



# 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.

**April 2021**  
**Volume 29 Issue 4**

## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington

Our April 2021 Club Meeting will be held **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM** located at our club field. This is the first face-to-face club meeting for “many moons” and an opportunity to check out the changes made at the field especially if you haven’t been out for a while. The meeting will be before our 2nd flying event of the year, the Night Fly. We’ll also have Zoom for this meeting as an alternative—or at least we’ll try to get it to work at our field.  
**Program: Night Fly—Flights with the sun, and later in the dark!**



Steve’s glider and Mt. Pilchuck

### Inside this issue:

### President’s Message — Mark Weeks

Greetings Fellow Buzzards,  
I was given a gentle reminder that it was time to do my part and send in my portion of the monthly newsletter. Sometimes I struggle with what to say and other times something will happen and make writing my message much easier.

This month I had to do some thinking and reflecting.

Reading over an old newsletter from April, 2014 when Chet was president and he was talking about Bryan talking to the Rangers re-

*(Continued on page 2)*

<a href="#">Flag Replacement</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
<a href="#">ZOOM Meeting Info</a>	<a href="#">11</a>
<a href="#">Pilots and Planes</a>	<a href="#">6,7,8</a>
<a href="#">Upcoming Events</a>	<a href="#">9</a>
<a href="#">2021 Membership Application</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<a href="#">President’s Message</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
<a href="#">Safety Corner</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
<a href="#">March Meeting Minutes and photos</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
<a href="#">Club Meeting Info, Maps and Field Info</a>	<a href="#">11</a>
<a href="#">Pilot Training Program</a>	<a href="#">11</a>
<a href="#">Club Officers</a>	<a href="#">1</a>

### March 10th Meeting Minutes—Ron Swift

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on March 10 at 6:34 PM and introduced the current club officers for 2021:



- President – Mark Weeks himself
- Vice President – Bryan Reightley
- Secretary – Ron Swift
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Chet Blake

*(Continued on page 2)*

### Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786      Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



*(President's Message continued from page 1)*

garding a new barn door and how we had 5.5 inches of rain and it was still too wet to do anything with the proposed field. Yes, PROPOSED! I look back over the last seven years and see how far we've come and what a great place we have developed as a team and I am amazed. Just the location is something that many other clubs would give their eye teeth for, but to have the landlords that we do, it makes what we have even that more special. We have a very distinct place to keep our hobby growing and expanding as we have done so far. I look forward to this year and how the field will grow as the seasons change .

Then, I started asking myself where are the Buzzards and our hobby going? COVID 2020 was, to say the least, a royal pain in the rear. We had to adjust our meeting locations or go entirely to Zoom meetings, cancel or adjust how we had or if we could have our events. 2020 is past and we still have this COVID thing to contend with, but because of how we have worked within the set guidelines, things have relaxed somewhat and we can look forward to this summer during the best flying time of the year. Our events will be a go and we are getting ready for the Night Fly event coming up this month [April 24th].

Every time I go out to the field, I look forward to seeing what someone has brought with them, wheth-

er it is new or just new to them. A couple of weeks ago, Dart showed up with the new DJI FPV drone. OHHH MY GOSH is it cool! I know that by the time this newsletter is published there will be a few more to have shown up to tear up the skies. It's come to my understanding that Dart has already got a track planned out and others can try and catch him. There have been a couple of new boats that made it to the lake to give them their shake-down cruise and I remember reading somewhere that there is a submarine that is now for sale. I wonder if it will show up at the boats and floats event?

I guess through all my thinking and reflecting it reminded me of what a great club we have.

I hope to see you all at the field soon.

Mark



Mark flying off the snow on our field!



*(Continued from page 1)*

### Presidential Comments/Introduction:

15 Club Members were in attendance and two special guests, Ron Reuter and Doug Hoff.

Requested a motion to accept minutes as posted – Motion made, seconded, asked for comments, suggestions, corrections, there was no discussion and passed unanimously.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**Vice President** – Bryan Reightley

No events were held after the January Freeze-In  
Next scheduled event is April 24th – the Night Fly

Bryan might not be available for cooking (hotdogs – simple affair decided). Mark volunteered to do the food for the night. Ron Swift threw Ron Beba's name in for helping with the food and agreed to contact him regarding membership.

