



Buzzard Droppings



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.

July 2011
Volume 18 Issue 7

Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: Super Show & Tell

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Hello again fellow Buzzards and Friends,
The annual BBMAC charity auction was held on June 14th. We are lucky to have so many members willing to make donations of both items for bid and cash. Ron Swift did an outstanding job again this year as the auctioneer. Hat's off to all who participated. Additionally, I'd like to thank Sandy for showing off her culinary BBQ skills and making sure we were well fed prior to the auction. If you were unable to

attend, you can still participate by making a donation. Please see one of the board members, if you have questions.
As president of an RC flying club, one should be well versed in all aspects of the hobby. For me this means stepping away from my comfort zone of electrics and learning the intricacies of glow. I'm not sure how far in this direction, I will go but I'm having a blast with the two glow planes
(Continued on page 2)

Inside this issue:

President's Message	1
June 14 Meeting	1
Charity Auction Photos	4
Photos For Fun	6
Safety Corner	3
July 23 Fun Fly Info	8
Open House Info	5
Event Schedule	7
Sponsors	10
Arlington Fly-In Photos	7
Club Meetings, Maps and Field Info	9
Pilot Training Program	9
Club Officers	1

June 14th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

This meeting also hosted our annual charity auction. There were 20 members present; 4 visitors/non-members. (Note: the weather was a bit cloudy, a few sprinkles, and windy.)

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He went through the list of officers:

- President – Bryan Reightley

- 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

We did have a couple of visitors: Rick Etters and Errol Wilkins from

(Continued on page 2)



Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (360) 668-6075

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



(President's Message continued from page 1)

I bought at the auction.

Chet volunteered to help me get my new (his old) "Slow Poke" airborne the first time. In doing so I quickly learned several things. First, you have to fly it all the way down rather than plopping it in like a small electric plane. The second is the Windex bottles I see everyone carrying around are not just to keep your canopy or wind screen clean and shiny. Oh-no, it's for the whole darn airplane. And, if you miss a spot you'll figure it out in the car on your way home. Among the many other things I figured out is that Chet must have put the "Slow Poke" up for auction because it doesn't like to land...at all, and especially when there's any wind. Thanks Chet. I have a long way to go, but your generosity has made it very easy and fun so far.

The results of the auction will be revealed at the July

club meeting. We will also discuss plans for the proceeds. By the time July 12th arrives, summer should be here so please plan to join in and attend out meetings and events!

See you at the field,

Bryan



(Continued from page 1)

the Snohomish Radio Aero Club (SRAC) club. Welcome guys!

Officers' Reports

Secretary –Vaughan Houger reported 58 members are in the club.

Vice President – Jim Reynolds reminded everyone of the July 23rd Fun Fly.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape.

Safety – Vince Bell cautioned those retrieving downed airplanes to be careful where you step. There are hidden holes near and amongst the trees. We do have a first aid kit in the shed. At least 5 of the BBMAC members are First aid / CPR certified.

Field – Jay Bell commented that the field looked like it was in good shape.

Newsletter editor / Webmaster– Ron Swift mentioned that organizer John Foglesong expanded his R/C expo vendors' to the July Arlington air show. Ron had hard copy flyers available for members to take and distribute.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors: Continue to be mindful of visitors.

Weather Station: Jack Peel is working on the weather station. There are a few challenges, but it is coming along.

No-fly zone: Be mindful of the house at the East end of the run way; where the arrow and pole are located; take appropriate action to line

up landing approaches with these land marks in mind.

New Business

Bryan articulated his desire to change the emphasis of the club meetings. The intent would be to still address the required business agenda items, but keep it shorter in duration to allow more opportunity for members to "show and tell" about their projects. He encouraged everyone to participate in the show and tell portion of the meetings. Two volunteers already are on the docket for July's meeting.

Bryan also wanted to introduce a couple of new competitions:

A "Re-builder's" Contest. This is where a pilot had a mishap during the summer with a plane. The pilot would take a picture of the broken plane, then fix it over the course of the summer, or however long it takes. Take a picture of the restored aircraft and present the restored aircraft at the contest (date yet to be determined).

