



# Buzzard Droppings

AMA SINCE 1936 Gold Leader Club

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 Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday**, **July 13**, **2010**, **6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: Soloing & Pilot Checkout—Whatsup?



# President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Fellow Buzzards,

If you didn't make it to our recent Fun Fly, you missed a good event. Ron changed some events and added some new ones. It was a refreshing change and enjoyed by everyone there. It was pretty amazing to see how a strip of crepe paper 15' high would mess up an everyday normal landing. The

cracker and whistling event was gone much to everyone's cheers (at least mine). There was music and a DJ effect by the MC, Soarin' Ron Swift! Thanks for putting on a safe and great event, Ron.

If you've been to the field in the past week or so, you've seen an

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# June 8th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at our flying field in Monroe. 17 members were present.

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of July – July 13, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Mark Lockman who was a guest at the May meeting attended as a member. Thank you to all who came out to the meeting.

Chet reminded everyone of the upcoming Fun Fly scheduled for Sat-

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# **Club Officers and Contacts**

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953 Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Vaughan Houger (425) 788-8616 Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456 Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

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additional 3 safety tables and 1 new flat top table. All due to the efforts of Jay Bell and Brian Illston. Thanks guys, they look great!

July 17<sup>th</sup> is our Open House and auction. As you may recall, the auction is of 2 types. There will be a table for donated items and a table for personal items. The donated items will be auctioned off and all the proceeds go to our charity drive. The items on the personal table are auctioned off, the owner can decide not to sell if the price isn't at a minimum he expects. The owners of these items pay a minimum \$5 charge for the entry whether the item sells or not. This \$5 auction fee also goes to the charity drive.

So, as you're reading this, I'm probably still in the Midwest somewhere on the return leg of our PA cross country trip. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and remembered those that allow us to remain free and keep celebrating our nation.

See ya flyin', Chet



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urday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The event time is from 10:00 A.M. to around 3:00 P. M. The Cub Scout field trip is set for July 7<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about upcoming events by going to the Barnyard Buzzard's website: http://barnyard-buzzards.com/

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

- President Chet Blake
- Vice President Jim Reynolds
- Treasurer Rick Hanners
- Secretary Vaughan Houger
- Field Safety Officer Vince Bell
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Ron Swift
- Field Manager Jay Bell (absent)

### **Officers Reports**

**President** – Chet Blake commented that as of yet the agreement between the Buzzards and Dale, the land owner, is verbal only. The program for the night was electric flight.

**VP** – Jim Reynolds passed out the schedule of events for the summer. He suggested that members look over the events and plan to attend and participate as much as possible. The first event is the Fun Fly scheduled for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Treasurer** – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$8,702.75 in the bank. The club spent \$360.00 on materials for the new tables.

**Secretary** – Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 63.

**Safety Officer** – Vince reported that the new safety rules are posted.

**Field Manager** – Jay was not present. Brian Illston reported that the condition of the field is good. Jay would still like to plan a field clean up day. New tables are built but still need to be painted.

**Newsletter** – Ron Swift requested someone provide a generator for the Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly to power Ron's sound system. He was planning to choreograph flying activities to music.

# **Old Business**

Field situation: As mentioned earlier, Chet reported there is still no signed agreement with Dale. Ron has posted the new operating hours.

Weekly mowing: Members are doing a good job of mowing and ensuring the barrier of grass is maintained in front of the fence, which separates pilots from the field.

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### **New Business**

Buzzard members are now able to start building their airplanes for the 2011 builder's contest. The entry fee is still the same at \$10. Given that the contest is conducted in May of 2011, there should be enough time to build a couple of airplanes.

### **Announcements**

Remember the upcoming events. See the Barnyard Buzzard website for event, date, time, and location. <a href="http://barnyard-buzzards.com/">http://barnyard-buzzards.com/</a>
<a href="Calendars/index.htm">Calendars/index.htm</a> [and on page 8 of this newsletter]. All current AMA members are welcome to participate - \$5.00 entry fee. Anyone can watch for free. Food and beverages are available for \$2.50 per person (not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

# **Evening Program:**

Electric Flying Chet talked about flying his Radian sail plane. He demonstrated how easy it is to fly. Being that the Radian is electric powered it has low noise characteristics, which are

good for flying after 7:00 P.M. Chet had asked others to bring their electric models as well to show the kind of aircraft variety possessed by the members. Brian Illston brought several of his airplanes. The Reightley brothers, Gary and Bryan, brought several of their favorite aircraft. Gary showed what he did with a very small balsa electric powered airplane. It is truly amazing what R/C hobby enthusiasts can create with today's technology. Electric powered aircraft is catching on in a big way. Now, all we have to do is replicate the sound and smell of glow powered aircraft.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.















# Photos for Fun







Tim's Solo!

