



# 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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Monroe, Washington  
*Model Airplane Club*

Our club meeting will be held **Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the club field!** There will be **NO ZOOM** access. The public is invited as always!

**Program: Open Discussion—Best Time You Have Had at Our Field?!**



## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Buzzards and Friends,

Finally! Our weather has turned from winter rains to sun. We have had a very unusual May with temperatures hitting 90 degrees. Personally, I would much rather have sun and warm weather as it helps many of us get outside and fly more.

May was a busy month, and we got a lot accomplished. We held our first "at the field Business meeting", (thanks to Ron for running it in my absence). Our annual Charity auction raised some much-needed funds for the Sky Valley Food Bank.

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## May 6th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

VP Ron Swift called the meeting to order @ 10:03 am

Introduction of Officers and Guests: 15 Members in person. No Zoom due to Internet connectivity at the field.

As guests we had Sandy DuVall, Chris K, and Steve R.

Chris K has attended the club auction in the past. Steve R was checking out the club as an interest. He is planning on getting his AMA and joining the club soon.

President – Mark Weeks - absent  
Vice President – Ron Swift

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## Club Officers and Contacts



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**President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705**

**Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840**

**Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831**

**Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705**

**Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745**

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A big thanks to all that donated and purchased items to make the auction a success. We also had our annual Glider Event hosted by first time CD, Jay Wellan. Jay did a great job making sure that we all had a good time even if a couple of gliders did not survive to the end. Immediately after the Glider Event we held the monthly Car/Truck Series. While there weren't a lot of participants, we had a great time! Come join us next month! You can check out the current standings on our website at: <https://www.bbmac.net/calendar/events/car-truck-race-series.htm>.

I am also happy to report that we have made real progress on the power and water lines for the property. Brian Douma, Ranger Dave and I spent a few days digging ditches and placing the power pole in place. In the next couple of weeks, we will have water all the way down to the Club House. Also, I will be starting the process of adding the Temporary power box and Security light to the new pole.

With June approaching, Jason Milsom and Dart Sharp have been busy getting the Tank area ready for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Event. With luck, we will have great weekend weather and many guests attending. Also in June, we have the Boats and Floats Event scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup>. Get your floats out and installed, boats all sealed up and propellers polished so we can tear up the water!

We have begun to mow over the fly areas of the field and will continue as the area dries out and as long as the tractor keeps chugging along. It's slow going, but the current process has certainly made a difference in how the field is coming together.

Hope to see ya at the field.  
Mark



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Secretary – Steve Higgins  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Vince Bell was absent.

Minutes from April's Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

## OFFICER REPORTS:

**President:** Mark had a prior commitment and cannot attend

**Vice President:** Will cover in Old and New Business.

**Secretary:** This week we added a new member, William Bailey, who comes to us from SRAC. We currently have 49 members. We only have one member within 30 days of renewal on their AMA, and they have been notified of this as of Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

I have membership cards; I will be handing these out over the next few months. Come Mid-June, I'll be mailing the balance of the cards to the members who I haven't seen.

The purpose of those cards is to allow you to quickly prove that you are a club member to those who don't know you are a current member of the Barnyard Buzzards.

**Treasurer:** All in the green... within budget.

**Safety Officer:** Crash of Maiden last week. When you are having the first flight of an aircraft, make sure everyone knows this is a maiden flight. Have someone at the field keep an eye on what's going on just in case something happens during the flight.

**Field Manager:** The work party went well. Thanks to all those who attended. The plan is to keep the fertilizer program going as it is helping. Nothing new to report regarding water and power yet.

- Work Party Status:
- Awning Setup- Done
- Replace the road flags.—Done
- Windsock installation—Done but will need a larger windsock.
- Crawler Track Stairs (Finish) - Still need railing installed.
- Stairs to Car Track – Not Complete. These will be installed in the area across from the Awnings.
- Bushwack Entry - Done
- Brushwack Parking Hill - Done
- Brushwack Upper Parking/Crawler Area - Done
- Repair Flight Stations/Build New one.

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The repair has to do with some damage from a plane hitting the flight station.

**Newsletter Editor / Web Master:** Asking for pictures of events and/or items to share.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dart – progress on the covered area and storage for the tank/car/  
Costco has a shed to check out for some upper area items storage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We confirmed that our club charity is the Sky Valley Food Bank in Monroe.  
Dart motioned to change the tank event from June 10 to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The Tank Event was moved to June 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a conflict with the CD's schedule.

