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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: Motors, Engines, & More!

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Guys,
Well, since I'm writing this on Labor Day, I guess it's the 'un-official' end of Summer. Where did it go? The summer this year certainly had twists and turns, wind, rain, heat, sun and clouds. That was one day, then there were the other 3 or 4 days, and that seemed to be about the extent of it. All in

all though, lots of great flying was had and still more to come. Get out there and get some stick time - it'll do you wonders.

So just about every weekend or outing, someone has an issue or new 'discovery' of sorts. The plane did 'this'; or "can't get this to work";

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August 10th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houger

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the flying field in Monroe. 17 members were present. The next meeting will be on September 14, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe. This will be our

last meeting at the field for the season.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. There were no guests or visitors present. He made sure to thank all who attended.

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

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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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how would someone program that; can't get the stupid thing to run; why did I dead stick, etc. Well, I can tell you this for sure, there is absolutely no better place to find the answers other than right here in this Club. There is an amazing amount of talent, knowledge and help there just for the asking, watching or sometimes an acute sense of listening.

My friend, Mr. Rueter, always has a saying, "well I learned something today, now I can go home". Think about that. Whether it's every time or every once in a while, it is amazing to be able to constantly have a source of knowledge or help such as in our Club structure. Don't be afraid to ask for it.

A quick Thank You for those that showed up for the Work Day. Nice job everyone!

This Saturday 9/11 is our second and final

Fun Fly for the year. Ron Swift does a great job of keeping the Fun Flies safe and low keyed so literally anyone signed off could fly it. One of the coolest things with the event is that it shows where you need to brush up on your skills. C'mon out and give it a try.

Also, on 9/11.... Fly a flag, any sized flag, in remembrance of 9/11/2001 and our troops.

Remember, Landings are nothing more than skillfully orchestrated crashes!

Chet



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President – Chet Blake

Vice President – Jim Reynolds (absent)

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 was absent. President Chet Blake reminded everyone of the upcoming (now concluded at the time of this writing) Combat event this weekend, Saturday 8/14. The next event is the Fun Fly scheduled for September 11th. You can locate more information about the Barnyard Buzzard events at the www.barnyard-buzzard.com website. Chet also reminded everyone to participate in the builder's contest, which is underway. It is still \$10 to participate.

Scott Curtis talked a bit regarding the combat event. He requested anyone who could attend to help as spotters would be appreciated.

(Secretary's note: I attended the combat event on Saturday 8/14. This was my first experience witnessing this intense and fast paced event. It was truly amazing. I might have to invest in a combat plane...)

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$5,875.18 in the bank.

Secretary – Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 63. It seems we lost a member (probably somewhere in the corn!).

Safety Officer – Vince stated that everyone is doing fine and staying safe. (You might want to read Vince's latest article in the August Newsletter regarding being prepared and being smart when out in the heat.)

Field Manager – Jay commented on the new field tables. Jay is planning to oversee a field clean-up day on Saturday, August 21st with the 28th as a backup date. The priority is to paint the tables. The new tables have had enough time to dry and are ready to be painted in time for the fall and winter weather.

Speaking of the field condition, if you signed up to mow, you selected one of the easiest times of the year due to the dry condition of the field. Since we do not water the field the grass dries out leaving not much to mow. Additionally, be aware of bee's or wasps nests. It seems Ron Rueter found one under one of the tables. I couldn't quite make out the actual size of the nest. The thing seemed to grow from about the size of a soft ball to about a basket ball size.

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The good thing is the thing was destroyed and no one was stung. So, be careful.

Newsletter – Ron Swift thanked Ron Rueter for sending photos of the recent Open House. You can see those on the web site. Ron was looking for someone to take photos of the combat event and send them to him for our September newsletter.

Old Business

Prizes. At the July meeting this issue was brought forth for exploration and for members to think about. The types of prizes for winners of events were the topic of discussion. Should winners receive a plaque, a gift certificate, other prizes, or some combination?

