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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, June 11th, 2013, 6:30 PM** at our club field east of Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

Program: None Planned

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,
BBMAC now has a modified rental agreement in place for this year. It is the result of much good input from club members. Thanks to all who participated in this effort. High points include: The gate at Fern Bluff Road should only be locked Monday – Wednesday each week. A sign to be posted on the

gate with directions on what to do should you show up and find the gate locked. BBMAC will add 24 cubic yards of 5/8" minus rock to the existing access road. Arleen has agreed to not lock the gate on Tuesdays nights when we meet at the field. The gate at Hwy 2 will

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April 9th Meeting Minutes — Tim Shegrud

The May meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:40PM.

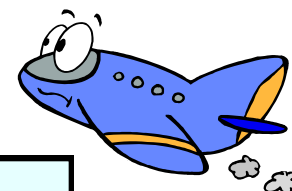
Bryan introduced the officers:

- President** - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President** – Brian Richardson
- Secretary** – Tim Baird – arrived quite late
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift

- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- Field Manager** - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift
- Web Master** – Ron Rueter – Welcome Back!

Visitors and New Members – I was told we had a visitor, but the acting secretary did not get his

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Vice President: Brian Richardson (425) 501-2965

Secretary: Tim Shegrud (360) 348-6033

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter : Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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never be locked.

Saturday June 8th BBMAC will be hosting its annual "Open House & Charity Auction" between 9am & 3pm at the field. Food will be available. If you've participated before, you already know this is a great opportunity to pick up something on a budget. If you have not participated come see what it's all about and join the fun. Regardless of your participation there will be lots of time to fly so I hope to see everyone there.

New to our website is "The Wall of Shame". Check it out and see the highly modified airplanes. If you're lucky like me, you'll find a past project or two.

See you on the flight line,

Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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name.

Officer's Reports

Secretary – A motion was entered to accept the minutes as they were published. This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Vice President – The next event will be the Open House and Charity Auction on June 8th and will be run by Ron Swift. This will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and will also include the charity auction.

Treasurer – Ron Swift reported that we have the funds in hand enough to last the year. The treasury is in good shape. He also reported our membership stands at 31 members.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell had nothing new to report but reminded us all to remain aware of our surroundings.

Field Manager – Please feel free to mow the field if it needs it.

Newsletter Editor - Ron is still doing a fine job of getting the newsletter out on time. Please send any photos and articles you may have of the field and activities

Webmaster – Ron Rueter is back for the

season. Ron does a bang up job with the website. Checkout Bryan's video of the dive bombing manta rays.

Announcements

Don't forget the Boeing B-17 Aluminum Overcast visit at Paine Field.

Old Business

AMA Flying Site Grant Application

BBMAC received the site improvement grant in full. (Special thanks to Rick for providing the financial reporting used as part of the application.) This also means we are expected to give updates on the progress of our field every 6 months until done.

Flying Field status.

A meeting has been scheduled with Arleen for Sunday the 19th. The board expects at that time to finalize terms for renting the field (or not) through April 2014. Possible outcomes range from adding 5/8" minus rock to the access road as rent payment to vacating the

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field immediately.

The board's position:

- It is the board's recommendation that the club should continue occupying the present field with Arleen's acceptance of BBMAC requested conditions listed below. The board believes not having a club field to fly from would be detrimental to the club.
- It is also the board's position that if our landlord's acceptance of the following conditions (in some reasonable form) is not met, the club should vacate the field immediately without paying any form of rent. If terms cannot be agreed upon the board believes our situation will only deteriorate so why bother paying anything to stay.

Board recommended conditions are as follows:

- Agreed days of the week for locking the gate at FBR shall be Mon. & Wed. (Tues will be reserved as a negotiable item.)
- FBR gate to remain unlocked Thurs - Sun and the second Tues. of each month June - Sept.
- Aircraft will not be flown while Hero's are present.
- The gate at SR 2 will never be locked.
- 24 yds of 5/8" minus rock placed and graded by BBMAC will suffice as rent through April 2014. BBMAC shall vacate prior to the end of April 2014.

