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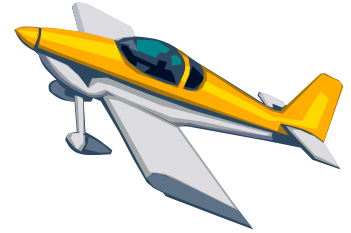
Gold Leader Club

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



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).

Program: BBMAC's New Website

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,

We have many topics to discuss at the September club meeting. For starters we are once again flying on Sundays. Please note the new hours are now from 9am until 1:30pm. When approached, Dale offered these hours as a compromise for us quickly offering our 90 day notice. I agreed to his offer as

I felt having any flying time again on Sundays during the best time of the year was better than nothing and I was concerned he would revoke his offer if I challenged the hours.

We are following up on several leads for new flying fields. One lo-

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August 9th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He introduced the club's officers:

- President – Bryan Reightley
- Vice President – Jim Reynolds
- Treasurer – Rick Hanners
- Secretary – Vaughan Houser
- Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift

Field Manager – Jay Bell

No new visitors or guests attended the meeting. 26 members were in attendance.

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Vaughan Houser (425) 788-8616

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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cation is along the south side of the valley between Hwy 9 and Seattle Hill Road. Another is near Duvall. I encourage all club members to participate in our search for a new home as the more leads we have the better our chances are of finding a field quickly.

Several weeks ago, Rick and I delivered a check with the proceeds from the club charity auction to the food bank. During our tour of the building we received an explanation of the huge effort needed to serve those in need in the community. Rick took the opportunity to snap some pictures as I shook hands with the director as he told us how much our donation was appreciated. BBMAC also received a small write up on 9/1 in the Everett Herald for our donation. Thanks again to everyone who made it possible.

By the time we meet in September our final event for the year will have been held. This will be our only combat competition of the year. Please be aware the date has been changed from Sun. 9/11 to Sat. 9/10. Compe-

tion is scheduled to start at 10am and run until 3pm. I hope we will have many pilots participate and a large gallery to cheer them on. Ron and Sandy will be manning the BBQ and providing lunch for a nominal fee. This should make it easy for everyone to come out and support the pilots as they duel for bragging rights.

See you at the field,

Bryan



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Secretary Vaughan mentioned the July meeting minutes and solicited any questions, concerns, or comments. A motion was made to approve the July meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Officers' Reports

Secretary –Vaughan Houger reported 58 members are in the club.

Vice President – Jim Reynolds mentioned that the upcoming open house and swap meet was moved from Sunday to Saturday, August 13th due to the no-fly rule imposed for Sundays. Additionally, the September Combat event was moved to Saturday, September 10th.

Treasurer – Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. He mentioned that the money raised from the charity auction was going to be presented to the Monroe food bank.

Safety Officer – Vince Bell along with help from Chet explained a recent incident. A couple of Saturdays ago, Chet was taxiing his plane back to the pit area. As he was reaching for the plane he accidentally shut the transmitter off; the plane's receiver was still on. This resulted in the receiver going into "fail safe" mode, which returned the throttle servo to the setting established for sustained flight until the transmitter can be turned on again. Only, this time the plane was on the ground and pointed towards Chet. Chet tried to divert the plane with one foot, but the spinning prop managed to connect with his other foot. Long story short, the damage to Chet's ankle resulted in about 13 stitches. So, take heed when managing your plane and ensure the engine is off prior to switching off your transmitter. Vince reflected on the numbers of planes that

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have gone down in the corn field. People searching for downed planes can become disoriented. It helps to have several people involved in the search to help guide each other toward the plane and make it safely back to the field.

Field Manager – Jay Bell stated that the search for another mower is on hold due to our field situation.

Newsletter editor / Webmaster– Ron Swift reported on the recent Fun Fly event and had plaques to present to team winners. Ron stated that the Fun Fly was fun, safe, and exciting.

Announcements

Vince complimented Al Morse on achieving his solo status. Vince presented a solo achievement plaque to Al, which resulted in a round of applause from the club members.

President Bryan Reightley reminded everyone, again, about the no-fly zone over the house; and that Sundays are permanently unavailable for flying.

Bryan also has been adding a second lock to the gate on Saturday evenings to ensure no one flies on Sunday. He was wondering when the requirement for needing a second lock is no longer necessary. Apparently, not everyone is reading email messages, or the on-line version of the newsletter. So, plans are in place to snail mail information regarding the field situation to all members.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors and neighbors: Continue to be mindful and courteous to our visitors and neighbors.

New Business

Status of our current flying field: President Bryan Reightley described our current situation and the changes Dale made to the terms and conditions of our rental agreement.

