



# 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** Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Our Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday April 11<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 meeting room! The public is invited as always!  
**Program: Engines—Why, What, When-Skills and Dangers**



## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards and friends,  
The next couple of months are going to be pretty busy! The North West Model Hobby Expo is April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Our club will have a booth again this year and we will be asking for a few volunteers to help man it. We tend to get new members each year by being there and

representing our unique club and all that we have to offer. I know that a lot of us look forward to this event. It's a way to search for that item you're missing for your collection that you can't do without or the chance to sell a few of your person-  
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## March 14th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called meeting to order at 6:37 pm.  
**Introduction of Officers and guests:**  
11 Members in person and zero on Zoom. We had 2 guests.  
Walt Drexler – Flew Nitro Stuff and

is getting back into RC and is planning on joining in May. And Doug Hoff was there as well...  
  
President – Mark Weeks  
Vice President – Ron Swift  
Secretary – Steve Higgins  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Vince Bell  
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## Club Officers and Contacts



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al inventories to make more room for something new.

March hosted our spring Night Fly and our Cars and Crawlers events. The night Fly was a great event. The weather kept some of you home, but those who did brave the cold were happily rewarded. Thanks to Ron Beba, once again for manning the BBQ to keep us fed. We will have another Night Fly in the fall so while you're at the Expo keep your eyes open for that plane that has lights.

The second March event was the Cars and Crawlers event and it really was fun. The main thing that I learned in the car event is that WE ALL were pretty rusty! With a total of 6 heats we did get better each time. Jay W. found his groove the last couple of heats and never took his finger off the throttle! This is the first year we had an organized crawler event and I would say it was very successful. Dart, Brian D. and I started with carving a track out of the hillside and getting it set up. We will keep adding to it and modifying the area throughout the year.

If you want to lend a hand with any of the activities, projects or with the Expo booth, just let me know. We have a Work Party scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and there are many small projects to tackle so please come and help out. You're always welcome and appreciated.

I know that I have said this a bunch of times before, but we do have one of the best clubs around and it's strictly due to all of our members. It's so nice to hear the positive feedback on our reputation as a club that is welcoming and open to new ideas that promotes the hobby and our club.

I hope to see ya all out at the field soon.

Mark Weeks  
Club President



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Minutes from February Meeting approval: Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed and passed.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### President:

Just a reminder that club dues are due in January but MUST be paid by the end of the March business meeting or penalty occurs.

#### Vice President:

Car event March 25<sup>th</sup>, Mark has offered to CD Event. Will be doing contests much like other clubs.

NW Model Hobby Expo April 14, 15 and 16 at the Fairgrounds. Will also have the Flight Simulator. We could use help to set up the club booth on Friday morning.

Night Fly – March 11 David Sweeny had the best flight. Most cheeseburgers eaten award was Brian Douma. It was a good event, only 9 members were out there.

Flying RC at night is tough, when the plane is coming at you or going away it can be hard to tell which way you are going.

There were questions about the organization of the car/crawler event. Mark talked about the crawlers and racing. There was also a question about

what we did for events during the glider event.

Mini Quad Events will start next month if you have any questions, please talk to a board member or Paul Dibble.

#### Secretary:

Currently 46 (Corrected from 44) members who have paid for 2023... One New Member - Mitch Farabaugh.

#### Treasurer:

Good shape at this point. We have a few food bills coming in.

#### Safety Officer:

No accidents or near misses... Remember this is the wet time of year. Make sure you have a buddy. Just be careful.

The State has been out a couple of times, so hopefully they are looking at removing the beaver dams.

#### Field Manager:

May hit 60 degrees this weekend! So, it's a good time to get the fertilizer down. Need to get the mowers out to the field. We are talking with some landscape people to get the grass back and kill the moss.

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**Newsletter Editor:**

Ron brought copies of the March newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website.

**Website Manager:**

If you see an issue with the website, please let Mark or someone on the board know.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We have started the FRIA process.

Dart brought up that Flight test seems to have less rules than the AMA regarding flying. Mark is still waiting to hear back for both the AMA and Flite Test.

The Scouts have an Electrical Permit in hand and are working on getting the power pole installed.

Mark has offered to assist as needed. It was noticed that the pole between the two small houses is also in the process of having a new power pole installed. Mark will keep the club informed. No changes yet. Ranger Dave is getting an assistant to help out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark gave the Special Service Trophy to Ron Swift today. Thanks, Ron, for your service!

