



# 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 7th Annual Charity Auction is CANCELLED! Our Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the ZOOM stuff. Thank you Alfy's! The public is invited as always!  
**August's Program: Cracker Barrel Conversations—Your flying experiences. Stuff you learned or should have. The flying field center line—Fun Fly yard paint still visible! - what you like - Keeping it light & fun.**



## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards and Guests,  
A couple of months ago in my newsletter message I had mentioned that it was time to do some spring cleaning! Well, it's now time to either donate or sell what you don't need, want or use to our club's Annual Charity Auction hap-

pening August 7<sup>th</sup>. I am sure Ron has been warming up his vocal cords. I know a couple of members that attended another club auction in July had walked away with a few great bargains and some nice planes. I am looking forward to  
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## July 13th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

We started the ZOOM session 15 minutes before the club meeting was scheduled to start as a test. Two 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.



At 6:38 PM President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on July 13<sup>th</sup> at **Alfy's Pizza** and introduced the current

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## Club Officers and Contacts

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| 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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maybe making a few changes in my hanger so hopefully will see you there!

I also wanted to add a reminder that we do not have water at the field due to a broken pipe. The landlords have been busy with camp season in full swing and will help us get water back as soon as they can. In the meantime, we need to be diligent with fires and the risks they pose. We do not have many smokers, but for those who do PLEASE be careful with your cigarettes and make sure they are disposed of properly. I have placed a **fire extinguisher on the backside of the frequency board** just in case any situation should require it.

Swirling winds have been plentiful this past month. And it has shown me that I have become

very used to the wind coming out of the south meaning typical landings are from north to south (left to right). With the winds changing I have found that my skills and waypoints need work to allow me to land from the south. It has been a good reminder that we are creatures of habit, and we should practice landing, or at least setting up for landings from both directions all year so when the wind has shifted, we are ready for it.



See ya at the field  
Mark

club officers for 2021

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Safety Officer – Steve Higgins

Secretary – Ron Swift

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

President – Mark Weeks himself

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

14 Club Members were in attendance (two through ZOOM) and two special guests, Rod Wiegand and Doug Hoff.

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**

**Builder's Contest** – we only had one entry, Jay Wellan. He was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the ARF category.

**June 28th** – HeliDay – Three participated in the event, Dart, Grant and Mark. The CD was Paul Dibble.

**Upcoming Events:** Our Annual Charity Auction on August 7<sup>th</sup>, Combat Event on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and Floats & Boats #2 on September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Secretary – Ron Swift**

Our active club membership is currently 52.

**Treasurer – Dart Sharp.**

We're doing good

Like to keep the policy that expenses submitted beyond 90 days will not be processed.

Please put in your invoices

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

**Safety Officer – Steve Higgins**

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

A discussion and action to provide orange safety vests to hold such things like a walkie-talkie, bottle of water to be located in the storage container. Mentioned is the fact that the weed height has reached way beyond 6 feet. We won't see folks searching for lost planes.

Storage container charge system – info from Steve Higgins We need to turn the radios off when put away. The current recharge system can't keep up. Steve mentioned a 10 minute timer is working on the charge system, a second shelf, and keeping an eye on the stuff.

**Field Manager – Bryan Reightley**

Don't have anything

**Sprinkler System is available** –

talked about contacting the rangers to request the water being turned on. Still hadn't located the leak

Mower signup app is available on our



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website and we need people to sign up...

**Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift**

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces, parts, & models, articles, etc. to [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@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 activity for 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**

**Orange Safety Vests** – Discussed the details and these will be implemented. Radios and other items already exist. Ron Swift and team have agreed to mount the shelf to hold radios and Vest in the Container

**AMA/FAA** – A mandatory exam we're all to take, a trust exam – you can't fail. Mark mentioned having a link on our website making it easier to get to the exam. Chet mentioned it is fast to take and even incorrect answers don't count since the test gives you the correct answer. More later – we didn't reach consensus as to when we must be done with the test, but it is a while in the fu-

ture.

**Motion made:** There was a motion made and seconded to revert back to the club officers membership dues being waived while they are serving on the board. Discussion followed: Dues for Officers were reinstated when we lost the field at Dale's and the membership had dwindled to just over 20 members. Motion passed and will be reinstated for 2022.

**FAA/AMA FREA-** Chet brought up the need to stay on top of the FAA/AMA and make sure we are classified as a FREA. It will be much simpler now than later. Steve will monitor.

**Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.**

Need people to sign up for mowing event though the flying area isn't growing. The covered areas and entrance need the service.

**PROGRAM:**

Builders Contest

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Swift  
BBMAC.  
Secretary



**Ron's Grandkids**



NIK towing Ron's Giant to the pits.



From NIK at 11 years old to TARA at 23, all had fun with the buddy box. Logan (above left) seemed to get the RC flying under control on the second flight!





