



Buzzard Droppings



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

Our July Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday July 13th at 6:30 PM at Alf's Pizza!** We also will try to host the meeting online through Zoom. The county has opened up group gatherings and we are SO HAPPY to have our usual meeting format! The public is invited as always!

July's Program: Cracker Barrel Conversations—Your new models. Stuff you learned or should have. The flying field center line—what you like—whatever... Keeping it light & fun.



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Greetings fellow Buzzards.

What a June!! We ended the month with record high temperatures, Chet was able to capture a screen shot showing 116 degrees at his home in Goldbar. That's getting downright unpleasant. Even with the heat there's been some

great flying days and there are more to come. Please stay hydrated. I have added and stocked an ice chest in my truck with water and Gatorade. Now I just need to remember to use it and drink lots while I am out at the field.

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June 12th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

As a test, a laptop computer was set up for bringing our club meeting to the internet using ZOOM. We started the ZOOM session 15 minutes before the club meeting was scheduled to start as a test. One member joined the meeting using ZOOM. The connection dropped out a few times and we'll have to decide if we need or want to continue to use this technology going forward.



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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Steve Higgins N/A

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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As I am sure most of you have heard by now that Chet has stepped down as our Safety Officer as he will be moving early this month back to Pennsylvania. Chet has been a huge asset to the club holding every office with the exception of Treasurer over the years with conviction, practicality and consistency. He has set an example of servitude for the rest of us to follow. I personally cannot thank him enough for his assistance since I took office. As a group, we really looked forward to our Saturday breakfast and then all head out to the field. Rain or shine, hot or cold to get in some flying, crawlers, tanks or just sitting around shooting the breeze. And Chet will certainly be missed on those days by all. We wish him the best and hope that he can find a club that's even half as good as he has had here. He will always be a Buzzard and is always welcome. We have been lucky to have him as part of our team and it will be sad to see him go.

Ron Swift has agreed to be the CD of this month's Fun Fly on the 17th and I am sure that he will have some events planned that will challenge some

of us and still be easy enough that anyone can participate.

I just wanted to close this month's message with a reminder. We have a fantastic flying field and surrounding area. It is our responsibility to protect it! Please remember to take an extra few minutes before each flight and do a safety double-check before you fly. Hot engines or punctured Lipo's generate a lot of heat. Should one of our models go down, it could cause a catastrophic chain of events that we do not wish to happen. With record high temps and dry conditions, the threat of fires this year is a very big concern. So please, let's all do our part to be responsible and cautious.

See ya at the flying field and our meetings...

Mark



President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on June 12th at 1:01 PM and introduced the current club officers for 2021

- Vice President – Bryan Reightley
- Safety Officer – Chet Blake (Not able to Attend)
- Secretary – Ron Swift
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- President – Mark Weeks himself

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

13 Club Members were in attendance (one through ZOOM) and two special guests, Kevin and Bill Bailey.

Requested a motion to accept minutes as posted – A Motion was made to approve the minutes as published, seconded, asked for comments, suggestions, corrections, there were none and the motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Glider Event had 13 in attendance. Don Bailey took 1st; Dart Sharp took 2nd; Mark Weeks took 3rd place. Everyone who attended had a really good time. Later that

day we had the Night Fly and had 10 in attendance. This was just a for fun event so no prizes were awarded. There were positive comments made about the markers Dart used and the lights Ron Beba and Ron Swift set up. Pilots and guests commented that it was fun and the light show was super cool. Ranger Don's wife came to the event and was the life of the discussion. Thank you for coming out!!!

The Builder's Competition had only one entry and Jay won 1st place in the ARF category.

The Yard Dart Trophy was awarded for the first time. It is on the frequency board – check it out...

Upcoming events including Heli day, Fun Fly and the Club Charity Auction, which are highlighted on our website (<http://BBMAC.net>) and in our newsletter Upcoming Event section..

Secretary – Ron Swift

Our active club membership is currently 49.



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Treasurer – Dart Sharp.

We're doing good

Our savings and checking accounts are in the green and up-to-date

Safety Officer – Chet Blake

I guess we're doin' OK, no one died.

A discussion was raised about Chet leaving for Pennsylvania and how much he has contributed to the club over the years as Club President, Secretary and Safety Officer.

A long discussion ensued about things we could do to avoid lost aircraft issues or at least minimize the dangers in their retrieval.

Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

Bryan reported on future projects

Mower signup app is available on our website and we need people to sign up...

