



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map.](#))

**Program: A Cracker Barrel Discussion**



AMA Awarded us Gold Leader Status. We have pins available!

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards! I hope you all had a Great Independence day and weathered it well.

We had our annual auction last month and even with low attendance, we managed to raise \$150 for our local charity.

We also had the finale of the

Builder's contest last meeting and found Don Bailey in 1<sup>st</sup> place followed by Ron Swift in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ted Becker in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congrats to all!

This month we have our annual Fun Fly on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, the Fun Fly events are

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### June 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:31 PM with 12 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- **President** – Chet Blake
- **Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- **Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- **Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- **Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- **Field Manager** – Jay Bell

• **Webmaster** – Ron Rueter (Currently in AZ)

**Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### Reports

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### Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

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Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

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made up of simple skills that even the most recently signed off pilot can perform.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we have a Model Aviation Day that we'll be talking about at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

August 27 we have Quads and Glider day. Just a fun, c'mon out and see what's up' type day with no entry, no food provided, no prizes, just see how you can do.

Come to a meeting, come to the field and most of all, be a part of what's going on with the Buzzards.

See ya Flyin', Chet



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**VP** – Tonight will be the Builders contest, Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Open house / Auction. July 23<sup>rd</sup> Fun Fly.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 34 members.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level.

**Safety Officer** – The lake event went well, no issues to report. Please keep being safe.

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

**Field Manager** – Field improvement are taking place, there is now a roof on the charging station. We have a large shelter set up at the south end of the field. Flight stations received much needed paint. Bryan Reightly built and added a new flight station table. West side of the runway tall grass has been cut back to allow a larger margin for error while taking off or landing.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with firing strips to make a safer way to walk over the boggy area and eventually over the creek to aid in retrieval of downed aircraft. Currently he has made it to the creek and will be working on a way over to the other side. Ideas for crossing the creek are welcome. If you have to use the "Lost Plane Lane" **Please be careful** it is a work in progress.

We still have some barren spots on the runway, Jay will be purchasing some more seed to help fill in the grass.

Sign-in log is getting moderate use. Please sign in when you fly. This will give us an idea as to how much use the field is getting.

Floats and Boats event was a huge success, we need to get word out to other clubs further in advance. Mark to send out notifications in August and early September.

New member report: We need to find a way to get new member info out to other members. Possibly use membership cards in the frequency board. Also there was discussion about in the members only section of the Web adding members' photos. Either AMA card or Club membership card can be used and acceptable in our frequency board. Mark to contact Ron R about adding this to the Web site.

The AMA had/has another 'send a comment to your local legislator'; some members received a letter from one of them regarding the FAA. In her form letter not much about "Clubs" was addressed.

Chet brought his nephew Patrick Cullen, visiting from Apalachicola, Florida, to the field Saturday. Chet flew his SE5 biplane and explained the controls to him, wanting him to fly his e-flight Cub. After Chet did his preflight and a short flight to check things out it was decided that it was too windy. Before Chet knew what was going on Bryan had him on the sticks and for the first time he was flying Bryan's Radian for about 15 minutes on his own. He even landed it. This is what makes us a club that stands out from the others. Chet reported that he is still talking about it. More news along this line, Julia had the opportunity to fly Dart's Apprentice all by herself from takeoff to landing. Thanks to all those who help new pilots.

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## NEW BUSINESS

The AMA had/has another call to action regarding the FAA intervention to our hobby. They are also wanting to set up a community "Drone Zone" where multirotor can be flown safely and at an appointed area. Gee that's' where we offer.....

Saturday is the annual Open House and Auction. Please invite your friends and family.

From the work party June 4<sup>th</sup>; the charging station now has a roof; the new carport has been erected and is providing shade and cover for the stray shower. (It was used last Saturday), A couple tables got some attention-rework and a coat of paint. The tall grass next to the runway got a huge haircut. Thanks to all those who helped out!

The refrigerator that was donated to us last year had all but died. If you know where we can get a new one please let a board member know.

Jay will be picking up some grass seed to help fill in the bare spots.

There was much talk about the field, placement of the flight stations, wet ground, parking, disabled parking spot and the general direction of where we are headed. Mark made a motion to gather Saturday at the Open house look over the area and form a steering committee to work out a master plan to present to the members for approval. Motion passed. If you are interested, please contact Mark.

Walking sticks for walking in the tall grass are

located behind the frequency board. It is a good idea to grab one before you head out.

