



# Buzzard Droppings

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

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

**Program: TBD**



### President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards!

I vaguely remember saying something about sunshine due a few months back...well, now we've got it in spades! This has been an exceptional summer so far and I can't believe that it is almost over. There is still plenty of time to get out

and catch some air before the winter rains come, so what are you waiting for—*get out and fly!*

So far this year our event schedule has been busy, from the Boats and Floats, Night Fly, and the Glider event to our last Drone-

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### July 11th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

Intro of officers--- Ron Swift - Treasurer , Chet Blake – Secretary, Don Bailey – Safety Officer, Bryan Reightley- VP, Mark Weeks- President

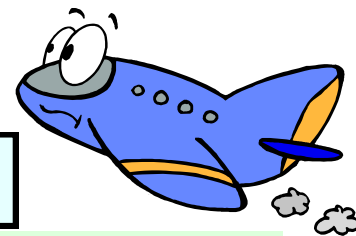
12 members present

Additions or corrections to the minutes - Chet had stated there were 4 models in the Builder's Competition, actually there were 5. Motion to accept as corrected. Seconded and passed.

### Officers Reports

**VP** – July 22 is our next event, a Multi-rotor skills test. No entry, no prizes, much fun to be had. July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> is an Aero-tow glider event at the Concrete Airport. Aug 12<sup>th</sup> will be Model Aviation Day, Open house and Auction. We have quite a few items to auction off this year. Plan on bringing your wallets!

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

**Vice President:** Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

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**Treasurer:** Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

**Safety Officer:** Don Bailey (425) 350-9557

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**Field Manager:** Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

**Webmaster:** Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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Quad/FPV outing. All of the events thus far have been a blast and there are a couple more still to come. With each event we learn a little more to increase our skill levels.

I think what we learned from last years' Quad event was that we needed to make it bigger. This year we made a much larger course and definitely not less challenging. Even with making the course hoops four feet tall some of us still had issues getting through them without beating up the pool noodle protectors. Paul Smith schooled us and showed us how it's done! We now have till next year to work on improving our skills.

**August 12th** will be our **Open House and Auction**. Bring your family, friends and your wallets as we have had quite a lot of items donated to the club to be auctioned off this year, (I'm not sure I want to invite my wife to the auction part of the event) but it is really nice when families come out and see where we spend our weekends, and who we spend our time with. I hope

you're all able to make it and that we have a great turn-out.

See you at the field,

Mark



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**Treasurer** – Funds are in good shape and still have \$172 forwarded for Field Improvement from 2016 budget.

**Secretary**- Currently we have 33 paid members

**Safety** – Everything going well. Great fun at events and safety minded.

**Field Manager** - Awning to be installed sometime in the near future. Cement post blocks for the awning are made. The mowing list is available on our website. Please take time to sign up.

**Newsletter Editor** - Hard copies available and your input is needed. Please send Club interest and event pics to Ron Swift and Ron Rueter.

## Old Business

It has been reported that the Arlington Eagles had lost their field as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. A letter was sent out to them offering the use of Hanners Memorial Field at no charge. If you see someone that you don't recognize, introduce yourself and offer any assistance in the true camaraderie that makes the Buzzards Fun and Famous.

Watering the field... If you're the last one to leave, please carefully put the sprinkler back out in the runway, moved down one spot (or back to the starting spot, north end of runway), hook up the

hose and set the timer to max time.

A question about offering camping came up and at this point it's an option not offered. It would need to be vetted with the Boy Scouts and we're really not ready for that. That puts it currently in at NO.

Don has posted info for an Aero-tow glider event in Concrete on July 29 & 30.

Model Aviation Day, Open House and Auction coming up on Aug. 12, starting at 10:00 am. Lots of items donated this year. Lunch available, donations always happily accepted.

A Radian glider is now available for trainer use. Mark has made a box and is locating it to a common place and will discuss at the meeting. The trainer will compose of the Radian, DX6i transmitter and battery.

Len is planning a tractor work day coming up soon, we'll keep you posted on that date. The big job is to level the curb effect on the east side of the runway so mowing can be better accomplished. A few other projects, if time allows.

The barn is really showing decay, especially the roof and floor. Please do not go upstairs alone if at all, the floor is treacherous. The Club has nothing up there for anyone to be looking for.

Proposed Addition to By-Laws Membership,

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Article III, Section 7 e. as follows:

**Associate membership shall be offered to outside club members in good standing with the AMA (this does not apply to former Barnyard Buzzards members). The Associate Member may not hold Executive Board Office or Committee position. The Associate member has regular flying rights at Hanners' Memorial Field after passing Safety/Checkout flight requirements as established by the Executive Committee.**

**Associate membership dues will be recommended by the Executive Board. The Associate member may request full membership at any time.**

The proposal will be brought up in the business meeting, ensue discussion and then be voted on. Please plan on attending and voting.

