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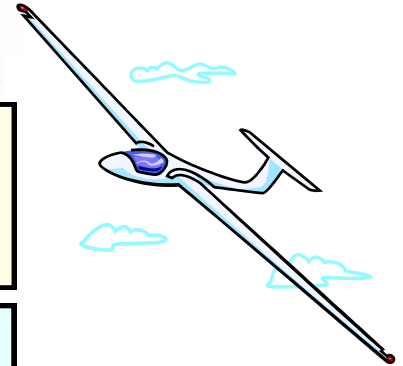
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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field, Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).
Program: Gliders

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,
I'm very excited to announce our new runway has been seeded. Mother Nature threw many challenges our way throughout the spring, and the club's perseverance has paid-off. Now all we need is a bit of cooperation from her in the form of rain and we will have a grass runway to fly from this

fall. Until then we need everyone's cooperation keeping both themselves and their airplanes off of our treasured runway. So, until official word has been given for using the runway please plan to fly from the area just in front of the flight tables.

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June 12th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

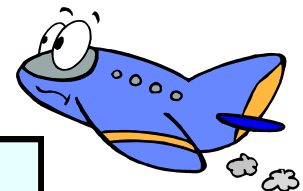
The June 2012 meeting was called to order by Bryan Reightley at 6:30 PM. 17 members were present as was Mark Weeks the newest Barnyard Buzzard member. Bryan announced the club officers (all were present):

- o President – Bryan Reightley
- o Vice President – Jim Reynolds

- o Treasurer – Rick Hanners
- o Secretary – Vaughan Houser
- o Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- o Newsletter Editor– Ron Swift
- o Webmaster – Ron Rueter
- o Field Manager – Jay Bell

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting

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Club Officers and Contacts

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Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Tim Baird (360) 348-6033

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter : Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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Many thanks to Rick Hanners for keeping the club informed on the status of the latest work party, Saturday June 30th, and organizing the post work party BBQ. Rumor has it we nearly had fresh beef on the menu, but Rick chased it off before the BBQ could be lit. Jay Bell and Ron Rueter did a terrific job getting the topsoil delivered and spread. They also saw to many other details needed for the work party to be successful. Thanks again for all you guys did ahead of time. I would also like to thank the many members who participated in the work party to seed the runway. Paraphrasing Rick in one of his work party status emails "the club needed YOU", "and YOU are the club". And...YOU responded. Thank YOU.

Tim Baird (the club's new Secretary) and his crew have started removing trees at the East end of the field. His efforts should greatly improve everyone's chances of making it back to the field unscathed.

Finally, I have installed what I believe to be a cow proof sign at gate #3. This is the third gate in from Fern Bluff Rd and is needed because the stupid cows ate the two previous signs attached to the gate. The new sign sits atop a 10' piece of metal conduit secured to the east gate post. I plan to secure it more

permanently (use something other than bent nails) once proven to be cow proof. In the event this experiment is short lived, please note the following: ALWAYS CLOSE THIS GATE! This is because the cows have been seen crossing the ditch between gates 2 & 3 allowing them access into our space if gate #4 (the red gates) is not closed.

Over and out,

Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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as published in the newsletter. This was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Officers' Reports

Vice President – Jim reported that the Fun Fly event in collaboration with the Arlington Eagles is scheduled for July 28th at the Arlington Eagles site. This event will also host a swap meet. So, bring your airplanes, items to swap and lots of cash.

Secretary – Vaughan reported membership is at 49 including Mark Weeks, who recently joined. Welcome Mark!

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. (For your information, the actual dollar amount is reported at the meeting. (If you desire to know that

amount either send me (Vaughan) an email or give me a call. Rick also explained line-item by line-item what is contained in the budget pertaining to the field development; what has been allocated for road improvement, fence materials, runway development, etc. What has been an extreme help are all of the monetary donations by members (not to discount the sweat equity invested).

Safety officer – Vince reported that there is nothing new.

Field manager – Jay Bell commented on the current field status and some proposed options pertaining to making the runway operational. (Periodically Jay engaged his cow management skills by escorting a stray from the field and discouraging the others – cows that is – from enter-

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ing the Buzzard allocated area).

Newsletter editor – As usual, Ron requested members to provide photos and/or articles to publish in the newsletter. There is plenty of space to fill. As always, if you have a need for a hard (paper) copy, let Ron know and he will snail mail you one and add you to the mailing list.

Webmaster – Ron Rueter was present. He keeps the website current with any news. Additionally, the Barnyard Buzzards is on Facebook. Check it out when you have an opportunity.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Communication. At the May meeting a decision was made to have the meeting minutes typed up and sent to the members within a week of the meeting. The rationale was to disseminate news and information to the members while it is still “fresh” and not wait until the newsletter is published later on in the month.

