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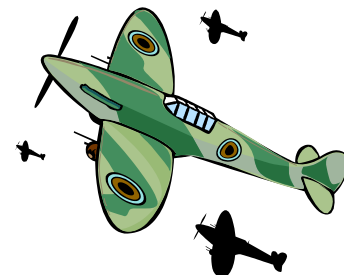
Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, July 9th, 2013, 6:30 PM** at our club field east of Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).

Program: Combat Demonstration

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,

We are off to a great summer flying season. A new event was added to the events calendar during our June meeting. This is a military theme day and potluck Saturday July 13th. I encourage you to bring to the field whatever you have in your hanger that hints of military

history. This could be pictures, articles, stories, and of course airplanes of all eras. There will be no judging—just fun. The BBQ will be ready to go, so plan on bringing whatever you want to cook along with a salad or dessert to

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June 11th Meeting Minutes — Tim Shegrud

The June 11, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:33 p.m. at the Club Field. 10 members and 1 guest were present.

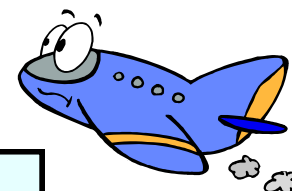
Bryan introduced the Officers...

- President – Bryan Reightley
- Vice Pres – Brian Richardson
- Treasurer – Ron Swift
- Secretary – Tim Shegrud absent,

attending daughter Julia's 8th grade progression ceremony. Chet Blake filled in, congratulations to father and daughter!

- Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- Field Manager – Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor- Ron Swift
- Webmaster – Ron Rueter

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

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share. This promises to be a good time, so plan to attend with your family and friends.

Also, plan to come on out to our annual Fun Fly on July 27!

I don't want to dwell on it too much, but we really need all eyes and ears on the lookout for possible new field locations. The clock has started ticking. Ideally we can have enough time to develop a new field before losing use of what we have now. I look forward to pursuing any and all opportunities that come our way.

See you on the flight line,

Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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Bryan introduced the guest, Mr. Jeff Druffel. Bryan and Jeff were roommates during college and have kept in contact through the years. Bryan visits him regularly and reminisced about the fun and antics they had and still have. Jeff was on buddy box with Vince and his high wing trainer for a while getting some air time. Glad to have you visit us Jeff!

Officers' Reports

Vice President - Brian Richardson reported that the Auction was a success considering the size of attendance. A Fun Fly is scheduled for July 27th. Once again food and beverage will be available.

Treasurer - Ron Swift reported that the Club was doing ok financially. The charity auction brought in \$310 from item proceeds and donations. Former member Charlie Higgins' widow donated a lot of items to the auction. Thank you, Mrs. Higgins, we all miss Charlie and his enthusiasm for R/C and Free Flight Modeling.

Secretary - Tim Shegrud was absent as stated. Membership stands at 31

Safety - Vince Bell stated nothing much new. A motion was made to turn the tables around and have them face the shed as a safety incentive to

allow the pilot working on his plane to have clear view of the field and possible dangers heading his way. Motion was seconded and approved by vote.

Field Manager - Jay Bell brought up a thought about spreading some fertilizer on the runway to get the grass going. After discussion it was decided not to do anything since the intention is for the Club to leave the field after this year.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift brought hard copies and asked for photos or articles for upcoming newsletters.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter brought up that the website (BBMAC.NET) has various videos, info and a new collection called the "Gallery of Shame". The idea is 'it's a shame it crashed'. This is a collection of pictures of crashed aircraft, no mention of the pilot will be made unless volunteered. If you have any to share, email them to Ron R (Webmaster) or a Club officer that will forward to Ron.

Old Business

Flying Field Status.

- Bryan reported that there was a meeting with

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Arleen and relayed the initiative agreed with by the membership at the May meeting to provide and spread 24 cy of 5/8 to minus gravel on Hanners' Highway and suffice as the rent for this year (5/1/13 to 4/30/14) and we would be out of the field by that date. Arleen accepted this offer as rent for 2013.

