



# 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.

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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Monroe, Washington  
*Model Airplane Club*

Our Club Meeting will be held **April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the **Live ZOOM** access. Thank you Alfy's Pizza for the use of your room! The public is invited as always!

**Program: FPV Mini Quads, and Controllers**



The Greeter is Back!

## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards,  
Friday is April 1<sup>st</sup> and it's going to be a busy month. We are hosting our second Mini Quad event on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the NW Model Hobby Expo on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and then our Tanks and Trucks day will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. With any luck we'll get some good flying

weather and enjoy just getting out this spring. No matter how the weather turns out we seem to still have a good time just hanging out, sharing stories and just reminiscing.

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## March 8th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

### Introduction of officers and guests:

Kevin from Arlington. Worked at Boeing and retired 4 years ago. Flies airplanes and drones. Kevin wanted to come and check us out

and see what we were like. Doug was also there again, someday we've got to get him to join officially!

President – Mark Weeks  
Vice President – Paul Dibble  
Secretary – Steve Higgins  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

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## Club Officers and Contacts

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Safety Officer: Jason Milsom (425) 328-5705

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Under the threat of rain, we were forced to delay our work party that was scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. John Lindgren missed the call canceling the work party and showed up ready to do some brush whacking. He put in a couple of hours and knocked down the blackberries that had lined the entrance to the field. Ron Beba dropped off the awning frame that he had and it's put together. Now two of our three awnings are installed. Dart was able to once again work his magic and get a couple of loads of gravel spread for more parking. Bryan, Dart and myself spent a little time on the tractor leveling the gravel out. It's really starting to look nice. Lots of little projects are getting crossed off the list which is really nice to see. If you've got a little extra time and want to just take a task, let one of the board members know and we will assist as we can.

Remembrance of our friends is in order. In December the Buzzards lost Ron Stout. While he was not a member for a long time, he made his mark on many of us from his eagerness to help find a downed plane to his infectious smile. He is missed already. John Rennert passed away last month, having been a longtime member of the club. For those who knew John we will never forget his, "Well hello, Old Buddy!" greeting each time we saw him. He was always

ready to lend a hand wherever he could. Both of these men will be forever in our thoughts. The Buzzards family does not just stop with those who fly. George Anderson recently lost his wife and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Our club has a great membership. This time of year we always have a couple of new members. Don't forget to say hello, spend a little time getting to know them and making them feel welcome. There are opportunities for connections that can last a lifetime.

Now for some good news. Vince has his new knee and reports are that he is doing well. Knowing Vince he will be up and getting around soon, so we look forward to him getting back out at the field. If any of you are having a little repair done let us know so we can help out.

Hope to see ya at the field,

Mark



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**Minutes from February's Meeting approval:**

Motion was made to approve minutes as posted –  
Motion was Seconded and Passed

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: work party coming up. Will address this in **New Business.**

Vice President – Reminders: March 13 Mini Quad Racing Event, March 19<sup>th</sup> Work Party. April 9&10 NW Model Hobby Expo.

Secretary – 38 members paid for 2022, Ron has payments for two members that was accidentally left at home, Ron will drop them off in the mailbox this week.

Treasurer - Accounts are in the "Green" ...

Safety Officer – No accidents to report... Watch the road, it can get icy. That "Stolen" car is still there. Be vigilant for people who shouldn't be there.

Mark R: Two cars by fire station. Noted at the meeting that those two cars were probably used by the volunteer fire station for training.

Field Manager – Sani-cans will be emptied, the sani-can by the container must not be used. At the work party we will get the cans assembled and

charged. It was commented that the can by the container would be preferable to be used, rather than the one on the hill. Plan changed to leave the one by the container as the preferred one to be used.

Boy Scouts did work on repairing the water supply this last weekend. Hopefully sometime this summer will have water back out at the field.

Newsletter Editor – Ron has hard copy newsletters They are at the field and at the corner store. If you have pictures-of the field send them to Mark Weeks and Ron, so they could be added to the website, or the newsletter.

Webmaster – If you see an issue with the website, send those requests to Mark Weeks and he will get them corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Minutes from our March meeting have been published and supposedly we have all reviewed them. Unless there is a specific

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item we need to discuss...  
None brought up.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Sani- Cans. One of them will be out of order, the other we will charge and use until we get the new units assembled and charged. It was discussed that we should have both dumped, move the Sani-can next to the container forward and prep the areas for the two new Sani-Cans. After the two are assembled and charged we then can deal with the sani-can next to the container. The one up the hill will be left out of service.