May 1st the Work Party – no details as yet  
**Secretary** – Ron Swift

Currently our active club membership is 47.  
Talked about Ryan at the corner store mentioning that he could post a Facebook message about when we are flying so the community could visit if we wanted him to do that. A short discussion ended with the comment that this is following our club

*(Continued on page 3)*



# Safety Corner

By Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards and Friends! The calendar says it's now spring. I guess we got our April showers quite a bit early.

Last week the field was really wet but also doable. Knowing the field conditions and what it might be like going after a downed aircraft **'should'** make us better pilots (air quotes on that!), meaning properly going over our aircraft at home to be as sure as we can that our flights will be successful and come home as designed. While spring is knocking at the door and looking at our hangar queens, we can get excited to drag that old model out again. Make sure to go over it with intentions of actually finding something wrong. If glow or gas the battery is my first to check out, cycle if necessary. Check the crevices for safety clips or tubing to keep them closed, pull on those control surfaces to check hinge integrity, turn on and move surfaces and throttle with transmitter. Is the Prop chipped or cracked? If fuel fed, check or rattle the clunk, check over fuel lines for damage. Electric planes, check LIPO's, check out functions same as with any other type aircraft. Get ready for a Fun rather than Cursed day at the field.

Here's a new one on me. A couple weeks ago I had to make a new motor mount for an old Electrify Super Sportster. I 3D printed one and the motor and mounts fit up as needed. At the field I readied the plane and took off. After a loop and roll I hear a really loud vibration then it got eerily quiet. As I turned for a dead stick approach, I could see that the parts of the cowling were gone and something hanging. I got it safely to the field and found that the C clip that holds the motor shaft (in the back of the motor) somehow went missing and the prop, shaft and out runner rotor propelled out somewhere taking the cowling pieces with it. All I had left was the stator with windings. We laughed about it and I said I need to put that on my checklist... pull on those electric motor props! This could also check the

integrity of the motor mount.

During the same time, Ron was getting a Chipmunk ready for flight and it was stubbornly not wanting to start. I looked to see if I could assist but enough hands were in the mix and Ron reminded me to watch the prop arc. Good Point! These can spin off or shear off in a backfire situation and have. There're a few stories out there about eye injuries and loss. As he continues to try to start it, it revealed that the motor mount or firewall was loose. So he bagged it for the day and took it home unscathed and to return once again. This is what we need to do. Don't gamble that it 'might' be alright, ground it until fixed and increase your chances of a great day.



Stay well, stay safe and see ya flying!  
Chet

p.s. Here's my keep sake from what's left of that Electrify motor



*(Continued from page 2)*

policy of being open to the public. Ryan also said the copies of the newsletter are "flying" off the counter. Seems that with Covid-19 and other activities shut down local people like to read our newsletter. We left about 50 copies this month

Members need to renew by March 17 or pay the \$25.00 late fee.

**Treasurer – Dart Sharp.**

Got the books updated. Our accounts are in the green, up-to-date, and lookin' good.

Funds are in good shape – renewal memberships are coming in and the cutoff before the \$25.00 late fee is today. [Extended to 3/17/21 later – only two members used this

*(Continued on page 4)*



extended timeframe – Ron]

**Safety Officer** – Chet Blake

Things are going pretty well [from a field safety viewpoint]

Chet commented that when retrieving our models, we should have a watcher or watchers. Jay W used a ladder to cross a creek for retrieval with Mark helping out – both with wooden poles. Each person going out should use a pole when going past the landing part of our flying field to test footing. Be careful of PVC poles as they could splinter if full weight is put on them

**Field Manager** – Bryan Reightley

Bryan reported on the following projects:

Storage Area Lighting and solar panel installation.

Barn Removal

Club House glass installation

Port-A-Potty cleaning – he will schedule the service

Wood and materials for the Crawler track.

Yard paint or some other marking will be used to mark the area of the stairs for those who want to help.

Gate location – he will work with the rangers to ensure access of the trucks and trailers.

**Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift

According to Ryan at the corner store, the newsletter is being picked up like hotcakes – seems local neighbors are interested in our hobby and the club. He requested more copies again, the first 15 were gone. More copies were taken to the store. It was mentioned that maybe the locals have a lot of birds and needed something for the bottom of the cage □. Sharing our newsletter helps build relations with the community and provides an invitation to our meetings for those who might be interested.

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces parts & models, articles, etc. to [ron-swift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ron-swift@cablespeed.com) for the newsletter –

Thank you!

Sandy is looking for a handicap version of an outhouse for the field, hopefully a donation... More later.