1. No flying on Sundays period.
2. Only quiet electric powered aircraft allowed starting November 1st.

No guarantee of any flying after July 1st, 2012. Bryan, then, presented to the club its choices.

Address Dale's proposed terms and conditions changes: After an engaging discussion, which addressed the pros and cons of the situation, a couple of motions were presented.

The first motion was to empower the BBMAC board to decisively act on an opportunity to secure a new field site should one be made available. The board would act in good faith and use good judgment in making this potential decision. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously passed.

The second motion addressed Dale's proposed revisions. This motion was to serve Dale with a 90 day notice whereby the Barnyard Buzzards would cease operations on his property effective November 30, 2011. Pros and cons were discussed if the Buzzards were to proceed with this action. Subsequently, the motion was seconded, voted on and passed with one opposed. The opposing argument pertained to the cohesiveness of the club members; if we were to cease operations without securing another field the risk of losing members increases.

Following these motions, President Bryan Reightley explained that going forward we do so as a unified club, that this is a total club effort. Now that a decision has been made the level of urgency to find at least a temporary field along with a permanent field is intensified. Every member is to be on the lookout. Bryan stated he would draft the club's decision to leave in a letter to Dale.

The club will construct a brochure to describe the layout of the field, what our minimum requirements are for safe operation, and the general culture of the club. The requirements are as follows:

1. Some fencing, to separate the runway from the pilots' work benches.
2. The club is responsible for maintaining the

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site including mowing and general upkeep.

3. The club's current land footprint is 2 acres for tables, parking, port-a-potties, shed, staging, and runway. All of these items are necessary for functional operation. The recommended area for flying is 8 to 10 acres.

4. The club recommends the track of land considered for occupancy be a safe reasonable distance from roads, obstructing objects, and building developments.

Benefits:

1. We are a chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) club number 2953. This membership includes liability insurance for the landowner. Additionally, we do monitor our aircraft noise levels to comply with the AMA's recommended noise guide-

lines.

2. We do offer guaranteed rent to be negotiated with the landowner.

3. The club is regularly engaged in community service events, cub and boy scouts, food bank, organized municipal festivals, fairs, etc.

The meeting adjourned at around 7:50 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425) 788-6045.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.

Index Arts Festival

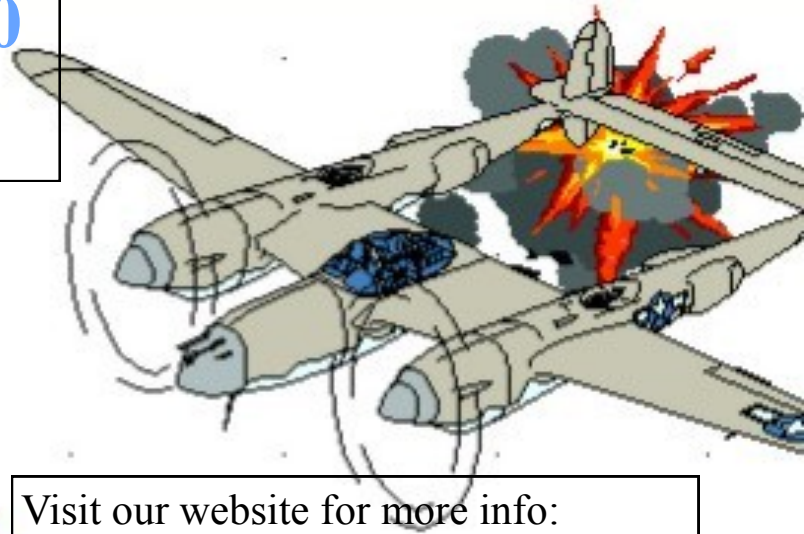
By Ron Swift

The Barnyard Buzzards had a booth on August 6th at the 8th Annual Index Arts Festival. We talked to a lot of people and the kids enjoyed the demos and planes. Many parents mentioned they would visit our field. Thanks to Betty and John for manning the booth. We gave away lots of newsletters and club info. It was too windy to fly the Parkzone models, but many wanted to see them fly. Many enjoyed watching the "crash" video. It was a fun day. Thank you, Index organizers, for the invitation!





