



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field, Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

**Program: Annual Builder's Competition**

### President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Hello Buzzards and Friends,

The club has made great strides over the last four weeks getting the field ready for flying. The perimeter fence and gates were completed just ahead of the arrival of the cows. A good portion of the runway has been raked well enough to fly from but still needs more work before seeding. Vince delivered the frames for the flight station safety fences and has begun installing the netting on them. The access road is well improved and I am not aware

of any access issues in the last month. The fence along Highway 2 has been repaired after being damaged back when the grading work was done. As it turns out some of the cleared debris was disposed of along the tree line at Highway 2 and unfortunately the barb wire fence was very well hidden by blackberry bushes. Both our landlord and the cow lady were pleased at how quickly we made the

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### April 10th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

The April meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards was called to order by Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the officers present:

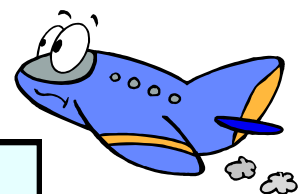
- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Jim Reynolds
- Treasurer - Rick Hanners
- Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

Ron Rueter, Vaughan Houser and Jay Bell were unable to attend the meeting.

There were no new members or visitors this month

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Bryan Reightley (360) 668-6075  
**Secretary:** Vaughan Houser (425) 788-8616  
**Safety Officer:** Vince Bell (425) 788-2456  
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**Vice President:** Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662  
**Treasurer:** Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312  
**Newsletter :** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045  
**Website:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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repairs after learning what had happened.

Don't forget the May 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be held at the new field. The weather forecast looks pretty good so if you're up for it, bring an airplane and get some flight time in before we start. This would also be a good time to ask questions and make suggestions as we still need ideas on where to place the frequency board and wind sock(s). This month's program will be the annual "Builders Contest". As far as I know only a few members have entered. This is good news for me as I have entered my Great Planes Cherokee. Time still remains if you wish to enter something...otherwise please remember to vote for me.

See you at the field,

Bryan Reightley BBMAC President



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was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

There appears to still be some question as to the status of our AMA insurance.

Jim announced that plans were moving along towards having a Fun Fly with the Arlington Eagles, perhaps in June. There has also been some discussion about a secondary event such as a joint swap meet.

So far there are only three committed entries in the builder's contest.

Rick announced that the club is financially in good shape in spite of the monies and work spent on the new field.

Vince announced that Dick had a prop strike while trying to adjust his engine's needle valve from the front with his right hand. Although it was mighty painful at least there was no surgery needed for him.

Eric struck his head while driving some fence poles into the ground at the new field. This was somewhat bloody, but no major damage done. He cautioned us all about safety whether we are flying or just working at the field.

Bryan spoke to the progress made at the field. Hog fuel has been spread and has stabilized the field rather well. Gates have been installed. Our old gate from our old field had been picked up and installed at the new field. We are hoping no more hog fuel will be needed. The water table is lowering and the field/roadway should

stabilize shortly.

Suggestions were made to stay to the left as you enter from SR2. Parking is not yet hammered out but we may clear the blackberries between the pole barn and SR 2 for parking. Possibly even move our entry gate to that location.

Port-o-Potties are in service.

Tim will look into the cost of having the moles eradicated professionally.

There was some discussion about the makeup of the field. Tim brought up the Rolled Runway again. Others brought up the idea of spreading a layer of top soil for the grass to grow on. Others suggested working to remove as many rocks as possible then planting grass seed on existing soil.

An underlayment field requires patching when damaged and occasionally pulling the underlayment up for maintenance to care for ruts and critter tunnels/mounds.

There were estimates of the amount of top soil that would be needed and its possible cost.

All told, the cost of preparing the new field, so far, has been \$2552.04.

Ron Swift again solicited for any kind of contribution for the newsletter: Pictures, articles etc. Also he announced that he has plenty of printed copies for those who may need one.

Ron Rueter continually updates the website from out of town

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## Announcements

The club meeting next month will be at the new field.

Ron Swift displayed the new t-shirt design. You, too, can have one for \$12.00.

## Old Business

A proposal has been presented to revise the by-laws to require the elected officers pay the same dues as the regular members. This will be published in more detail and voted upon in next month's meeting.

The field development plan has progressed well. Hog fuel has been spread and has shored up the driveway rather well.

The weather station is getting renewed support. The weather on the field can differ greatly from areas where we all live and it would be nice to have some idea of the conditions at the field when we leave home. In fact it was suggested that this become a priority.

Bryan has promised to approach our landlord about extending the trial period for the field. In fact he has committed to get this done this week.

There was no more news to be presented about the indoor flying site. There has been lit-

tle reaction from our club in spite of the possible revenue engine it might be.

## New Business

The Index Arts Festival will be held on August 4th. Ron Swift has proposed that we again have a presence there. This suggestion received support from the club.

It seems that our old website may be available and, if not secured by our club, could become a link to some other, possibly distasteful, site. A proposal was presented and accepted to spend the necessary \$17.00 to reserve it and set it up to link to our current site.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at our flying field in Sultan 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).

Respectfully submitted, Tim Baird for Barnyard Buzzards BBMAC, inc.. Secretary  
Vaughan Houger



**Your Photos & Articles could be placed here. Feel free to submit them anytime!**



# Safety Corner

By now we should have completed the new aero machines for the Annual Builder's Competition. The Building contest, in my way of thinking, is the beginning of a new season of fun and games at the field, Fun Flies, Combat events and the normal sport flying, just being with our fellow fliers. Even if some of them don't have the same views as to what the best radio or power source to propel the plane are.

