



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza along RT2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

**Program: New Field Proposed Layout Discussion**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards! Here we are, getting close to the end of our time at the Fern Bluff Rd field. Although there was plenty of hard work, sweat and money put into that adventure, leaving is not so bad. Even with all the many issues experienced, there was still plenty of camaraderie and good times. ALL

memories of being a part of a GREAT Club. We are moving to an area, where by all indications, we are welcome and wanted. Yes, we have to start over again, but with that comes the opportunity for each and every one of us to have a say, a hand in the layout, suggestions

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### March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

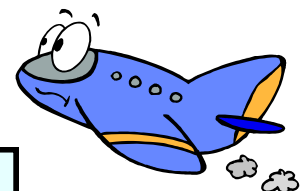
The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:34pm with 16 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- 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 corrections to the minutes as published on the web. No one provided any corrections a motion was made to

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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 Editor:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

**Field Manager:** Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

**Website:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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and improvements at the new field. June will be here before you know it and there will be plenty to do as the ground starts to dry out and fill dirt can be hauled in to start building a runway and driveway.

As the new location starts to develop we hope it attracts new interest and membership allowing the Club to grow once again. As far as the remaining time at the current field, fly when you can, attend the Good Bye Pot Luck Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> and come help with the final work party/move day on the 26<sup>th</sup> (and/or 27<sup>th</sup> depending on need or weather). Don't forget, there's still time for that Builder's Contest entry. Display and judging has been moved to the June meeting.

See ya flyin',  
Chet



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accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

## **Officers Reports**

**VP** – Jim finally was able to contact the Arlington Eagles President regarding a reciprocal field use agreement for a nominal fee. Thier President, Joe, felt as how we really won't have a field that instead he is going to recommend that they continue to extend an invitation to fly at their field as guests till our new field is useable. This has not been put in place yet but the membership will be notified when it is. April 19<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled as our Good Bye Potluck Party. There will be open flying. April 26<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as our moving day rain or shine. April 27<sup>th</sup> is reserved as another work party day to move anything we were not able to move on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We should have several large flat bed trailers, pickup trucks and small trailers available, so most likely everything can be moved on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Chet presented a list of what he knew was still out there and when they would be available for moving. It was also suggested to contact Jay about arranging to have the porti-potties serviced before we leave.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 25 paid members. The AMA charter renewal has been sent in and we are waiting to get the renewal notice back from the AMA. The current landlady will receive an insurance certificate that will cover us for the month of April. I talked with Lois Mock at the AMA and when the site insurance is to be switched over, I just have to send her the new field location information plus a letter

going over our phone conversation. Moving the insurance from the old to new location should not cost us extra money. By the end of the meeting, paid membership level ended up at 28 members.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank. Paperwork has been sent in for the Gold Leader Club program.

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

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. A number of newsletters have been sent out to some hobby shops.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Bylaw Change**

There is a proposed Bylaw change that was published in the current newsletter which will be voted on at the March 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 pre-

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sent 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 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.....

Call for discussion resulted in no discussion. The motion to pass the bylaw change was voted on and passed. The Club Secretary will make the changes to the document and pass them on to the Webmaster so the ones currently posted can be changed.

**Camp Brinkley Lease**

The club received a copy of the receipt for the \$1 field rental payment.

**Builders Contest**

There was a motion passed to move the Builders Contest from the May to the June meeting. Bryan Reightly found that the meeting hall, or possible other areas should be available on Tuesday nights for our use when we have the Builders Contest. He is going to verify all of that and will get back to the club about that by next meeting. Ron Swift reminded everyone present people can still enter anything they wanted for the \$10 fee.

**Current Field**

We were asked to clear the concrete floor section of the pole barn by the landlady for her use to store materials. The club had a work party on Feb. 22 to clear out any of our items that were stored on that side of the pole barn. From there a number of smaller items were moved to the new field location and stored.

In the meantime Arleen sent some emails to Bryan Reightly as she refuses to deal with Chet

or the current board as she claims to have received rude and disparaging emails from Chet plus some of the flyers have been vindictive. Chet went over the series of emails that has passed from him to the landlady over the past month or so and there really was nothing out of the ordinary in the wording of what was sent to the landlady. Chet wanted to set the record straight and asked for feedback from the membership if there was something that he said, they did not feel right about so he could correct same. There were no objections about what was sent back and forth. A discussion about the cabins, the landlady and locked gates then ensued to make sure everyone was on the same page.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Camp Brinkley**

The rangers had replaced the North side barn door with a new one, leveled the land in front of that new door and hung a separate entrance gate. They have also provided space separators within the barn for us. We might have to put a load of gravel in front of this barn door. They asked that we put the Porto-Potty inside the barn so that people aren't attracted to use them.

Bryan Reightly reported that there was 5.5" of rain last week up there. It appears that the soil won't dry out properly to support heavy equipment properly till June. Bryan suggested that the club would probably have to concentrate on how we want the layout the area. Chet suggested that next meeting program should be for ideas about what we could do out there and possibly start staking out the layout sooner, rather than later.

