



# Buzzard Droppings



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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 11, 2012, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club Field, Route 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).  
**Program: Buddy Box Setup Discussion**

### President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,

The weather has been terrific for flying the last month. I hope everyone has had a chance to get some flights in at the new field. I'm feeling more comfortable with the overfly area, but it has taken some time getting used to it. I have yet to make contact with a tree, but I have witnessed others modifying their

airframes by doing so. The east end of the field can be a bit tricky. As we are all still familiarizing ourselves with the new field don't be shy about either enlisting or offering assistance especially when taking off or landing. For obvious reasons this is better then having to

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### August 14th Meeting Minutes — Tim Baird

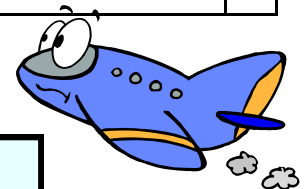
The August meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:34 PM. Bryan announced the officers present:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Jim Reynolds
- Secretary – Tim Baird
- Treasurer - Rick Hanners
- Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift  
Field Manager - Jay Bell  
Webmaster – Ron Rueter  
Rick Hanners was on his way

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This

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### Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

Secretary: Tim Baird (360) 348-6033

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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ask for help after you crash. Additionally, I have received calls from our landlord the last few weekends saying someone is flying too close to the house, or even beyond the road. Please be aware of your plane's location at all times when in the air and make a special effort to stay clear of these areas.

With Fall just around the corner improvements to our access road once again top our list of priorities. We will be discussing the best approach to utilizing our remaining funds for this work at the upcoming club meeting Tuesday 9/11 at 6:30. Please plan to join us, provide comments, and vote on this important issue.

See you at our new field, Bryan Reightley



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was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as published were accepted.

Julia Baird joined us for our meeting. She has flown with her father a couple of times and wants to join the club and do more flying. This would make member # 51.

### Officer Reports:

**Vice President:** Jim Reynolds Thanked all who participated in the Fun Fly. A good time was had by all. Vince Bell won first. Ron Reuter took second. Jimbo Osthe placed third. There are no other events planned for this year, but suggested we have our Annual Charity Auction in September.

**Treasurer:** Bryan gave a brief financial synopsis as Rick Hanners was arriving. He reported on our financial health with a brief accounting of moneys we have on hand, how much is already committed to the field, rent and the access road. We are, at this point, doing well.

**Safety Officer:** Vince Bell told us that Arlene has reported occasional over flying of her house and has asked that we avoid this. He urged us to all be more cautious as this could become a real safety issue. Bryan related a story of having to retrieve a plane from the blackberry bushes and reported about all of the scrapes and scratches

he got from that adventure. Jay mentioned that there is a set of coveralls in the pole barn for use by all for such excursions.

**Field Manager:** Jay Bell says the field is open for flying. A suggestion was made to provide an oil change for Arlene's tractor and \$80.00 was approved for this purchase. It was suggested and approved that we post a sign at the SR-2 entrance stating that the field was for BBMAC members only. Jay announced that he is ready to place the lock on the SR-2 gate as soon as communication is sent out to all members of this change and a reminder of what the combination will be. It was decided to keep it set to our charter number. He also announced that the mower had a break down.

**Newsletter:** Ron Swift gave public thanks to Tim Baird for manning the BBMAC booth at the Index Arts Festival. Jay Bell also stopped in for a while. The booth had lots of visitors and generated lots of interest. Ron also suggested a monthly photo contest open to all members. Submit photos for the newsletter to be judged by Ron and Bryan. End of year prize for best or the winning submissions.

**Webmaster:** Ron Rueter asked for member submissions of building projects, photos, articles or other content that might be appropriate for our website.

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## Announcements:

Charlie Higgins passed away this past month. Ron Swift attended the funeral. It seems that Charlie, or Cliff as he was known by many, was a member of several clubs including not only ours but Beams, SRAC and Marymoor RC Club. The priest mentioned our club a few times. Several members of those clubs shared their memories and impressions of Charlie during the service. Observations were that Charlie was always accompanied by his wife. Once he came on the wrong Tuesday and was looking around for us. The following week he was there as expected, with his wife. The club also sent a live plant to his widow which she received just before the funeral.