Saturday, September 10
10:00 AM—3:00 PM

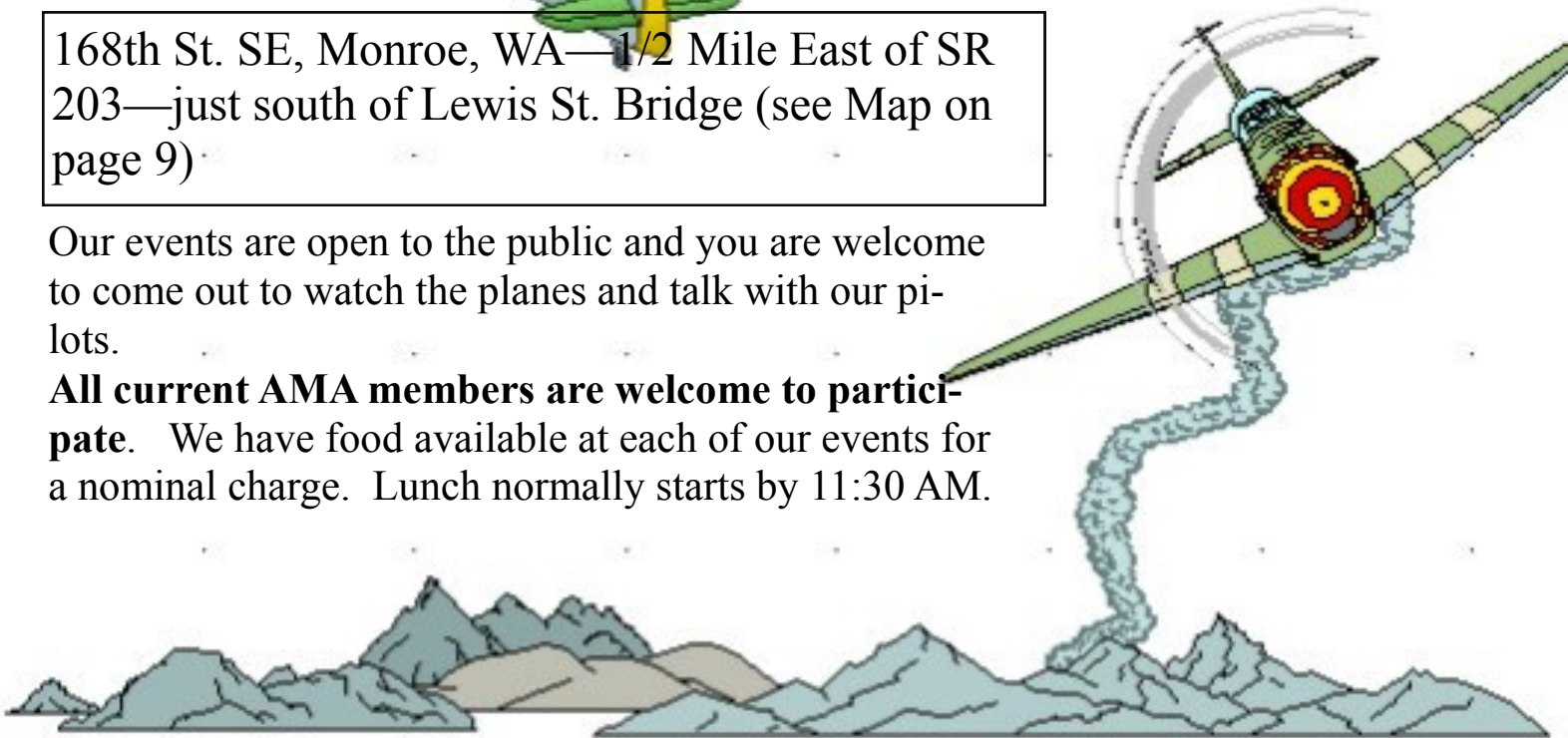


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<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com> or
call Scott at (360) 863-2953

168th St. SE, Monroe, WA—1/2 Mile East of SR
203—just south of Lewis St. Bridge (see Map on
page 9)

Our events are open to the public and you are welcome
to come out to watch the planes and talk with our pi-
lots.

**All current AMA members are welcome to partici-
pate.** We have food available at each of our events for
a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM.



Barnyard Buzzards MAC

RC Airplane Combat !!!

\$5.00 per pilot entry fee. Prizes and more!



Safety Corner

All seems to be going well at the field, no serious injuries that I have heard about.

Isn't there a saying about doing something in tall cotton, I wonder if it applies to tall corn?

Here are a couple things to think about.

A model, engine, or radio that is not prepared and working properly on the ground before takeoff will not improve in the air - IT WILL GET WORSE! There is no point in attempting to fly until everything is 100% correct. (Sig Mfg. Co., Inc.)

The other half of the flying experience equation is the pilot. Substitute pilot for "model, engine or radio" into the above, you get the point, I hope.

Safety is a state of mind, Think about what you are doing and the consequences if you don't. Think first then act. Engage mind before muscle.

