



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club location at the BSA Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

**Program: Builder's Competition**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards!

This meeting (June) will be the conclusion of the builders' contest and I'm sure we'll have plenty of discussion about the field layout and the upcoming work party(s).

On Saturday, June 7 we will have our first ever Float-n-Boat event. This is our trial run. So if you

didn't have anything ready for this venture, rest assured I personally want to hold more, ever learning and improving on them. I hope everyone comes out just to see what is available and how things might go further down the road.

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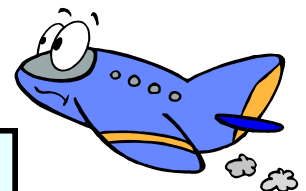
### May 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:34pm with 13 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, Webmaster Ron Rueter and Vice President Jim Reynolds 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

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

**Vice President:** Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

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**Treasurer:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

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Bryan Reightley has been keeping track of Robb (the dirt guy). He and Robb walked the field a few nights ago and Robb feels it's still pretty wet and soggy. So nothing much will happen until the end of the month. Robb will be moving needed equipment off site for some other work he has scheduled but has pledged NOT to charge BBMAC for bringing his equipment back to perform our work. Thanks Bryan for continuing to be the liaison between the BSA and Robb.

For the Float n Boat event, the Scouts have offered up an ATV to ferry people and their craft(s) of choice to the dock area, since parking is really quite limited. We need members to park at the big gravel parking lot.

If I have the info correct, June 28 is a ceremony and the Camp officially changes from Camp Brinkley to Camp Edward. The improvements that have been completed by LZL Construction are very impressive. (ask Bryan for a camp tour).

Once again, I'm lost for the proper words to say to the Scouts except thanks for the welcome, thanks for

all the help and efforts to make it our new home and thanks for wanting us to be there.

Hope to see you at the Float n Boat event, meeting and at the field.

Chet



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

### Officers Reports

**VP** –The Builders Contest is scheduled for the June meeting and will be in one of the buildings at the Boy Scout camp, Bryan Reightley is going to make sure that we can use the main dining building. Currently there are 3 entries in the contest, but there is still time to enter and the newsletter has information about the contest.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members. The AMA insurance for the new field plus the lake, is now in place. A copy of the insurance certificate has already been sent to the Boy Scout Council Headquarters. A letter was drafted and sent to Arleen Gibson to inform her that the site insurance for her property has been terminated.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank in the checking account. It was suggested that either a check be mailed to the food bank or Ron Swift deliver same, as arranging a meeting with several board members to turn over the check has not been possible to date. Ron Swift agreed to get

this done. No new membership dues were received since the last meeting.

**Safety Officer** - No safety issues have been reported. Chet suggested that sometime in the future we should find a way to mark where the channel going thru the property is located — as it is at least 5 feet deep and just unexpectedly drops off. Someone going to retrieve an aircraft might fall in accidentally. Possibly outline part of it with the fencing materials we have from the old field.

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Galaxy Hobby and Hobby Town still get our newsletter and post same.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Good Bye Field Potluck

People brought a variety of food and the grill was in full operation. Members were able to get in some flight despite rain moving in. People gathered in the pole barn and shared some camaraderie.

#### Fern Bluff Pack Up and Leave Work Party

We had an excellent turnout for the day. Loading started about 9:30am and we were out of there with all of our stuff by 11am. We fin-

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ished storing all of our equipment out at Camp Brinkley by 1pm. Chet thanked everyone who attended and made the move a success.

### **Builders Contest**

The Builders contest has been moved to June. To be held in the main dining building. There are currently 3 entries in the contest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Possible Lake Usage**

The question was brought up about how do we use the lake. Currently from the end of June to about mid-August, the camping season is going on and we would have to stay away. Bryan Reightley thought that we could just send Ranger Dave an email to notify him that we want to use the lake, however, no procedure is currently in place for the lake use and that needs to be worked out before we actually start using it. If a member goes to the lake to use it and finds people using boats on the lake, no flying should be done.

### **Walk, Talk and Field Layout Work Party**

A "work" party is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> to get input from the members who show up on how to actually layout the field and to put in stakes with construction tape used to outline the work area. This will help the dirt guy to more accurately get an idea as to how much work and materials might be involved. The dirt guy still hasn't had time to knock down the blackberry vines by the side of the corral, so we can see what the hillside there looks like.

There was a general discussion about covering the runway with a fabric or other similar material. It was decided to just get the grass field in first and worry about such updates for another time. Bryan Reightley explained where the dirt would be coming from on the Scout property. Bryan was also going to have a discussion with the dirt guy to work out the financial logistics.

### **Possible Float/Boat Event**

We currently have clearance for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for a possible float/boat event. It was decided to shoot for the 7<sup>th</sup> as the date for this event, with the 14<sup>th</sup> as a back up date. This will be a club only event so we can have a trial run at the lake location and see what logistics might be involved for parking, model setup areas, recovery boat usage and so forth. Once all of this is known, then having an open event would be pos-

sible. There would be no flying fee. If there is to be food, someone will make a run into Monroe and purchase a variety of food and drinks.

## **Miscellaneous**

The club hopes to do some events later in the year. Possibly a combat event in the fall. Other events will depend on when the new field starts to actually take shape.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the name of the camp will change from Camp Brinkley to Camp Edward.

Brian Richardson announced that he will be retiring soon and then leaving for Iowa to prepare for a move out there in July.