A "That'll never fly" Contest. Think about innovative ideas and turn those into things that fly, but no one believed would fly.

These contests will be explored further at the next meeting.

Evening Program – Charity auction.

Rick Hanners reported, "We took in \$460, of which \$391.50 was what was paid for items and

(Continued on page 3)



(Continued from page 2)

the rest came from donations (people saying keep the change, etc.). So considering the turnout, weather and so forth, [the success of the auction was] not too bad.”

Congratulations to all who entered!

The meeting adjourned at around 8:15 P.M.

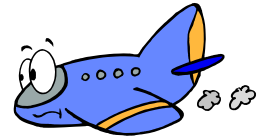
The next meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at

our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger
BBMAC Secretary.

Safety Corner



It is that time of year when the weather is getting a little warmer—not hot by any means. There is not too much chance of sunstroke or frostbite. Nice time of year for us!

What can get us in trouble is the life blood of our hobby. No, not the fuel, but the batteries. I hear all the time “I’ve use these batteries for 27 seasons and they are just fine”! Well, they may not be just fine for the 28th season. With all the neat stuff we have to test the condition of the batteries, there is no excuse not to test the batteries and determine what life is left in them.

I personally discard battery packs when they get down to about 75% of their new life. The new life is not necessarily the number that is stamped on the label. Remember the manufacturer of the battery rates their battery at much lower current drain than we typically use them. Hence there may be a delta right from the get go. Keeping good records will go a long way to not getting to the field with dead batteries. The worst thing is they are usually all right for the first or second flight and give out next flight. You can guess what happens when the batteries give out.

Let’s all make the commitment to check our batteries, and be a little safer. Don’t forget to check the transmitter battery. While working on your aircraft check the condition of all the wiring. We don’t want to use wiring if the insulation is in bad shape or have connectors that are corroded, loose or worn.

A little off the subject of flying safety is the well being of you and your family in the event of disaster whether it is natural or man made. No matter what you the think of the Department of Homeland Security, they have a recommendation for a survival kit to keep in the home and in the car that will carry you for a few days in the event of a disaster. Costco sells a kit I think about \$65.00 and the label says it has 200 delicious freeze dried meals. Don’t quote me on the freeze dried or the delicious part! However, it may be something to check out with all that is going on in the world. Remember you can get by for several days without food, but only a couple days without water. After that, things go south. So it may be a good idea to have some bottled water in the garage or pantry also.

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



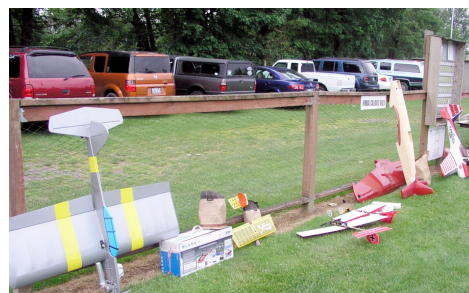
CBA III Computerized
Battery Tester and
Analyzer