Ted reported that the Arlington Eagles have acquired a 1 year extension on their field lease. That's good news and we wish them the best.

## Program: Builders contest:

All the planes that were entered were very well done and it was a close competition

1st place went to Don Bailey

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Ron Swift

3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Ted Becker

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

.....Mark Weeks, Club Secretary



# Builder's Competition



Yes, the Builder's Competition had only three participants this year. The models were very different and the competition was fierce. At the end of the competition, Don Bailey took the first place, Ron Swift followed up in second, and Ted Becker took third.

The event for 2017 is now open and club members are welcome to enter. Also, the Rebuilder's Competition is open to entries. Judging for the Rebuilders' Competition is at our October 11th meeting. I'm sure there will be lots of entries for that one! Ron Swift has already started working on one (a crashed pattern ship purchased from Freddy Hagens).



# Safety Corner

*If you haven't noticed the weather is getting HOT!!!! (or it will be in the next month or two, maybe)*

*Some of this I borrowed from a memo sent out by the Safety gal at work a few years ago.*

Heat illness occurs when the body's means of controlling its internal temperature starts to fail. The body cools itself by blood flow to the skin's surface and by sweating. The sweat evaporates from the body which results in a cooling effect. Keep in mind that excessive sweating can lead to dehydration therefore **drink plenty of water** (a cup every 15-20 minutes). **Don't wait until you are thirsty.**

Factors such as air temperature, work rate, humidity, clothing worn while flying, age, weight, and personal fitness. Some medical conditions such as diabetes, heart condition, etc., medications (water pills, blood pressure, heart condition, allergies, etc. could influence this and you should check with your doctor. Also caffeine, and alcohol may lead to heat illness. Clothing, PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), and humidity can restrict sweat evaporation and not allow the body to cool. The body continues to produce heat but can't release enough heat so the core body temperature rises. Eventually the body's control mechanism starts to fail. When this occurs symptoms of heat illness start to appear.

There are 4 different types of heat-related illnesses: heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Typical symptoms of heat illnesses are red bumps, muscle spasms in legs or abdomen, headaches, clumsiness, dizziness, lightheadedness, fainting, weakness, exhaustion, heavy sweating, clammy moist skin, irritability, confusion, nausea, vomiting, paleness, sweating may or may not be present, red or flushed hot dry skin, bizarre behavior, mental confusion or losing consciousness, panting and/or rapid breathing, rapid weak pulse, seizures or fits. Heat-related illnesses do not always occur in the same way – a person can go from muscle cramps straight to heat stroke quickly and without experiencing any other signs or symptoms.

In the coming days, watch out for yourself and your flying buddies. If you notice anyone with symptoms of heat illnesses cool the person by moving them to a shaded area (our barn is a lot cooler than outside), fanning, spraying with cool water, remove restrictive clothing, provide cool drinking water, etc. It is important to get treatment before harmful damage is done to the body.

**To prevent heat illness keep hydrated with plenty of water throughout the day, eat properly, build up a tolerance to heat, wear breathable**

clothing (if possible), remove PPE while taking breaks in cool shaded areas, avoid caffeine and alcohol, work outdoors during cooler parts of the day, and watch out for yourself and your flying buddies.

I have found that drinking Gatorade or one of the other sports drinks actually works better for me than just water. But water is much better than Coke or beer. Oh, **we can't have beer at the field anyway.** Now that bottled water is everywhere, there is no excuse not to have some in your rig when you go to field.

Wear a hat and sunglasses. Use sun screen on all exposed skin.

On the lighter side - you will notice several of the symptoms are just normal for some of us, clumsiness, irritability, confusion, bizarre behavior.

**BE ALERT!!** Any time you are at the field be aware what is going on around you.

Remember landing traffic has the right of way. You should not have to be told that someone is on final. It is a courtesy for a landing pilot to call out his intentions. It is your responsibility to look around and know what the traffic flow is. It is **very important** to call out you intentions if you are declaring an emergency dead stick landing and any time you are making a downwind landing for any reason. The wind is tricky at the field, so pay attention. Some pilots are making downwind landings and wondering why the airplane is acting funny.

Some beginning pilots and some older ones will become so fixated (spot focused) on the airplane they cannot tell where the airplane is in relation to other objects like the ground, runway or other objects. An example of this not flaring when landing, or landing off the edge of the runway.

