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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

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 6:30 PM** at our Club Field, 168th St SE in Monroe (See page 7 for a map).

Program: Builder's Competition



President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Hello fellow Buzzards,

Wow it's May already! Most years this means better flying weather is just around the corner. Let's hope the recent patterns change for the better and this holds true again. If not...we may all need to start putting some RC boats in our hangers so we can take advantage of the pond across

the road.

I'd like to give Tim Baird a shout out for volunteering to take meeting notes last month in Vaughan's absents. Thanks again Tim. Your help was much appreciated.

On April 30th I attended a Fun Fly at Sixty Acers. The event was

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April 12th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger / Tim

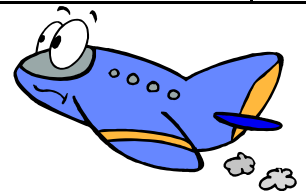
The April meeting was called the order by Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the officers present:

- President – Bryan Reightley
- Vice President – Jim Reynolds
- Treasure – Rick Hanners
- Secretary – Vaughan Houger (absent)
- Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift (absent)
- Field Manager – Jay Bell (absent)

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as published in the newsletter. This was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as published were accepted.

Officers' Reports

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (360) 668-6075
 Secretary: Vaughan Houger (425) 788-8616
 Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456
 Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662
 Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312
 Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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put on by NWEF (Northwest Electric Flyers). This is a club founded by a group of guys my brother and I flew with prior to joining BBMAC. Aside from reuniting with old flying buddies, I took the opportunity to observe how another local club runs a Fun Fly. I will share what I learned at our upcoming meeting.

Unfortunately we continue to have problems staying out of the "No Fly Zone". Please make a conscious effort to assist your fellow pilots in staying left of the boundary pole and west of the trestle.

Remember the meetings again shift back to our flying field beginning in May. I look forward to seeing everyone this Tuesday and

don't forget we will be holding the Builder's Competition as our program this month.

See you at the field,

Bryan



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Vice President – Jim inquired whether Sandy has offered to cook for the rest of the events for the year. Bryan verified this information.

Jim announced that the next meeting is the builder's contest. This will be held on May 10. So far there are four entries. And that the June meeting will be the charity auction.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. There are 57 members currently.

Safety officer – Vince spoke briefly stating that the trees to the west are getting tall, and we should watch out and possibly take a higher approach for our landings.

Announcements

Bryan called for announcements:

The Zillah Fly-In is at the end of April. Friday will be a potluck. Saturday will be brisket beef, crab, and barbecue pork. It should be a lot of fun.

Bryan announced that the Island Recover Service does not function when the river is flooded.

The Northwest Electric Fly-In at 60 acres is going to be at the end of April as well. Bryan will be attending. He is interested in how other clubs run and handle their events.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors: local and from out of the area. As in the past, we do have visitors stopping by the field. Be courteous and aware of their presence. A visitor had stopped by the name Dave. He is a former flyer and has some old kits and balsa for sale. Some of the items had been his father's and are quite old. He had a box full of some of the kits and said he had more in his trunk.

East end of the field flying. The house resident talked to Dale about a plane flying over the house last Saturday. Let's use this as a reminder to watch our no-fly zone. Someone suggested permanently coloring the arrow and pole, perhaps, using different colored streamers or maybe adding a wind sock on top of the pole. Additionally a proposal was presented to communicate with the resident of the house such that if a plane were to fly over the house to immediately come down and talk to us. However, Dale seems to want to field all the issues concerning our flying field. If we are to have no direct contact with his residents, then, maybe, we could ask Dale for permission to contact the house occupants to discuss flight issues.

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Someone reminded us that the residents have only been here for a little less than a year.

Field update. Dale will be planting corn and then will not go into field until harvest. He then suggested that we add a second pole to assist with the lineup for approaches. After some discussion we came to the conclusion that if it were recommended by Dale we should seriously consider the suggestion - if there's no harm in doing it than we should use the suggestion. There was a fairly lively debate about where we would put this poll: perhaps three fourths of the way to the trestle about 6 feet tall, just a bit higher than the corn. There was a suggestion of using an ATV flag, this would be an 8 foot pole with an orange pennant and this work can be scheduled during the work party.

Field weather station. At the last meeting there was a suggestion of putting up a weather station at the field. Jack has purchased the meter and other devices for wind and direction and is waiting for the free electronics. We will then need to have volunteers to take measurements every once in while on a schedule and then upload them to the website.

By-laws revision. Rick made a motion to accept the By-Law changes outlined in the previous month's meeting and newsletter.

Current wording, *"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."

Revised wording to be, *"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 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership."*

This motion was presented to the floor and approved with no discussion.

