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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 13th, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza along RT2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).
Program: Show & Tell'em

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards,
Time finally rolled around to get out of the Fern Bluff location. The bell tolled and WOW did you guys respond! With 18 members on hand along with Jordan Anderson and Ranger Matt, it was hard work done quick! Work basically started around 9:30 at the Fern Bluff loca-

tion with trucks, trailers and flatbed trailers, and everything was out by 11:00.

The various trucks, trailers and flat beds started arriving at the new field around 11ish and everything was off loaded and stored by 1:00.

Thanks to all! This was a true

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April 8th Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

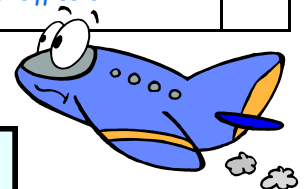
The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30pm with 18 members in attendance and one guest. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Jim Reynolds
- Secretary** – Rick Hanners
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell

Field Manager – Jay Bell
Webmaster – Ron Rueter
Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift
Field manager Jay Bell and Webmaster Ron Rueter were not in attendance.

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion

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Club Officers and Contacts

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show of **TEAM**work and the camaraderie that has made the Buzzards what we are.

This May meeting we'll be discussing an upcoming Saturday at the field—staking out the runway and parking. Plus we'll talk about an idea I have for our first event at the new location. As always, your ideas and opinions count. When it's time, be there and be part of that. Even though we can't do our normal flying right now, please continue to support the Club as you have at meetings and events. By combining our talents and work ethics, soon our new home will be usable and fun again.

A special Shout out and thanks to Ranger Matt and Ranger Dave for the work done at the barn door, gate, entrance, crushed rock and flatbed trailer!

p.s. hand launch electrics, gliders and helis and multi-rotors can be flown now at our new field! I did so this past Saturday

See ya at the meeting, Chet



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was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

Vice President –April 19th has been scheduled as our Good Bye Fern Bluff Potluck Party. Jim asked that as this is a potluck affair, everyone bring something to share with other people. The grill will be available for cooking and there will be open flying.

April 26th is scheduled as our moving day, rain or shine. April 27th is reserved as another work party day to move anything we were not able to move on the 26th. Both events will start at 10am although people can show up earlier.

The Builders Contest is scheduled for the June meeting and will be in one of the buildings at the Boy Scout camp, more information about the exact location as we get closer to that date. There is still time to enter and the newsletter has information about the contest.

The Arlington Eagles have generously given our club permission to use their field to fly at while we develop the new site. The field is located at the intersection of 249th St NE and Highway 530, about a mile out of Arlington. If anyone needs directions you should contact Jim Reynolds. They do have a lock on the gate when people aren't there. If planning to go to the Arlington field, contact Jim Reynolds and he can provide the gate combo. One thing to be aware of is NOT to fly behind their flight line as they have some issues with a neighbor. In addition, there is a sign in sheet in

the shed and a frequency board that their club would like us to use.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members. The AMA charter renewal has been received. The AMA originally sent the renewal charter for a club in Minnesota but then did send out the correct renewal charter about a day later. The current landlady has been sent an insurance certificate that will cover us for the month of April. Lois Mock at the AMA was contacted in regards to switching over the insurance to the new site. This will all be done at the end of April. Chet asked if the landlady would be notified about canceling the current insurance at the Fern Bluff site but the AMA will need to be contacted to find the answer. Moving the insurance from the old to new location should not cost us extra money.

Treasurer – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank. Chet and Ron were going to get together to finally turn over the donation to the food bank. No new membership dues were received since the last meeting.

Safety Officer - No safety issues have been reported.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures at the Potluck Party, to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/

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website usage.

OLD BUSINESS

Builders Contest

The Builders contest has been moved to June. Brian Reightly found that the meeting hall or possible other areas at Camp Brinkley should be available on Tuesday nights for our use when we have the Builders Contest but he still needs to verify that.