It is also a good idea to fly with a spotter. This will lighten the load on the pilot and let the pilot concentrate on flying the airplane. The spotter can also remind you if you are getting too close to an object, like a tree or the ground.

A fancy phrase for what we are talking about is **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.**

**DON'T ZONE OUT, STAY ALERT.**

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







# BUZZARDS OPEN HOUSE & SUPER SWAP

Our Annual Open House and Charity Club Auction was held on Saturday, June 18th. It was pretty rainy, so the auction was moved to the scout lodge. We are so grateful that the scouts allowed us to use this facility. It was bright, clean and dry! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The auction raised \$145.00 and we had a couple of anonymous donations to bring the total donation to \$200.00. Thank you, guys.

I had a lot of fun being auctioneer and there were some excellent bargains. We still had a lot of items that didn't find a new home. Some items were returned items from previous auctions.

Due to the weather, there weren't many participants, but we'll do the auction again. It gives us an opportunity to clean out the field box and shop and enjoy some new items while donating to our club charity. Hopefully other clubs will be aware of the BBMAC auction and come out in 2017.



## Prototype Safety Fence



This is our new prototype safety fence with the fish netting. The fish net worked well at our club field on Lewis Street in Monroe and prevents damage to the model and prop as well as protecting the pilot and spotter. Thanks to Jay, Vince and Ron for the modification.

## Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

July 23	Fun Fly	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
August 13	Aviation Day	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
August 27	Drones & Gliders	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
Sept 18	Boats & Floats	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
October 11	Rebuilders Competition	Alfy's Pizza	Starts at 6:30 PM
Dec 3	Annual Christmas Party	Scout's Diner (Club Field)	3:00 PM
Jan 7, 2017	Annual Freeze-In	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM



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Month Born:

January       February       March       April       May       June  
 July       August       September       October       November       December

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

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the flying site, which is for the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check for \$90.00 and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:  
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One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

# Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have scheduled many exciting events for 2016 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more! We are a multi-year AMA Gold Leader Club, too!

Our dues for 2016 will remain at \$90.00. Join now and get all of our 2016 membership privileges! See Page 6 for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.





# 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 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 \*\*\*

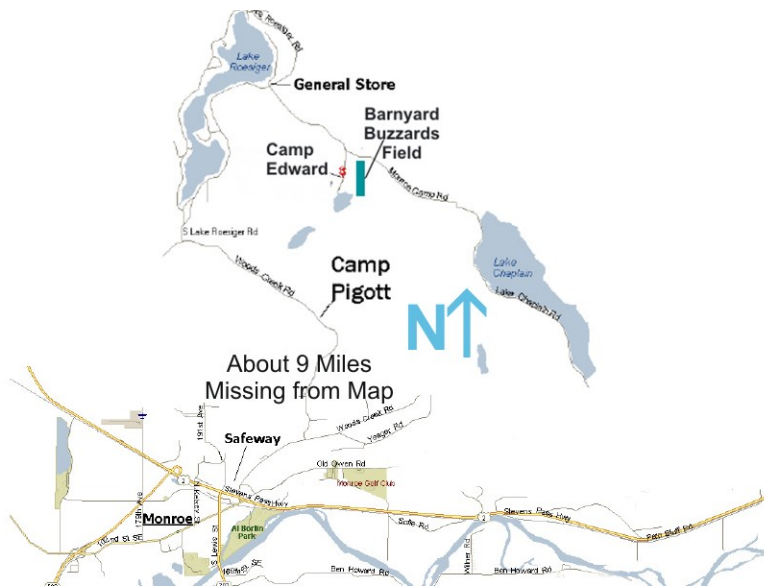
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesinger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn. Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** 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. 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.



### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM  
2nd Tuesday

- July 12 Alfy's Pizza
- August 9 Alfy's Pizza
- September 13 Alfy's Pizza
- October 11 Alfy's Pizza
- November 8 Alfy's Pizza
- December 13 Alfy's Pizza

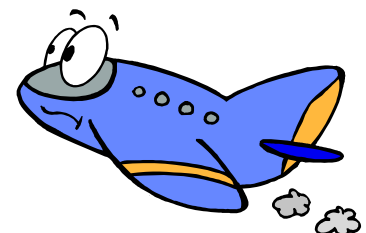
## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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. We have a safety checklist available

### Current Flight Instructors:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359.-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting, **Tuesday, July 12th 6:30 PM** at  
Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 7](#)).  
Program: **A Cracker Barrel Discussion**



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