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Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: TBD



President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Guys!

I don't know about you, but after reading Don Apostolico's "Defensive Flying" article in the August Model Aviation magazine, I've been re-evaluating some of my recent failures. As he states, all crashes are avoidable. Either by pilot instruction (relating to 'dumb thumbs' or reactions to emergency

situations), intense inspection, redundant power and receiving systems, range checks and regular battery maintenance (charge and discharge cycling), engine maintenance, etc. Of course, a lot of it is how much you want to invest compared to the cost of the model.

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July 13th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at our flying field in Monroe. 18 members were present. The next meeting will be on August 10, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. There were no guests or visitors present. Thank you to all who came out to the meeting.

Chet summarized a few highlights of his trip back to Pennsylvania. One key stop was at the AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Vaughan Houger (425) 788-8616

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831



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One thing is for sure, there's no limit to the cost of safety. If for any reason the plane is 'questionable' and has the slightest chance that it could harm someone, we always pledge to not allow it to go airborne. At any rate, if you haven't yet, check out the article. It's very good and can easily fit into everyone's regular flying preparedness. Don has done a few of these and always seems to be very timely. How many times have many of us gone airborne, experienced a problem or crash and said, "I knew that was going to happen," or "I should have known that". Embarrassingly enough... I have. Could have saved a bunch of aggravation and money.

I was hoping to have some info from Dave Mathewson about the ARC issues going on. So far he hasn't gotten back to me, so I'll try to

do some digging and maybe we'll have a discussion about it at the meeting and how it might affect our hobby. The AMA has lobbies working to bargain and protect our side of the hobby.

So far this year we've had a Fun Fly, Open House, Charity Auction, Cub Scout visit, Ron and helpers visiting the Cub Scouts, and Ron and helpers at the Index Arts Festival. We still have a Combat event this coming Sat, Aug 14th and the final Fun Fly for this year on Saturday, September 11th and lots of good summer weather left. Get out there and enjoy!

Be Safe and See ya flyin'
Chet



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where he was able to take in the sights, as well as fly his electric P-51. Congratulations, Chet on your flying experience at the AMA headquarters.

Chet reminded everyone of the upcoming Open House and Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. The event time is from 10:00 A.M. to around 3:00 P. M. Ron Swift stated that several Cub and Boy Scouts are expected to attend. Of course by the time you read this, the event will be in the past. However, you can learn more about upcoming events by going to the Barnyard Buzzard's website: <http://barnyard-buzzards.com/>

Chet mentioned that the Barnyard Buzzards have their first ever official rental agreement with our landlord, Dale Reiner. More to come on that later.

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

- President – Chet Blake
- Vice President – Jim Reynolds
- Treasurer – Rick Hanners
- Secretary – Vaughan Houger
- Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift
- Field Manager – Jay Bell

Officers Reports

Vice President – Jim Reynolds provided more details pertaining to the Open House and Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday, July 17th, 2010. Jim will not be able to attend but urged all to be there. Ron added that many people are expected to show up for the event. Tim Baird stated he had invited a number of people from work to the Open House.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,412.60 in the bank. Rick stated that the club paid Dale the \$2,000.00 rent. He also read excerpts from the rental agreement. The agreement stipulates the rent period is from July 1 to June 31. If you want more details, copies of the agreement most likely will be posted on the club's web site.

Secretary – Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 64.

Safety Officer – Vince was absent. However, keep up the good work maintaining safe airplane operations.

Field Manager – Jay commented on the new field tables. He mentioned that the tables were made with treated wood which should be dry enough to paint in about a month. Jay

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would still like to plan a field clean up day and be able to paint the tables at that time.

Newsletter – Ron Swift requested someone provide a generator for the Saturday, July 17th Open House to power Ron’s sound system. He also congratulated Tim Baird for soloing.

Old Business

Field situation. As mentioned earlier, Chet and Rick reported the club has a signed agreement with Dale. The new operating hours will be posted.

New Business

Chet proposed, and a motion was made, to reward Jay’s field management efforts with a dinner gift certificate. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. Congratulations and thank you Jay, for a job well done!

In other new business, the topic of prizes for the builder’s contest, Fun Fly events, and other events was mentioned. It seems several members prefer the plaques with the pilot’s photo and placing. Others prefer gift certificates as rewards. Ron Swift stated that some hobby stores in the area have donated prizes. There was nothing definitive decided tonight. Be thinking of what you prefer and we can address this in an upcoming meeting.

Ron also talked about the poor condition of the club’s current propane grill. He proposed the club buy a new grill costing less than \$200.00. A motion was made, voted on, and passed to purchase a new grill.

Announcements

Remember the upcoming events. See the Barnyard Buzzards’ website for event, date, time, and location. <http://barnyard-buzzards.com/Calendars/index.htm> All current AMA members are welcome to participate - \$5.00 entry fee. Anyone can watch for free. Food and beverages are available for purchase (not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

Evening Program:

Pilot training and instruction—The club has 5 instructors. Rick Hanners and Ron Swift were present to talk about some of the procedures they use to instruct someone new to R/C flying, or someone who wants to refine his or her flying skills. Rick shared what instructors look for when training someone.

