



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 August 12th 2020 Club Meeting will be held starting at 6:30 PM at the club field. A map and info is on [Page 9](#). The Public is always invited with social distancing.

Program: Slo Stick—Discussion and Demo. Also, possible buddy box!



President's Message — Don Bailey

Hey, Buzzards! Well, I think we can safely say that peak summer has arrived, and with the long, hot days and short nights, it is a good time to get some time logged on our fleet of model airplanes before the rains come back and we return once again to the building board.

Everyone has been enjoying our

beautiful field in recent days, with its well-manicured grass runway and newly remodeled car track (now with a tank arena and a crawler hill!). We encourage everyone to remember to obey the safety rules and etiquette protocols

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July Meeting Minutes

President Don Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30

President Bailey introduced the club officers:

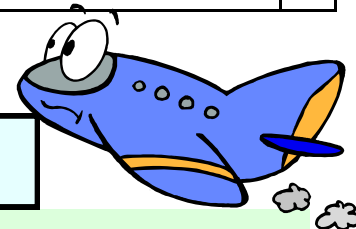
- President – Don Bailey
- Vice President – Vince Bell
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Vaughan Houser
- Safety Officer – Dart Sharp

17 Club Members were in attendance, with one guest Jason Milsom.



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Club Officers and Contacts



President: Don Bailey (425) 350-9557

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Secretary: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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that make the Buzzards field such a great place to fly R/C. Such simple gestures as allowing plenty of opportunity for your fellow club members to take their turn in the air, sharing parking space in a conscientious way, and enjoying the friendly camaraderie and chat sessions under the canopies are all ways we can increase the enjoyment for all of our club buddies.

Our July meeting was held at the field on July 8th, and several issues were discussed, such as field maintenance issues and planning for our upcoming events. We held our annual Charity Auction on July 18th, which was well attended and replete with a sizeable inventory of neat items for auction. The club netted a nice sum for donation to the Food Bank, and many people went home with some new airplanes and hardware to add to their collection. Also, a big thank you goes out to Jim Stewart for cutting the rough grass beyond the runway with his brush hog this month. It is this kind of volunteerism that makes our club field such a great place to fly. Speaking of mowing, we now have a push mower for the car track area, so we can keep the grass and weeds short and not have to use the new John Deere rider mower on the rough turf. Don't forget the upcoming Combat Event on Septem-

ber 12th (Run what you bring!) and the 2nd Floats & Boats Event on September 26th with lots of boats, floatplanes, drones and more which will make these fun events for spectators and family members as well.

Also, don't forget to turn in your selfie photo and brief bio to Mark Weeks for inclusion in our Members Only page on the club website, so the other club members can get to know you better. We have had a bevy of new recruits to the club recently, and the bio site will be a great way to find out who is who.

See you at the field real soon! --
Don Bailey, President



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Motion to accept minutes as posted Seconded and Passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President – Our last few events Gliders and Builders contests along with the Boats and Floats and the Fun Fly went off very well. Upcoming will be the Club's Auction on 7/18 starting at 10am.

Then our "Play Day" Cars, Quads, Planes on Aug 1st. Plaques were handed out for the last event winners

Secretary – We are currently at 57 members.

Treasurer – Finances are in good shape.

Safety Officer – Everyone is being safe and practicing social distancing guidelines.

Field Manager – There has been a new gas-propane storage container installed, and the first aid kit box has been replaced. Still working on the solar battery system for inside container.

Newsletter Editor – always looking for new photos and event info for the newsletter. [\[Copies of the July Issue were handed out editor\]](#)

Webmaster – Pics, news and comments are always wanted for the website. Some new areas are being

developed to help new members.

OLD BUSINESS

The board has lifted the temporary membership moratorium. The website has been updated and it looks like we will have a couple of new members soon.

Mark and Dart re-configured the car track to add some hairpin turns and hopefully it will help improve our driving skills. There is still more work to be done.

Last week Jim Stewart brought his tractor with brush hog out and did some field mowing. He had to stop due to wet areas. A lot was accomplished! Ron Swift reported on the Expo Summer Swap meet that due to Covid-19 has been rescheduled for September 19th. [\[Now cancelled due to WA State using the facility for Covid-19 recovery editor\]](#)

Mark brought up the recent letter from the AMA regarding the FAA and then new proposed rules. He made a motion to have the club look into what will be involved in having our field registered and a

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Safety Corner

By Dart Sharp

Hello and welcome to August.