Show and Tell Bryan presented his newest airplane. He had a lot of trouble trying to get the plane to fly long enough for him to trim the airplane. After many, many attempts he finally asked Brian Taylor to see if he could trim out the airplane. The plane required a fair amount of aileron trim in order to fly straight. However, it does fly well and very fast. The lesson in this case was "asking for help often leads to success".

Evening Program. Scott presented a program on flight patterns and landing approaches. He detailed a lot of the practices and procedures, or even techniques a full size aircraft uses in landing patterns and approaches and discussed how these can relate to our radio control aircraft.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:45 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Board of Trustees 2011





Photos for Fun



Flat Stanley Visits the flying field. John and Ron share their models with him! May 1st





Safety Corner



HOLY COW! The sun is out, at least for a couple of days. What do we do?

Do we throw the stuff in the car and head for the field? Sounds to me like an event about to happen that may not be what we were looking for.

We should charge the batteries that have been setting around all winter. It has been a long one, and recycle them to make sure they are up to snuff, if not replace them.

While you are in there look over everything else that may go haywire. Like the fuel tank, it might be a good idea to remove it and inspect the plumbing inside. Replace the hoses if they have gotten hard. Make sure the stopper is still soft and pliable so when you tighten it down it will not leak.

Look over all the wiring, unplug all the servos, extensions and all the connection to the receiver making sure that they have not corroded and gotten yucky.

Check all the control linkages and make sure they are serviceable. Verify that the control horns are tight and in good shape. This includes checking the hinges for security and looseness.

Check the vertical and horizontal stabilizers making sure they haven't suffered some hanger damage over the winter. If you use rubber bands to secure your wings make sure they are serviceable or better yet get new ones.

Check the engine mount. Make sure the engine is bolted to the engine mount. Make sure the propeller is in good shape, not nicked or cracked. If it is a wood prop, verify that it is not crushed, then re-torque it.

If there are holes in the covering fix them.

Unless you find a lot wrong, this won't take long and is good insurance that the most common things are caught and taken care of before the first flight of the spring.

Keep up on the maintenance and you will have a lot more fun and not be out in the corn field picking up parts.

Oh, and by the way **RANGE CHECK YOUR SYSTEM PRIOR TO THE FIRST FLIGHT!**

Be Safe.
Vince Bell
Safety Officer

Builder's Competition 2010-2011 Rules

- Entries can be made by any club member in good standing.
- Each model is considered an entry and will have a \$10.00 fee.
- Payment along with the name of the model can be submitted to any board member or event judge.
- Event judges and ruling body will be comprised of 4 members plus the Vice President. These members are not yet named, but new judges for each year would be a great idea!
- Judges cannot judge their own plane.
- You must build the model yourself.
- Two main categories (others such as wet fuel vs. other may also emerge as we progress):
 - ◊ ARF
 - ◊ Stick build (plans or kits)
- You must beat someone to win (must have other entries in the same category).
- You can finish the model you previously entered, but didn't complete.
- New models must be started after the May judging club meeting (end of the previous competition).
- Two special awards voted on by the attendees of the May meeting:
 - ◊ In the Bones (award to the best model started, but not finished)
 - ◊ Members Choice Award
- Prizes will be color plaques of the winners and models or gift certificated—winner's choice.
- You must have fun!
- Extra points awarded if the model is flown before or during the May meeting.
- A write up of the model including the wingspan, weight, modifications, power, etc. would be helpful.
- Questions should be directed to the judges or Vice President, who is the responsible events coordinator.



Your Classified Ad Here

Or

Your Building Article Here

Or

Your Photos Here



Barnyard Buzzards Events

2011 Events

Our events are **open to the public** and you are welcome to come out to watch the events and talk with our pilots. All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House.

We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces for the swap meet are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION
Club Charity Auction	Tuesday, June 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Fun Fly	Saturday, July 23 rain date: July 24	10:00am - 3:00pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Open House & Super Swap Meet	Sunday, August 14	10:00am - 3:00pm	Bryan Reightley	(360) 863-2953	Club Field
Combat	Sunday, September 11, 2011	10:00am - 3:00pm	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	Club Field
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 7, 2012	11am - 2pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field

[Builder Competition](#)

Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!! You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging. Judging and award presentation will be during our May 10, 2011 meeting at the club field.



Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 Alf'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 Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houger at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Dean Appell 360 435-7803
- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Rick Hanners 360 668-1312
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045
- Brian Taylor 425 225-5247



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday**

- May 10 Club Field
- June 14 Club Field
- July 12 Club Field
- August 9 Club Field
- September 13 Club Field
- October 11 Alf's Pizza
- November 8 Alf's Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web site (<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>) has lots of photos of our field.

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at our Club Field, 126th St, Monroe (see page 7).
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