Last year, we didn't have such a great year as far as safety is concerned

- An airplane chased a member down and chewed on his ankle
- Another tried to adjust the needle valve by sticking his hand through the prop
- There were a couple of other minor incidents that were patched up at home.

The last sentence in the intent of the Safety Rules is "**Common Sense and courtesy shall prevail at all times**".

So what is Common Sense? My dictionary defines common sense as sound practical judgment that is independent of specialized knowledge, training, or the like; normal native intelligence.

Is it common sense not to put a finger into a spinning prop; or is it some of the specialized knowledge that Mr. Webster is referring to?

We are now flying at the new field on days when we don't have work parties. When you are out at the field, it is really important to use common sense. At this time, the runway is a little hard to discern from the taxiway and pit area. If you are out with group of fliers, use common sense and use great communication by letting everyone know what you are doing... and don't stand in the area that is being used as the runway!

The runway is parallel with the north field fence and is about 50 feet wide starting at the edge of the grass that is also parallel with the north fence. The pilot station when installed will be about 10 feet from the south edge of the runway. At this time only the east 200 feet of runway is large-rock free, sort of.

Rule 9. "***Pilots shall not stand on the runway while flying.***" Common sense tells us that it is much easier to hit a target the closer you are to it, or is that another bit of knowledge we learned in our childhood. So by standing on the runway it should be easier to hit the runway and not land in the tall grass. This is where the sound practical judgment comes

into play. We don't stand on the runway; we stand on one of the designated pilot stations (by the way there are a few pilots that think this rule does not apply to them).

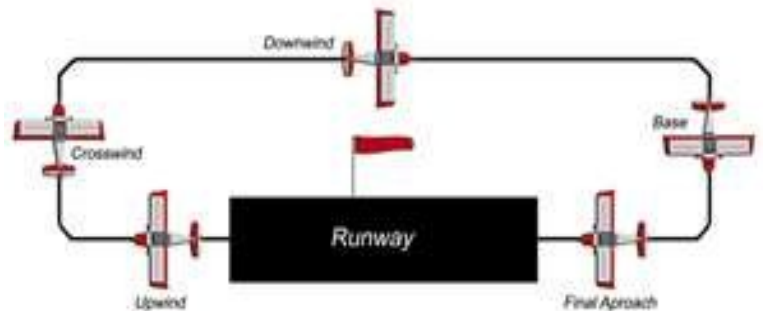
What I'm saying is 99% of what we call common sense is something we have actually learned by education or experience, the Safety rules are just what the old timers have learned though experience and education and make sense. That's why we don't have a rule stating to land you have to stand on one foot and sing Row-Row-Your-Boat.

Fly safe, have fun!

The best Safety Rule to follow is use COMMON SENSE and COURTESY while Flying at the new field. Think about it, that might just be the best Safety Rule always.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE  
BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





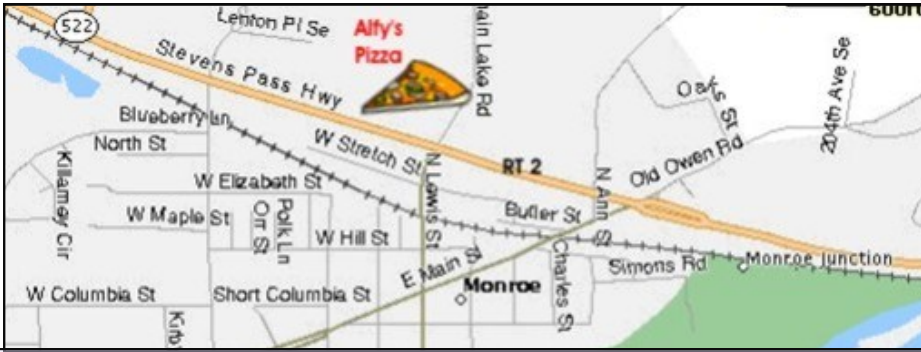
# Photos for Fun





New Field Development 2012

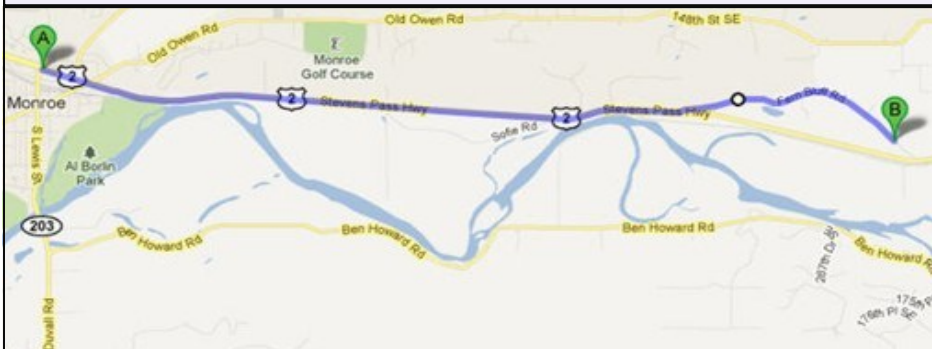




# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

**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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



## 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



### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Meetings begin at 6:30 PM</b>	
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	
May 8	Club Field
June 12	Club Field
July 10	Club Field
August 14	Club Field
September 11	Alf's Pizza
October 9	Alf's Pizza
November 13	Alf's Pizza

### Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web, [site \(http://www.bbmac.net\)](http://www.bbmac.net), has lots of photos of our field. We're under construction for the 2012 flying season.

Next meeting, **Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field along Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).  
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