**Announcements:**

The mowing sign-up sheet is now active and posted on our website. Got any questions, contact Mark.  
Cub Cadet is currently out of service. Parts have been ordered, and Mark will let the club know when it is fixed.  
Looking for help planning the next crawler track addition/modification

It's not a set track. If you want to modify it, you are welcome to do so as long as it's not too much.

Crawler track stairs are usable. Mark is gathering parts to add a railing. It should be completed this month.

Bryan and Mark will talk to the Rangers regarding the hillside and the need for a fence at the top.

Sometime in July or Aug, we will have a paint party to repair and paint flight tables.

We have a glider event on May 20<sup>th</sup> Jay Whellan is going to be CD the event Safety/Pilots meeting at 10:00

Ron Swift went over the next couple of weeks of club events.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None

**PROGRAM:** The Annual Charity Club Auction

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjourning the meeting  
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22am.



**Field Improvements**

Here are a couple of photos for field improvements. Water line is about 75% complete. We moved it next to the Clubhouse. Rangers are busy this week. Hopefully next week we will be done. Power pole is installed and settling. Next step is installing hardware. Also next week for a start date on that portion of the project.





# Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net>

| Event                    | Date           | Time     |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Tanks                    | June 3rd       | 10:00 AM |
| Boats & Floats #1        | June 24th      | 10:00 AM |
| Fun Fly                  | July 15th      | 10:00 AM |
| Family Picnic/Open House | July 29        | 10:00 AM |
| Combat Event             | August 12th    | 10:00 AM |
| Heli                     | August 26      | 10:00 AM |
| Rebuilder's Competition  | September 12   | 6:30 PM  |
| Builder's Competition    | September 12   | 6:30 PM  |
| Boats & Floats #2        | Sept 9th       | 10:00 AM |
| Night Fly #2             | Sept 23rd      | 6:00PM   |
| Warbird Fly Off          | October 7th    | 10:00 AM |
| Annual Christmas Party   | December 12    | 6:30PM   |
| Freeze-In 2024           | January 6 2024 | 10:00 AM |
| Work Party #1            | May 22         |          |
| Event                    | Date           | Time     |
| Micro Quad Racing        | May 13th       | 2:30 PM  |
| Micro Quad Racing        | June 10th      | 2:30 PM  |
| Micro Quad Racing        | July 8th       | 2:30 PM  |
| Micro Quad Racing        | August 12th    | 2:30 PM  |
| Micro Quad Racing        | September 9th  | 2:30 PM  |
| Micro Quad Racing        | Oct 14th       | 2:30 PM  |
| Event                    | Date           | Time     |
| Car Racing               | May 20th       | 2:30 PM  |
| Car Racing               | June 17th      | 2:30 PM  |
| Car Racing               | July 15th      | 2:30 PM  |
| Car Racing               | August 19th    | 2:30 PM  |
| Car Racing               | Sept 16th      | 2:30 PM  |
| Car Racing               | Oct 21st       | 2:30 PM  |

Our club meetings and events are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, rc cars and more.





# Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

Attitude and Altitude, I hope everyone has had a safe month. The work party last went well— no major injuries. A lot got done, I had to leave early so if there was any blood spilled, I didn't see it.

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

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 to 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 or even the super tiny electric 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.

*Next, a blast from the past added by our editor—from Vince, too.*

One thing that we need to watch are low passes over the runway. Our field doesn't have the width that AMA recommends. As such, the pilot stations and the pit area are very close to the runway. Please keep your low passed outside the far side of the runway. I don't think this is a written rule but this is where common sense comes in.

### Safety Rule #3 and 4.

**3. NO aircraft is to be flown over or behind the pit and spectator areas. Use good common sense when flying. High speed low passes and touch-and-go landings shall be conducted in such a manner as to prevent a potential hazard to other flyers and spectators. Pilots must com-**

**municate their intentions to their fellow pilots by calling out. Good communication is more than a courtesy, it promotes safety.**

**4. There shall be no flying or action that will endanger any spectator or club member. Flying over or between the pit and parking area, and high speed maneuvers in the direction of and / or over the pilot stations / flight line are strictly prohibited.**

On any given day when we are taking off to the North you will see a plane go over the pit area and/or over the access road. Please use your rudder, it is very useful to prevent this from happening. By the way no flying over the pit area is a written rule.

