



# Buzzard Droppings



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



April 30 Night Flight Event  
Club Field Starts at 5:00

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

**Program: Modern RC Technology - Computers, Radios, Busses and way more Stuff!**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards!  
Here comes April and man I hope it's dryer. Seems the past few winters we've been saying 'this is the wettest winter on record' and every year it got wetter!  
A couple Saturdays ago Mark showed me that his wood pallet

'Lost Plane Lane' was submerged and it was worse the day before.  
I'm ready for some good weather and the field is too! On March 12<sup>th</sup> Jay orchestrated a work party and spread a lot of dirt in the low areas of the runway. It needs to dry up a  
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### March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 16 members and 2 guests, Freddy Hagens and Michael Gore in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell

- Field Manager** – Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift
- Webmaster** – Ron Rueter  
(Currently in AZ)

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web.  
The minutes were then approved.

### Reports

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### Club Officers and Contacts

- President:** Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Secretary:** Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705
- Safety Officer:** Vince Bell (425) 788-2456
- Field Manager:** Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

- Vice President:** Tim Shegrud (360) 348-6033
- Treasurer:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
- Newsletter Editor:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
- Website:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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bit and see some of the grass sprouting.

Please remember if you're at the field, don't drive down thru the pits while it's so soggy.

Mark has hung a tablet holder and a write in the rain tablet. Please sign in when at the field. A new trend for us all. Thanks!

April 30<sup>th</sup> is our First ever NIGHT FLY!! Woooo Hoooo! It will be a blast! Even if you don't feel you have anything to light up or don't want to fly, c'mon out and support, commiserate and kibitz with your friends and fellow members. Food and refreshments will be available.

May 14 is the Floats n Boats at Lake Hughes, which has become a great favorite. Keep Dry and Fly.

I hope to see ya flying,  
Chet



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**VP** – March 12<sup>th</sup> work party to address flight stations and low spots on field 10am; April 30<sup>th</sup> - Night Fly 5:30pm; May 14<sup>th</sup> - Boats & Floats 10:00am

**Treasurer** – Finances are in good shape, there is still \$190.00 left over in the field improvement fund as well as money in reserves.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 28 plus 1 student members. 28 Members paid for 2016. New members Andy Page, Michael Gore, and David Baily have joined our ranks.

**Safety Officer** – Please be careful when walking off the runway and in the Pit area. It is wet and slippery. While the pallet walkway is not complete yet, it can be used, but please walk in the center to avoid breaking slats.

**Newsletter Editor** – Hard copies of the newsletter are available, a number of copies have been sent to local hobby shops. Pictures and stories are needed.

**Field Manager** – Jay has not stepped down as the field manager, he has agreed to stay on. He is the manager and will be directing work - not doing it. Thanks Jay!!

**Webmaster** – Items, stories, pictures are needed. As always looking for input, send to Ron R.

## OLD BUSINESS

2016 dues are due by the end of the March meeting to receive the new gate combo.

If you haven't registered with the FAA for your

small UAS, you have been warned. Don't let them make an example out of you. Place your FAA number on your planes, quads, etc. With spring approaching it's easy to forget to label each UAS. Make it part of your pre-flight plan.

Report from the Arlington Eagles is that they have secured their field for a few more months at least. We wish them well. We know all too well the frustration and delays in moving and making a new home.

2016 Event schedule has been set.

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Night Fly Event 5:30pm.

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Boats & Floats Event 10:00am

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Field Work Party 10:00am

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Builders Contest (at regularly held business meeting 6:30 pm)

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Open House/Auction 10:00am

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fun Fly 10:00am

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Model Aviation Day 10:00am

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Quads and Gliders 10:00am

September 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Boats & Floats Event 10:00am

October 1<sup>st</sup> - Field Work Party 10:00am

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Rebuilders contest (at regularly held business meeting 6:30 pm)

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Party 3:00pm

(held at Camp Edwards Lodge)

January 7<sup>th</sup> – Freeze-in

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## NEW BUSINESS

The AMA released a press statement that on Thursday, February 11, 2016 the Transportation and the Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives passed the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, which preserves and strengthens the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Transportation and the Infrastructure Committee, and Mark Sanford of South Carolina made great efforts to ensure that this important legislation protects the hobby of flying model aircraft.

Be careful there are scammers everywhere. They are even at Drone Registration sites. As with any business type be careful with your credit information. If you have not received an FAA certificate, it's the wrong site.

Our first ever **night flying event** is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't or won't have a lit up night flying plane come and enjoy the evening. It's easy to light up a plane, an inexpensive LED strip from Hobby King is all you need.

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with 1x3 firing strips to make a path over the bog and the long term plan will be to have a place to cross the creek safely.

Jay has resumed the Field manager position. We need more help to make sure that he does less heavy work. Thanks for coming back Jay! Going

forward we are planning on giving as much notice as possible for work parties.

Field improvement. We have funds set aside for field improvements, we want to improve but obviously don't want to break the bank. So if you have an idea please share with the board or membership. It's your field help make it what you want.

## March Program: Pattern Flying Competitions

Presented by: Freddy Hagens

Freddy shared his knowledge regarding Pattern Flying and what is involved, the type of planes used and where it can lead if you put in the time. It was a very informative presentation, and we were lucky to have him as a guest

Adjournment 7:58



Birds eye view—a photo from Jay posted on our frequency board. Runway 424 feet and growing...



