



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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Monroe, Washington
Model Airplane Club

Our club meeting will be held **Saturday July 8th at 10:00 AM at the club field!** There will be **NO ZOOM** access. The public is invited as always!

Program: Dart and Mark Surprise Program (You won't want to miss this!)



Happy 4th of July!

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President's Message — Mark Weeks

Buzzards and Friends,

We had a few showery days in June, but it did not really affect the number of days we spent there. Our Event schedule went off well with only the Mini Quad event being canceled due to the one week we got rained on. Nevertheless, the Tank event hosted by Jason was a

huge success, we had a few visitors and participants from other clubs, and everyone said that they could not wait till the next one. The Boats and Floats also went off splendidly with great weather and light winds. We were able to get the monthly car event in and it seems

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June 10th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order at 10:00 am

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

No Guests.

President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Ron Swift

Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Minutes from May's Meeting Approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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we are all chasing Jay W. in the point standings. For the field news I am happy to report that we do in fact have water back at the field and now it is located next to the clubhouse for the ease of watering. I have made a new sprinkler stand and it seems to work well. The power pole is next on the list. The over-fly area is starting to grow again so it will be time to get the tractor and brush hog hooked up, so we can keep the grass low enough to make walking and finding a downed airplane easy.

June 8th is going to be a busy day with the Club meeting starting at 10:00 am, then Ron Swift offered to coordinate our next work party to spread some topsoil and seed over the low spots to help make the runway smoother. I am sure he also has other projects in mind, if you are looking for a project that you wish to head up, please let me know and I will assist in any way I can.

At 2:30 those who are going to participate in the Mini Quad event will break away for the work

party and enjoy putting their Mini Quads through the course Paul has planned. Any Questions please give Paul a call or drop him an email.

I would like to encourage you to come out to the meetings and make your voice heard. At this month's meeting we will be talking about some of the field improvement ideas, including parking areas and driveways.

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 will generate a lot of heat. Should one of our models go down, it could cause a catastrophic chain of events that no one wants to experience. We're planning on a hotter and dryer summer. The threat of fires this year is a very big concern. So please, let's all do our part to be responsible and cautious.

I hope to see you at the field.
Mark Weeks, BBMAC President



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President:

Will cover in new and old business.

Vice President:

Last month's club auction raised \$285.00 for our club charity, Sky Valley Food Bank. Ron and Sandy added \$15.00 to raise the donation amount to \$300.00.

Ron then went over the next month's club events. June 17th is the monthly car racing. It was agreed to move up the car racing since there isn't an earlier event that day. We are going to move this up to 11 am.

Boats and Floats on June 24th.

July 15th is Fun Fly; Ron is the CD and will get out the event details.

July 29th is the Family Picnic if you have any ideas on how to attract more attention to this event and organize some non-flying activities and or maybe some "Buddy Box" Flying.

Sandy has some plants left over from the plant sale and asked if we should make a garden in the field. It was asked how hardy they are, and it was mentioned that the deer/animals would probably be interested.

Treasurer:

Money is good. We purchased storage boxes for the tank/car area. They are not locked. We have an awning for that area as well. Spend the allotted money plus some to help with the water and power lines. We are still looking for

Xmas trees, doll houses, or birdhouses to use for the tank area.

Secretary:

Currently, 49 members. Only one member is in AMA trouble. He has been notified and understands he can't fly at the field without his AMA.

Safety Officer:

"It's safe" Not heard of many issues. Fixed the flight station and covered the sharp edges of the green screen so someone won't cut themselves on the flight station. The green screen is plastic fencing from Home Depot. Ron mentioned that he has fishnet available for the flight station, and we also have some in the container.

Field Manager:

Field is mowed, it's still pretty wet, and Mark almost got stuck a few times. We are trying to get a path out to the pallet bridge that is supposedly still there. Happy to report that thanks to Brian D and Ranger Dave, we have water and good pressure. Power for the security light/pole will be worked on in the coming weeks. There was some discussion about hoses and sprinklers. We will dig these over the next week and water the runway when needed. We will make these repairs over the next

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week or so.

Newsletter Editor / Web Master:

Asking for pictures of events and/or items to share. The website is working again but has some issues that have been cleared up.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Scouts have a permit for power, and this will be installed soon. We may need to buy a few fittings and equipment to finish the installation.

It was asked how much we were paying for the bill. We are not paying anything, but that will depend on how much power we consume. If we pull too much power, it may be something that we need to talk to the Scouts about. No running heaters and things...

In the past, we had the barn with refers and chargers, and they didn't have an issue with the power. We are replacing what was at the barn 3+ years ago. We will have to wait and see.

Cub Cadet is fixed and back into running order. Fixed a flat tire and had some discussion about using Flat Out to prevent it from running flat again. We discussed the donation to the Monroe Food Bank and if we will add more dollars to the donation. It was determined that we would discuss this later in the year.

Projects:

(They can be done at any time.)

- Container Roof Needs to be Re-Coated: Now that we have water, with a genny, we can pressure wash.
- We also need to pressure wash and repaint flight tables.
- Weed whack the crawler area.

- Install the new cover on the car track
- Walkway from the Clubhouse to the car track. Must name it **Michael's Trail!**
- Railing for Stairs for CrawlerTrack.

Ron made a motion about rolling the field to eliminate some of the low spots on the runway. Ron asked the club to set aside \$450 to bring in a roller to flatten it. The motion was 2nded and we had a discussion.

The base material is made of "Pit Run" Some felt that it would be better to bring in fill and fill in the low spots.