Watt’s Up RC Watt Meter &
Power Analyzer



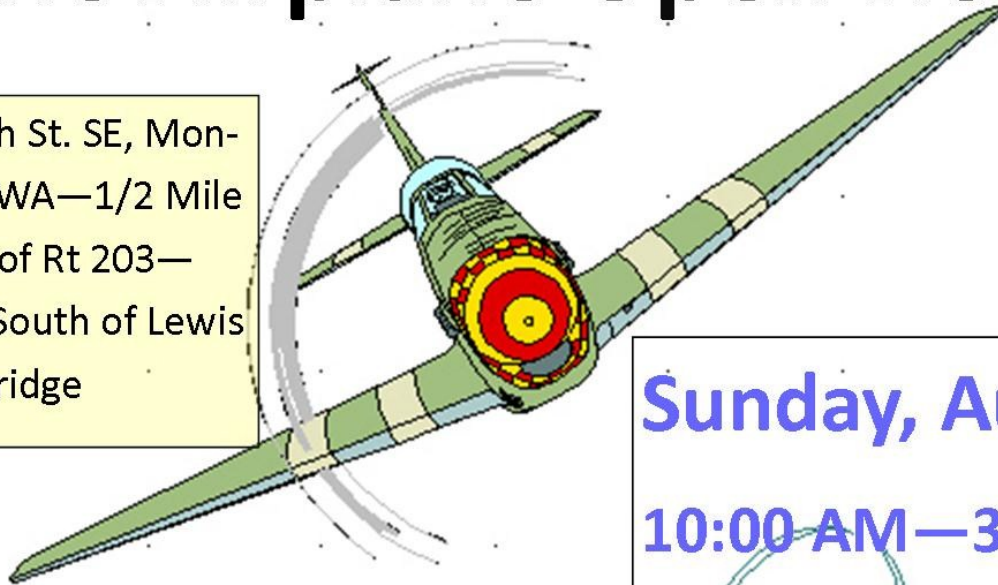
Buzzard's Charity Auction





Barnyard Buzzards MAC RC Airplane Open House

168th St. SE, Mon-
roe, WA—1/2 Mile
East of Rt 203—
just South of Lewis
St. Bridge



Sunday, Aug 14th
10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Our events are open to the public and you are welcome to come out to watch the planes FREE and talk with our pilots. All AMA members with current membership are welcome to fly.



We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Super Swap meet—first come—1st served. Bring your stuff and you are encouraged to bring your own tables and chairs. All transactions are between the buyer and seller!



Visit our website for more info:

<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com> or call

(360) 668-6075



Photos for Fun





Barnyard Buzzards Events

2011 Events

Our events are **open to the public** and you are welcome to come out to watch the events and talk with our pilots. 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 for the swap meet are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT	LOCATION
Club Charity Auction	Tuesday, June 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ron Swift (425) 788-6045	Club Field
Fun Fly	Saturday, July 23 rain date: July 24	10:00am - 3:00pm	Ron Swift (425) 788-6045	Club Field
Open House & Super Swap Meet	Sunday, August 14	10:00am - 3:00pm	Bryan Reightley (360) 863-2953	Club Field
Combat	Sunday, September 11, 2011	10:00am - 3:00pm	Scott Curtis (425) 337-2657	Club Field
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 7, 2012	11am - 2pm	Ron Swift (425) 788-6045	Club Field
Builder Competition	<p>Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Judging and award presentation will be during our May 10, 2011 meeting at the club field.</p>			



Arlington Fly-In 2011—Buzzard's Represented!



Radio Controlled Airplane Fun Fly July 23

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All current AMA members are
welcome to participate!!!