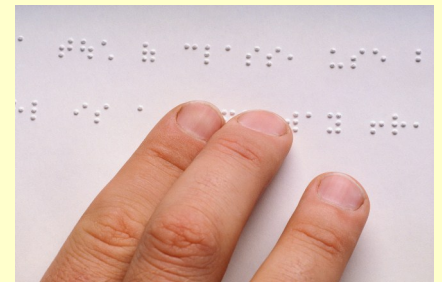
Safety First Fact: Bureau of Labor Statistics data on occupational injuries and illnesses show that, in 2002:

There were 42,286 occupational injuries or illnesses involving the eye that resulted in days away from work. The typical eye injuries occurred by rubbed or abraded foreign matter, such as metal chips, dirt particles and splinters, or by striking the eye. Surface wounds, such as abrasions, scratches and foreign bodies (splinters and chips) were among the most common types of injuries to the eyes.

Eye injuries accounted for 47 percent of all head injuries involving days away from work and 70 percent of all face injuries involving days away from work. Workers in the manufacturing and trade industries and those in the occupational groups of operators, fabricators and laborers and in precision, production, craft and repair occupations were most at risk of incurring an eye injury.

Stay safe on the job. Follow all safety policies and procedures, wear your personal protective equipment where and when required, report safety hazards and incidents immediately, and offer suggestions to improve on the job safety.

Remember if you can't go to work because of an eye injury you won't be able to fly, maybe not even build. I have seen some planes that look like they were built by Braille.



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





Barnyard Buzzards Events

2011 Events

Our events are **open to the public** and you are welcome to come out to watch the events and talk with our pilots. All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House. We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces for the swap meet are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION
Club Charity Auction	Tuesday, June 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Fun Fly	Saturday, July 23 rain date: July 24	10:00am - 3:00pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Open House & Super Swap Meet	Saturday, August 13	10:00am - 3:00pm	Bryan Reightley	(360) 863-2953	Club Field
Combat	Saturday Sept. 10	10:00am - 3:00pm	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	Club Field
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 7, 2012	11am - 2pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	Club Field
Builder Competition	<p>Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!! You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging. Models previously entered, but not brought for judging can be re-entered for the \$10.00 fee. Judging and award presentation will be during our May 8, 2012 meeting at the club field.</p>				

Photos for Fun



Al solos Vince presents award



Ron presents awards from Fun Fly



August Meeting





Passing the Baton

A few days ago at our flying field, I was asked to step aside as the Barnyard Buzzards Webmaster by Bryan. Ron Rueter will be the next incumbent. I wish him luck.

I remember becoming the 27th member of the Buzzards in August 2001 and volunteered to help out with the website. Many changes were made to the existing site that Chip put together in those early days. The idea for the new website was to add some new features and try to keep the event calendar current. A builders area from planes I build over the years and an engine gallery from my collection were added as features to attract modelers to our club. The content and direction was defined by the then current club officers and so the website <http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com> was created. We have over 10 years of newsletters online, historically documenting the Barnyard Buzzards stepping into the public view, becoming an AMA Gold Leader Club, donating to various charities, and maintaining a park-like flying field. I've received many comments from around the world from modelers who visited our website. Most were positive.

This is yet another change for the Buzzards and for me. It has been a great experience serving the Buzzards as the Webmaster. I will continue to serve as the current newsletter editor.

The new URL for our website (sorry guys—a change Ron Rueter decided) is now <http://www.bbmac.net>, so you'll want to update your bookmarks to point to the new one. I will be deleting the old site soon. It was a donated free website and service for the club and our visitors.

Ron Swift

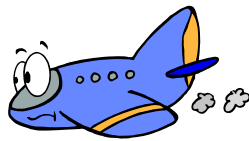
Buzzard's Donation



From our July meeting minutes posted in the August newsletter:

“Rick Hanners proposed including a visitor’s \$10.00 donation in the charity sum and that the club should round the total amount to \$500.00. So, the \$460 plus the \$10 and the additional \$30 from the club makes \$500.00. The club approved the \$30 dollar amount. Then discussion centered on who to donate the money to. A motion was made to donate the entire amount to the Monroe Food Bank. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.”

Bryan presents our \$500.00 check to the Monroe Food Bank





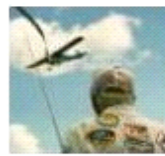
Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 Alf'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 Houger 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:

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| 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 13 Club Field
- October 11 Alf's Pizza
- November 8 Alf's Pizza
- December 13 Alf's Pizza
- January 10 Alf's Pizza
- February 14 Alf's Pizza
- March 12 Alf'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 13, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (see page 9).

Program: BBMAC's New Website



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