



Buzzard Droppings



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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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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



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Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30 PM** at Our Club Field / Camp Edward way north of Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: 'What is the real meaning of battery C rating?'

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Fellow Buzzards,

I hope you've had the opportunity to go to the field, fly, build something or somehow, somehow be involved in the great Hobby we all love.

With the recent fair weather, the area around the field is becoming

more navigable by foot, if needed. I found that out on a retrieval assisted by Paul Dibble. Thanks Paul!

The Builder's Contest last month had 5 entries with #1 going to Mark Weeks, #2 Bryan Reightley, #3 Ron Swift, #4 Paul Dibble and #5

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May 12th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:31pm with 11 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- **President** – Chet Blake
- **Vice President** – Bryan Reightley
- **Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- **Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- **Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- **Field Manager** – Jay Bell
- **Webmaster** – Ron Rueter

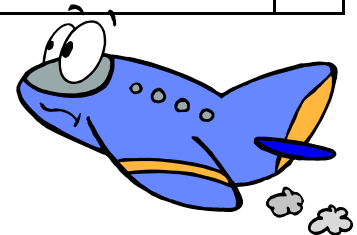
• Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web.

The hard copy minutes had the model info incorrect for Bryan's planes, but is correct on the web version.

The minutes were then approved.

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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Ron Swift's second entry. Good job guys!

Sunday the 24th was a Boats n Floats event. This was moved to Sunday due to Lake Hughes having some boating activity and the AMA safety rules state flying over people shall be prohibited. I couldn't be there, but understand that it went well, all had a good time and some Camp youths had the opportunity to see and explore some RC activities.

Be on the lookout for emails from Mark about upcoming work parties to get ready for our next events.

Coming up on June 20th is our Open House, Auction, and Field Dedication with Official field name change to Hanners' Memorial Field. We'll have a '**Remembering Rick**' portion before the dedication and unveil some new signage, frequency board and bulletin board.

If you're cleaning out the hanger, shop, garage, crawl space or wherever, please consider donating to the auction (items or money) whose proceeds are al-

ways put to good use at our Local Monroe based food bank. Bring your wallets and heart.

See ya there,
Chet



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Reports

VP – Builder's Contest 5-12, May 24th Boats and Floats event, June 20th – Open House, Auction, Field Dedication, July 25th – Fun Fly, August 29th – Combat, October 13th – Rebuilders contest.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 27 members all who have paid for 2015.

A nice note from Jim Reynolds thanking us for the get-well card that was sent to his wife, also he sends regrets that he will probably miss the float fly event.

Treasurer – Finances are good with all bills paid. Jay still has a few receipts for field improvements that were budgeted for to turn in.

Safety Officer – Words from the safety guy "we're safe". There have been no major incidents to report. Please use the safety barricades while flying.

Newsletter Editor – Hard copies of the newsletter are available. A number of copies have been sent to local hobby shops.

Field Manager – Porta-potties have been moved and the barrier wall still is in need of construction.

Webmaster – Items, stories, pictures are needed. If you come across something of interest to

you, it might be the same to others so share. Send to Ron.

Old Business

May 12th - Builder's Contest

May 23th - Float Event (both in the air and on the water)

Field maintenance was discussed. There are some low spots that need to be filled as they are holding water. Also discussed was adding drainage like what was done at the north-end to other locations that have a tendency to hold water. Jay suggested that we try a pick-up load of topsoil at a time to fill in the spots.

Dick Resler and Jay Bell are working on the frequency board. The board is mostly kitted and just needs to be put together.

At the meeting the discussion of to how we can get the word out about the field. Some ideas: make a location for newsletters and applications near front gate. Jay and Al to work on holders. A holder has been placed on the fence post by the gate with current newsletters in place.

There was talk of adding more information such as signage with the website address, spelling out BBMAC, (Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club) etc.

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New Business

Float and Fly event is in conflict with a Scouting event so it has been moved to Sunday May 24th at 10:00. Motion made and passed.

Discussion regarding glider / quad / helicopter pilot stations came up. Some of the items were: how many are in the air at one time; where should the pilots be located. There was a motion made to place a glider/quad station in the rough area where the sunshade is currently located, and to move the sunshade down towards the middle of the pits. Helicopters are to be flown down at the south end of the field.

June 20th is the field dedication, along with auction and open house. Flyers will be sent to other local AMA clubs this month.

Porta-potties - John Rennert donated 4x4's, some plywood. There was discussion as to how and where to place the wall and if we wanted to move them back into the barn. In the end the decision was made to build the barricade wall on pier blocks and tie it to the barn for stability. Jay will pick up the blocks.

Barn lighting has been added and there is an outlet just inside the door for battery charging. **ALL CHARGING MUST BE DONE OUTSIDE.** There is a extension cord inside on the table and a charging table is planned. Also a GFI outlet will be added in the near future.

Our wonderful landlords, the Scouts, have placed a ramp by the dock for us to attach to our

flying dock. It will have to be attached and moved a little, but there is not enough thanks for their generosity.

Our club members are family. If you have something you wish to have shared, a family member has surgery, a grandchild (or great) is born please let me know (Mark) so I can send a card and or pass the news out.

Program

Builders Contest: There were a total of 5 entries and they were all outstanding.