Chet explained the history of how the plaques came to be the preferred reward for skill achievement. This was initiated with the builder's contest years ago. Prior to the plaques gift certificates or merchandise from various hobby stores were the prizes: The dollar amount of the prize corresponded to the placing of the winner.

After a brief discussion among the present members a motion was presented. The motion was for winners of an event to decide whether to receive a plaque or a gift certificate. The motion was seconded and voted on. There were a couple of nays; the majority was ayes. The motion passed.

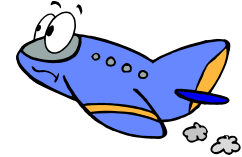
So, the gift certificates will be of different amounts where the first place winner will receive the highest amount, or a plaque. Each award can be decided individually.

In other news, Ron Swift reported on the Index event. He stated the event was well attended. The club's booth drew interest from a lot of people.

Chet talked about the issue regarding unmanned aerial vehicles, which could have impact to our hobby. Chet has been in communication with AMA President Dave Mathewson. Apparently, the FAA is expected to draft a rule in mid 2011.

New Business

None.



Announcements

Remember the upcoming events. See the Barnyard Buzzard 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 \$5.00 per person (not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:18 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 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) – ronswift@cablespeed.com .

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser
BBMAC Secretary.



John's Auction Model takes flight!





Safety Corner

First I would like to thank Scott for being the combat contest director. As usual Scott's pre-contest pilot's briefing was very thorough. He explained the engagement rules and safety rules, so there was little doubt as to their meaning. All-in-all the meet was a great success. Only one airplane needed rescuing from the cornfield which was not a problem as it was only in a couple rows. Thanks Scott!

For those that make up your own battery packs: Shorting the negative and positive leads on a Nicad or NiMh can cause some anxious moments and maybe burned spots hopefully not on ones person. Dealing with lithium batteries can be much, much worse. They can and will burst into flames big time and burn your house down. Not that Nicad or NiMh batteries won't, they are just a little less likely to burn your house down.

If you insist on making your own battery pack, work with one wire at a time and insulate the end of the wire you are not going to be working with, solder the other end to the termination (battery terminal or connector) and insulate it. Remember one connection and insulate, never have any un-insulated wires flopping around that

are connected to a battery.

You guys that are using the 2.4 GHz receivers - pay attention to the those little short antennas sticking out of the receiver case. I have had two of them break off, luckily not at the same time and not on the same receiver. There was nothing unusual with the control of the aircraft and I didn't notice it until I was packing up. Just something to be aware of and to look at as part of your pre and post flight inspections.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer



Buzzards Work Party 2010

Jay asked that the 13 members who participated in our work party be put in the newsletter, but somehow I lost the yellow sign-up sheet (sorry Jay)! We even painted the underside of all the tables. Anyway, some of us ended up with more green on us than the tables did. And the pizza was good. Thanks, Jay, for the good time and fellowship.



Our 13 Names go here



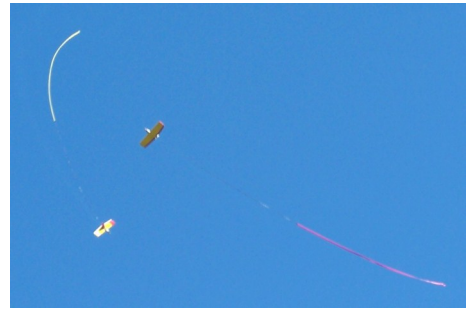


Buzzards @ Index Arts Festival





Combat Buzzard Style





Radio Controlled Airplane Fun Fly **Saturday, September 11**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

All current AMA members are
welcome to participate!!!

\$5.00 entry fee, prizes for 1st - 3rd place

Public Invited to watch the fun, FREE!

Food and beverages available, too!



Contact Ron Swift for details
(425) 788-6045

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Photos for Fun





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 Alfy's 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 Houser 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

September 14	Club Field
October 12	Alfy's Pizza
November 9	Alfy's Pizza
December 14	Alfy's Pizza
January 11	Alfy's Pizza
February 8	Alfy's Pizza
March 8	Alfy's 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>) has lots of photos of our field.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (see page 9).

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