



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 May 10th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!. We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members and guests will receive emailed info for the **Live** ZOOM access. As always, thank you Alfy's Pizza so much for the use of your room! The public is invited to all our meetings!

Program: Try #3 FPV Setup and settings. Should be a great instructional for those needing to set up their cameras, transmitters, AS3X, dual rates, expo, and more... Website: http://



Club booth setup for the Expo! Thank you, guys.

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,
It's that time again! Time to break out the planes that have not seen real daylight in years or for at least the LONG winter months. Make sure you give them a good once-over. Check your controls, batteries and if you're a glow type, ensure that your fuel is up to snuff.

While it's been a little on the wet side this spring the wind has been the most bothersome in regards to flying. I have found a way to combat the wind and light rain. I rearranged my truck so I can make room for my Traxxas Slash and my Crawler.

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April 12th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm April 12th
Introduction of Officers and Guests:
12 Members in Person and 4 People on Zoom.
Michael C is a guest. He's getting back into flying after some time off. Flew mostly in the 90's and he is now retired. Michael was at the NW Model

Hobby Expo on Saturday. He's a member at Marymoor and is looking for something closer to home.
President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Paul Dibble
Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

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They don't care about wind or rain. The track realignment has really made a fun difference in that it requires a little more finesse to maneuver. Last week we had 6 guys on the track at one time and it was a blast!

Our first official Tanks and Truck event took place on the 30th of April. Jason did a fantastic job directing the event. The weather turned out great and everyone had a good time. May is going to be a busy month. We have the Glider event on the 14th, Mini-Quad event on Wed the 18th at 6:00pm. The work party has been rescheduled for the 21st. Not to mention Mother's Day on the 8th and Memorial Day Week -end 28th-30th, so stay safe and enjoy those week-ends. I am still sure there will be some great flying days in between all that's going on. Fertilizer has been spread and the grass is starting to grow quickly, so please don't forget to sign up to mow during the months of May through October.

While we're extremely lucky to have the facility that we have, there are actually a couple of things that make our club something special, that sets us apart from other clubs. The first is the inclusive diversity of events, starting with the Freeze-in, Gliders, Combat, Tanks and Trucks, Floats and Boats, Fun Fly, Night Fly, Mini Quads, War-Birds, Heli Day,

Builders and Rebuilders which gives everyone a chance to participate. We are always looking for something to add in or improve on.

The second, and I think is the most important thing that makes us special is our membership. I am still in contact with some of our former members and they always bring up the camaraderie that this group has. I was talking with Chet the other day about events and the club in general. One of the clubs he has been going to are limited as to what events and even RC equipment they will allow at their field. The consensus is that the Buzzards are something special, and that is hard to replicate. I have talked with guys from other clubs and they have said that they felt very welcome from the first time they came out to visit. Seeing new members at the field is always exciting.

Hope to see ya at the field.

Sincerely,
Mark Weeks



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Minutes from March Meeting approval:

Motion was made, 2nd, and passed to accept minutes as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President - none

Vice President - Paul couldn't attend the NW Model Hobby Expo. Reported that on the 30th we are having Tanks and Truck Event

Secretary - We currently have 45 members for 2022. It was mentioned by Ron and Mark that Butch Sidbeck has a leg injury and is considering coming back.

Treasurer - We are in the green. Some funds went out for the track maintenance and gravel for the barn area.

Safety Officer - Thus far we are doing good. Remember the field is wet so if you go out to rescue a model, make sure you have someone at least on a radio. Make sure you use a pole to probe water depth and help with pushing down bushes.

Field Manager- Mark - We have not put the moss killer down yet, we really need a week with non-freezing weather before putting it down. Hopefully in the next

few weeks we will get it on the field. Mowing sign-up sheet is on the website. Ron S said that if you have a helper hold the tail of the plane it will get off the ground easier. In general, the field is getting better. Mark explained why the field was in rough condition as of now. *Newsletter Editor* - Ron has copies of the newsletter, he's giving extras to Mark for the field and the corner store. Make sure you take a few pictures of people when you are out flying. Send those to Mark and Ron so we can use for the website and newsletter. We gave away 20+ newsletters at our booth *NW Model Hobby Expo Report*: Ron S NW Model Hobby Expo was last weekend for the 43rd year – 18 years at the Monroe Fairgrounds. The Expo was well attended. Rob Beba had an interaction with a young lady at our booth, probably 3 to 4 years old who was flying the Realflight Simulator. Next thing he knows the little girl was flying the plane on the flight simulator and it wasn't in SAFE mode !