- 1st - Mark Weeks - J-3 Cub
- 2nd - Bryan Reightley - Mystique
- 3rd - Ron Swift - Kangaroo
- 4th - Paul Dibble - Align Helicopter
- 5th - Ron Swift - P51 Mustang



Upcoming Events

May 12th - Builder's Contest

May 23th - Float Event (both in the air and on the water)

June 20th - Club Auction and Open House

July 25th - Fun Fly

August 29th - Combat

October 13 - Rebuilders contest



Safety Corner

Again time has caught up with me and Ron has had to remind me that it is time for the monthly newsletter. I don't know how Ron does it month after month. **Thanks Ron.**

I hope that everyone is taking care of their equipment making sure the batteries are 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

We had one unfortunate happening this past month, no injury was involved other than the fellow's pride.

He was replacing all of the connectors on his LiPo battery packs with the XT-60 Type. These connectors are all but impossible to connect in reverse polarity. So you say to yourself, what did this guy do to have such a problem? Remember I mentioned that the reversing the male and female connections are nearly impossible,

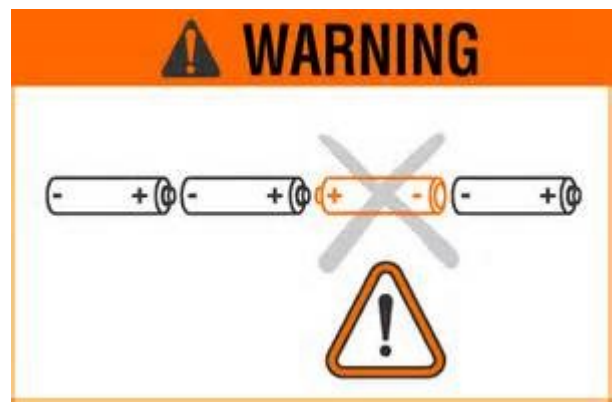
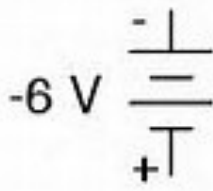
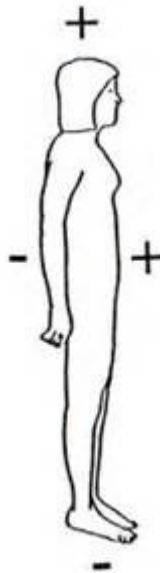
that is to connect in reverse polarity, however interchanging the red and black wire in the shell is an easy thing to do.

This is what the guy did and when he connected the battery wires to ESC. The battery got very hot very quickly and turned into the shape of a stack of pillows.

I guess there is nothing we can do to prevent all of the brain f***s, But let us try.

TILL NEXT TIME,
BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, SO





April Meeting Photos





2015 Builder's Competition



First Place: Mark Weeks



Second Place: Bryan Reightley



Third Place: Ron Swift



Fourth Place: Paul Dibble



Fifth Place: Ron Swift

Our Builder's Competition was proposed years ago by then Club Treasurer, Bob Martin, as a way to encourage the building of models. He proposed a stick/plan category, a kit category and an ARF category. With judging paying attention to details like modifications, extra features, build quality, complexity, etc. This year, all of the entries were ARF models. Many were customized from the original instructions and took a little to get them into flyable condition. Nice job guys!





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MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:
 BUILDING ELECTRONICS PAINTING CONTEST DIRECTOR INSTRUCTOR
 COVERING CONTEST JUDGE DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL SCALE SPORT
 PATTERN IMAC HELI QUAD/HEX

Month Born:
 January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

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 the club.
 In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' 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 the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please mail check for \$90.00 and a photo copy of your current **AMA** membership to:
 Ron Swift
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 Duvall, WA 98018 (425) 788-6045
ronswift@cablespeed.com

One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.



Flying at Camp Edward



Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great new facility. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2015 that include a Fun Fly, Combat, Water Fun and more!

We voted on our budget for 2015 and the dues for 2015 are \$90.00. See page 7 for our membership application.



25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



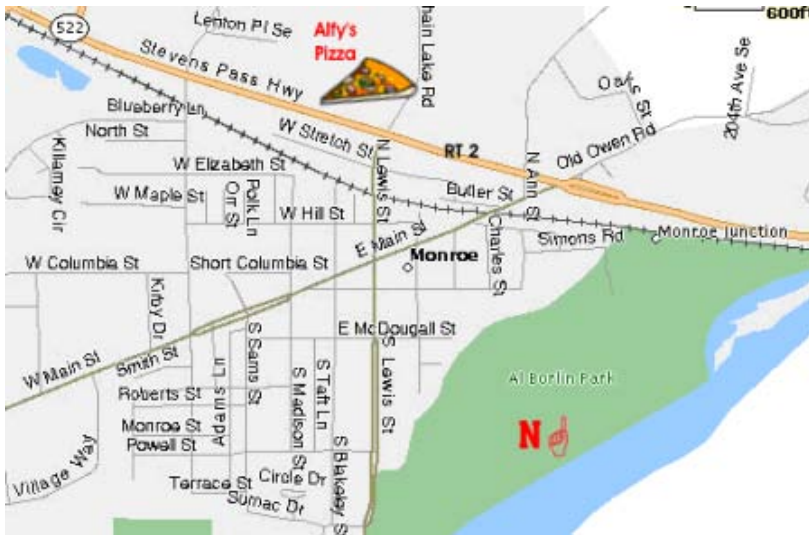
Camp Edward is located near Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

*** **If you go the 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 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 the left. In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn.

Alfy's Pizza (our foul weather meeting place) is along RT2 in the plaza.



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.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM	
2nd Tuesday	
June 9	Club Field
July 14	Club Field
August 11	Club Field
September 8	Club Field
October 13	Alfy's Pizza
November 10	Alfy's Pizza
December 8	Alfy's Pizza

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. We have a safety checklist available for those new to our flying field.



Current Flight Instructor:
Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Program: 'What is the real meaning of battery C rating?'



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