We will start having our business meetings for the summer months starting in June. Meetings will be Saturday mornings at 10 am. It was suggested that we start this in May. It would be the first Saturday in May and then through the rest of the summer it would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. We may lose the venue at Alfys, so we may need to find somewhere else to hold winter meetings.

Looking for help planning out and construction of the crawler track.

Keep a lookout for bird/doll houses that we can use for the tank events/track.

Gate combination will be reset Saturday 3/18. Steve will send the new combo to all current members.

Mark picked up a couple of fire extinguishers and will be installing them this week. One will be behind the frequency board, and the other will be in the club house.

Start looking at the summer project list and see if there is something you wish to do. Contact Mark and he will set you up.

Proposed work party date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>?

Honey Buckets will be emptied in the next week or so.

Mower maintenance—has anyone done any? This will need to be done prior to the work party. Paul offered to get the battery or maintenance items with his mil discount at Lowe's.

Several months ago, it was discussed that we were going to work with the scouts on an aviation badge. They have had a change in their organization, so we are waiting to see what or how these changes affect us helping them with this.

It was asked how many would be interested in learning how to laser cut balsa. Some were interested. Rich said he's had one for 20 years...

On the website, are the older planes for sale still on the website? Yes – will fix.

It was asked to change the picture on FB since the barn is no longer there.

**SHOW AND TELL:**  
None.

**PROGRAM:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjourning the meeting





# Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net>.

Event	Date	Time
Freeze-in	January 7	10:00 AM
Night Fly #1	March 11th	6:00PM
Cars / Crawlers / Excavators	March 25th	10:00 AM
NW Model Hobby Expo	April 14-16	See nwmhe.com website
Annual Club Charity Auction	May 6th	10:00 AM
Glider Competition	May 20th	10:00 AM
Tanks	June 10th	10:00 AM
Boats & Floats #1	June 24th	10:00 AM
Fun Fly	July 15th	10:00 AM
Family Picnic/Open House	July 29	10:00 AM
Combat Event	August 12th	10:00 AM
Heli	August 26	10:00 AM
Rebuilder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Builder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Boats & Floats #2	Sept 9th	10:00 AM
Night Fly #2	Sept 23rd	6:00PM
Warbird Fly Off	October 7th	10:00 AM
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM
Work Party #1	TDB	
Event	Date	Time
Micro Quad Racing	April 8th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	May 13th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	June 10th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	July 8th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	August 12th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	September 9th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	Oct 14th	2:30 PM
Event	Date	Time
Car Racing	March 25th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	May 20th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	June 17th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	July 15th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	August 19th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Sept 16th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Oct 21st	2:30 PM



Our club meetings are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, rc cars and more.



# Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

The Night Fly was a great *Freeze-In* for those that attended, even at that, all had a good time.

When there are several fliers, PLEASE everyone use the same traffic pattern, except in an emergency, of course. 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 are only two or three flyers 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 land in the opposite direction. 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 into the habit of using the same pilot station all the time, I'm in the habit I know. Practice landing and take-offs from all stations and from both directions. This is best practiced during the week days when there are few people using the field, best if they are people you

fly with.

Another thing, before you carry your airplane to the runway for take-off look around and get the feeling for the traffic situation. The carry distance, at this field is rather short, because of this the best way is to set the aircraft on the ground, remember landing traffic always has the right-a-way, and retain your aircraft. 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 have more than 4 pilot stations at this field, as we did have for a reason at the past field. 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 a few years back and was lucky to get away with a few small cuts on his arm and fingers from the prop. I asked Chet Blake to demo this but he refused to do it with the engine running... maybe that is why he moved to Pennsylvania (just kidding).

UNTIL NEXT TIME,  
BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS  
Vince Bell, Safety Officer



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQydFSHmRCg>

## Traffic Pattern Basics

Close throttle, normal glide speed

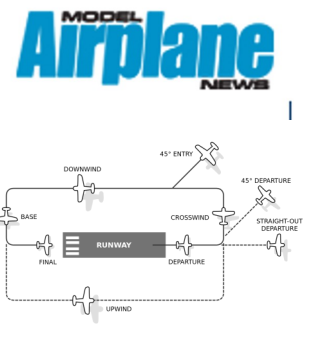
Medium or steeper bank

Downwind leg

for the RC Pilot

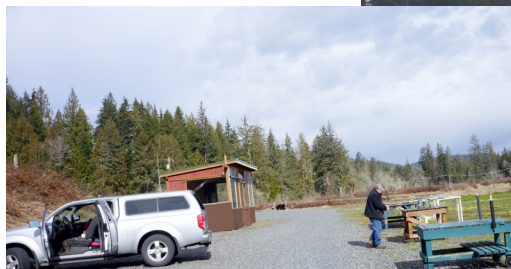
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Stolen from Model Airplane News  
<https://www.modelairplanenews.com/rc-traffic-pattern-basics>