Current Field

Ron Swift and Jay Bell were able to move the old wood shed material to the storage area at the new field site using Ron's new 20 foot trailer. Jay has moved other items from the field, such as the lawn mower. He is going to try and move other items when he can just to cut down on what finally needs to be moved on April 26th. Jim Reynolds brought up the fact that we need the Porta-Potti's cleaned before we leave and Jay was going to be contacted about that.

Meeting Location

As we won't really have a good place to meet next month, it was decided to schedule the May meeting at Alf's again. Chet was going to get that scheduled with the Alf's management.

NEW BUSINESS

Current Field

Nothing new regarding the cabins out at the field. There are just piles of wood from when the cabins were taken apart at their old location. From talks with the volunteers it appears that they are going to put together as many cabins as possible from the materials available but most likely the total number won't be 10. There was even talk that some sort of meeting hall might be erected. All of this to be done after we have left.

Camp Brinkley Development

Brian Reightly introduced Rob Sarsten, who he has been working with since August on his current project at Camp Brinkley. He is basically the "dirt guy" who has the equipment and man power available to develop the field. A number of points got brought up in the discussion of field development:

We can't just scrape off the top layer of grass and vegetation as the ground is too swampy underneath. The runway and anything else would need to be built up on top of the current ground once the ground has dried

up sufficiently.

The ground usually dries up enough by the June/July time of the year, but this is very variable depending on the amount of rain in April and May. The water table throughout the whole area is very high and has been for longer than most of us have been alive.

Sometime after the 13th of this month, Rob can do a partial start by removing the blackberry bushes on the slope near the corral which we envision as part of our parking lot area. Once what is under there is known, it can be decided how to proceed to improve it for parking.

Even though the ground is soft where the runway will eventually be built up, Rob was pretty sure that with a thick compacted layer, there should be minimal to no ground subsidence once in place. The runway and other dirt will have to be put down in layers and he expects that an 18" deep layer of fill should be sufficient but if not, more layers can be added.

Someone asked if the area could be drained at all, the answer is no as the whole area is one high water table/swamp type of area.

The size of the gate and area to get equipment in was brought up. Rob will have to investigate if there is sufficient clearance for his equipment as things exist now.

Rob is going to donate the fuel for the machinery. He estimates approximately 30 man hours of work @ \$25 an hour per man.

The large tree at the end of what would be our parking area can be removed if we absolutely need to do so but the scouts would prefer it not be removed if at all possible.

Rob said that if we wished to, there are any number of Christmas tree size evergreens that can be transplanted as to build a visual buffer along the road if necessary.

Topsoil might be had from another location on the property we are going to be occupying but that would have to be finalized as the work nears completion.

The possibility of hydro-seeding was brought up, with an estimate of \$1000 to \$1500 if we wanted to go that route.

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At some point, at least a year after the runway is in, if we wanted to "improve" the field surface, it is possible to use asphalt grindings to make a hard surface. This is currently being done with the roads built on the Camp Brinkley site. Something to think about for the future.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

.....Rick Hanners, Club Secretary



Safety Corner

By now we should have completed the new flying machines for the Club Building Contest. 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 or just being with our fellow fliers. Even if some of them don't have the same views as to the best radio or power source to propel the plane. Some of the really weird pilots like to put the propeller on the top or several on top and leave the wings off, go figure.

This year the Building Contest will be the first Club event at the new Field. It will be on June 10. Even though we don't have a runway yet or any facilities I think that our past president, Bryan, has secured one of the buildings on the Boy Scout's property we will be using for the meeting and the Building Contest.

Rick has given the OK to fly at the new site, the insurance is in place. Of course we don't have anything that might be construed as a runway. So we are limited to airplanes that are hand launched and can be landed in the

grass. I guess this a case for the aircraft with propellers (some of the weird guys call them rotors) on top. At this time let COMMON SENSE and COURTESY be your guild.

The best Safety Rule to follow is use COMMON SENSE and COURTESY while Flying. Think about it, that might just be the best Safety Rule no matter what you are into.