It's past the building time of year for many. You should be past the stage where you have checked and rechecked your models for wear and the CG / lateral balance and possibly some classic repairs where you are covering and doing the final trim. Remember epoxy and Cyanoacrylate with kicker can cause sensitivity and reactions to our bodies. If you are going to use dope and fabric method or such for your projects be sure you are in a well-ventilated area. Read the labels—they will tell you how to protect yourself.

UNTIL NEXT TIME,  
BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell Safety Officer





# 2023 Barnyard Buzzards Annual Charity Auction

Hey guys, we made several hundred dollars at our recent auction for our Annual Charity Auction. It is a gracious act (and I heard several auction winners say this) “What the heck—it is for a good cause as they increased their bid for stuff. Major bidders were Jason and Rick, thanks again guys! Many thanks also to those who donated the auction items. Without those we wouldn't be having the fun we have yearly. You know, the weather even cooperated, too! I hope we can continue doing this event for the health of the community.



## The '23 season for Micro Quad Racing.

Here is a message from the Contest Director (Paul Dibble).

*Hey fellow Buzzards, just a quick reminder, the first FPV Micro Quad Race is scheduled for this next Saturday, May 13th, at 2 PM. This is a season-long racing series with an event scheduled once per month, from April thru Oct. Each race day consists of 4 racing heats through gates, and participants are awarded points for each gate successfully navigated. First thru third-place winners for each monthly race are awarded additional points for placing. Points are accumulated for each monthly race, and the season winners will be announced at the November club meeting.*

*Racers may race any size quad with a 1S battery.*

*Additional information can be found on the [www.BBMAC.net](http://www.BBMAC.net) website, and you can contact me directly ([paulmdibble@gmail.com](mailto:paulmdibble@gmail.com)) with any additional questions.*

*So come out and join a friendly competition. If you don't have a micro quad, come out anyway, as it is pretty funny to watch us struggle flying these quads!*

*If it rains, we do have use of the covered area. This is indicated with the RED Arrow...*



# Photos for Fun









## Buzzards Glider Event CD Jay Wellan



Jay Wellan stepped up for the club this year and volunteered to be the Contest Director / Event Administrator. I was told that he did a great job and the pilots had a great time. The weather was great for soaring and some events had to be shortened since the planes wanted to keep flying. I was told that everyone found the thermal—maybe the same one—which kept the models up and in the air.

I apologize for not having food for this event. Somehow the planning went crazy and there was nothing there to cook and share. We'll do a better job next time.

And for the important stuff...

Winners:

Jim 1st  
Jason 2nd  
Roger 3rd

Ron Swift—VP



# 2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RC Frequencies:  2.4 GHz  72 MHz  50 MHz  5.8 GHz  27 MHz Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships):  
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Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)

Building  Flying  Electronics  Covering  Painting  Experimental  
 Teaching  Event/Contest Director  Contest Judge  Want to learn  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Flying/Modeling Types:

Sport Flying  Pattern  3D  Quads  Helicopters  Competing in Events  
 Glider  Crawlers  Excavators  Tanks  Boats  Sea Planes  
 Submarines  Scale  Glider Tug/III Start  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$45.00. Student Membership is \$25.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to: Steve Higgins (club secretary), 20930 10<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 [Steve@sunette.com](mailto:Steve@sunette.com). Thank you for your interest in RC!

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the AMA and club safety rules, By-Laws, and regulations governing club flying and regulated activities. I will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities in the Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC).

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claim, 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/modelling 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



### Upcoming Meetings

Our next club meeting is Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 AM!

**MEETINGS FOR June thru September** will be held at our flying field on the second Saturday of the month starting at 10 AM



## 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:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





**Next meeting: Saturday June 10th starting at 10:00 AM**

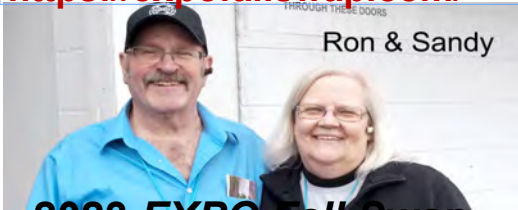
**Program: Open Discussion—Best Time You Have Had at Our Field?!**



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Ron & Sandy

**2023 EXPO Fall Swap**

*September 30 and October 1. We have the swap shop table reservation available now! Please visit our website for more information and highlights!*

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