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces, parts, & models, articles, etc. to ron-swift@cablespeed.com for the newsletter – Thank you!

Website – Mark Weeks

Same request as the newsletter for use on our website.

If you see an interesting article, drop me a link and I'll post it.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that once again there was no new action of past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting

minutes as published. So, we'll move on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mostly discussion and helpful sharing:

Chet Blake is stepping down as Safety Officer as he is moving out of state. He will be greatly missed as he has done so much for the club.

Mark asked for volunteers to fill Chet's position. Vince Bell and Steven Higgins names were mentioned as possible replacements. A motion was made for Steve to become our new safety officer. He accepted the nomination and was voted into the office.

Thanks to Jim Stewart for the excellent brush hog work on the east side of the flying zone. If you watched the mowing he did, you can appreciate how slowly he had to go and the amount of effort needed to get through the weeds.

Mark made an attempt to drag the area where the barn once stood to help flatten it out so grass and rock can be placed. 1st attempt did not go so well as there are LOTS of rocks.

The placement of gravel and timing was a topic of discussion. No time set as of yet.

The Buzzards Annual Charity Auction is coming up in August. Mark mentioned that it is time to gather up your donations or items you wish to sell.

A big thanks to Bryan for weed whacking the lake area for the Boats and Floats event.

The Safety topic was talked about again and it

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Jay and the winning Builder's Model



Our meeting featured the ZOOM application for remote access. Ron is moving the microphone to catch the speaker.



Safety Corner

By Steve Higgins (*thanks Steve!!!*)

was brought up that we should get an orange safety vest with pockets so the radio and maybe a water bottle can be carried while retrieving a downed aircraft. Mark [said](#) he would get one.

The topic of future meetings came up as far as when and where to hold them. With COVID restrictions relaxing, having the meetings back at Alfys was the consensus. Mark will call them and see what can be worked out. It was decided that evenings were preferable if held at Alfys.

Steve reported that he would like to purchase a second panel and battery for the container. We are still way beneath our original budget so the green light was given.

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

John Rennert's 87th birthday is next Saturday, June 19th, and we are invited to join the celebration at

his Big Lake Campground. A powerboat is available for retrieval, if necessary [it was!] Please contact Ron Swift, if you want to attend.

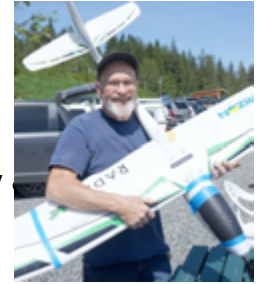
PROGRAM:

Builders Contest

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Swift BBMAC Secretary
President



Upcoming Events

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event	Dates	Event Information
Fun Fly	July 17th 10:00 AM	Pilot's meeting at 10:00 AM If you can take off and land—you could win this event. CD Ron Swift is making a few new events featuring luck and skill. You " run what you bring " and changing models between events is OK. Events & rules will be emailed out before noon on Friday 16th
Quads/FPV/Cars/Trucks even planes and gliders	July 31st 10:00 AM	If it is Radio Controlled and moves, makes noise, uses energy—bring it!
Annual Charity Auction	August 7th 10:00 AM	Entertainment and bargains, too. Don't miss this one! Sky Valley Food Bank has been our charity of choice for items designated by the owners. Owner has the right to refuse final bid as always.
Combat	September 11th 10:00 AM	Details to be provided soon
Floats & Boats 2	September 25th 10:00 AM	More RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Rebuilder's Contest	October 13th 6:30 PM	At our October Club Meeting—If you crashed a model, and rebuilt it—> bring photos and a story. You could win unbelievable prizes!



Club meeting attendees..

Planes & Pilots



Launching this model caused 31 stitches in an accident!





HELI FunFly Buzzard Style





John Rennert's 87th Birthday Party



Yes, June 19, John turned 87 years old. We had a couple of floaty planes, two sailboats, and the boat. The lake was calm in the morning, but turned pretty windy around noon. The sailboats has issues, as did the float planes. We had a great time with the speed boat. Bryan managed to flip it on its deck, but a passing boater (and waterskiier) righted it and we sped on. Loads of fun! We'll be back again on Big Lake. Members will be invited again!





