



# 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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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Trixie, Steve's dog, is looking for good weather. (Aren't we all!)

Our June 2021 Club Meeting will be held **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at our club field**. We also will try to host the meeting online through Zoom. The county has opened up group gatherings and we are SO HAPPY to have our usual meeting format! The public is invited as always!

### Program: Builder's Competition

If you've built a RC model during the past year, bring it along to enter the competition. There is NO ENTRY FEE. Winners get the prestigious certificates!

## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey fellow Buzzards,

Spring seems to have sprung and we have had a couple of genuinely nice days and some extremely wet days. Go figure, but this is Washington, right. With the weather warming and drying out the field the grass has really taken off and is

growing rapidly. If you have not signed up for a mowing slot, please do so. It is really not very hard and does not take that long.

Spring cleaning is something that most of us do, but when it comes to our airplane fleet, I know I fall short.

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## May 12th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:33 PM and introduced the current club officers for 2021:

- Vice President – Bryan Reightley
- Secretary – Ron Swift
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Chet Blake
- President – Mark Weeks himself



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## Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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I bet we all do. A few years ago, Vaughan and I were talking about our planes and how many times a year we fly each one. He mentioned that he had an excel spread sheet to track his flights . I was able to get a copy of his layout and got started tracking my own flights. What it really has showed me is that I have a few planes that I have not flown for a long time. And maybe, just maybe, it's time to free up some space in the garage. I have a couple of planes tagged and ready for the club auction in August and for sale at the Northwest Model Hobby Expo coming up in October. This will allow me to make room for new additions. (I can only hide so many).

Our event schedule is just getting started with June 5<sup>th</sup> the Boats and Floats, June 12<sup>th</sup> (Meeting Day) with the Builders Competition and June 26<sup>th</sup> Heli Day. So we have a lot going on. It should be a fun month. Please plan on attending at least one event as everyone sure has a good time, and we get to spend some time together as a club.

Hope to see you all out at the field.  
Mark Weeks



## PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS/INTRO:

A discussion about when and if the April 24 meeting minutes were sent. Seemed like many did receive the minutes. We won't review the old business because many did receive the minutes

Entertained a motion to accept minutes as posted – After having a discussion defining For vs. Against vs. Abstain, a motion was made to approve the minutes as published. Motion seconded, no further discussion and passed unanimously.

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Glider event coming up this Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pilot's meeting at 10:00. \$5.00. Entry fee. 3 timed events and a fourth one unlimited motor run for 30 minutes. Extra points for landing in the circle. Total the points for each pilot à highest score wins.

Two events the same day – Glider in the morning and the Night Fly at night time the same day. Ron mentioned Ron Beba and Mark were planning something for a meal. Mark proposed to have one meal at the Night Fly and it was mutually agreed to do this. Do the cooking and have it for the Night Fly. We'll figure out the details later.

Don pointed out that between 10:00 AM 'til 1:00 is when the best lift/thermals are.

June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Floats & Boats event.

June 9<sup>th</sup> is the builder's contest at the first meeting back at our field. So, the discussion during new business later will be to have our club meeting at the club field. Ron mentioned testing having a Zoom availability at the field for those who don't have time to get to the field. More later in the minutes...

### Secretary – Ron Swift

Currently our active club membership is still 48.

Always looking for photos, articles, artwork, and stories to put into our newsletter

### Treasurer – Dart Sharp

We paid a massive \$20.50 this month and the finances are still looking good.

Our current financial status is that we're looking good. 😊

All bills are paid up to date and we're good there.

### Safety Officer – Chet Blake

Other than the event we discussed last month things are looking pretty good *from a field safety viewpoint*.

The Walkie-Talkies info was in the newsletter last month and Mark and Brian got to test them out last Saturday. They worked OK.

It was suggested to add a third Walkie-Talkie for a drone pilot to assist in plane recovery.

Ron told of the issue with his pusher prop hand launch glider. Tom received 31 stitches launching it this time – the prop raked across his forearm and caused the injury. Luckily, we had compression bandages and addressed the wounds immediately. George drove him to the Monroe hospital. Needless to say, the plane is retired until a safe way is found to launch it. Steve suggested a catapult that they had built for such a plane that he would donate if we wanted it.

Bryan and Chet mentioned that the first aid kit at the frequency board has been checked



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again as a monthly practice and is up to date with everything good to go, current and stocked. Hopefully we won't need it again!

#### **Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift.**

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces parts & models, articles, etc. to [ron-swift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ron-swift@cablespeed.com) for the newsletter – Thank you!

#### **Website – Mark Weeks**

Same request as the newsletter for use on our website.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mark mentioned that once again there was no new action of past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting minutes as published. So, we'll move on to new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Walkie-Talkies**

The new walkie-talkies have been installed in the storage container. We need another solar panel to keep these charged. We do have the money designated in our budget to do the upgrade. Suggested adding another storage battery and possibly replacing the original battery to increase the storage capacity.

There was some discussion about where these are stored and it was pointed out that a special shelf is planned and additional lighting will make them easy to find.

### **Port-a-potties**

If anyone feels that the units need servicing, it is important that they say something to any club officer so they can be scheduled for service. Not everyone uses these and so communicating needed attention to these is important. Right now the plan is to have the service scheduled every other month.

### **Shelter covers**

It is time to get these put up. Maybe before or after the glider event these can be put up.

### **New Windsock**

Mark picked up the PVC pipe for the new streamer style windsock. Making it like the ones at Red Apple Flyers.