## NEW BUSINESS

A review of the field rules:

- All Flyers MUST be a member in good standing of the AMA.
- Guest must be accompanied by a full BBMAC member who will explain the Club Rules, Safety Rules, Field layout and Field Rules. After 3 visits, the Guest is expected to join the Club if he/she wishes to continue flying at the Field.
- Guests can not invite other guests.
- Associate Membership:
- Much like our family membership, They will enjoy flying rights to the field.
- Associate members will receive the gate lock combination
- Must be signed off (Ok'd) by a Club Member in good standing following safety check.
- Day time flying only.
- No voting rights.
- Can not hold Executive Position
- Sign in the Log Book (this applies to all members).
- Make their information (address and contact info) available to the Executive Board along with AMA number and expiration date.
- Notify a Full Member if issues arise at the field, lost aircraft, unusual activity, noticeable incidences (insurance issues, vehicle damage from air craft, etc).
- Associates may not invite guests.
- Yearly dues will be set by the Executive Committee.
- Associate membership is offered to other clubs in an effort to gain reciprocal associate member-

ship offers with the interested club.

- Associate membership is not an option for former BBMAC members.

Treasurer Ron Swift asked a motion that Mark and Chet be added onto the online banking set up so other sources would be available if needed to conduct business. Motion made, Seconded and passed. As time moves along and executives change it is assumed that the 2 parties (in addition to the Treasurer) will be the current President and Secretary.

Sandy is working on the Freeze-In patch and will mail them to entrants who are not usually at the meetings.

Chet still has some membership cards and needs to mail them out.

## Announcements

Chet apologizes for the late entry of the July minutes. It's been a busy month both family wise and work. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## PROGRAM.... DJI Mavic Pro Quad

Ron Rueter had recently purchased a DJI Mavic Pro Quad. He had a factual and pictorial presentation of it amenities and performance. This compact quad carries a wealth of high end opportunities and performance.

If you missed it, Ron may be getting something ready to post on the website where you can review it.

Reminder that the proposed Associate Membership change to the By-laws will be voted on at the August 11 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake,  
BBMAC Secretary







## Safety Corner



Don Bailey

### “Kissing Spinners”

I tell newcomers to the hobby that the day will come when they will have a collision with another model airplane. It may not be inevitable, but it is always a possibility, and the longer you fly, the more likely it will happen. Consider that we are seriously restricted with the chunk of open air that we can fly in, and the smaller that volume of air, the more probability that two models will find themselves in the same spot at the same time. We pilots tend to stand at the runway and fly our airplanes ‘right out front’, for the most part. We seldom go way off to one corner of the sky and stay there. The tendency is to occupy ‘airshow center’, that busy segment of airspace that is just beyond the runway, and more or less centered to each side of where we are standing.

Gliders are a different story, in that they tend to fly high up and far away, but I’ve had my share of collisions with them, too—particularly when sharing the same thermal with another guy, or when flying back and forth on the face of a slope. Let’s face it—unless you fly alone all the time, your number will come up eventually. It might even happen on the ground, when landing in the opposite direction from another guy and neither of you even notices until both models kiss spinners at midfield! I’ve done that one, too!

So, what are some ways we can postpone the inevitable? One helpful solution is to restrict your flying to times when the airspace is not too crowded. I tend to feel uncomfortable flying with more than two other airplanes sharing my airspace. I used to fly at Marymoor Park, where the skies can get overpopulated in a hurry, and trying to get a clear approach to come in and land can be a real challenge! By flying with only one or two other planes, it is easier to keep track of where the other planes are, and to maintain a manageable level of separation.

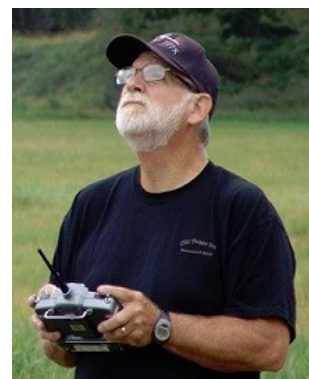
When flying close to another airplane, the ‘thin

blue line’ rule comes in handy—keeping a good margin of blue sky between your airplane and the other plane. Sometimes flying close in is easier than when you are way up there, where differences in altitude and distance can be difficult to judge. Another tip is to holler out your intentions when you can tell you are converging with another plane. Announce your tactic to the other guy, such as “I’ll go underneath you!”, so he can know whether to pull up or push down. If a guy is doing a bunch of loops right over the runway (not exactly good etiquette with other planes in the air), then go off and practice your turns over to one side until he is done. No sense in tempting fate by insisting on doing touch and goes underneath him.