The topic of reaching out to prior members via a “re-introduction letter” along with the minutes was discussed. Bryan Reightley will compose this letter and then have the secretary send it out via email. Most likely, this letter will accompany a hard copy of the newsletter, which Ron Swift will then send out to those who request such a copy.

Status on the new field development. President Bryan and Jay brought members up to speed with where we are regarding the field: Fences are up. Gates are in place. The field, even though it is not planted with grass, is flyable with some risks. Now, we’ll transition to “New Business,” as the discussion started to focus on how does the club proceed from here to having a fully functional field.

New Business

Runway development. The following items were talked about: Field preparation (rock removal), top soil, grass seed, fertilizer, rolling the field, costs, and time. After exploring different ideas it came down to what can the club afford; how much money do we need to hold in reserve? Do we purchase top soil? If so, how much? How much will it cost? Do we hydro-seed or plant grass seed ourselves? Cost?

Then, too, how do we go about watering the field?

In summary, the club decided to proceed with purchasing enough top soil for about a 2 inch blanket covering of the runway and then seed it ourselves. Between top soil, seed, fertilizer, and tax the estimated cost is around \$2,700.00, which leaves around \$1,000.00 remaining in our coffers.

A motion was presented by Ron Swift to swiftly adopt said proposal. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed. There were no “nay” votes.

Subsequent to the decision to proceed, discussion was directed on fund raising. Ron Swift said Sandy DuVall, is a member of both the Monroe and Duvall Chambers of Commerce. Her connections can be tapped into for possibly soliciting donations or other creative means for generating revenue. Another idea was to have some sort of product to offer a donor when a donation is made. Then, this was curious, all of a sudden Chet declared his offer of a donation to cover a yard or more of top soil. This lead was followed by members stepping forward and donating their money for more yards of dirt. I know that more than \$100 was collected on the spot! **Way to go Chet!** Of course, other donations are acceptable as well – grass seed, fertilizer, water, labor, etc.

An idea was presented to electrify the fence, (no, you can’t charge your electric airplanes on the fence), and what was required. Jay said it was about \$150 to procure the equipment and install. So, Saturday June 16th the fence will be electrified to discourage the cows from entering the field. Appropriate signage will be installed as well. Vaughan took the action to send out a notice to members of the Saturday work party. The week following, Saturday June 23rd, is planned for the delivery of the top soil and planting the grass seed. Vaughan also will send out a note addressing this work party.

President Bryan Reightley talked about “Cow/Gate Management.” The gate at Fern Bluff road should remain closed subsequent to ingress/egress. All other gates can remain as you found them, with the caveat that if you are in doubt, close the gates.

Tim Baird has permission from Arleen (land

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lady) to remove some of the trees. Arleen wants to make sure that everything is cleaned up should a tree (approved by her) be removed. Tim knows which ones can be cut, mostly dead/dying trees. Contact Tim if/when you would like to help.

Oh, and one other thing, Vaughan announced that he is in the process of selling his house in Carnation and moving. This activity along with other time demands assisted Vaughan in deciding to step down from his Barnyard Buzzards Secretary position, which he volunteered for in July 2008. This has been a rich and exciting experience with lots of memories.

Vaughan recommended Tim Baird to be nominated as successor for the Secretary position. The club seconded, voted on, and “knighted” Tim as incoming Secretary. So, the baton passes from Vaughan to Tim. Vaughan will assist Tim in the transition process. Congratulations Tim! You will do a terrific job.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:11 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 6:30 P.M. at club field outside Monroe.

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

Respectfully submitted by out-going Secretary Vaughan Houser, Ph.D.



Newsflash—Cows break into the Buzzard’s Meeting as members look on....





Safety Corner

If you read “Safety Corner” in the Buzzard Dropping this will sound familiar (from July 2007 with a couple deletions and a couple additions.

Most dumb things we do aren't really a safety concern in the respect that they will cause someone to be injured. In this category a few of the dumb things:

Leaving an essential part or piece of equipment home. The wing tube if it is removable.

Bringing the wrong transmitter for the airplane that you brought.

Forgetting fuel. This is one I have done a couple times; I'll bring glow fuel, but not gasoline.

Forgetting to fill the fuel tank and running out of fuel a few minutes into the flight. This is usually more of an annoyance than anything else - however if it happens in the wrong place it can be a potential hazard, if not only to personnel, but also to the airplane.

The really dumb-things and most dangerous are usually from lack of attention to details. In the case of new pilots just simply not knowing or having never been told.

Failure to know the condition of the batteries in your equipment. This is one of the biggies. Just because a battery pack is new does not make it good.