Rangers are working on getting water out to the houses. After that, the plan is to get water to us at some time hopefully before summer.

Club has two booths with four tables for NW Hobby Expo, we will have a computer with real flight. We are looking to get volunteers to set-up and work the booth. A volunteer form was circulated for signing up for the various tasks and times.

#### Work Party Items:

1. Prepare porta-potty base. Using pavers from Brian R
  2. Work on car and tank tracks. Crawler tank may move to barn hillside. (If everyone is OK with this idea?)
  3. Find break in pipe by clubhouse and repair (or get it ready for fixing. Dirt can be moved from car track area.)
  4. Install awnings on shelters - 3 of them.
  5. Clean up garbage around field.
  6. Burn pile for old pallets and wood scraps. (we may do the burn in barn area or in black berries at the end of runway.
  7. Sort broken chairs and add to trash pile for dump run.
  8. Brush whack hillside and mound at the end of the runway.
  9. Move large rocks from old barn area, so we can start keeping it mowed.
  10. Brush whack blackberries by entrance road.
- It was asked about the moss killer: Mark mentioned that he's spoken to some people, and they suggested that we should wait until the freezing weather stops. Cold weather can prevent moss killer from working.

Ron printed and brought out Merit Badge information from the scouts. Yearly the Aviation Merit Badge has about 13,000 people

earn the badge. Mark said that Dave talked to one of the Flight Museums, and they are going to help them at the museum. This is also sponsored by a local bank. They may look to us to still help at some point.

### SHOW AND TELL:

Jay showed off his **Flite Test Cruiser** plane he plans to build... they are fun to build and on a rainy afternoon you can get them glued together using hot glue in a few hours. They also generally fly pretty well for what they are.

<https://store.flitetest.com/>

Doug brought some plans for donation please feel free to take a look and take which plans you are interested in.

### PROGRAM:

Steve Higgins talked about AS3X programming, while this time he had his battery to show configuration, the TV wasn't connecting to the laptop for some reason.

Here is a very good webinar on how to do this:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxHTmCK-IU4&list=PL3xicOtuJ600AEzUjw7Q03tC4aRD-8T-2>

### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting. Motion seconded and meeting adjourned at 7:40PM



If you would like to have a program about some radio control topic, please mention the idea to one of the club officers. Steve put on a good program about this difficult setup process especially for anyone doing this for the first time.



# Upcoming Events

## Event Schedule:

Freeze-In	January 7th_____	Jan 7th 2023
Work Party #1	March 19th <del>Cancelled</del> <b>TITLE</b>	(Weather Permitting, May Move
Expo	April 8, 9 and 10th	
Cars/Tanks/Crawlers	May 8 <sup>th</sup> ( <u>Changed to April 30<sup>th</sup> after meeting due to Mothers day</u> )	VE Day 1Pm Start
Gliders	May 14th	
Warbirds	June 4th	
Rebuilders	June 14th	Meeting Night.
Boats n Floats#1	June 18th	
Fun Fly	July 16th	
UMX Planes Combined with Fun Fly	July 16th	
Family Picnic	July 30th	
Combat	August 13th	
Heli	August 27th	
Auction	September 10th	
Boats n Floats#2	September 24th	
Night Fly	October 8th	
Builders Contest	October 11th	Meeting Night
Christmas	December 13th	Meeting Night Gift exchange
Freeze-In 2023	January 7th 2023	
Work Party #2		
Pilon	To be determined.	
	Detail To Follow. Ex One Sunday a Month.	
Small Quad	???	





# Photos For Fun



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The rain didn't spoil the flying for the whole time. A few of us were able to get out between the rain sessions. Planes without wheels and gliders seemed to work best, but there were some giants being flown, too. We're heading into better weather So as Jason mentioned, it is time to check out our models to be sure they are charged up and safe.





Ron Swift

During our March club meeting, not only is it the last moment to renew your membership, but we will have signup sheets for supporting our club booth. The show is from 9:00 AM on Saturday until 6:00 PM. On Sunday, the hours are from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will also do the setup of our club booth on Friday afternoon, likely at 2:30 PM. And teardown on Sunday starting at 3:00 PM. If you have the time, please help out. Contact Ron Swift (425) 765-6745 (cell phone) or send email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com) to sign up if you can't make the club meeting.

The current thinking is to have a Realflight simulator version 9.5 with a large monitor at the club booth. Also planned are plenty of photos of the club activities, events and just having fun! We have a couple of banners to put up, too. And, if

we get some volunteers, a few models to spice up our area.