# Safety Corner

# **SAFETY FIRST**

**NOT SAFETY 2<sup>ND</sup>** 

NOT SAFETY WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT

NOT SAFETY WHEN IT IS CON-VENIENT

# SAFETY FIRST ALL THE TIME

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS Vince Bell, SO

# **Our New Benches**





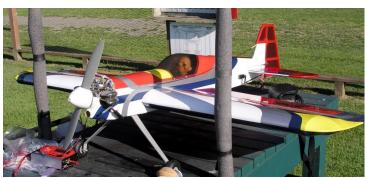


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It seemed that everyone had fun during our 1st Fun Fly of 2010. Randy and I modified the events and it seemed the ones we removed (Whistlin' Dixie, Taxi, and Timed Flight) met with some mixed feelings. At any rate the three newest events were fun and I received many positive comments from contestants, helpers and spectators. Our guests really liked being part of the event as judges.

We had 10 pilots signed up and the competition was fierce (for us). First place was won by Bryan Reichtly (flying an electric model!). Second place was won by our Safety Officer, Vince Bell. And

third place was won by Tom Fixel.

Many thanks to Dave from Remote Control Hobbies in Woodinville for all of the raffle items he donated for the event. Dave is a strong supporter of our club and I hope we return the favor! Many of the items went to our guests.

Thank you, Sandy, for doing the cooking. Folks really appreciated the coffee, donuts, hots, hamburgs, chips and beverages.

Our next Fun Fly is scheduled for September 11th. I hope you'll join in the fun!

Ron Swift



Bryan—First Place



Vince—Second Place



Tom—Third Place

















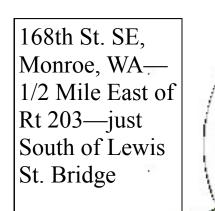








# Barnyard Buzzards MAC RC Airplane Open House



(360) 863-2953

Saturday, July 17 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Our events are open to the public and you are welcome to come out to watch the planes and talk with our pilots. Our annual auction will be held from 1:00 -?. Designated items will benefit our club charity.

All current AMA members are welcome to participate. We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. We star our auction at 1:00 PM. Item drop off fee \$5.00 Drop off for donated items is free and open to anyone. Swap meet—first come—1st served



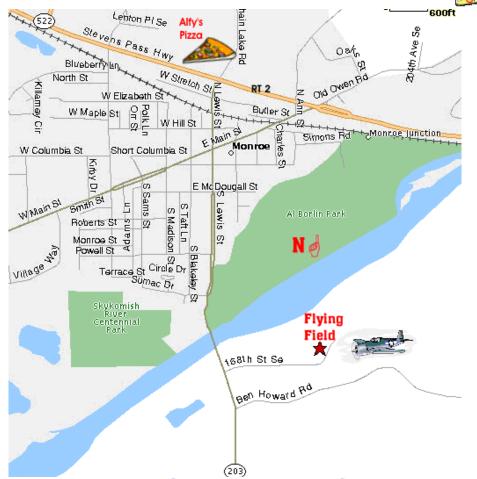
# Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Events for 2010

All of our events are open to the public and you are welcome to come out to watch and talk with our pilots. A buddy box system will be available at some events so you can fly, too! All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House.

We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM.

Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION	
Fun Fly (1st)	Saturday, <b>June 12</b> rain date: June 26	10:00 - 3:00	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field	
Cub Scouts Field Trip	Wednesday, <b>July 7</b>	8:30AM – 3:00 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Knights of Columbus Hall 24323 Bothell -Everett Highway in Bothell	
Open House Charity Auction	Saturday, <b>July 17</b> rain date: July 24	10:00 - 3:00	Chet Blake	(425) 879-2792	Club Field	
Combat	Saturday, <b>Aug 14</b> rain date: Aug 21	10:00 - 3:00	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	Club Field	
Fun Fly (2nd)	Saturday, <b>Sep 11</b> rain date: Sept 12	10:00 - 3:00	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field	
Boy Scouts Field Trip	Schedule not availa- ble yet		Tim Baird.& Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field	
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, <b>January</b> <b>8</b> , 2011	11AM - 2PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field	
Builder Com- petition	Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting the following year. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!! You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging. Judging and award presentation will be during our May 10, 2011 meeting at the club field.					



# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the **public.** Starting in March 2010, 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. We will 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.

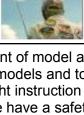
We provide instruction for both building model aircraft as well as flying these models. In most cases, a buddy box system is used at the flying field. Experience has shown this to be the safest method to learn.

Those who want to enroll in the pilot training should contact Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houger at

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

# **Current Flight Instructors:**

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360 435-7803
425 788-2456
360 668-1312
425 788-6045
425 225-5247



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

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

July 13 Club Field August 10 Club Field September 14 Club Field October 12 Alfy's Pizza November 9 Alfy's Pizza December 14 Alfy's Pizza Alfy's Pizza January 11

# **Our Flying Field**

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE. iust north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web site (http:// www.barnyard-buzzards .com) has lots of photos of our field.



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