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Figured there were 2000+ people on Saturday and Sunday. Swap meet was great, On Sunday prices were great, people were pretty much giving things away for any reasonable offer. Ron ended up with quite a few things that will end up in our September auction.

In September or October, the NW Hobby Expo will probably have just a swap meet. The Pavilion was all cars 200 racers were there at the show. The Display Hall was all swap meet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Awning framing pulled up and we need to anchor it better.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garbage at the Field: We Must keep the field clean, there is quite a lot of garbage at the field. Broken Props, Cigarettes packs... etc.... Remember you pack it in, you pack it out... We do not have garbage cans at the field for this very purpose.

The Car Track has been Modified. We scraped down the car track, took out the bumps. Dart laid down the pipes on the car track. It's not as fast, it's a bit more technical. So you need to slow down a bit to navigate. Dart and Mark have put quite a bit of work into the track over the past few weeks.

If you see something that needs to be done, and you have the time, do it... The club will appreciate it!

Mark asked Jason to type something up about the **tank event**. Just so we know what a formal event would be like.

If we have guests for the tank event, they do not need to be AMA. We are responsible, so they wouldn't need AMA. Ron S, the intent needs to be that you'll learn how to fly so AMA would be necessary for members. For the Cars and Tanks it is a fuzzy line If they are flyers, then yes they would need AMA.

We looked at the booth at the **Expo** and there were lots of people. We need to come up with some new pictures for the booth. We also need to have the correct website on our banner. Next show with a booth will be April 15th and 16th 2023. Photo binders just need to be updated as well. Jay Bell put the binders together for us originally. Ron S prints the new photos for the current binder. The club mem-

bers place them in the new binders.

Here is a Google Drive Link if you have pictures you want to share:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CSpLkqrsKyeoLEMxD_n9VOCs2MB_LAE?usp=sharing

Micro Quad Event got cancelled due to weather. The plan was to keep the cost down and grow into the 2,3,4s battery quads. Mark said he's had a hard enough time to get his flying well. We will set a schedule for this in the coming days. Ron S suggested to expand to larger quads and maybe teach some people about the quads. The plan is to do this, and we can hold a workshop to teach people this as we go.

Work Party has been rescheduled to May 21st. Work Party Items:

1. Prepare **port-a-potty base**. Using pavers from Brian R
2. Work on car and tank tracks. Crawler tank may move to barn hillside. (Is everyone 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 - all 3 of them.
5. Clean up garbage around field.
6. Burn pile of 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. Bush 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. Bush whack blackberries by entrance road.
11. Pad building for the port-a-potty base can be started any time, we just need to build the base so that the base is solid. Some discussion about how to keep the pavers level. We will start with the frame soon to get everything ready for the new port-a-potties.

Safety Stuff

In the past couple of weeks, Rich's T-28 when down in what appeared to be a clearing. Well, it wasn't, it turned out to be very tall grass/brush... This just reinforces the need for people to make certain that they take a radio, and pole for probing water levels and grass. The crash was so hard it folded his battery in half. Just make sure that If you have a damaged battery,

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that you have a way to safely transport the battery home so you can make it inert. You could use a LIPO bag or ammo box, the last thing you want is it catching fire on your way home. The Snohomish County transfer station will take LIPO batteries as long as you wrap them and bag them to make them safe.

New nomination for the Lawn Dart Award: Mark was mowing on the far side of the runway and he went over a gopher hole. The mower blade kicked up a rock and shattered the glass on one of the windows of the clubhouse. Be sure if you are mowing the chute cover is down so the mower won't throw rocks. Brian nominated Mark for the award. It was seconded, voted on and approved...

Mark Weeks is currently the holder of the Lawn Dart Award!

