



Buzzard Droppings



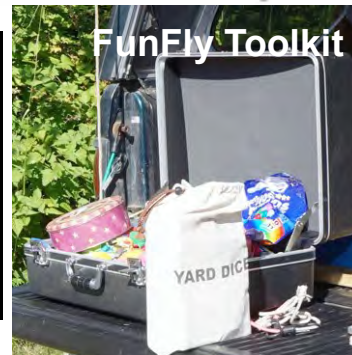
Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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

Our club meeting will be held **Saturday, August 12th at 10:00 AM** at the club field! There will be **NO ZOOM** access. The public is invited as always!

Program: Telemetry and Voice Feedback—Who uses it? Who needs it? Voice messaging or beeps—what would you use? Practical or insane cost and annoyance?



FunFly Toolkit

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Buzzards and Friends,

In July lots of people worked hard to keep the field and other amenities in tip top shape. We got a few projects taken care of during our impromptu work party. Michael picked up a load of topsoil and with the help of some hard workers some of the low spots were filled in

on the field to make it flatter and more accessible for flying. With the extra watering the grass will start filling in to make things smoother on both take-offs and landings. We also added an awning to the car track drivers stand, which has helped with

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July 11th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

Mark Weeks called the meeting to order @ 10:00 am
Introduction of Officers and guests: 15 Members and No guests.
President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Ron Swift
Secretary – Steve Higgins (on vacation)
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Vince Bell (Could not

attend)
Minutes from June Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:
Covered In old and new business.

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Club Officers and Contacts

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Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



the sun a bunch. Also, some spraying and weeding in the parking lot was accomplished. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help.

Once again, this month Brian Douma has been working extra to make the track less bumpy with loads of raking. He's made it easier to navigate by laying it out in a new way. If you have a car, bring it out and give the car track a try. It looks like the parking lot project will happen later this month and around the same time we will start on the crawler area prep work.

August will host two events Heli Day on the 12th and Combat on the 26th. These two events have a history of being very successful, and I look forward to them both. Oh ya, I cannot forget the monthly Car Race series on the 19th. I believe we will move the start time of this event to get an earlier start, so we will keep you posted on that.

I hope you all enjoy the warm weather and the great amenities we have. Our field is such a

treasure. Great views and just the peacefulness of the area make it a nice spot to sit back and enjoy a day. There are not a lot of spots like this anywhere else.

I hope to see ya at the field
Mark Weeks
BBMAC President



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Vice President

Ron reported on what a great job Jason did with the Tank event. It was a big hit, and it looks like there will be an impromptu tank event in September.

He also reported on the Boats and Floats event, it also was well attended with about a dozen members and a guest from SRAC that was looking to maiden a new Mule. Michael was very helpful in helping him get it off the water and back again safely. The aquatics director asked us if we are in a boat, life jackets must be worn. It was a good reminder for us that in their facilities, we abide by their safety rules as well as ours. Bryan R., thanks to those who helped prep that lake area. Brian D. asked if, before the next event, we could clear a path on the south side of the dock to help with access to the lake. It was agreed that is would be a great idea. Great job Guys

Ron reported that we have a fun Fly next weekend, and he handed out rules regarding the events. He will send Mark a copy so he can post it on the website. We also wave the Open house and Family Day scheduled for the end of the month

Secretary:

We currently have 49 members

Treasurer:

We have spent some money on mostly field improvements. We seem to really be making progress. The Club funds are in good shape.

Safety Officer:

Mark reported for Vince: Vince wanted to let everyone know that we have had no new incidents, so keep it up. He also wanted to remind us to do a good pre-flight. Check your CG, and if it's off, do not fly until it's fixed. The same goes for engines and motors. They do not get better once you are in the air!

Field Manager:

Mark reported that the field is healing from a lack of water. It seems to be green-ing up and filling in.

Newsletter Editor:

Ron brought copies of the July Newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron made a motion for the club to pay the food costs for today's work party as this was not a previously scheduled and budgeted event. A motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to enlarge the parking area 5 to

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6 feet deeper. This will allow for more area between cars and flight tables. There was much discussion regarding the need to spend money and why we should or should not do it.

The main reason was to give more driveway area between flight tables and the parking area, this seems to have gotten small over the years. It also will allow a more significant safety buffer.

Len would remove approx. 80 yards of dirt in the bank project, and it then would be used to fix a couple of low areas in the south grass area and directly north of the runway to help mitigate a wet area that is hard to maintain. There was also talk on using it to work on the upper to lower driveway located south and west of the current area.

There was a motion to approval the bank cut-back and at the same time move the flight safety stands and tables east of their current locations. This will be more in line with where they were originally placed. Motion Passed and Mark will contact Len to see when we can schedule the project.

Flight safety stations and tables were moved during the work party following this meeting. Please do not move them without returning to home position. Steve will send out a reminder to the club members.

There was also discussion regarding ways to separate the parking gravel from the grass field. Michael C. and Bryan R. will come up with a few ideas and plans.