The goal here is to maintain use of the flying field for the next year for as little money possible giving the club time to locate and develop a new flying site. But not just a new site but **The Site** that we can call home for a long time to come.

A club vote after discussing the board's recommendation will determine what the board presents to Arleen when we meet this Sunday.

Because BBMAC will lose all ability to hold our landlord accountable once rent is paid. Do we want to consider the timing for paying the rent and possible benefits for the club?

Option 1 - place rock Oct. 1st.

Option 2 - pay \$500 in cash 5/19.

Option 3 - pay \$700 in cash 10/1.)

Option 4 - Presented by the club - pay month to month as we need to use the field.

That way we do not need to ask for any money back when we leave.

Also suggest during the discussion:

Do we want to approach this as we present what we want and she can 'take it or leave it' or present some options that we can negotiate?

One other concern is that if we lay the 5/8 minus and the horses are then able to walk on Hanner's Highway, will we then have to deal with opening and closing the 4th gate?

Other points of conversation:

- Paying for and using for half a year would be acceptable
- We should lay the gravel on our own schedule to use if needed should our landlord break the conditions of our new lease agreement.
- We still have no way to control the situation; she owns the land.
- The board agrees that we should delay the payments until the end of the year to use against our landlord, if needed.

Motions from the club membership

Motion 1 (Chet - 2nd: Dick B) : We offer to purchase 24yds 5/8 minus or pay Arleen the current cost of 24yds 5/8 minus (\$750) with the understanding that this is a take it or leave it offer, she accepts or we walk.

This was passed without dissent

Motion 2 (Ron R - 2nd Tim S.): We propose FBR Gate unlocked Thursday - Sunday and the second Tuesday of each month, at a minimum.

This was withdrawn

Motion 3 (Ron R - 2nd: Chet): Our presenter negotiates the best possible schedule for FBR access with absolutely no backslides.

This passed without dissent.

New flying field Committee

Request more club members become active in the search.

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Update on options to date.

Chet's discussion with Dale and Art.

Dale has not returned Chet's email, yet, but suggested in a conversation that we should talk to Remlinger farms

Cascade (Ron.) Nice Field and nice idea but cost is prohibitive

Waste Management may have a lot we could look into around 132nd and Hwy 9. The name Joe Bishard was mentioned as a contact.

It was also suggested that we concentrate our search to areas East of Snohomish and South of Hwy 2.

Personal contact information

There has been no movement with this subject.

New Business:

None at this time

Program:

Builder's Contest:

Ron Swift brought in his Altec Beechcraft Musketeer. This airplane took a long time to get completed, but looked great in the end.

Dick B brought a well built and displayed TameCat.

After all the dust settled and voting completed, it was a close competition, Ron won.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:37 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 11th, 2013, at our flying field in Sultan at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tim Baird, Secretary, thanks to notes from Vince Bell.

Open House & Charity Auction

**Saturday, June 8th
at our club field, 9AM-3PM**

Along RT2 on Fern Bluff Road,
4 miles east of Monroe

We welcome all AMA members to fly their models in our first Open House at our new club field.

Also, everyone is invited to participate in our Annual Charity Auction. You can have your stuff auctioned and keep the cash, donate items for our club charity or donate items for the club field improvement fund (3 ways the auction proceeds can be designated). The owner of an auction item has the right of final refusal.

We will have food available, too!

Please contact Ron Swift with any questions (425) 788-6045.



Safety Corner

Attitude and Altitude

I hope everyone has had a safe month.

By this time of year, we should have completed the inspection of the airplanes and repaired anything that was wrong. If not already repaired, the models should have a tag on them identifying the required repairs or parts that are needed for the repairs.

A safe attitude, not a safe altitude, is probably the most important item we can pack into our flight boxes. You can put a ton of safe attitude in your field box and it will not add any extra weight. Conversely you can also put a ton of bad (don't give a rip) attitude into the flight box and it may add more weight than you can imagine.

I know that most of us don't go the field with the idea of sticking a finger into the propeller, or have an airplane get away from us in the pits, but how

often do we think about the steps required to avoid such things?