# Treasurer's Note



By Dart Sharp

Treasurers request...

Hello to all,  
 Just a quick note. If you have bills for materials bought for Buzzards, (ie.; mower gas, food for events, building materials, and the like) please turn in your bills within 90 days. There are expense slips and envelopes on the frequency board and you can just put it in the mailbox (same place). You can also download the form from the website as well. This makes keeping track of expenditures much easier.  
 Thanks.  
 Dart



# 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
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	<del>September 11th 10:00 AM</del> <i>Cancelled due to rain forecast</i>	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!



Lookin' to fly a jet or help setting one up? Check with Dart, George or Steve. Other members also fly these ducted fans!



# 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 315<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Duvall, WA 98019

[Ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto: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



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

Hello Buzzards!

I hope everyone is having a good summer and is staying away from the heat!

Here are just a few reminders for everyone when they are flying at the field.

### Callouts:

Make your callouts. During the Fun Fly event, we did have several occurrences of people on the field or take-offs that were not announced. Please make sure you announce "Loud and Proud" what you intend to do, so that everyone at the field knows what to expect from others at the field.

### Recovery Radios

I mentioned this during the last meeting, but it's important enough to make sure everyone understands how to operate the recovery radios. A few weeks ago, the Radios were left turned on. Although they are on the charging stations, they are not charging all the time, and the radio consumes power faster than the chargers can charge. So as a reminder, when you use the radios make sure that you turn them off before putting them back on the charging stations.

The radio chargers are set to charge for three hours a week... They will charge in the afternoon on Saturday (90min) and Wednesday (90min). This should be more than enough charging for these in the summer.

When you place the radio on the charger if the charger is not turned on the LED will be GREEN Only when the charger is on and the ra-

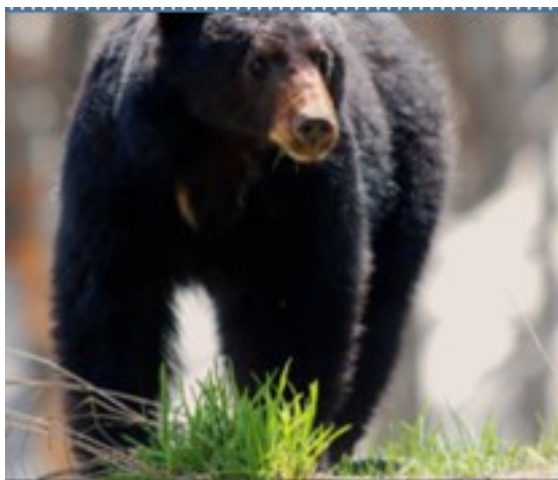
dio is charging will the LED glow RED, please remember that this is only going to happen when the chargers are actually supplied 120Vac Again this is only occurring on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at this time. We may increase the frequency once I get the 2nd Solar panel installed.

I will soon post written instructions on the Radios, and Lights in the container. I will post these in the coming newsletters, and will leave instructions near the radios.

### Bears

Out at the field on Saturday the 31st I noticed what had to be a lot of Bear Scat... Much of this was in the parking area and around the container. Black Bears don't want anything to do with us, but there is a "Momma" and her cub(s)... In these cases, she will do what she feels is necessary to protect them. Normally if there is more than one of us, they will stay away, but if we are by ourselves just be cautious as the last thing we want is an attack out at the field.

See ya at the field! Steve



### Factoids about Black Bears:

- Black Bears in Washington live in a diverse area of forested areas from coastal rainforests to dry woodlands of the Cascades.
- They are superb climbers with short curved claws that enable them to ascend trees. They are also competent swimmers!
- They have an acute sense of smell with a nasal atria 100 times larger than humans.
- Not related to Brown Bears. Genetic studies reveal that the three species split from a common ancestor about 5 million years ago.
- The Black Bear is the smallest of the three species found in North America.
- The population of Black Bears in Washington State is estimated to be about 17 thousand. They are found in every county in the state,
- They are considered game animals and harvest numbers reach over 2 thousand a year.
- Hunters must pass the WDFW Bear identification test to avoid mistakenly shooting grizzly bears.



# Just For Fun Photos



Several Octogenarians and changes in the landscape to the West. Lots of fun going on at our flying field. Many thanks to the Scouts!



# Fun Fly 2021



Steve Anderson won 1st place with Scott Curtis finishing 2nd and Mark Weeks taking 3rd place in our fierce competition. Ron Beba served a great lunch and everyone won the raffle!







# 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

## Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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, Alf's 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

Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm. at Alf's 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:

- Dart Sharp
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





**Next meeting: Tuesday, August 10 6:30 PM at Alfy's  
Pizza in Monroe on RT 2**  
**Program: Open Discussion—Cracker Barrel Style**



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