- The purchase and work will be sometime in Sept. with ample notices sent out to the membership.
- Fern Bluff Rd gate is NOT to be locked Thursday through Sunday and the second Tuesday after 6:00 pm while meetings are scheduled at the field.
- Arleen agreed to provide 48 hr. notice if a Hero is going to be on site in the fly over area. BBMAC is NOT to fly in presence of Heroes in the fly over area.
- Unless otherwise negotiated, BBMAC will vacate the premises by 4/30/2014
- The goal in negotiating with the landlord was to maintain use of the flying field for the year while we research other areas and endure minimal cost.
- Based on what the membership voted on and the results of the meeting, the Board was successful!

Ron Swift announced that Sandy has a new sign made for the Fern Bluff entrance gate. Bryan and Ron will try to work out a day to get it installed since Ron will be unavailable the Saturday after the meeting.

New Business

Since we have the field for this summer, an Open House was suggested. Along with this came the theme of Military Aircraft. This doesn't mean that you have to have a military aircraft to attend, but those who do are encouraged to bring them, even if they are static display and Hangar Queens only.

It was also suggested to do a pot luck BBQ, and dessert theme as we did at the final day of the old field.

July 13th was selected. Appropriate notices will be sent out to the membership and call for guests from other Clubs to attend as well.

Field Location news – Ron Reuter is obtaining info about a plot of flat unobstructed ground in

the Snohomish area. He will report info as he finds out. Everyone is encouraged to stop and ask when fields are noticed. One never knows what the outcome might be. Bryan mentioned that he has the original posting from Craig's list that Chet sent him. It can be cleaned up, made current and run in Craig's List again also.

Due to today's limitations on available plots, the Club should be prepared to go to 2.4 GHz only since we might end up in close proximity of an existing club. Small discussions came about but everyone agreed that we can't afford to not consider a potential plot due to not making 2.4 GHz mandatory.

Program

Ron Rueter did a demonstration on what can happen to a Li-Poly battery if shorted, and talked about when he picked up a Lipo battery by the balance leads near the Arizona Club he attends and it shorted and burst into flames. Even though the battery that Ron had shorted had been just previously used and the voltage low, it still swelled, melted the heat shrink covering and reached a couple hundred degrees. This was example enough as to the potential danger they can present if not charged, discharged and cared for properly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm
Standing in for Tim, Chet Blake





Barnyard Buzzards Military Model Day

July 13 9 AM - 4 PM

Calling ALL AMA Pilots

Spectators
Welcome!!!
FREE!!!



We're having a military Themed Fly In at our flying field!

For more info visit:
<http://www.bbmac.net>
Come & Fly, bring your own meat
and a dish to share, but bring your cameras!

In Monroe, where RT 2 crosses
Main/Old Owen Road
drive East on RT 2 3.4 miles 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 - Look for the signs!

At the Barnyard Buzzards Flying Field
Food and Beverages available during lunchtime.

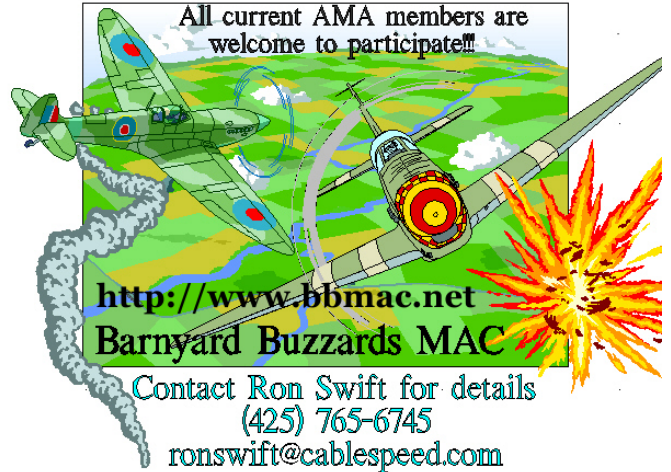
Radio Controlled Airplane Fun Fly

July 27, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

East on RT 2 3.4 miles to
Fern Bluff Road - bear to the left
drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff
Road to the entrance gate on
the right - Look for the signs!

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

All current AMA members are
welcome to participate!!!



