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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field, Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

Program: TBD—But You Won't Want to Miss This One!



President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Hello Buzzards and Friends,
I would like to thank Jim Reynolds for the use of his tractor and rock rake attachment and his time to operate it. This has helped greatly in our efforts to clear the field of rocks. He has put in four sessions totaling nearly 10 hours of working the runway, taxiway, and pit areas. We are now close to

seeding. Jay is finalizing the plan for this work and will be making a recommendation soon on how best to proceed.

Our landlord called recently to tell me she had closed the red gates at the entrance to our flying field. This was because the cows

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May 8th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

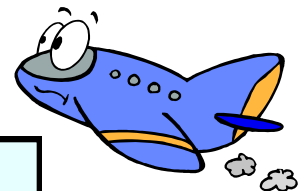
The May meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:29 pm. Bryan announced the officers present:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Jim Reynolds
- Secretary - Vaughan Houser
- Treasure - Rick Hanners

- Safety Officer – Vince Bell
 - Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift
 - Field Manager - Jay Bell
 - Webmaster – Ron Rueter
- Vaughan Houser, Jay Bell and Ron Reuter were unable to attend the meeting.

There was one visitor, John.

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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
Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

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had somehow found their way into the east pasture, so she closed the gates to keep them out of our area. Because the only intended route between pastures is the red gate at the east end of our runway, and it was properly shut, they have apparently discovered an alternate route. So until she is able to identify the new entry point and shut it down we will be on "Cow Alert". This means every gate along the access road is to be kept closed for the time being. The idea is to contain the cows in the fenced area they cross into so she can more quickly figure out where they are crossing the ditch. To help with this new procedure I put reminder signs on both sides of each gate. With luck this procedure should be short lived.

Oh-yeah...If you find any of the signs are missing please blame the white cow with brown spots. I know this because it only took him 20 minutes to eat the only one he could reach. This is also why you will find just one

sign at the red gate and it is mounted on a post out of reach. So going forward I would like your assistance. Please report any missing signs to me and I will be happy to schedule the first BBMAC Beef BBQ of the year. (Just kidding, but what a great idea from Chet)

See you at the field,

Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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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 presented were accepted.

Officer Reports:

Jim announced that we will be hosting the Fun Fly with the Arlington Eagles on July 28 at the field of the Arlington Eagles. This will be combined with our annual swap meet. We will also be inviting the Skagit R/C Club. The Arlington Eagles Flying Field is on 249th NE in Arlington WA which is approximately 1 mile east on Highway 530 from Arlington.

There are three contestants and four planes entered in the Builders contest today.

Rick announced that the club is financially healthy.

Vince announced that Dick still has all his fin-

gers and they seem to still be working. He says that the only injuries seem to be at every other work party.

Bryan spoke to the progress made at the field. A good portion of the runway has been raked, but more still needs to be done before seeding. Vince has built and delivered the frames for the pilots' stations. The access road is much improved (we wonder how much more improved it will have to get before Rick will drive on it again.). The perimeter cow fences have been repaired and cow tested. The fencing along HWY 2 that had been damaged by some of our overzealous work has been repaired.

Jay has called for yet another work party for this coming Saturday with focus on raking more of the field in prep for grass seeding and flying.

We have learned that the cows like to eat our orange flags so we may need to take them down. Perhaps to be replaced with painting the posts a very bright orange.

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Jay has found a trailer we can rent for \$79 with a 6000# capacity to use to haul Jim's tractor to the field to try the rock rake. This rake is 5' wide and will pick up the rocks and lay a row of them to one side. He plans to have the bucket on the tractor by this Saturday for the work party. Plan is to rake up as much rock as possible and plant seed on remaining soil. Not to purchase top soil.

We still would like to get the arrow from the old field, which, by the way, appears to now be a play field.

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.

Announcements:

Work Party this Saturday May 12 followed by open fly.

The mid field gate is better but still needs some attention.

Old Business:

The motion to revise the by-laws to require the elected officers pay the same dues as the regular members was taken off the table, voted on and passed unanimously.

Brian was also able to renegotiate the contract with Arlene. Instead of a 6 month trial period, we will conduct a three month trial period starting May 1st. Then will pay for the remainder of year. This saves us \$1000.00 over what the original would have provided.

We have been asked by Arlene to make sure that the gates by the roads remain closed at all times while we are at the field. This is to ensure the cattle do not stray off her property.

New Business:

It was suggested that it is vital to get the newsletter out sooner to let others know of the progress of our new field and that it is now in use. Perhaps it would also help to include past members as well as current members in the newsletter distribution. And that we should make extra effort to extend special invitations to

former members to an open house (to be held sooner rather than later) in hopes we may be able to reclaim them into the fold.

2 shovels and 1 rake have not made it back home after the work parties. Please check your garages and sheds for any tools that may have strayed to your homes. They are missed and their return will be celebrated!

Tim did get an estimate for Mole Patrol at our field. The initial planting of 12 traps would cost \$180 then another \$60 per visit thereafter to clear and reset the traps. He estimated that this may take 5 – 6 visits at a total cost of \$540.