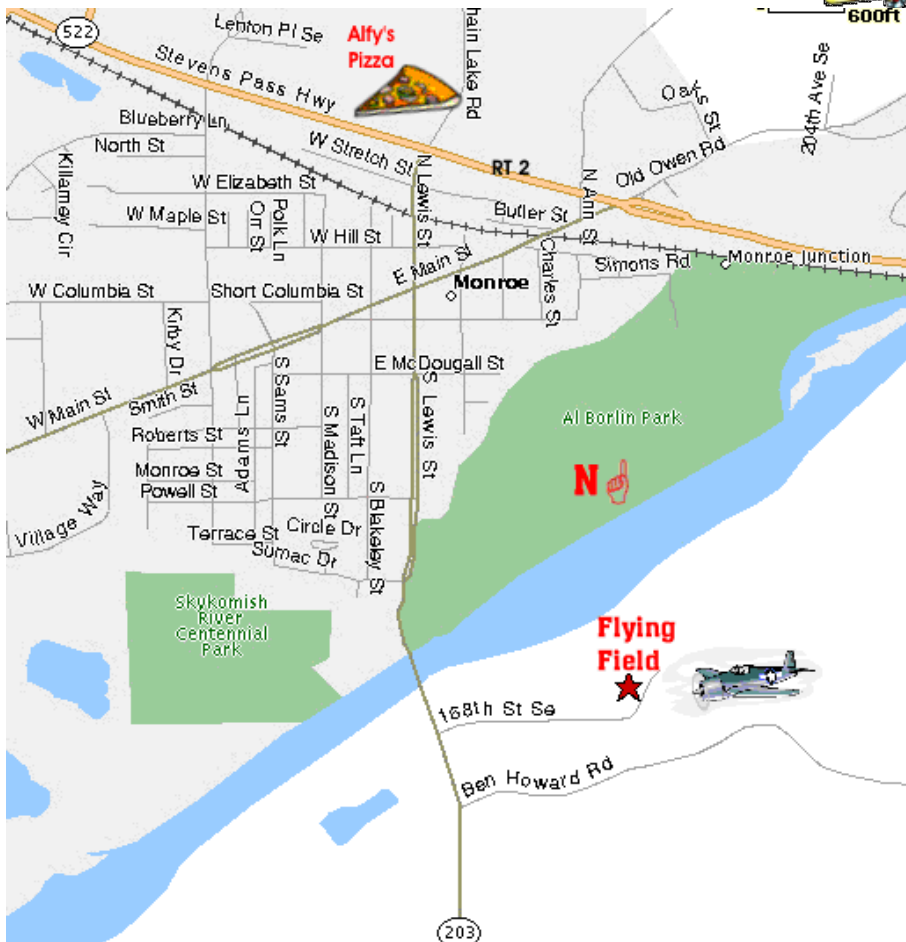
\$5.00 entry fee, prizes for 1st - 3rd place
Public Invited to watch the fun, FREE!
Food and beverages available, too!

At our club field , 168th St SE in Monroe –
see page 9 in our newsletter.



<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>

Contact Ron Swift for details
(425) 788-6045
ronswift@cablespeed.com



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 Alf'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 **425 788-8616**.

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

Current Flight Instructors:

- Dean Appell 360 435-7803
- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Rick Hanners 360 668-1312
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045
- Brian Taylor 425 225-5247



Upcoming Meetings

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

- July 12 Club Field
- August 9 Club Field
- September 13 Club Field
- October 11 Alf's Pizza
- November 8 Alf's Pizza
- December 13 Alf's Pizza
- January 10 Alf's Pizza

Our Flying Field

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



Next meeting, **Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (see page 9).
Program: Super Show & Tell



16325 315th Ave. NE
Duvall, WA 98019

Visit Our Web Page
<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>



Store Hours:
10 - 7:30 M-F
10 - 6 Sat
11 - 5 Sun

14219 NE Woodinville-Duvall Road
Woodinville, Wa 98072

E-Mail: woodinville@rc-hobbies.com
Web: www.rc-hobbies.com
Phone: (425) 482-4328
Fax: (425) 482-0897

Tim's Hobby Shop

2405 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 259-5929

Serving All Your Hobby Needs

Radio Controlled Planes, Helicopters, Cars & Boats (both new and used), Parts, Special Orders, Props, Wheels, Kits, Hardware, Tools, Engines, Fuels, Glues, Balsa, Hardwoods, Tanks, Covering, DuBro, Goldberg, Hangar 9, Great Planes, SIG, Futaba, JR, O.S. Max, Kites, Trains, Models, Paints, Brushes, Airbrushes, Rockets, Rubber Power, Indoor & Free Flight.



Sandy DuVall, Owner
425-788-9824 - b
425-765-1546 - c
sandyd@cablespeed.com
www.DuvallsDazzlingDesigns.com

*Embroidery * Rhinestone & Crystal Transfers
Your Full Color Images on Apparel & Accessories
Vinyl Letters & Numbers * Personalized Gifts
Branding * Fundraising Ideas * Photo Mugs & Tee's
Promotional Items * Banners & Signs*

Low minimum orders.

HobbyTown USA

1130 SE Everett Mall Way, Suite F
Everett, WA 98208
Ph: (425) 355-8086
Fax: (425) 355-8078