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Gold Leader Club

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



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe (See page 7 for a map).
Program: Landing Approaches

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Have you ever belonged to volunteer based club that no longer exists? Usually this happens because members make plenty of time for their club's main activity but not enough to maintain the organization. This is not the case with BBMAC. The Barnyard Buzzards is a great club providing a low cost, safe, and fun environment

for both experienced and novice RC pilots to fly. We are approaching our tenth consecutive year as an AMA "Gold Leader Club". This is the highest level we can achieve within AMA and is no easy accomplishment. It speaks highly of our club's heritage and could not be

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March 8th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with 19 members present on 3/8/11.

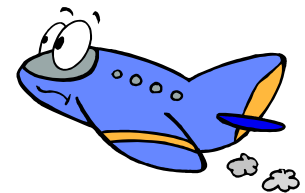
President Reightley called for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No new guests or visitors were present. As always, it was good to see those who attended.

Bryan introduced the officers and

then went into the officers' reports.

- President – Bryan Reightley
- 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

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Vaughan Houger (425) 788-8616

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

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



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achieved without strong leadership and general membership support.

Like many organizations, our strength as a club depends on our members' willingness to volunteer and attend to the needs of the club. We have dedicated members willing to instruct new pilots, manage our field, publish the newsletter, coordinate our flying events, manage club finances, document our meetings, and regulate safety for us. These are the more visible volunteers. We also have individuals willing to help when asked, and others who just take care of things when they need attending to. You find these individuals helping at club events, participating in work parties, attending monthly meetings, mowing the landing field and parking areas, etc. I believe these members are as important to our club's legacy and longevity as are the volunteers with job descriptions and titles.

We all enjoy the benefits our club offers

us. Becoming President this year has reaffirmed for me the important roll our volunteers play in making us a viable club. Please give this some thought and consider volunteering whenever possible.

See you at the field,

Bryan



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Secretary Vaughan asked for a motion to accept the February minutes as published in the Buzzards' March newsletter. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Officer Reports

Vice President – Jim Reynolds was absent. President Bryan brought a few of the upcoming events to mind. As of this meeting there were 4 members entered in the builder's contest. Members are welcome to participate. The contest goes until the May club meeting when the entries are judged.

We were looking for someone to provide food at the September 11th combat event. Sandy will be taking on that responsibility for that and the other events for the year. Thank you, Sandy!

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. This meeting was the final meeting for Buzzards to renew their membership: \$70.00 for returning members, \$105.00 for family members, and

\$110.00 for new members.

Secretary – Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is at 56 for 2011.

Safety Officer – Vince stated that we, as a club, are doing pretty well. Vince went on to explain about landing approaches; that pilots should be mindful where their airplanes are in proximity to post and arrow located on the trestle. Scott Curtis considered doing a presentation in the near future on landing approaches.

Field Manager – Jay mentioned that a mowing list was in the works and that lock combinations will be changed.

Newsletter/Website – Ron Swift mentioned updates have been made to the website. There are still some updates left to do. Ron also mentioned that he submitted the application to renew the AMA leader club status. The AMA has acknowledged the Barnyard Buzzards as continuing to achieve the Gold status once again — now nine years running.

Old Business

Periodically we do have visitors stopping by

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the field. Just be aware of their presence.

President Reightley reminded all regarding the “no-fly zone” near and certainly never over the house. As stated earlier, efforts have been made to make the pole and arrow more visible for pilots when they set up their approaches to land.

Also, continue to monitor your airplane engine noise and record the sound pressure levels.

The topic of dedicating a table as a charging station was open for discussion. No new thoughts were presented. However, consider the safety benefits for using a charging table to protect your equipment and vehicles.

New Business

An idea was proposed to have a weather station at the field. The cost is about \$10/month for service; \$200 for set up. This has been proposed in the past. However, protecting the station from vandalism and/or theft prevented the club from further pursuing this investment.

John Fogelsong, who orchestrated the Northwest Model Hobby Expo, presented a proposal for the Buzzards to be involved in sponsoring a unified R/C presence in the form of an Expo at the annual EAA Arlington Air Show, which occurs July 6-10th. Members did express an interest.

Dick Ovrud has a friend who is selling about 500 kits and sundry R/C hobby items. Dick will get a list of the items along with prices to circulate to the club members.

Rick Hanners stated that the section in the By-Laws specifying an actual membership fee

amount be eliminated. He proposed new wording, which is essentially the same minus the \$100. There will be a follow up at the next meeting.

Current wording, *“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.”*

Revised wording to be, *“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.”*

Presentation/Program

President Bryan Reightley showed video clips of R/C airplane mishaps, commonly referred to as crashes. These were some entertaining displays of spectacular crashes at someone else’s expense. But, we can all learn something from those incidents, such as watching your air speed when landing.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Alf’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.



Board of Trustees 2011



Photos for Fun





Safety Corner

Two days without rain, must be some sort of record for this winter.

This month I have included the FLYING section of the Club's Safety Rules. 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.

Is it Common Sense to solo with your trainer and the next day bring out the Super Belch Fire 91 you built during your training period and try to fly it solo? I don't think so. The Common Sense approach would be to have a more experienced pilot check it out and fly it, getting it trimmed for

you. If all goes well he can hand it over and let you get the feel of it. Make a few approaches and land it—if you feel comfortable, with the experienced pilot standing by. If you don't feel good about landing it, give it back to the experienced pilot and let him land it. That is the Common Sense way to move into flying faster, less forgiving airplanes.

What I'm trying to get across 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 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-Your-Boat.

Fly safe, have fun.

Vince Bell, Safety Officer

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/

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**FIELD AND SAFETY RULES of the BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB.** (continued)

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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**Barnyard Buzzards Events****2011 Events**

Our events are **open to the public** and you are welcome to come out to watch the events and talk with our pilots. All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House.

We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces for the swap meet are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION
Club Charity Auction	Tuesday, June 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Fun Fly	Saturday, July 23 rain date: July 24	10:00am - 3:00pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Open House & Super Swap Meet	Sunday, August 14	10:00am - 3:00pm	Bryan Reightley	(360) 863-2953	Club Field
Combat	Sunday, September 11, 2011	10:00am - 3:00pm	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	Club Field
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 7, 2012	11am - 2pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Builder Competition	Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!! You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging. Judging and award presentation will be during our May 10, 2011 meeting at the club field.				



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.

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**

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| April 12 | Alf's Pizza |
| May 10 | Club Field |
| June 14 | Club Field |
| July 12 | Club Field |
| August 9 | Club Field |
| September 13 | Club Field |
| October 11 | Alf'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>) has lots of photos of our field.

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Pizza in Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).
Program: Landing Approaches



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