Mark and Brian described how the runway was built.

Rolling probably isn't going to do much, but maybe in the spring, we could use a roller and tow it behind the mower to help flatten when the ground is wet. In the end, watering is going to help the grass grow. The field is starting to recover.

A motion was made to bring in some topsoil that can be placed in a location we can use to smoothen out the runway. It would be best to bring in a couple of trailers and apply it at once. If we bring in a pile of topsoil, it'll start growing weeds.

Mark felt it would be best to pick the worst spots of the field, fill in and seed and do this over a short period of time.

We just don't want to drive on the field as this will damage it, which will cost more than we want to fix.

Ron made a motion to plan a work party to make these improvements. Mark asked Ron to head up a work party to make these improvements to the field. We decided to set up a field party to spread this topsoil on the 8th of July. Same day as the Saturday club meeting. We could coordinate pickup trucks and trailers to get this work done. We then discussed where to source the material. The Riverside on Machias has 3-way topsoil. If you have an idea for a Project, let a board member know so we can take care of it. Before Boats and Floats, we need to clean up the lake area. Michael and Brian said they would organize it. If you want to help, let Michael C and Brian R know.

Ron mentioned that we would clean up the windsock at the south end of the field. It was mentioned that we should incorporate it into the awing. Michael took on this project.





SHOW AND TELL:

Jay brought his Assassin Wing to show off.

PROGRAM:

We discussed the "Best" times we have had out at the field with the members in attendance. There were various stories about putting in the water, stairways, dead stick landings, and fun flying times.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourning the meeting Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 am.



Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net>

Event	Date	Time
Fun Fly	July 15th	10:00 AM
Family Picnic/Open House	July 29	10:00 AM
Combat Event	August 12th	10:00 AM
Heli	August 26	10:00 AM
Rebuilder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Builder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Boats & Floats #2	Sept 9th	10:00 AM
Night Fly #2	Sept 23rd	6:00PM
Warbird Fly Off	October 7th	10:00 AM
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM
Work Party #1	May 22	
Event	Date	Time
Micro Quad Racing	July 8th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	August 12th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	September 9th	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	Oct 14th	2:30 PM
Event	Date	Time
Car Racing	July 15th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	August 19th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Sept 16th	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Oct 21st	2:30 PM



Our second Saturday at 10:00am club meetings and events are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, rc cars and more. Come on out and join us.



Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

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 club house can be 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





TANKS

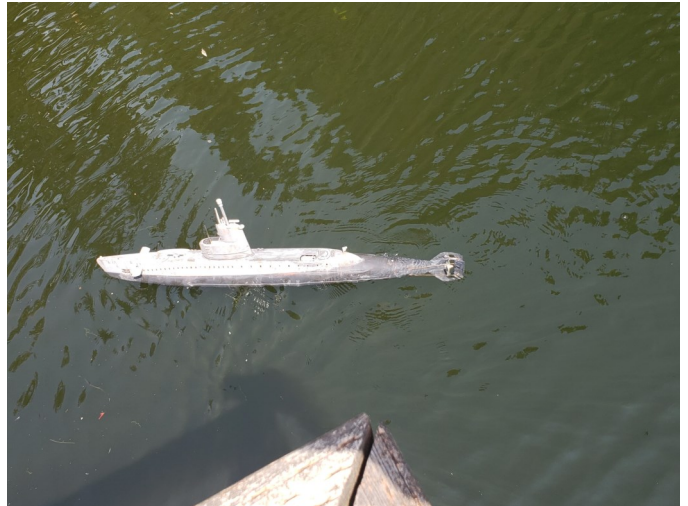


Why not join us for the 2023 Buzzards Fun Fly Saturday July 15th at 10:00 am? We have real prizes for first thru third place. We have a program to provide challenges for drones of all sorts- helis, quads, fixed wing planes and more. It is intended to let the pilot chose the events to enter and different models can be used for the event to help make this fun. We do have a few surprises that don't involve helium... The events will be shared during the July 8th club meeting, Ron Beba will be onsite for our lunch with burgers and more.

FUNFLY!



BOATS & FLOATS





Photos for Fun







2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application



Name: _____ Email Address: _____
 Address: _____ Additional Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____ AMA #: _____

FAA ID: _____ FCC License: _____
 RC Frequencies: 2.4 GHz 72 MHz 50 MHz 5.8 GHz 27 MHz Other (Specify) _____

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)
 Building Flying Electronics Covering Painting Experimental
 Teaching Event/Contest Director Contest Judge Want to learn
 Other _____

Flying/Modeling Types:
 Sport Flying Pattern 3D Quads Helicopters Competing in Events
 Gliders Crawlers Excavators Tanks Boats Sea Planes
 Submarines Scale Glider Tug/Hi Start Other: _____

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$45.00. Student Membership is \$25.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to:
 Steve Higgins (club secretary)
 20330 10th Ave W.
 Lynwood, WA 98036
Steve@surette.com
 Thank you for your interest in RC!

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

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/modeling 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 _____



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 Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



Upcoming Club Meetings

Our next club meeting is Saturday, July 8th at 10:00 AM at the flying field!

MEETINGS FOR June thru September will be held at our flying field on the second Saturday of the month starting at 10 AM



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:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





Next meeting: Saturday July 8th starting at 10:00 AM
Program: Dart and Mark Surprise Program (You won't want to miss this!)



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2023 EXPO Fall Swap

September 30 and October 1. We have the swap shop table reservation available now! Please visit our website for more information and highlights!

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