Not checking all of the controls before taking off. I don't how may times I have been asked to give a new plane its maiden flight and found one or more the controls reversed or not set up properly (ex. binding).

With the multi plane computerized radios it is really easy to have the wrong plane selected, Take my word on this one.

Not extending the transmitter antenna can cause some bad things to happen. Or incorrect orientation of the 2.4 GHz antennas.

Lack of attention to detail, just plain lazy or forgetful. I lost an Airplane the other day. I knew there was a problem with the battery not being properly secured. It had come loose in the past, but no harm came of it. I put back in the foam compartment that it lives in and forgot about it. That was several flights and several months back. This time, in a nose down part of a loop, the battery came loose and unplugged from the switch harness. Fortunately it crashed into the field not the pits with no harm done (except to the plane which was destroyed).

When you get right down to it, most problems we have are preventable by using a little COMMON SENCE. There's that phrase again — I seem to use it a lot in this column. Yes, guys there are the occasional RF problems.

There are millions more issues caused by lack of attention and/or experience — you guys fill in the blank _____.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer



Flying at our new flying field!



Photos for Fun



June 30th Work Party—Let the Grass Grow!



Radio Controlled Airplane Fun Fly Saturday, July 28

And Super Swap

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Arlington Eagles Flying Field

249th NE Arlington, WA

(Down HW 530 1 mile east of Arlington)

\$5.00 entry fee, prizes for 1st - 3rd place

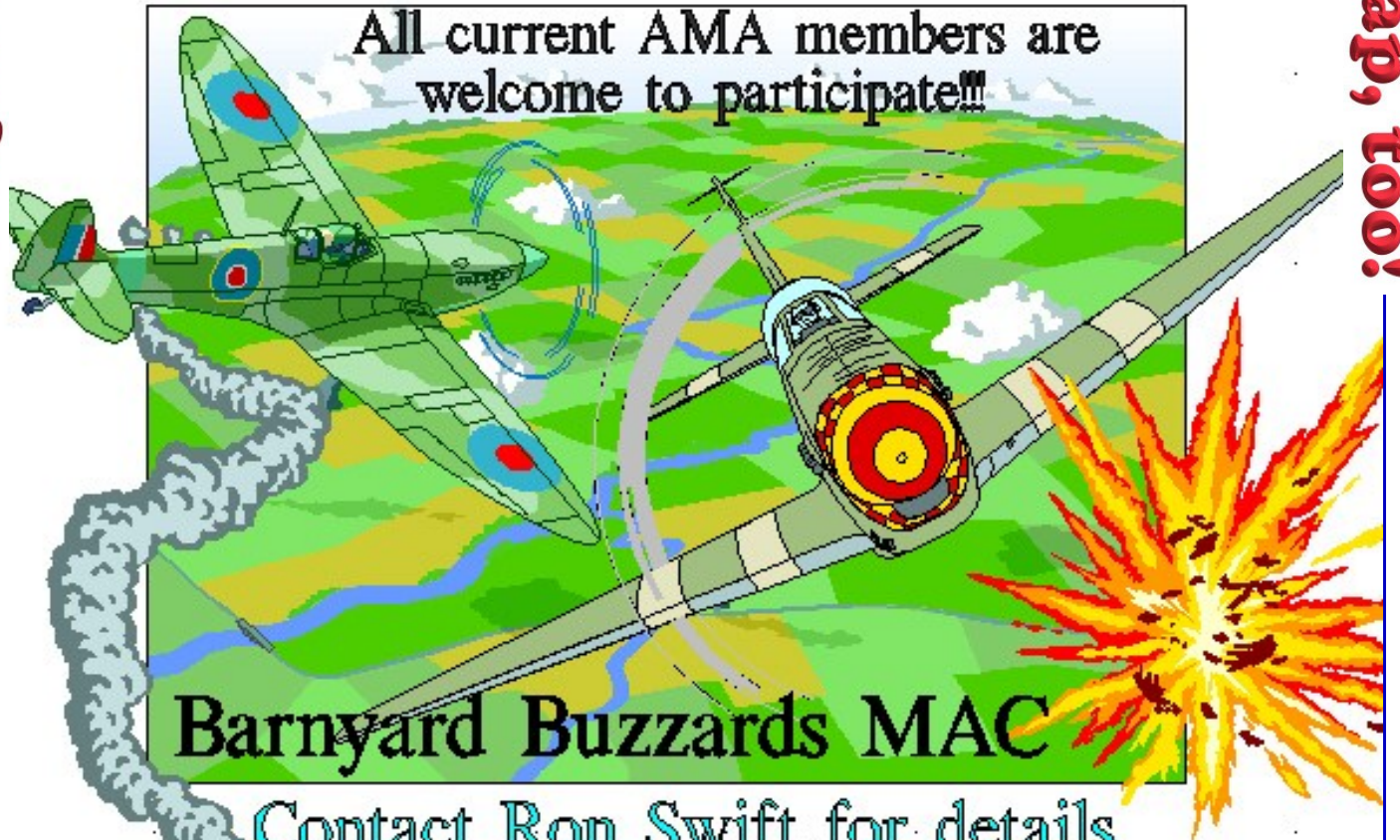
Public Invited to watch the fun, FREE!