Field watering - Mark shared his new sprinkler stand and how it should work. It will cover about a 75ft. radius and it's easy to move. If you show up early or later in the afternoon please set the timer for 2 hours, place the sprinkler in a new location help get the grass growing again.

Mark reported that there are still a few spots open for mowing, so please sign up.

The upper car area has been re-done a little flattened and cleaned up – Thanks Brian D. and Dart for all their hard work.

Crawler area and Ideas.... Landscape cloth covered with gravel then built on that. Help with weed control.

The need of a flat area so those with less mobility can still play. Bryan D. is working on some ideas to help make this area more maintenance free. A few ideas were to use plastic sheets vs. landscape cloth and their pros and cons.

SHOW AND TELL:

Jason showed a tiny remote that he purchased online. The idea was to have a small handheld controller for one-handed operation. While it does match the description, it will not work with airplanes and it is only two channels. Knowing Jason like we do, he WILL find a creative use for it.

PROGRAM:

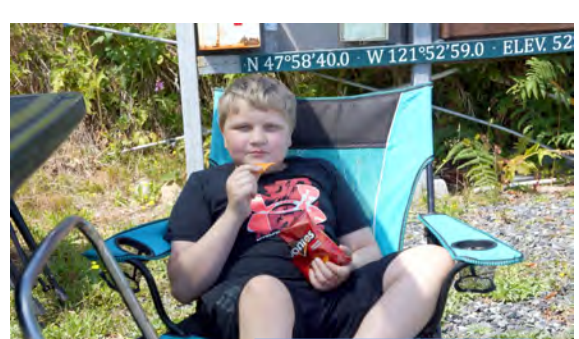
Dart presents E-Bikes – Dart shared his new Aventon E-Bike. He explained the different modes of operation and drive systems, He also covered the battery type and longevity. Both Mark and Dart talked about a short bike ride headed up past the clearcut area and the relatively easy ride for Dart while Mark did as much walking up hill as he did riding. All in all they both had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned the meeting 11:12 AM



FAMILY DAY & OPEN HOUSE



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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
Family Picnic/Open House	July 29	10:00 AM
Heli	August 12	10:00 AM
Combat Event	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 23	6:00PM
Warbird Fly Off	October 7	10:00 AM
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM
Work Party #1	May 22, 2024	
Event	Date	Time
Micro Quad Racing	July 8	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	August 12	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	September 9	2:30 PM
Micro Quad Racing	Oct 14	2:30 PM
Event	Date	Time
Car Racing	July 15	2:30 PM
Car Racing	August 19	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Sept 16	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Oct 21	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.

R/C Car Racing





Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

It has been a few years since one of our members had a serious mishap. The latest one happened while flying as a guest at the Arlington Eagle's field that required a trip to the emergency room. The nature of the incident was the most common we as RC flyers have. That of trying to get hands, fingers and other body parts to occupy the same space as a turning propeller.

Interfacing with a spinning propeller is the one thing that will ruin your day quicker and more painfully than any other. We are all taught never to reach across the propeller for any reason. Yet we do and most of the time we get away with it. That is just what this fellow did on that fateful day and didn't get away with it. He is all healed up now and has been one of the regular Saturday morning flyers.

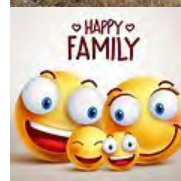
Until some other health problems came up at the Fun Fly a couple of weeks ago I noticed one of the pilots doing almost the same thing while setting the mixture adjustment on his engine. I say almost the same thing, the difference was he didn't get his finger into the prop-arc. This pilot was not a newbie and has probably been doing this same thing for years, but so

had the aforementioned pilot. The difference was he got caught and the pilot at the Fun Fly didn't. THIS TIME!!

Remember make all your adjustments from the back side of the propeller and if possible with the engine not running. **Never reach over the propeller to pick up your airplane.** Electric guys this pertains to you, too. Treat your electrics as if they are running until you have the battery disconnected.

Another thing that this incident brought to light was, when flying know where to get emergency care, if needed, especially at a different field. Our present field is not as close to an emergency facility as we have been accustomed to. At the new field let's be super careful and strive for a 99+ year safety record.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
VINCE BELL, SAFETY OFFICER



Open House and Family Day brought a dozen folks to our field. Plenty of flying and car racing all day long. What fun! [See page 3.](#)



FUNFLY!



Dart - First Place
Jay — Second Place
Mark - Third Place
Events included timed flight, Dice loaded landing, a secret landing spot, a field target for points and prizes!!!





MEETING & WORK PARTY





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
 Glider Crawlers Excavators Tanks Boats Sea Planes
 Submarines Scale Glider Tug/III 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), 20930 10th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Steve@sunette.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 claim, 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/modelling 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, August 12th 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





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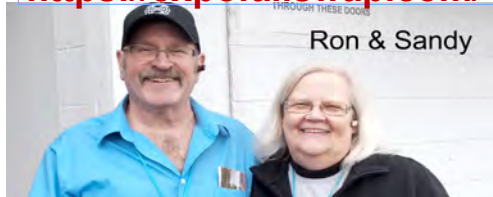
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2023 EXPO Fall Swap

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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