Some of the more seasoned pilots like to try their hand at formation flying (the warbird flyers in particular love this exercise). In this case, the best practice is to play ‘follow the leader’, where the lead plane dictates the flight path, and the following planes stay slightly below the lead plane, and make all of their turns to the outside of the plane just ahead. This can be done safely, with a bit of practice, but only experienced pilots should attempt it! At the Cub Nuts event one year, we flew an ‘all-up last-down’ task, where we had over 18 Piper Cubs doing circuits over the field at one time, with not one collision. Comparable airspeeds and a well prescribed flight path helped ensure good separation during this event.

The most important thing to know about midair collisions is how to handle the disappointment of a crash. Remember that in most cases, neither pilot is solely at fault. Crashing is as much a part of the hobby as building and flying, and when it happens, it pays to be gentlemanly and take it in good spirits. It might end up being a good excuse to enter your rebuild in the Buzzards Rebuild Contest in the fall and win a trophy!

Until next time, be safe and have fun! -- Don Bailey, Safety Officer







# Quads Event







Just the guys flying at our field July 15th The weather has been incredible!







# 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.

August	12	<b>Model Aviation Day/Charity Auction</b>	10:00AM
August	26	<b>Annual Fun Fly</b>	10:00 AM
Sept.	16	<b>2nd Boats and Float Event</b>	10:00 at the lake dock
October	7	<b>2nd Night Flight</b>	6:30 PM—??
October	10	<b>Annual Rebuilder's Competition</b>	- Club Meeting
Dec	TBD?	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	3:00 - 6:00 PM
Jan	6, 2018	<b>Annual Freeze-In</b>	Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM

**See the map on page 9—Guests are invited to all of these events!**

## Flight Training

- Ever wanted to try to fly an R/C plane, drone, or helicopter?
- The Barnyard Buzzards team offers **free** introductory flights and training for newcomers to the hobby.
- If you decide to join, a Buzzards' volunteer instructor will get you flying in no time and solo sooner than you think!



Have a group looking for a free presentation? We can offer an interesting program about model aviation and where the sport/hobby is going from a hobby of fun and challenges, technical advances, and government issues. Safety and fun are the points covered .



Fixed wing, rotary wing, gliders, electric and fuel engines, camera photos and lots of interesting technology. Also we have members who will sponsor merit badges for scouts.



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 January  February  March  April  May  June  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership: \$90.00  
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Student Member: \$25.00

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16325 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Duvall, WA 98018  
(425) 788-6045

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 many exciting events for 2017 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!  
Use this page for applying for membership. Our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved. Come on out and see why we are so excited to share the modeling experience: Gliders, drones, boats, and a lot more.





# 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 \*\*\*

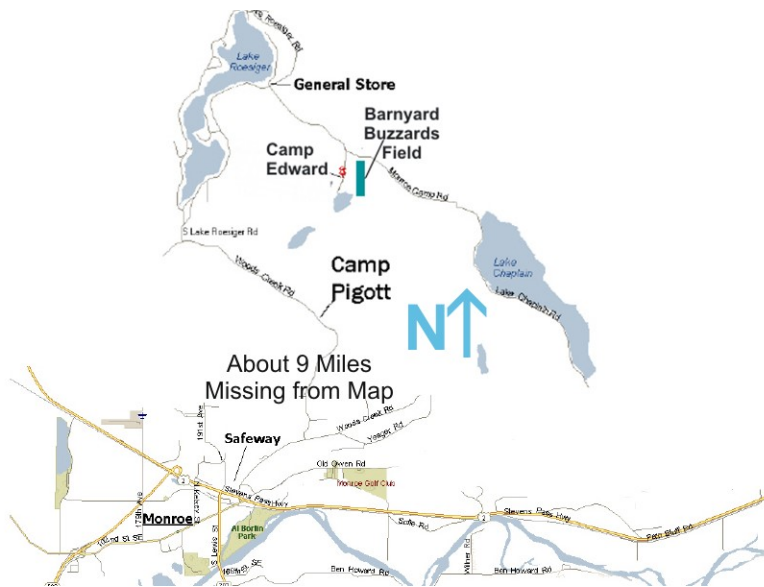
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

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. Alfys 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 Alfys 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**

- August 8 Alfys Pizza
- September 12 Alfys Pizza
- October 10 Alfys Pizza
- November 14 Alfys Pizza
- December 12 Alfys 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, August 8th 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see map on page 9](#)).

Program: **TBD**



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