Bryan Reightly wanted some clarification about the membership notice about not to fly at the new field site because the site owner has no AMA insurance coverage. It was explained that while he would be covered by the AMA insurance, if the location he was flying at was not an official club charter site, the owner of property would have NO insurance coverage via the AMA. So till there is site insurance for the scouts it is better not to fly there with the possibility of an accident. Club Secretary to check out if float flying would also be covered as that location would not be the primary site location.

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### Program

Chet Blake gave a talk and demonstration on the use of a wattmeter with a simple motor test setup using an ESC and servo tester to

control the electric motor. His talk included information on how to estimate flying time.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary



## Safety Corner

April already! What has happened to the year. It was just the other day I was thinking boy will be nice when April gets here so we can have some nice weather for flying. Looking at the long range weather forecast, it doesn't look much better than it has been. Well maybe a little warmer. As you are all aware this is the last month at the present field. After that, it looks like we will have a couple months break until the new field dries out enough to get the heavy equipment into it to work on the new runway.

It has been two years since one of our members had a serious mishap. It happened while flying at the Arlington Eagle's field that required a trip to the emergency room.

The nature of the incident was the most common we as RC flyers have - that of trying to get hands, fingers and other body parts to occupy the same space as a spinning propeller. Interfacing with a spinning propeller is the one thing that will ruin your day quicker and more painfully than any other.

We are all taught never to reach across the propeller for any reason— yet we do and most of the time we get away with it. That is just what this fellow did on that faithful day and didn't get away with it. He is mostly healed now and has been one of the regular Saturday morning flyers.

Remember to make all your adjustments from the back side of the propeller and if possible with the engine not running.

Never reach over the propeller to pick up your airplane. Electric guys this pertains to you too. Treat your electrics as if they are running until you have the battery disconnected.

Another thing that this incident brought to light was, when flying at a strange field know where to get emergency care if needed. The new field will not be as close to an emergency facility as we have been accustomed to. At the new field let's be super careful and strive for a 95+ year safety record.

**Be Safe**

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





Memories of past events and special occasions. We're building a new Barnyard Buzzards Legacy—field number 4 coming soon!. Robb Sarsten, the guy willing to move the dirt for us, will join us at next Tuesday's meeting to talk about developing the runway ...

### Events and Happenings

Don't forget to bring your friends, neighbors and family to our **Good Bye Pot Luck Party on April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Also, come help during our **work party/move day on the April 26<sup>th</sup>** (and/or 27<sup>th</sup> depending on need or weather). Don't forget, there's still time for that Builder's Contest \$10.00 is all it takes to enter your fine craftsmanship into the battle! We have only 3 contestants so far...



Freeze-In 2014



XMAS Party 2013



FunFly 2013



Builder's Competition 2013



Open House 2013



Combat 2013





# 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

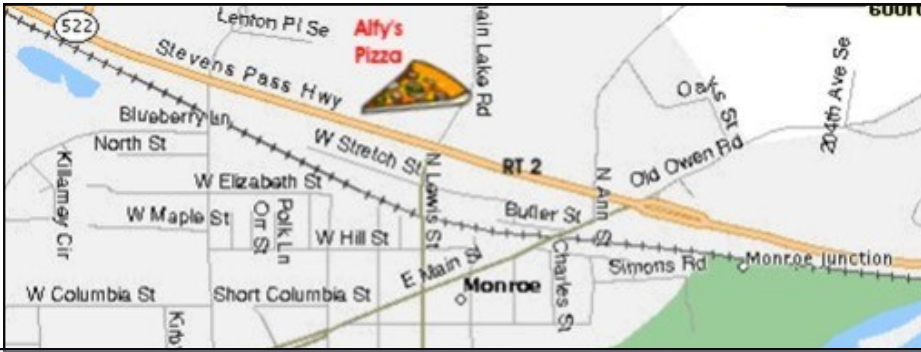
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- Buzzards camaraderie
- Dues are only \$100 and will help us build the new flying field
- New capability of flying off water!
- Free parking (a deal breaker for sure!)

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

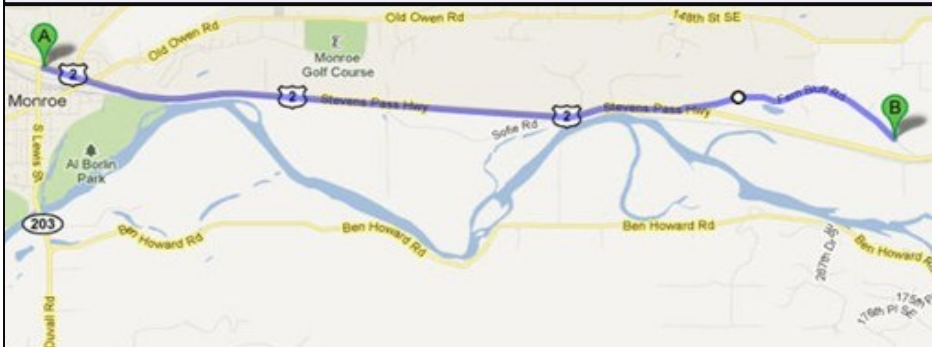
Our expiring flying field will be in use until the end of April 2014. On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.

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 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 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 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 April 8<sup>h</sup> 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).  
Program: **New Field Proposed Layout Discussion**



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