We talked about the prizes for the Fun Fly

event. Ron is planning on awarding prizes for everyone who is participating in the fun fly event on July 16. We may do the same for other events that we have over the summer. Mark wanted to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the club booth at the NW Model Hobby Expo!!

SHOW AND TELL: None.

PROGRAM: We were going to talk about Micro Quads, but due to a misunderstanding as to who was going to give it. Didn't have it... We will have this at the May or June meeting.

ADJURNMENT: Motion was made for adjourning the meeting and so it was @ 7:30pm.



Grandfather and Grandson Flying in Rochester, NY



Ron visited his old home stomping grounds, the RAMS in Rochester, NY. The Rochester Aero-Modeling Society is an AMA radio control club dedicated to promoting the hobby for building, flying and maintaining airplane, helicopter, glider and control line models.

The RAMS board passed a rule that previous presidents have a lifetime to fly free at the field. Ron was president until he left in June 2001. Shown here is the current club president, Jim Hoffman. Jim brought out one of the club trainers and had some fun with Nik and Ron. Nik had both his plane and the club trainer circling the field and landed them successfully. Nik plans to fly some more at that field soon! Despite the windy conditions, Ron had the trainer flying inverted and hovering over the runway. Both attended the club meeting. <https://www.ramsrc.org/>



Upcoming Events

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 the Fun Fly
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



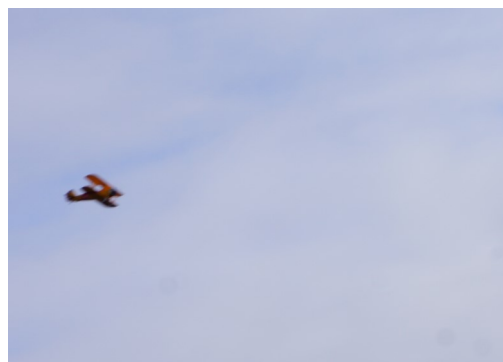


Cars, Tanks, Crawlers Event

Photos by Rick Weber







Ron Swift



Thank you, guys, for all the help setting up, taking down and loading. It was a big help and sure was a lot of fun for the guests. Hopefully you had time to enjoy the Expo and have stories to share about the folks you met at our club booth.



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

Confessions of a Safety Officer.

As the weather turns from cold and wet to slightly warmer but still wet, we all know it won't be long before flying season is in full swing. There will be busy days at our field with lots of flying and lots of people at the field at once. With the increase of both also comes the increase in the potential for trouble. It is always important to keep up on maintenance of your models and equipment, but especially the potential to hurt or damage someone else or their property increases. As model pilots it's easy to blame our "incidents" on something beyond our control such as a brown out or losing bind. But the reality is even those things are preventable.

In the interest of promoting safety and taking responsibility for my own actions here are a couple of my own failings since joining the Buzzards:

I flew a Stuka model that I knew was not a good performer. After one very poor flight I removed the landing gear pants thinking it would help with ground clearance and maybe somehow change the flight characteristics. Well... it did. It flew a lot worse and in retrospect it was probably very tail heavy and removing weight in front of the CG, made it worse. After a second very panicked flight it crashed on landing bad enough to consider the model a total loss. I should

have known better.

My worst mistake was flying with a low battery in the transmitter. During my very short flight, my transmitter battery alarm went off so I immediately set up for landing. But within seconds the transmitter shut off and my plane continued on as a free flight model for nearly another minute. Eventually it crashed on the other side of the road and was fairly badly damaged but fixable. I still fly that model regularly but this was a pretty dumb mistake. I knew I had forgot to charge the battery.

I've had other very minor crashes mostly due to pilot error but these are my worst mistakes.

Learn from your mistakes and from others. Share your experiences and take responsibility for your own errors. The more we do, the better our hobby gets.



Jason



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



Sorry for the old data. We'll update this in the June issue.





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, May 10 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 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, May 10th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: FPV Miniquads, and Controllers



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Visit Our Website
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THROUGH THESE DOORS
Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—
April 14 & 15, 2023. Please visit our updated website for more information and 2022 highlights!

<https://www.nwmhe.com>

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