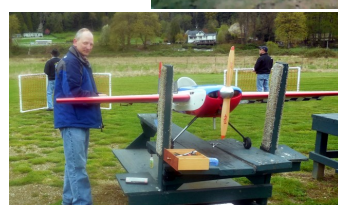
UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer





Farewell Fern Bluff!!!

It is with incredible grief and relief that we turn a new page for our flying area. We celebrated the existing field at Fern Bluff with a pot luck and flying. Many had fun!





Packing Up Fun

Thanks to Jay's early moving and preparation, this project went F A S T! That and 17 other members and friends who helped moving out! Some members were at the Fern Bluff site at 8:15 AM to get an early start (and the best parking) for the move to Camp Brinkley. Many hands did make light work and we had some fun, too!





Buzzard's Builders Competition

Since there has been SO MUCH Excitement about the 2014 Builder's Competition here's the up-to-the minute details as we currently understand them...

What:

Barnyard Buzzards Builder's Competition

Who:

All members of the Barnyard Buzzards Club in good standing (dues paid)

When:

Starts last May 2013 after our club meeting . Judging will be done during our club meeting on June 10, 2014 by the appointed judges.

Why:

The event is to help encourage building of models, build camaraderie, and recognize our skilled builders. (Also, some of us need to restock the hangar).

WIIFM (What's in it for me?)

Unbelievable prestige and worldwide recognition for modeling prowess. R/C Corporate sponsorship and contracts are again possible. Recruiters will be at the June meeting to observe the judging and awards presentation. And unbelievable prizes will again be awarded.

Does It Have to Fly (Before Judging):

No, but extra bonus points are awarded to the models that are flown!

Categories and Judging:

Three or four categories were suggested:

J ARF

J Scratch

J Kit

J Overall Builders Award

A special award presented by the Board of Directors for the most technically innovative model (special electronics, CO2, rubber power, diesel, jet, canard, ornothopter, rotary wing, etc.). If you bring it, we'll judge it!

Entry Fee and Qualification Details:

So, you ask what's this going to cost? Well, entry fee is \$10.00 per modeler. Modelers can submit more than one model. Models that were entered in previous years, but were not judged can be re-entered! Entries are accepted anytime .

Other Questions:

Answers to questions covering any details not expressly covered by this document can be expressed during any club meeting.

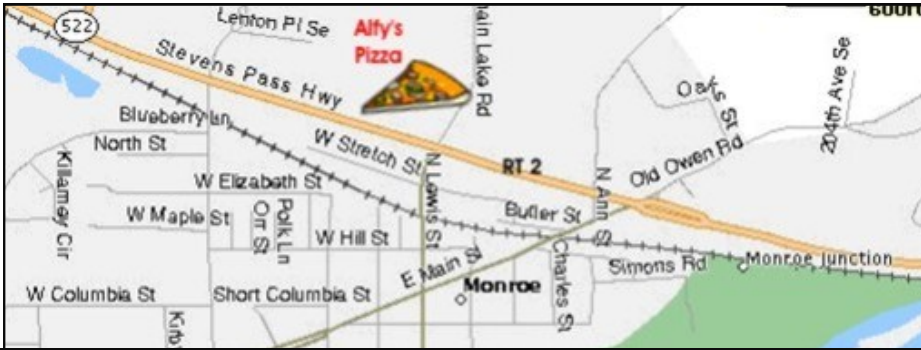


Farewell grass and all of the memories we had making this field a RC flying field!



Hello Camp Brinkley !!!





Visit <http://www.bbmacc.net> for the most current Field info.

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 Alfy'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 our club secretary: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any club instructor to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructor:

Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday

May 13	Alfy's Pizza
June 10	Club Field
July 8	Club Field
August 12	Club Field

Our Flying Field

Our old field is located east of Monroe on RT 2. Our new field is in Monroe and we'll be planning and developing it over the next few months. We are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!) so join us at our meetings and at the flying fields.



Next meeting, **Tuesday May 13th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's
Pizza Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).
Program: **Show & Tell'em**



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