The club booth has two 8 foot tables, four chairs, and pipe and drape. Copies of the most current newsletter, membership application, and membership packet will be available, too. Some have suggested having a laptop or computer displaying our website, too. We also have 6 weekend Expo passes to share with those members helping out. so they can enjoy the rest of the show, too.

There are four swap tables for our stuff. In past years these had been used for the donated items which we put into our charity auction. We have been donating the auction money to Sky Valley Food Bank in Monroe.





# 2022 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



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

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

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

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License # \_\_\_\_\_

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 Member is \$90.00 a year.  
 Additional Family Member is \$45.00/yr.  
 Student Membership is \$25.00 a year.  
 Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting.

Please send your check and a copy of your current AMA Membership to:  
 Steve Higgins (Club Secretary)  
 20330 10th Ave W  
 Lynnwood, WA 90262  
 Steve@surette.com

Thank you for your interest in RC.

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

We Buzzards are pretty lucky in that we have a fantastic flying site with a lot of tremendous positive aspects. It's secluded and private. It's quiet and peaceful well... at least until we arrive. Our flying area is huge without too much risk of hitting anything that's likely to cause us trouble (such as a neighbor's house or car). But nothing is perfect and if I had to pick a down side I would say that it is that if you land (or crash) your aircraft anything more than a moderate distance from the runway you're likely in for a big adventure recovering it.

Our field is pretty swampy and wet for a large part of the year and then in mid-summer, when it is briefly somewhat dry, the brush is so overgrown it makes movement very slow and difficult. Many of you will remember the incident last year when one of our older members was gone for hours on a hot summer day with no way to contact him which caused a lot of concern.

Nobody wants to lose an aircraft. Even if you know it's likely destroyed there is still valuable equipment to recover. But is it worth the risks? There is definitely a time to just consider it a loss, learn from your mistakes and move on. If you lose an aircraft and aren't very sure where it is we have many members (myself included) with camera drones that are happy to help find

them. We have had a very good success record with this method. If you decide to go after it, be as prepared as possible. Wear the right clothes, take a walking stick, bring water if it is hot out. Bring a cell phone and make sure other members know how to contact you. There are walkie talkies in the container for just such an occasion. Bring a bag or method to carry the model back if need be, it may be in pieces and will be difficult to carry through brush. If you don't have the right stuff on the day you crash make notes on the location and plan ahead to come back with the right equipment and conditions. I can tell you from personal experience it can get pretty rough out there. One minute you are trudging through thick mangroves and the next you are standing (or laying) in 2 feet of water, sometimes both. Communicate with your fellow Buzzards and let's all look out for each other.



Jason Milsom



Paul Dibble

March 20 at 6:15 PM · 🌤️

### BBMAC MiniQuad Racing Series, March 20th, 2022

We finally held our first of the MinQuad Racing events on a rainy and overcast Sunday, March 20th after having to reschedule from the previous week of even worse weather. Despite the weather and rescheduling we had a total of 4 pilots arriving at the field, but Mark was unable to compete due to equipment / technical issues.

Normally each event is scheduled so that each Pilot flies in 4 heats and is awarded one point for each of the gates flown through in sequence and points are totaled for each of the heats for the racing day.

Additionally, first, second, and third place finishers for the day are awarded an additional 15, 10, and 5 points respectively for placing for the day.

This is designed to be a series of races scheduled roughly monthly and pilots will accumulate points for each heat and day completed and the series Winner will be announced at the end of the calendar year.

The good news for those that are interested in participating but were unable to attend today's event, is that due to rainy and windy weather rolling in, we were only able to fly two of the four scheduled heats, so there remain lots of opportunity to join in and compete for the BBMAC Championship.

Results of March 20 Racing

Racing Points	
Pilot	March 20
Paul	71
Dart	46
Steve H.	21







# 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 Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM**

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm. at Alfy's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll have a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 / [steve@surette.com](mailto:steve@surette.com) for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings. Make sure to stay for the program!



## 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:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2**

**Program: FPV Miniquads, and Controllers**



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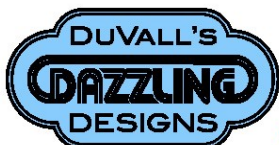
THROUGH THESE DOORS  
Ron & Sandy

*NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—April 9 & 10, 2022. Please visit our updated website for more information and highlights! We're looking for volunteers to help set up the swap tables on Friday and take them down on Sunday. <https://www.nwmhe.com>*

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