**Website** – Mark Weeks

Same request as the newsletter for use on our website. If you see an interesting article drop me a link and I'll post it.

Our newsletter and website get a lot of viewers/readers. We want to keep them as fresh as we can. Thank you to all who make this happen.

**Next Club Meeting Discussion**

A discussion was held about the possibility to

have a face-to-face normal meeting like before the Covid-19 policy closed group gatherings. One proposal was to offer a ZOOM connection to the meeting which can be held in one of the Scout meeting rooms. With the daylight savings time and the sun staying up longer, it seemed like a possibility.

A suggestion modified this to move the club meeting to Saturday, April 24, just before the Night Fly. Everyone agreed this was the best proposal. It was agreed that the meeting will start at 3:00 PM on April 24th at the club field and the Night Fly would begin after the meeting ends. The possibility of having ZOOM too will be investigated.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that once again there was no new action of past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting minutes as published. So, we'll move on to new business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mostly discussion and helpful sharing:

**Personal Safety**

**Emergency contacts** – Mark made a statement about having wife's or personal contacts in our phones. Then if a member needs help or assistance, someone could be contacted. He reported that the number could be added to a cell phone under the member's name. It might be a good idea to share emergency contact information with the group you fly with.

**Plane Safety**

Spend a couple of extra minutes doing a thorough preflight check. It was mentioned having a second pair of eyes checking our planes can be helpful, too. If acting up on the ground it probably should not be flown that day. Take it home and check out the issue.

**Barn Is Gone!**

We talked about the area where the barn once occupied and the way we could utilize the new space. Dart suggested allowing it time to settle, later drag it flat and then do some Rock for parking and seed. We should end up with a nice grass area with an additional dozen parking spots. Plans are in the making.

**Fertilizer and Landing Field Repair Time**

We have more moss than grass now. Bryan will schedule some time to spread it out.

**Solar Panel Functional!**



The new solar panel is installed behind the storage container and is charging the battery. Thank you, Steve, Jay and Bryan, for making this happen. Pressing the button will turn on the lights, which will time out after 10 minutes. Pressing the button again will restart the 10-minute timer. Cool!

**Our Club House Mods**

The tempered glass saved from the barn has been installed in the club house, replacing the plastic sheeting. The side windows are removable so the breezes can be experienced during the summer days. Thank you, Chet, Bryan and Mark, for making this happen.

**Port-A-Potty Service**

Bryan will schedule the service for our two units. Dart wants the invoice sent to him.

**Shelter Covers**

After a discussion about the windy season, it was decided to put the covers back on the frames. It will take about 5 members to make this task easier. A motion was made to purchase a new cover. Seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Mark will investigate obtaining

one.

**Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.**

PROGRAM: Holiday Season Show & Tell  
New DJI FPV Drone

Dart showed his new drone. He hasn't had time to play with it yet... Stay tuned!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion requested for adjourning the meeting (after a pregnant silence requesting any additional topics. Motion made, seconded and after the unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

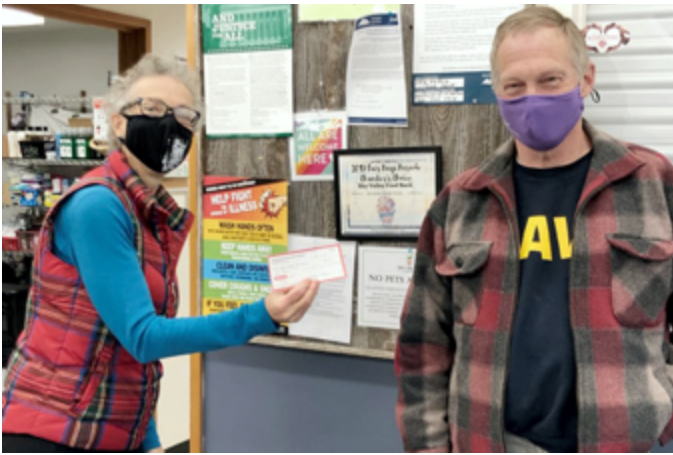
Respectfully submitted, with a lot of help from Mark ☐

Ron Swift  
BBMAC Secretary



87  
+ 78  
+ 69  
-----  
234  
Years of  
Experience...  
**You'd  
think  
we'd  
know  
better!  
But, NO!!**

Yepper, the full color flags are up again...



Vaughan submitting our 2020 donation to the Monroe Sky Valley Food Bank



Just in case you didn't notice, our field has been bombarded with rain and snow intermittently over the past two months. Yes, boots, walking stick and helpers required if the models go astray.