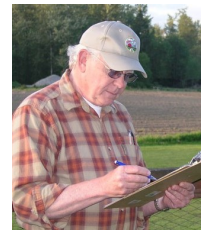
Just some things to think about as you throw the Belch Fire Super into the car for a day at the field.

Summer is coming, so they tell me, and with more people at the field it is even more important to have the Safe Attitude packed in the field box.

Remember that Bad Attitudes and Bad Altitude have one thing in common, Bad things will happen...

Be Safe.

Vince Bell
Safety Officer



Builders Competition

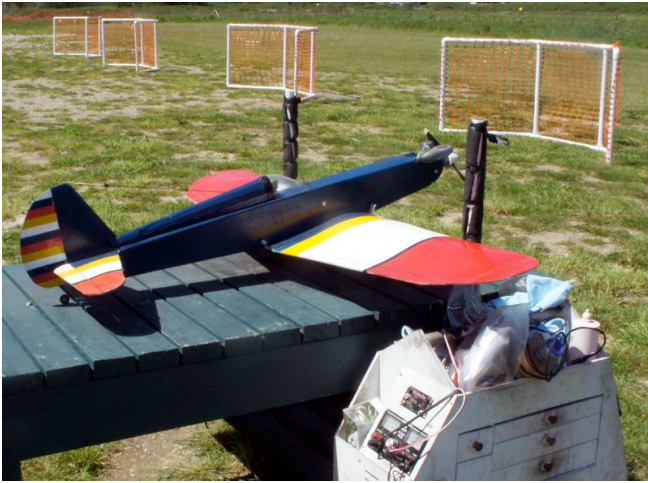


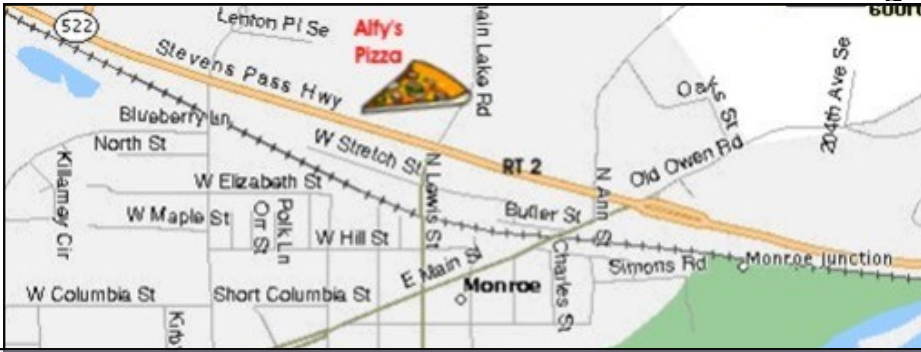
The competition was fierce and while many members built models this year, only two were brought to the meeting for the Builders Competition. When the dust settled, Ron's Altec Musketeer edged out Dick's TameCat by just parts of a point. Good job guys!





Photos for Fun

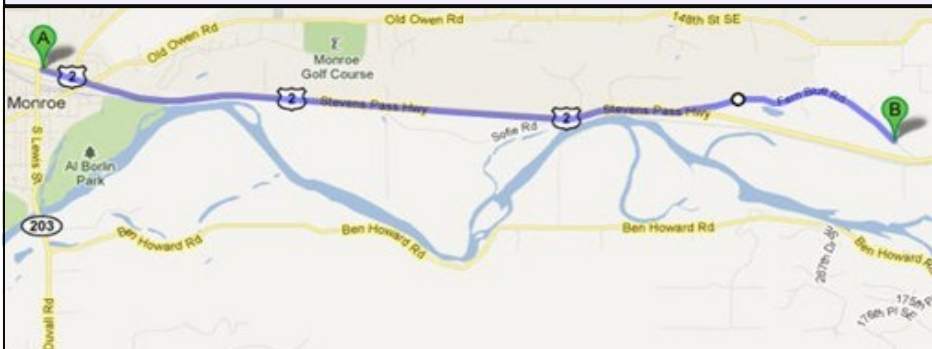




Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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, **Tim Baird 360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

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

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

Our Flying Field

The field is located east of 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've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday June 11^h 6:30 PM** at our club field Route 2 east of Monroe (see page 7).
Program: None Planned



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