He also highlighted the benefits of having an instructor both on an individual basis and for the club.

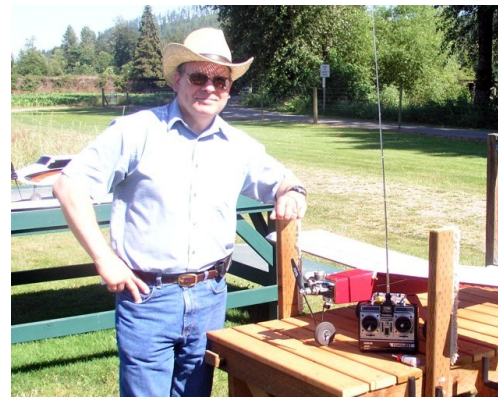
Thank you Rick for sharing.

On behalf of the Club, I want to thank the instructors for their commitment of time and patience. We all benefit in terms of producing better skilled pilots and safer operations.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger
BBMAC Secretary.





Safety Corner



BE ALERT!! Any time you are at the field be aware of what is going on around you. We are all guilty of not paying attention to what is going on around us with our BS-ing; tinkering with our airplane or whatever; or with our backs to the runway. People that use the tables on the departure end off the flight line should always be aware of models taking off. There are still a lot of pilots that don't correct, or for some reason, can't correct their flight path until they are over the pit area. **We have been lucky so far, let's not push it.**



If you bring a new plane out for its maiden flight, let the other fliers know. They will give you the sky until you have gotten the thing trimmed and are comfortable with it. If you stand behind it for the initial take-off (on the runway), as soon as possible, clear the field and go to one of the pilot stations.

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 job to look around and see what the traffic flow is.

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

And stuff on a hotter note.



OK guys and gals it is summer! (Maybe...) This is good and bad as the corn is growing faster than climb rate of some airplanes.

Some of this I borrowed from a memo sent out by the Safety gal at work a year or so ago. Undoubtedly you have heard of the "heat wave" headed our way in the coming days with temperatures predicted to be in the 90's – 100's leaving pilots, especially those working (playing) outside,

prone to heat related illness. Here are some facts regarding heat related illness and some tips on preventing this illness.

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, personal fitness, medical conditions (diabetes, heart condition, etc.), medications (water pills, blood pressure, heart condition, allergies, etc. check with your doctor), 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 the 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 symp-

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toms.

In the coming days, watch out for yourself and flying buddy.

If you notice anyone with symptoms of heat illnesses. Cool the person by moving to a shaded area, 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 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 flying buddy.

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, you should keep some in your rig when you go to field.

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

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

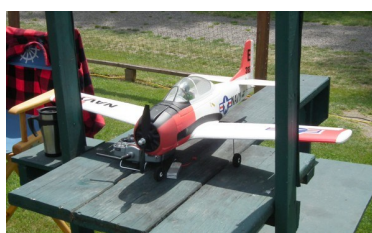
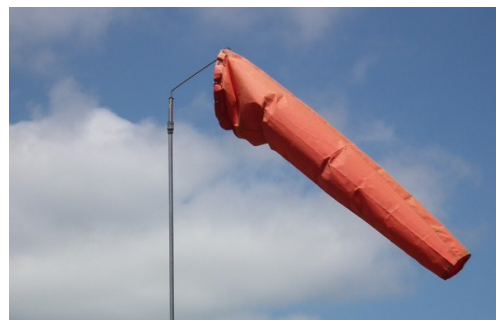
Vince Bell, SO

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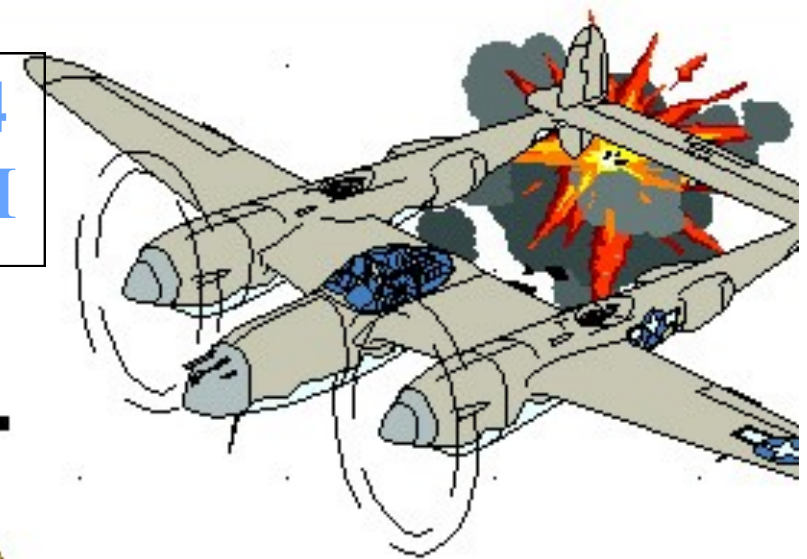
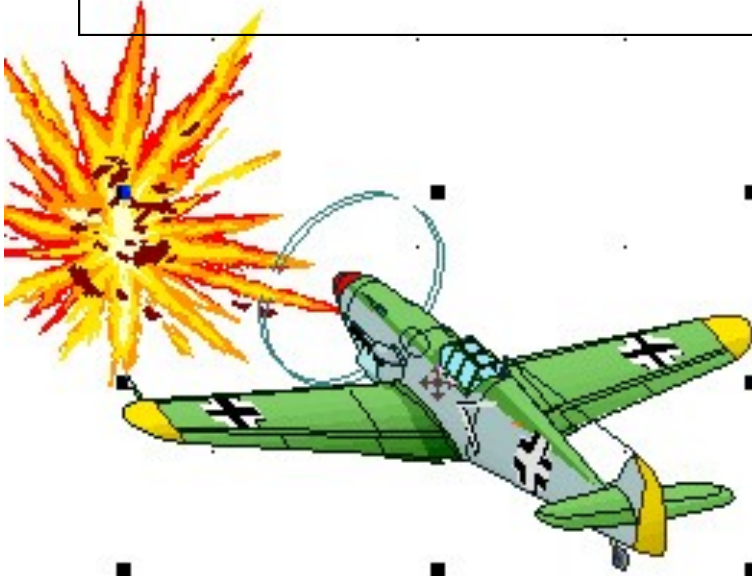