Jay will have to borrow boots to retrieve this model. What fun!



Dart, our treasurer, taking off toward the south end of our field.



Keeping our hands warm is a must and the heaters help! Tom (L) and Rick (R) lead the way this day.



Steve (L) Jay (C) and Bryan, our 2021 field manager out for some Radio Control fun. Yes, we pilot/drive airplanes, boats, cars, crawlers, tanks, helicopters, drones and more at our field. Primarily, we focus on all kinds of fixed wing planes.









# Upcoming Events



Our events are open to the public. Active AMA Members can participate, too!

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event	Dates	Event Information
Night Fly #1	April 24, 2021	Time to test your Night vision. Drones, helis, fixed wings, rc cars, tanks, what have you. Lights galore. Preceded by our April club meeting at 3:00 PM, the event will take us into the twilight for sure!
Work Party	May 1, 2021	Spring Clean up and Projects Field projects, then tons of Radio Control stuff. Public is invited to help out.
Gliders (Chasing Termals)	May 15, 2021	It looks like Don Bailey will be returning from Idaho as our AMA CD! This event features a coaching/training session starting at 10:00 AM and with competition events following. Unbelievable prizes for first, second and third places.
Boats & Floats #1	June 5, 2021	On or Above the Water - Great time at Lake Hughes! Rumor has it that there will be at least one submarine with the usual speed boats, sail boats, barges, float planes, quads on floats and more! Come on out. A rescue canoe and/or row boat will be at the dock location.
Builders Contest	June 9, 2021	Share what you built over the year during our June 9th club meeting. A presentation of your model's specs, building advice, the challenges, pluses and minuses all factor into choosing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A plus if the model has been run, flown, etc.
Heli Day	June 29, 2021	Join Paul Dibble and Dart Sharp in training, competitive flying events and air shows. Auto rotation, inverted flight, tick-tock and loads of
Fun Fly	July 17, 2021	Traditionally, any pilot can win this event. Luck, skill and great food are featured. Last year we had a pilot's raffle with kits awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd plasce winners. If you can take off and land a RC vehicle O you are a threat to all other pilots! Loads of fun!



# 2021 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Membership is \$90.00  
\$45.00 for Family member  
\$25.00 for Student (under 18)

Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA membership to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)  
16325 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Duvall, WA 98019

[Ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:Ronswift@cablespeed.com)

Thank you for your interest!

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 Roesinger 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. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alfys Pizza is closed for meetings. This could change in May. Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

### Upcoming Meetings

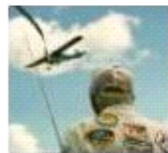
Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

April 24, 2021 - 3:00 PM at our club field. We will try to get Zoom up and running, too. The Nite Fly will follow the meeting and we plan to have hot dogs, chips, beverages and maybe cookies. Mark and Ron Beba will be our official servers. Come on out and have some fun. Contact [Ron Swift](#) for Zoom access info.

May 11th at 6:30. Alfys Pizza may open on Tuesdays and we hope to meet there again!



## 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:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





**Next meeting: April 24th 3:00 PM Meeting at the field!**  
**Program: Night Fly!**



**BBMAC**  
16325 315th Ave. NE  
Duvall, WA 98019

Visit Our Website  
<http://www.bbmac.net>



*NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—  
October 30 & 31, 2021. Yep, Halloween weekend!  
We're making this happen. Visit our website for  
more information and highlights! [https://  
www.nwmhe.com](https://www.nwmhe.com) Level 3 here we come.*

## **HobbyTown USA**

1130 SE Everett Mall Way, Suite F  
Everett, WA 98208

Phone: (425) 355-8086  
Fax: (425) 355-8078



Sandy DuVall, Owner

425-765-1546 - c  
sandyd@cablespeed.com  
[www.DuVallsDazzlingDesigns.com](http://www.DuVallsDazzlingDesigns.com)

*Club Jackets, T-shirts, Hats, & Vinyl Letters  
Embroidery - Sparkle Transfers - Personalized Gifts  
Photo Items - Full Color Crystals - Banners & Signs  
Full Color Images on Apparel & Accessories  
Designs, Lettering & Numbers in Heat Film  
Promotional Marketing Items - Low Minimums*

## **HobbyTown USA**

16421 Cleveland St, Redmond, WA  
98052

Phone:  
(425) 558-0312