2021 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____
 AMA # _____ FAA ID _____
 RC Frequencies 2.4 GHz 72 MHz 50 MHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

Primary Interest / Skills:
 Building Flying Electronics Covering Painting
 Teaching Contest Director Contest Judge
 Design/Experimental Other: _____
 Flying/Modeling Types:
 Sport Flying Pattern Helicopters Events and Competition
 Crawlers Tanks RC Vehicles Boats and Water Flying
 Drones/Quads/FPV Gliders Scale

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00
 \$45.00 for Family member
 \$25.00 for Student (under 18)
 Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA membership to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)
 16325 315th Ave NE
 Duvall, WA 98019
Ronswift@cablespeed.com
 Thank you for your interest!

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 this club.

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's 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 bodily injury, illness or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Sponsor: _____ AMA Card Verified By: _____



Safety Corner



Written by Vince Bell June 2006

BUDAPEST, Hungary - A model airplane crashed into a crowd at an air show in southern Hungary on Saturday, killing two spectators. The accident occurred in the town of Ocseny, 90 miles south of Budapest, the capital.

The two people killed were identified as a married couple from the nearby city of Szekszard, emergency officials said, according to state news agency MTI.

The model airplane that crashed had 6 and 1/2-foot wing span and was being directed from the ground by an experienced German flyer.

According to one of the show's organizers, it was the first time in Hungary anyone was killed at a **model airplane exhibit**, MTI said."

That can't happen here, right? If you think it can't, I want some of the stuff you are smoking.

OK, back to us. I still see folks flying from wherever they happen to be. Even walking up and down the flight line while flying. This is probably not a big deal when you are by yourself, but when others are present **use one of the pilot stations**. And above all **DO NOT** stand the middle of the opening in the safety fence.

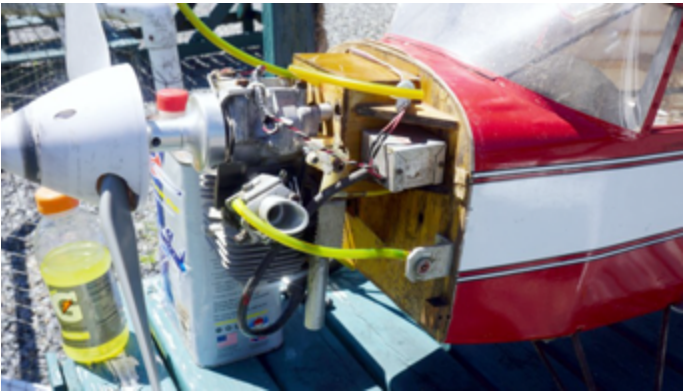
If you use an electric starter, use a spinner or one of the safety hubs.

Saturday morning I was standing at the table to the left, facing the runway, with respect to another pilot that was starting his engine. And out of the corner of my eye I saw something fly by! Was it a bug, a bird? No, it was the rubber cone from his electric starter. After walking the 30 feet and retrieving the cone, he pounded it back into the housing. Then he proceeded to attempt to start his engine and again the cone flew out and this time it lands about 50 feet away on the runway! When it went by me it was about eye level. I don't think that a wayward rubber starter cone is going to be lethal, however it could do damage to an eye or distract another pilot and cause him/her to loose control.

I have seen this many times over the years and it is always someone, including me, trying to use an electric starter coupled to the flat washer and nut on the prop shaft.

If you use an electric starter (which by the way is much safer than flipping the prop by hand) use a spinner or safety hub and a cone that fits the spinner or safety hub. Make sure the spinner/cone doesn't touch the propeller blades. Check/tighten the nut on wood propeillers—[Doughnuts A Plenty](#)





This is the link to thje AMA Safety pages.
Help keep our hobby safe with these messages:
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>





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 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 at Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, staying on South Lake Roesinger 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. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alfys Pizza is closed for meetings. This could change in May. Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Saturday, July 13th at 6:30 pm. at Alfys Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll try a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Ron Swift (phone # on page 1) for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings!



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 or the instructors. We have a safety checklist available.

Current Flight Instructors:

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



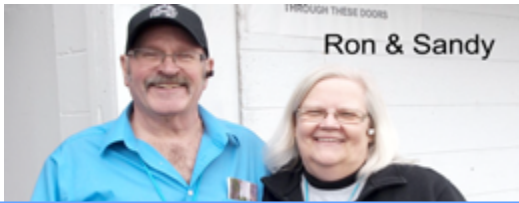


Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13 6:30 PM at Alfy's Poizza in Monroe on RT 2
Program: Open Discussion—Cracker Barrel Style



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<http://www.bbmac.net>



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