. to sunset on a regular basis since they offer no offensive noise. This **excludes** ducted fan air craft and certain **V wing** aircraft due to the high dB they can produce.

We would continue to police, maintain and secure the grounds and ensure that the membership observes the speed limits and use extreme caution driving along 168th St. to the field.

These rules would be posted at the field, reminders to members at all meetings and broadcasted to the membership via the monthly newsletter, email and our web site www.barnyard-buzzards.com

Adherence to these rules would make each member held accountable by our Grievance Procedure which can call for review by the Board, temporary loss of flying privileges and/or expulsion from the Club.

We greatly appreciate the time we have spent at your location and would like to continue with an agreement from you for further rent.

As always we will continue to provide you as the land owner \$2.5 million in AMA field insurance and ensure as written in the AMA guidelines and our Field Safety Rules that all pilots (member or guest) have a current AMA card which carries its own \$2.5 million insurance for the pilot.

If this is agreeable, we would like to have a meeting with you to go over other issues or scenarios that you might have in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chet Blake, President BBMAC AMA
Charter #2953



Safety Corner



This month I have included the FLYING section of the Club's Safety Rules. (see page 6) The last sentence in the intent of the Safety Rules is "Common Sense and courtesy shall prevail at all times. So what is Common Sense? My dictionary defines common sense as sound practical judgment that is independent of specialized knowledge, training, or the like; normal native intelligence.

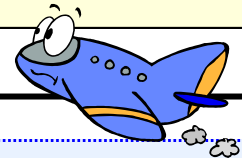
Is it common sense not to put a finger into a spinning prop; or is it some of the specialized knowledge that Mr. Webster is talking about? To most of us this is common sense but to a four-year-old child it may not be so.

Rule 9. "Pilots shall not stand on the runway while flying." Common sense tells us that it is much easier to hit a target the closer you are to it, or is that another bit of knowledge we learned

in our childhood? So, by standing on the runway it should be easier to hit the runway and not land in the tall grass. This is where the sound practical judgment comes in to play. We don't stand on the runway; we stand on one of the designated pilot stations.

What I'm saying is 99% of what we call common sense is something we have actually learned by education or experience, the safety rules are just what the old timers have learned through experience and education and they make sense. That's why we don't have a rule stating to land you have to stand on one foot and sing Row-Row-Row-Your-Boat.

Fly safe, have fun.
Vince Bell
Safety Officer



Builder's Competition 2009-2010 Rules

- Entries can be made by any club member in good standing.
- Each model is considered an entry and will have a \$10.00 fee.
- Payment along with the name of the model can be submitted to any board member or event judge.
- Event judges and ruling body will be comprised of 4 members plus the Vice President.
These members are not yet named, but new judges for each year would be a great idea!
- Judges cannot judge their own plane.
- You must build the model yourself.
- Two main categories (others such as wet fuel vs. other may also emerge as we progress):
 - ◊ ARF
 - ◊ Stick build (plans or kits)
- You must beat someone to win (must have other entries in the same category).
- You can finish the model you previously entered, but didn't complete.
- New models must be started after the May judging club meeting (end of the previous competition).
- Two special awards voted on by the attendees of the May meeting:
 - ◊ In the Bones (award to the best model started, but not finished)
 - ◊ Members Choice Award
- Prizes will be color plaques of the winners and models.
- You must have fun!
- Extra points awarded if the model is flown before the May meeting.
- A write up of the model including the wingspan, weight, modifications, power, etc. would be helpful.
- Questions should be directed to the judges or Vice President, who is the responsible events coordinator.



Safety Rules

FIELD AND SAFETY RULES of the BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

Any full club member shall have the authority to enforce the rules herein.

If a member deliberately refuses to comply with a specific safety rule, the facts should be reported to any club officer. The incident shall then become club business and be open for discussion and any appropriate corrective action if/as deemed necessary at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. (Refer to Section 6 of the club by-laws for more details.)

The Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and below listed safety rules and regulations shall apply to all flying activity at the field, including but not limited to fixed wing aircraft, gliders, and helicopters. The rules/regulations are divided into two categories; operational and flying. For safety's sake, don't be bashful.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE AS TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING, OR DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RULES, ASK ANY MEMBER IN THE PIT AREA FOR ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE.

Common sense and courtesy shall prevail at all times.

FLYING

- 1. All new members must complete a safety flight check prior to solo flying. This check off flight must be verified by a non-sponsoring soloed member.**
- 2. No student pilots may fly at the field at any time unless accompanied by a Club qualified pilot/instructor.**
- 3. 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.**

4. There shall be no flying or action that will endanger any spectator or club member. Flying over or between the pit and parking area, and high speed maneuvers in the direction of and / or over the pilot stations / flight line are strictly prohibited.

5. There shall be no taxiing of aircraft in to, through, or out of the immediate pit area.

6. All hand launched aircraft shall be launched from the runway side of the pilot stations or perpendicular to the last pilot station on each end in a direction that is away from the pit area.

7. All engine run-up operations shall also be accomplished with the airplane facing away from the pit area and people. Pilots must be sure that no person is standing in line with the prop arc.

8. Any pilot may declare an emergency (including a dead stick). once declared, he/she has the right-of way over all other aircraft under power. There shall be no take-offs or landings until the declared emergency has been terminated.

9. Pilots shall not stand on the runway while flying.

10. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way except as noted in an emergency situation. Pilots should announce landing intentions if others are flying.

11. No more than four (4) airplanes shall be airborne at the same time. a maximum of three (3) is recommended. Any flyer not complying with the above rules may be subject to loss of his/her flying privileges at the site. (Refer to Section 6 of the club by-laws for more details.) These rules may be changed or amended at any time by a majority vote of the membership.

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Photos for Fun







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Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. Starting in March 2010, we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfy'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...

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. We will 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.

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, Vaughn Houger at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

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| Dean Appell | 360 435-7803 |
| Vince Bell | 425 788-2456 |
| Rick Hanners | 360 668-1312 |
| Ron Swift | 425 788-6045 |
| Brian Taylor | 425 225-5247 |



Upcoming Meetings

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

April 13	Alfy's Pizza
May 11	Club Field
June 8	Club Field
July 13	Club Field
August 10	Club Field
September 14	Club Field
October 12	Alfy's Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web [site \(http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com\)](http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com) has lots of photos of our field.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Piz-za on Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).

Program: **Noise Reduction Discussion**



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