### **June Club Meeting**

Suggested having a "normal" club meeting at our club field. June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Ron will set up a ZOOM meeting so those who can't attend physically. Motion was made to change the club

meeting to 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The Builder's Contest will be during the club meeting as the program.

### **Serving table**

One project for the field this year was a serving table near the frequency board. One suggestion was to get a plastic folding table and put it behind the frequency board. Discussion had mentioned placing it in the storage container, not the frequency board. This would keep it out of the weather while defending it from theft. One may already be in the container. Brian and team will check on it this Saturday.

## **Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing**

Website updated, so check it out!

Primer for glider events? What is intended... Do we need to do this... Likely not an issue. Pilot's meeting worth going over 30 second run, etc. No training session beforehand, but coaching session could be set up ahead of time.

Club Radeon glider is available in the container. What is the process of use and covering damage, etc...

## **PROGRAM: Show & Tell**

**New award for the glider event. It may be called Yard Dart Award.**

**No fee for the glider contest. Awards to be certificates.**

**Question about the Freeze-In patches. Still in the works and donated...**

**Membership cards – in Ron's truck in the repair shop – coming soon...**

**FPV Hoop idea – pool noodles – Dart already has many and gates, too...**

### **ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Swift, BBMAC Secretary







Club meeting attendees..

# Planes & Pilots



Launching this model caused 31 stitches in an accident!







# Safety Corner

By Chet Blake

Hey Guys!

Happy June! Today in Greater Gold Bar we had a high of 94 degrees, so working around the house and outside clean up I was sweaty, thirsty and consuming a lot of water. Keeping hydrated on days like these is super important. At the field you could be out in the sun and dehydrating unknowingly because you're so wrapped up in the situation, flight or even troubleshooting. Make sure you have some water with you to keep hydrated. If you find yourself without anything and needing some water there is usually some water in the container at the field for situations like this.

I saw this today from the AMA - June is the AMA Safety Month. And there is a new safety program that you can download at: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/safety> .

You can watch the AMA monthly video that introduced the new safety program here [note contains ads and is very LOUD]

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ff2YI318GA&ab\\_channel=modelaircraft](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ff2YI318GA&ab_channel=modelaircraft)

- Please take a few minutes and check it out. The updates cover new subjects like the new FAA rulings about airspace and USAs crafts. During my near 20 years at Genie in Redmond we had a very

stout and well structured Safety Program. Early in my career there we had daily Safety Bits that I reviewed every morning at our Stand Up meeting with my TEAM before our shift started, then again when my evening shift came in. There was always the common complaint "It's the same thing over and over". Well actually they did repeat yearly. BUT what I noticed was that hearing it constantly you were always thinking Safety sub-consciously. We watched out for ourselves and one another.

Same thing holds true at this Club. Constantly reading the safety column and maybe seeing things over and over will make Safety prevalent in your daily lives and at the field. Don't be afraid to be that cautious voice that might remind someone to do the task safe(r) or not accept the 'It's only this time' response. It only takes one time to really mess up a fun day at the field. Safety doesn't happen by accident, accidents happen without Safety.

Stay Healthy and Safe, See ya flying  
Chet



# Upcoming Events

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event	Dates	Event Information
Builders Contest	June 9, 2021	Share what you built over the year during our June 9th club meeting. A presentation of your model's specs, building advice, the challenges, pluses and minuses all factor into choosing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A plus if the model has been run, flown, etc.
Heli Day	June 29, 2021	Join Paul Dibble and Dart Sharp in training, competitive flying events and air shows. Auto rotation, inverted flight, tick-tock and loads of
Fun Fly	July 17, 2021	Traditionally, any pilot can win this event. Luck, skill and great food are featured. Last year we had a pilot's raffle with kits awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. If you can take off and land a RC vehicle 0 you are a threat to all other pilots! Loads of fun!





# 2021 Night Fly #1







Vince sent the drone photo on the left from our Boats & Floats event. Thank you, Vince



The plane on the left was lost by Ron Swift. It flew over the ever-green trees on the east side of our field ;)







# 2021 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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)  
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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 Membership is \$90.00  
 \$45.00 for Family member  
 \$25.00 for Student (under 18)  
 Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA membership to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)  
 16325 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
 Duvall, WA 98019  
[Ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:Ronswift@cablespeed.com)  
 Thank you for your interest!

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: \_\_\_\_\_





# 2021 Buzzard's Glider Competition



Winners on the left and all pilots on the right.



1st place winner - the Dart Technique of glider piloting





Visitors, family and friends are all invited to our events and we have plenty of food to share. A great time—the combined Glider Competition and Night Fly.





# 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 Roesinger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (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. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alf's Pizza is closed for meetings. This could change in May. Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 12th at 1 pm. at our club field and also we'll try a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend!

Alfy's Pizza may open on Tuesdays and we hope to meet there again soon!



## 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:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





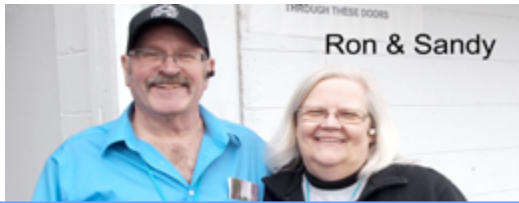
**Next meeting: Saturday, June 12 1:00 PM Meeting at the club field**

**Program: Builder's Competition.**



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<http://www.bbmac.net>



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