It looks like summer has really arrived and the flying is great. Hope you are having fun.

I'm seeing more people flying and staying longer. I just wanted to touch on some of the things I have noticed lately:

We all need to be on the same page when flying especially when it's crowded. I noticed that sometimes when people call out that they're "taking off" or "landing" but they seem to be telling their plane. When you call out make sure the people on both sides of you know what you're doing. Hopefully they will pass it along down the line. Just saying taking off doesn't have much effect if you're the only one that hears it. Also it's a good idea to say which direction you're going. Sometimes when there is a cross wind going east across the field is better, if so say so. If you're doing a low pass or speed run make sure people know about it. Of course, when I called out low speed run, it ended up an inch too low, I caught the drop tank on the tall grass and it sucked the plane right in. Not pretty, but at least everyone got to see it.

Another one is that someone might be having a problem, but they are too embarrassed to ask for help. Don't be! We have all been there and it's much better to ask somebody to give you a hand and hopefully have a successful flight rather than a crash. If you see someone having a problem ask if they need a hand. Everybody I've met so far is happy to help

with anything at all, and most of them are a gold mine of info.

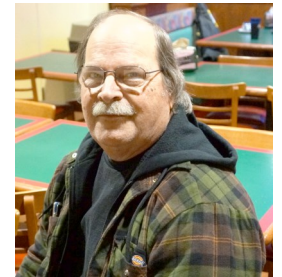
Also it's a good idea to use the flight stations when it works out. Sometimes people flying quads or gliders start from different places. If you're flying a glider it is hard to stand at a flight station for up to 30 minutes or longer. Best practice is to ease into another location, announcing it first and staying within earshot of other pilots.

Most importantly, if you notice something wrong, say something. I don't mean to yell at people. Just let them know that what they are doing isn't safe or would work better if they did it a different way. Coach, suggest, and share the reason, if you know it. Most of the time it's just because someone set a bad example [[Likely at another field! – editor](#)] or they just didn't know - not because of a bad attitude like just not caring.

Music is the last bit of rambling I will do. Some people like it and some don't. I do enjoy it, but if you're playing music make sure it's not blaring and you can still hear what's going on around you. Asking other pilots, visitors and others if it is OK goes a long way. Maybe asking if they have a preference – Rap anyone!

Till next time, happy flying...

Dart



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height variance with the FAA. Chet Blake was volunteered and accepted. He will keep us informed as he finds things out.

NEW BUSINESS

Topic of adding a centerline down the runway to assist with landing was brought up. Idea would be to locate a line spreader and use lime. A motion was made and approved.

The parking area will be needing a new layer

of gravel this year as a maintenance item. Discussion regarding costs and timing followed, It also was noted that there is a soft area that has popped up in the parking area and it needs filling at the same time. Dart will head up gathering costs, and timing of the installation and report back next meeting,

The Tank Pit and crawler track are really taking shape, Dart and Steve Anderson have taken on the tank area as their project. There has been a couple loads for dirt and rock de-

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livered to be used for these projects. Thanks goes out to Dart for the materials. Just a reminder when it comes to projects like these if you have an idea please share or jump right in and lend a hand.

The website is undergoing some changes adding in the Members only area a Member Bio area with Members Photos as it should help both new and old members know who is who. Any other ideas of what you would like to see drop Mark an email.

The mowing sign-up sheet is online. – seems like the same few are signing up please look at the available dates and sign-up. It's easy to do and Jay has made a simple guide for prechecks, starting and running the mower, and placed it with the mowers.

Dart brought up making sure that we are using our call-outs. With our population getting older and harder of hearing, we want to make sure we are being heard and that we are making our intentions clear and understood.

The port-a-potties are in need of pumping out. Bryan has reached out (during the meeting) to get them done.

We are always looking for more chairs to have under the awnings. Please watch garage sales etc. for them. Ron Swift may have a line on some that may be able to be donated to the club [19 were delivered – editor].

The need for a small mower to help maintain the upper car area was brought up. There is not enough room to use the riding

mower. After some discussion, a motion was made to purchase a push self/propelled mower for no more than \$140.00. Motion passed and Ron Swift volunteered to take care of it. [Was purchased & delivered – editor]

With the club auction coming up Ron reminded everyone to check their hangers to find stuff that they may want to sell or donate. Mark will send out reminders to both the membership and other club contacts. Ron will be the auctioneer again as he has done such a great job in the past.