Open House





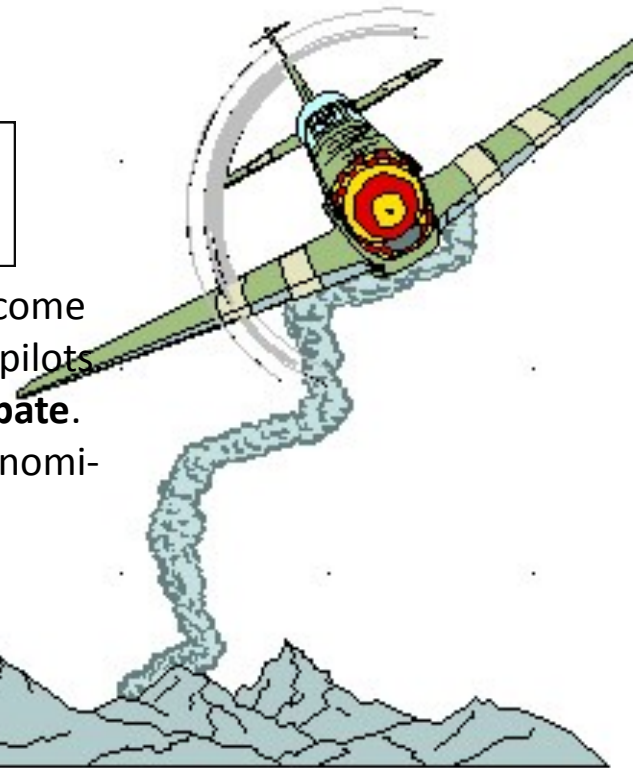
**Saturday, August 14
10:00 AM—3:00 PM**



Visit our website for more info:
<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com> or call
(360) 863-2953

168th St. SE, Monroe, WA—1/2 Mile East of
Rt 203—just south of Lewis St. Bridge

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to come out to watch the planes and talk with our pilots.
All current AMA members are welcome to participate.
We have food available at each of our events for a nomi-
nal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM.



Barnyard Buzzards MAC RC Airplane Combat !!!

\$5.00 per pilot entry fee. Prizes and more!



Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

Events for 2010

All of our events are open to the public and you are welcome to come out to watch and talk with our pilots. A buddy box system will be available at some events so you can fly, too! All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House.

We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM.

Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION
Fun Fly (1st)	Saturday, June 12 rain date: June 26	10:00 - 3:00	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Cub Scouts Field Trip	Wednesday, July 7	8:30AM – 3:00 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Knights of Columbus Hall 24323 Bothell -Everett Highway in Bothell
Open House Charity Auction	Saturday, July 17 rain date: July 24	10:00 - 3:00	Chet Blake	(425) 879-2792	Club Field
Combat	Saturday, Aug 14 rain date: Aug 21	10:00 - 3:00	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	Club Field
Fun Fly (2nd)	Saturday, Sep 11 rain date: Sept 12	10:00 - 3:00	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Boy Scouts Field Trip	Schedule not available yet		Tim Baird.& Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 8, 2011	11AM - 2PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
<u>Builder Competition</u>	<p>Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting the following year.</p> <p>Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!!</p> <p>You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging.</p> <p>Judging and award presentation will be during our May 10, 2011 meeting at the club field.</p>				



Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. Starting in March 2010, 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. We will 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.

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
- Brian Taylor 425 225-5247



Upcoming Meetings

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

- August 10 Club Field
- September 14 Club Field
- October 12 Alfys Pizza
- November 9 Alfys Pizza
- December 14 Alfys Pizza
- January 11 Alfys Pizza
- February 8 Alfys Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web [site \(http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com\)](http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com) has lots of photos of our field.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, August 10, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (see page 9).
Program: TBD



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