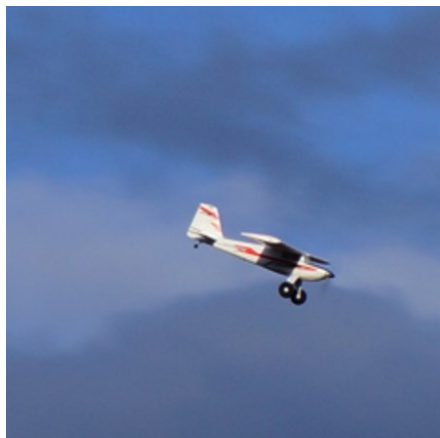
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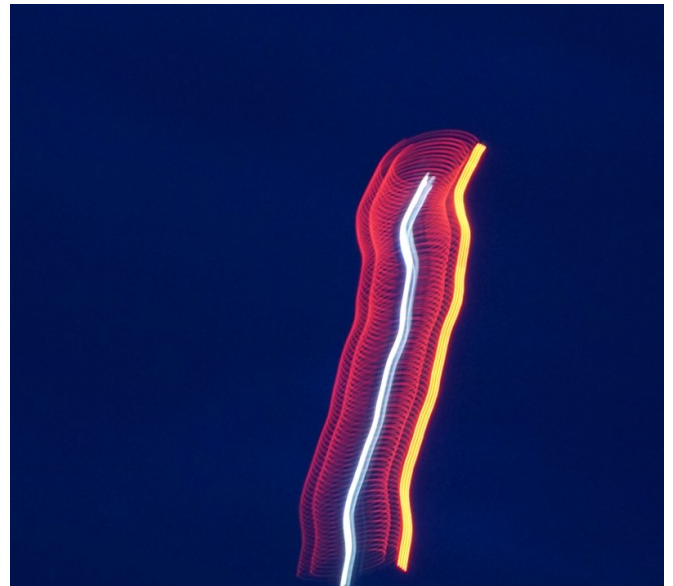
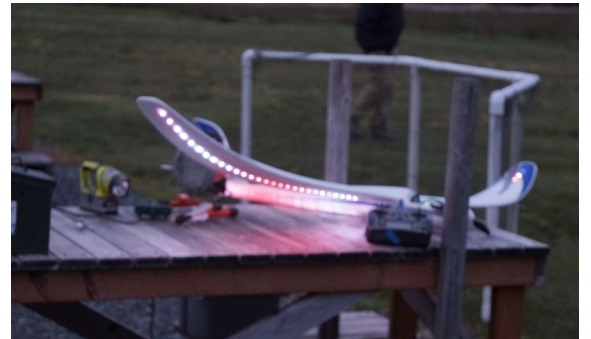


Send us your photos—share the fun!



# NIGHT FLY









# Cars Crawlers Excavators





# 2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License: \_\_\_\_\_

RC Frequencies:  2.4 GHz  72 MHz  50 MHz  5.8 GHz  27 MHz Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

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Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)

Building  Flying  Electronics  Covering  Painting  Experimental  
 Teaching  Event/Contest Director  Contest Judge  Want to learn  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Flying/Modeling Types:

Sport Flying  Pattern  3D  Quads  Helicopters  Competing in Events  
 Gliders  Crawlers  Excavators  Tanks  Boats  Sea Planes  
 Submarines  Scale  Glider Tug/Hi Start  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$45.00. Student Membership is \$25.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to:  
 Steve Higgins (club secretary)  
 20330 10<sup>th</sup> Ave W.  
 Lynwood, WA 98036  
[Steve@surette.com](mailto:Steve@surette.com)  
 Thank you for your interest in RC!

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the AMA and club safety rules, By-Laws, and regulations governing club flying and regulated activities. I will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities in the Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC).

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/modeling 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 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 11th 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





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Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

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reservation available now! Please visit our website  
for more information and highlights!*  
<https://www.nwmhe.com>

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