PROGRAM

Tanks Dart showed off a few of his tanks and talked about the new Tank Pit. Other members including Steve and Chet also brought out their tanks and showed off their capabilities. Our newest member, Jason Milsom, also had a few tanks that he shared and one that he had built. [Transmitters were passed around so all could experience these. – editor] This should be another great addition to the club for when the weather is not conducive to flying.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thanks to Ron Beba for hauling away some of the metal junk.

ADJOURNMENT

8:10pm





Quads/FPV, Tanks, Cars, Crawler Planes, Gliders, etc. Event





Please sign up for the grass cutting and weed whacking tasks on our website <http://www.BBMAC.net>. A team of 2 or 3 can make easy work of the job, since you won't have to go around trees. Some members mentioned they would rather mow the club field than their home lawn!

With two tractors, a self powered 21-inch lawn mower and several weed whackers to help groom the field and off runway areas, it doesn't take long to do the job, especially with helpers!

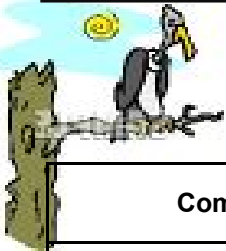
Please make sure to check the tractor oil level before starting the engine. Thank you for pitching in!



2020 BBMAC Project List – Needing Volunteers

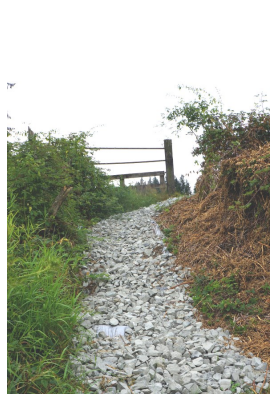
1. Move the third awning to the south side of the container
2. Build work table for car track area
3. Place weed/grass killer on car track
4. Design and work on Crawler track
5. Brush back the hillside between car track and parking--blackberries
6. Build serving table next to BBQ
7. **Dump Run—(old BBQ, old lawn mower, etc.) from behind the port-a-potties (Done, thanks Ron Beba!)**
8. Paint tables
9. Replace top on 8 ft table **(Done, thanks to Bryan Reightley)**
10. Cut blackberries going up to car track both ends
11. Install power and lights in the container-- Solar panel
12. Your approved special project

Please contact any of the club officers (see page 1) to volunteer or get more details for these projects. You are welcome to form your own team and help make these happen.



Upcoming Events

Combat	September 12 10:00 AM Club Field	Run what you brung event. Cut streamers on the competition's planes for points. Land on a points grid, too!
Floats & Boats 2	September 26 10:00 AM Lake Hughes	If it plays on water. Bring it!
Rebuilder's Contest	October 14th 6:30 PM Club Meeting	Participate in this exhibition of builder's craft with resurrected crashed, crunched or demolished hobby stuff
Nite Fly	October 17 10:00 AM Club Field	We don't need no sun to have flying fun! Come check this one out! Lots of Lights...





Annual Charity Auction



SKY VALLEY
FOOD BANK



Many thanks to those who contributed items, bought items, and added to the fun with stories, comments and laughter as we raised several hundred dollars for our charity. They mention that at least 1,300 families in our community don't know where their next meal is coming from. We're helping to making sure that every family in Monroe can put food on their table.

2020 Expo Summer Swap

Cancelled for 2020





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **2020**



BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB (BBMAC)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ZIP _____
AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz
(72 MHz CHANNELS USED: _____)

(50 MHz Frequencies: _____)

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING
- COVERING
- PAINTING
- INSTRUCTOR
- PATTERN
- SCALE
- SPORT
- ELECTRONICS
- CONTEST JUDGE
- CONTEST DIRECTOR
- DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL
- Helicopters:
- Gliders
- Drones/Quads/FPV

Please mail your check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
 Mark Weeks
 mark@weeksnetwork.org
 3302 Lake Drive
 Lake Stevens, Wash. 98258

Annual dues are \$90.00 per year.

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 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 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 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: _____

CLUB SECRETARY: _____

DATE: _____



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.

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



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Wednesday at our club field
until the restaurants are re-opened...**

August 12	Flying Field
September 9	TBD
October 14	TBD
November 11	TBD
December 9	TBD
January 13, 2021	TBD

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, **August 12th 6:30 at our club field.**
25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA
Program: Slo Stick—Discussion and Demo



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Visit Our Website
<http://www.bbmac.net>



Ron & Sandy

NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—
January 30 & 31, 2021 Let's hope we can
make this happen. Stay Tuned!

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