Food and beverages available, too!

Super RC Swap, too!

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All current AMA members are
welcome to participate!!!



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Super RC Swap, too!



Snohomish, Washington

Canadian - American Challenge Radio Controlled Pattern Airplane Contest

<http://www.can-am-challenge.com>



AMA Sanction # 12-1327



August 11 and 12, 2012

Field is open for practice on Friday, August 10th

Lunches and snacks available Sat. and Sun.

Wheels Up 9:00 AM
Both Days
3000 foot Main runway

2500 foot Spare runway for testing/practice/tweaking

FAI P-11, Masters, Advanced, Sportsman, Intermediate

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WOW!!!

2.4 GHz

- OR -

72 Mhz

Odd Frequencies ONLY

Pilot entry fee \$35

First Contest Pilots \$15

Lots of space for RV's & Tent Camping

Swap meet – Please bring your own tables and chairs. Space available on first come, first served basis. All sales are between the buyer and seller – no commission, no space charges.

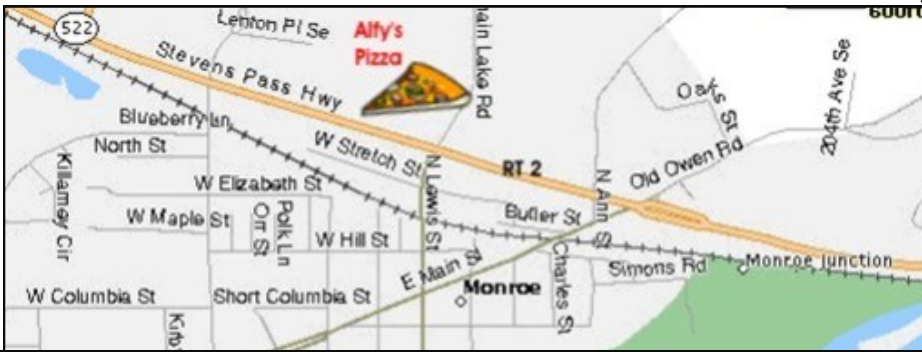
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From Hwy 2 (Stevens Pass Hwy) take the 88th Street SE exit towards Snohomish, 88th becomes 32nd St SE then becomes 2nd St. (Just don't make any radical turns and you will be fine!) Turn left onto Lincoln and go 2.25 miles to the field road on the left. You will go past some soccer fields on the left, under an old Railroad bridge, where it becomes Old Snohomish Monroe Road. Just after going over a low wooden bridge marked French Creek Slough turn left onto the road which goes North out and under the Rail Road tracks to the flying site.

Set your GPS to find 11890 Old Snohomish-Monroe Road, Snohomish, WA. 98290 and look for the entry to the field which will be marked "CAN – AM" this way!

Event Website <http://www.can-am-challenge.com>

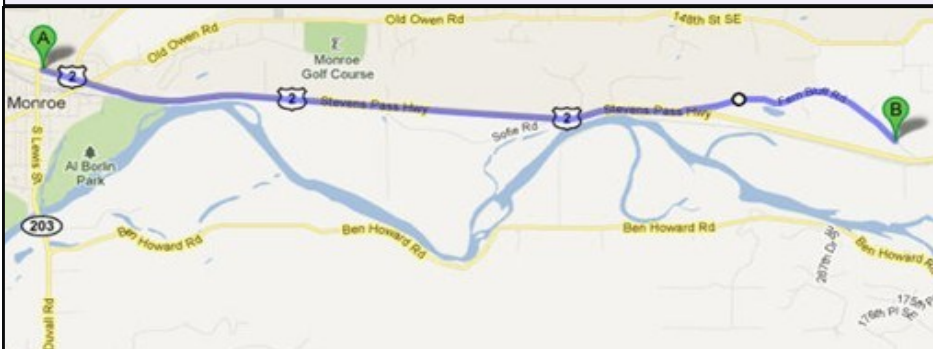
**Your Photos & Articles could be placed here.
Feel free to submit them anytime!**



Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 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. 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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



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



Upcoming Meetings

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

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our website (<http://www.bbmac.net>), has lots of photos of our field. We're under construction for the 2012 flying season.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, July 10 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field along Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).
Program: Gliders



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