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Contact Ron Swift for details
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Photos for Fun





Safety Corner

Have you guys noticed that the tables have been turned around? This was discussed and voted on at the June meeting. Last Saturday someone noticed a problem when picking up a running aircraft - that if you turn the wrong direction, you are bringing the running engine close to your neighbor on the adjacent table. This is not good. You have your back turned and if you turn in the direction that will swing the prop into the space between you and your neighbor, what if your neighbor is standing in that space? So, I will suggest that when you pick up your running airplane from the table you turn in the direction that will insure that the propeller tracks over the table you are exiting from and not the space between the tables.

Do you do dumb things??

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 are:

- Leaving an essential part or piece of equipment home.
- Bringing the wrong transmitter for the airplane that you brought to the field or forgetting the transmitter all together.
- 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 to personnel then to the air-

plane.

The really dumb things and most dangerous are usually from lack of attention to detail. 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 know how many times I have been asked to give a new plane its maiden flight and found one or more of the controls reversed.
- Another of the front runners is assuming that a servo with a dead spot will get better with use or it is no big deal and you can work around it.
- With the multi plane computerized radios it is really easy to have the wrong plane set, take my word on this one.
- Not extending the antenna can cause some bad things to happen. This happens quite often when you get one of the old planes out that is still on 72 Mhz.

There are millions more. You guys fill in the blank _____.

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



Good friends don't let you do stupid things . . . alone

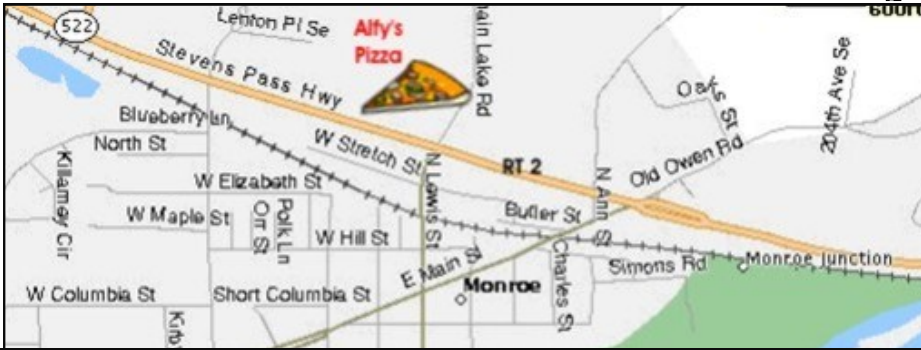
you have the right to your opinion and i have the right to think you re stupid.





2013 Open House & Annual Charity Auction

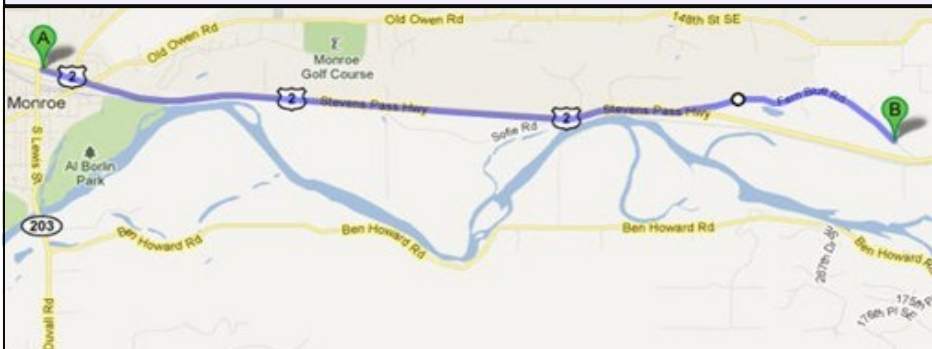




Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 Alfys 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, **Tim Baird 360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

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

- July 9 Club Field
- August 13 Club Field
- September 10 Club Field
- October 8 Alfys Pizza
- November 12 Alfys Pizza
- December 10 Alfys Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located east of 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've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday July 9th 6:30 PM** at our club field Route 2 east of Monroe (see page 7).

Program: **Combat Demonstration**



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