Tom Fixel showed some plans for a float plane called the Drake. It appears that it could easily be converted to electric flight.

Scott Curtis brought in a projector and PC to help visualize what the runway might look like superimposed on a Google Earth picture of the new field. Scott was able to superimpose an approximated 75'x400' runway in the area that had been previously discussed using a wall map. After moving this "runway" on the Google Earth picture, it looked essentially like what had been shown using the paper maps. It was pointed out that the stationary mapping was good for a general idea of what the area would eventually look like and help in laying out the various field elements but that the Saturday field layout meeting would provide the most realistic visualization when stakes were put in the ground and tape run between them.

## **Program**

Ron Swift provided a repeat performance on float planes and how to determine float size and location based on some simple math. Ron provided handouts of the material to the members to look at plus answered various questions that members had.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

.....Rick Hanners, Club Secretary





# Club Charity Donation

With everyone's schedules being so filled up and the Monroe Food Bank only open MWF 9:00am—11:30am, we finally delivered our \$200.00 check. Seen in the photo Ron Swift, club Treasurer, presented our check to Neil, manager of the Monroe Food Bank.

Neil mentioned that the donation was especially appreciated because there weren't many donations at this time of year and they really needed the help!

Thanks guys, for supporting the Annual Charity Auction and our club charity!



## Safety Corner

I hope that everyone is taking care of their equipment during this lull, making sure the batteries are kept up to snuff and everything is tight that should be and things that should move do. We'll make this very short this month. I think this nearly says it all.

### ***SAFETY AIN'T AN ACCIDENT***

Or as my old Grand pappy might say:

### ***SAFETY AIN'T NO ACCIDENT, SONNY***

But that may not be quite correct with the double negative and all.

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

From [best-rc-airplanes.com](http://best-rc-airplanes.com):

Flying a remote-controlled airplane or helicopter can be a very fun and exciting hobby. However, a great deal of caution must always be taken when operating a powerful RC aircraft. A sudden lack of concentration or mental lapse could have dangerous consequences. Even veteran enthusiasts need to take all the necessary safety precautions to protect themselves as well as any of the onlookers.

There are more details on their website...



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## *Member Photos*

Some photos from John Rennert—current members flying at local fields...





# Hello Camp Brinkley !!!

25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Hughes Lake Looking North from Chet

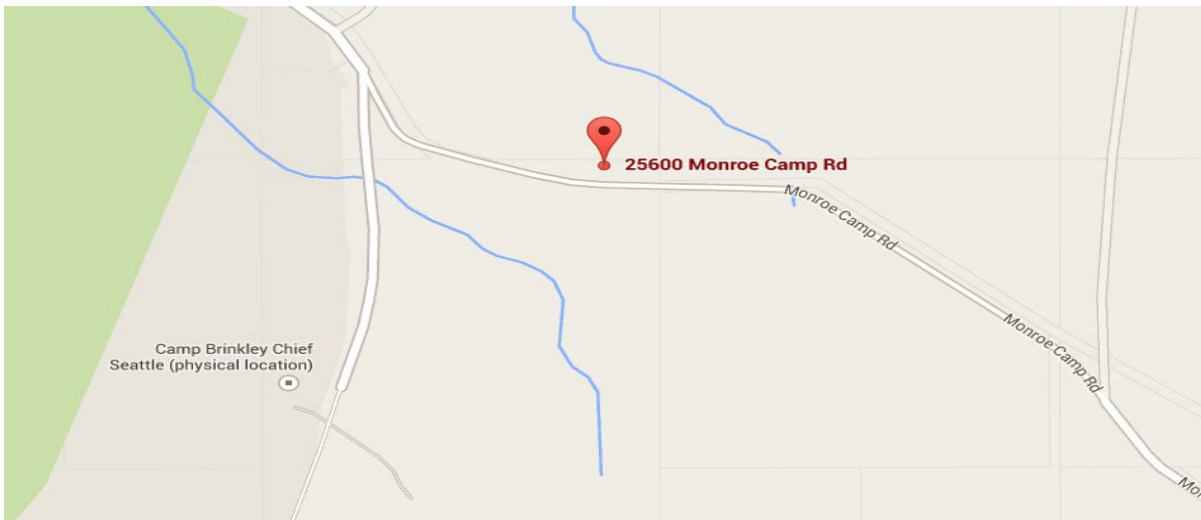


Hughes Lake Looking West from Chet

Yes, amazingly enough, Camp Edward (formerly known as Camp Brinkley) has a Snohomish address! You can use the above address to put into your GPS to get to the camp area. We hope you'll check on our progress as we develop our new grass flying field. We also have a lake from which to fly. You can go to the camp website, too:

<http://campbrinkley.org>

Look for photos and a write-up of our first Float-a-thon





Camp Brinkley is located near Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. A Shell gas station and Indian restaurant will be on the left. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (it becomes Yeager).

**Note:** If you happen to go the left 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 rejoins 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. Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road. The Lake Roesinger Store will be on your left. In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay left. After a short distance you will see the red barn and the gate into our flying area.

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

New map to the field coming soon!  
See page 6 for the map we got from the internet!

## 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 Alfys 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**

June 10	Club Field
July 8	Club Field
August 12	Club Field
September 9	TBD
October 14	TBD
November 11	TBD
December 9	Alfy's Pizza?







Next meeting, **Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** at our new club field at BSA in Monroe ([see page 7](#)).

Program: **Builder's Competition**



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