# Safety Corner

When there are several fliers, PLEASE everyone use the same traffic pattern except in an emergency. As the pilot of the distressed aircraft you shall make sure all other pilots understand that you are in trouble and will be making your landing in some nonconventional way or direction. All other pilots shall stay clear of the landing pattern until the emergency is resolved. If you are in the pit area or just playing bystander, be aware that there is something out of the ordinary and pay attention until the emergency is resolved.

Most pilots at our present field seem to prefer the left to right pattern, wind permitting of course. So on a nice calm day land and take-off from the left. Of course when there is only two or three fliers get a consensus as to the pattern on a calm day.

It is also a good idea to keep up your landing proficiency from either direction. The last few Saturdays I have been at the field the wind was constantly shifting directions so you might take off one way and need to land the opposite way. It is good to know that you can land from either direction without getting stressed out and flub the landing. In the same vein don't get yourself in the habit of using the same pilot station all the time. Practice landing and take-offs from all four stations and from both directions.

Another thing, before you **carry** your airplane to the runway for take-off look around and get the feel for the traffic situation. **Landing traffic always has the right-a-way.** If you are near a running engine it is impossible to hear another pilot calling

out his landing so look around for landing traffic. Also, use the pilot stations, we now have four for a reason. Maximum of 4 planes in the air at a time (Club rule).

I have said this a million times always use common sense when around a running engine.

**Never pick up a running plane from the front.... One of our members did just that and was lucky to get away with a small cut on his arm from the prop. I asked Chet to demo this but he wouldn't do it with the engine running...**

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer



This picture shows how **not to pick your airplane** off the table.



This picture shows a **much safer method.**



# Buzzards Work Party





## Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

April 30	Night Flight Event	Club Field	Starts at 5:00 PM
May 14	Boats & Floats	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
June 14	Builder's Competition	Alfy's Pizza	Starts at 6:30 PM
June 18	Open House & Charity Auction	Club Field	Starts at 10 AM
July 23	Fun Fly	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
August 13	Aviation Day	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
August 27	Drones & Gliders	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
Sept 18	Boats & Floats	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
October 11	Rebuilders Competition	Alfy's Pizza	Starts at 6:30 PM
Dec 3	Annual Christmas Party	Scout's Diner (Club Field)	3:00 PM
Jan 7 2017	Annual Freeze-In	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM



# Flying at Hanners Memorial Field





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2016



RADIO FREQUENCIES       2.4 GHz       27 MHz       5.8 GHz (video)  
 72 MHz and channel # \_\_\_\_\_  
 50 or 53 MHz (HAM) Frequencies \_\_\_\_\_

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

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PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

BUILDING       ELECTRONICS       PAINTING       CONTEST DIRECTOR       INSTRUCTOR  
 COVERING       CONTEST JUDGE       DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL       SCALE       SPORT  
 PATTERN       IMAC       HELI       QUAD/HEX

Month Born:

January       February       March       April       May       June  
 July       August       September       October       November       December

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 the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' 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 the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check for \$90.00 and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:  
 Ron Swift  
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 Duvall, WA 98019 (425) 788-6045  
[ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com)



One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

# Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2016 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Our dues for 2016 will remain at \$90.00. Join now and get all of our 2016 membership privileges! See Page 6 for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.





# 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 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 \*\*\*

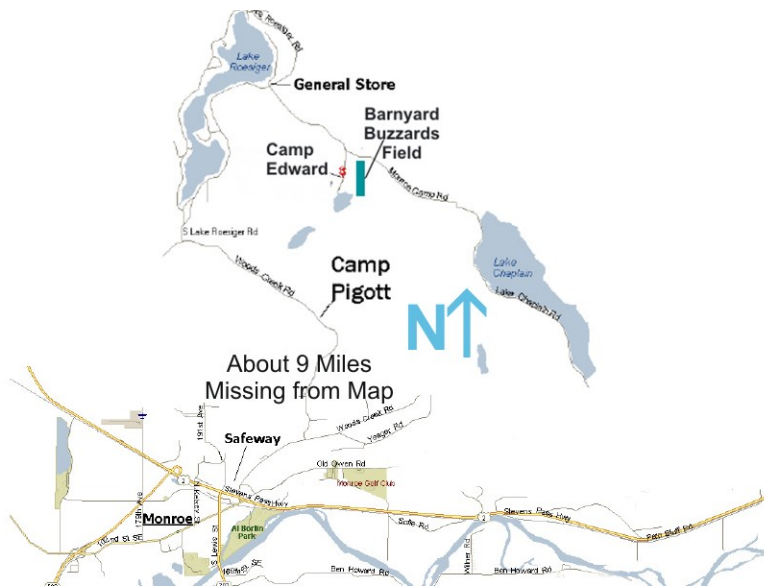
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger 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. Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** 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. 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.



### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM  
2nd Tuesday

April 12	Alfy's Pizza
May 10	Alfy's Pizza
June 14	Alfy's Pizza
July 12	Alfy's Pizza
August 9	Alfy's Pizza
September 13	Alfy's Pizza
October 11	Alfy's Pizza
November 8	Alfy's Pizza
December 13	Alfy's Pizza

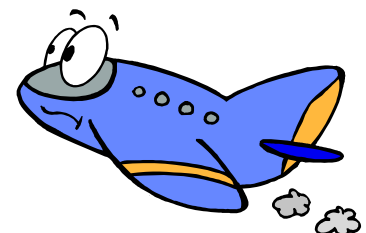
## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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. 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, **Tuesday, April 12th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 7](#)).

Program: **Modern RC Technology—Yea!**



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