Program:

This month's program was the judging of the entries in the Builders' Contest. Three brave souls entered 4 planes to be critiqued by the judges. Our Leader, Bryan Reightley took 1st place in the ARF division with his Great Planes Piper Cherokee and Tim Baird took second with his CMP Piper Arrow. Ron Swift was awarded 1st place in the Kit Built category with his Morris Models Jerry's Big Boy and Tim Baird took 2nd with his RA Cores Gremlin combat plane.

The meeting officially adjourned amid a light sprinkle in twilight. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at our flying field 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 Club Secretary, Vaughan Houser





Safety Corner



Accident, according to my dictionary is, an event that is without apparent cause or that is unexpected. Why is that? Let's just suppose you install a servo and you don't secure the servo arm with the screw. Is that an accident when the plane re-kits itself? It was certainly unexpected, and until the post mortem, there was no apparent cause. I don't think it was an accident at all! Someone was careless and did not inspect their own work or have someone else look it over.

Another thing that could be called an accident is a hardware failure. This one is not as straight forward as not putting the screw into the servo arm, but still not an accident. Maybe the builder used a part not designed for the task; the manufacturer of the part did not design it properly or used a cheaper material to save a few cents. Maybe the molded part had an air bubble in it (defect). So many things can cause something called an accident which is not an accident at all.

Mid-air collisions are not accidents. Someone was not paying attention.

If you crash your car on the way to the field, it is not accident. Again, someone was not paying attention or there was a hardware failure.

If you stick your finger into the propeller - it is not an accident. You did something you should not

have done.

If you look back on anything called an accident, you will find someone did something wrong or didn't do what they should have. Not putting the screw into the servo arm, not paying attention, not doing a thorough inspection. I hope you get the point - there are no accidents.

Why do people refer to an airplane crash as a crash and an automobile crash as an accident?

Be Safe.

Vince Bell
Safety Officer



Builders Competition



The new Builders Competition is now underway (for 2013)! It was voted on and passed to start the new event as soon as the end of the current competition. So you can enter now!

This year, 2012, Bryan Reightley, with his Great Planes Piper Cherokee took 1st place in the ARF category and Tim Baird took second with his CMP Piper Arrow. Ron Swift was awarded 1st place in the Kit Built category with his Morris Models Jerry's Big Boy and Tim Baird took 2nd with his RA Cores Gremlin combat plane.

Congratulations to all three contestants! We hope more of you guys will participate for the judging on May 14, 2013. Even previously entered models that have never been judged can be entered!

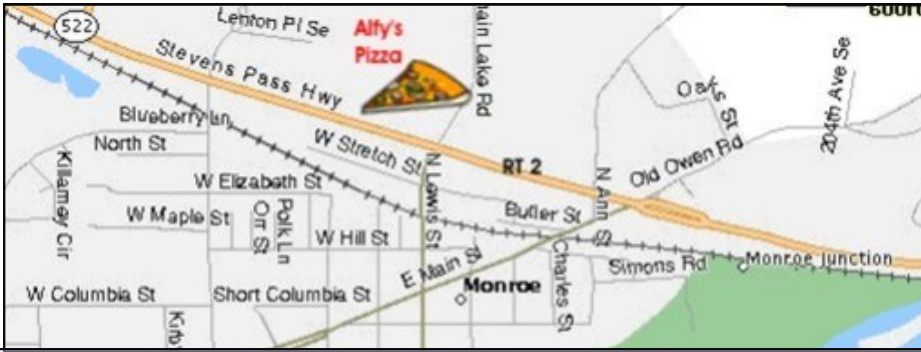


Photos for Fun





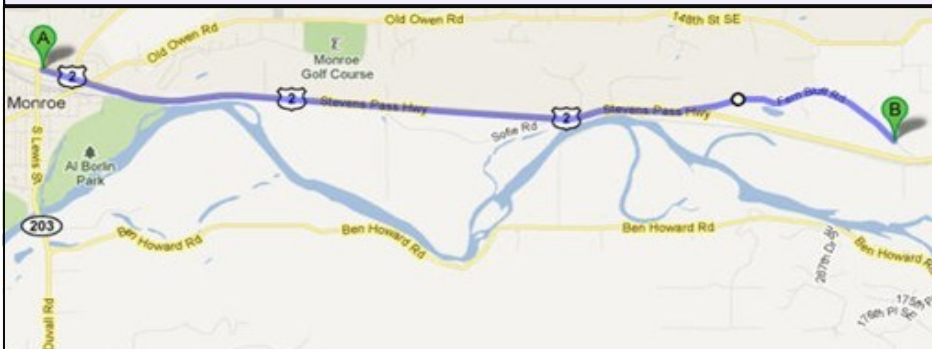
Your Photos & Articles could be placed here. Feel free to submit them anytime!



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

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM	
2nd Tuesday	
June 12	Club Field
July 10	Club Field
August 14	Club Field
September 11	Alfy's Pizza
October 9	Alfy's Pizza
November 13	Alfy's Pizza

Our Flying Field

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



Next meeting, **Tuesday, June 12 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field along Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).
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