## Old Business:

Bryan announced that our rent has been paid for the year. He also confirmed that the first meeting back at Alfys will be in October.

## New Business:

Bryan asked whether there was enough interest in the rebuilders contest to do again this year. Interest was expressed so we will have it on the first meeting back at Alfys. Be sure to include as many photos as you feel appropriate to show how much you had to do to bring it back. A written presentation would be nice as

well.

Moving the gate at SR-2 was discussed again.

Jay is to get an estimate of cost for underlayment then crushed pavement and concrete, as well as the cost of setting up the temporary electric fence at the entrance so we can leave the SR-2 Gates open on heavy flying days such as contests and just about any Saturday.

## Program:

Vince brought in his electric powered winch for the demonstration. It was built from an old car Ford long shaft starter, was powered by a 12 battery, and operated by a switch in a foot peddle. The motor pulled in so quickly that one would have to pulse the motor as a continuous pull could fold the main wing.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:49 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 11, 2012, at our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Club Secretary, Tim Baird



ADVERTISEMENTS

## 2013 membership renewal - re-up online today

AMA members should be receiving their annual "bill and ballot" for the 2013 flying season by the first of October. Along with the annual membership dues invoice comes a slate of AMA officers up for election. More and more, members are now renewing online - just about half do now - and are encouraged to do so in order to save the Academy processing time and money. Don't let your benefits lapse; renew today!

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>





# Flying For Fun







# Safety Corner

Here are a couple of experiences to think about.

Jim, our beloved vice president, related this story to me the other day. It seems he was leaving the field via the Highway 2 exit. After checking traffic to his left and waiting for an opening he began to pull out into the west bound lane. At the same time a car pulled out of the East bound lane to pass traffic in the east bound lane, narrowly missing Jim in the west bound lane. This is a situation that I had not thought of. It is a little scary because it is a nice straight road in that area and there is always someone that has to be ahead of the car in front of them. Please be super cautious when entering Highway 2 either from the field entrance or at the east end of Fern Bluff Road.

The other day I was flying my airplane straight and level about half throttle. I'd guess the engine was turning about 5000 RPM. There was a loud bang and the engine stopped. In the landing attempt I didn't quite make it over the fence and the dead stick airplane hit one of the steel fence posts. That confrontation messed up the cowl a little, mostly cosmetic damage, but the engine was sitting at a really weird angle. Also, the end of one of the propeller blades was missing. We looked for the broken prop blade and didn't find it anywhere near the post the plane hit. The part of the blade that was still on the engine didn't look like it was broken from an impact. It looked like it was thrown off. When I got home and started looking at the firewall it didn't look like it was broken from a crash or impact with the post either.

What I'm thinking happened was that the end on

the propeller separated while the engine was running, causing it to become severely out of balance, shaking the engine mount and fire wall from the airframe. From a safety standpoint, that's why the engine stopped and the end of the prop was missing. Since it didn't look like it was broken from an impact – the event makes me think of what could have happened on the ground while starting the engine. If someone was in line with the propeller as it let lose, it could have caused a very serious wound. When you are running up the engine or just being around an engine, be aware that something like this could happen on the ground just as well. [Actually it did and a young pilot, Joe, was astounded as my YS 91 threw off the spinner and screw last weekend! Luckily no one was hit by the flying parts.]

"A model, engine, or radio that is not prepared and working properly on the ground before take-off 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.

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





# Radio Control Auction

## Saturday, September 15 10:00 AM

The Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club will be hosting our annual Charity auction on Saturday, September 15 starting at 10:00 AM. It will be located at our flying field along RT 2 east of Monroe near Fern Bluff Rd (See map on back)



Be ready for some amazing low prices as there is no minimum bid and many sellers usually don't want to take the same stuff home...again!

- Everyone is welcome to bring their items for auction.
- There is **NO COMMISSION** and **NO ENTRY FEE**. It is recommended that you bring your own tables and chairs.
- This is a Chinese Style auction, meaning there is no minimum bid, but the owner has the right to refuse the highest bid.
- All financial arrangements are between the buyer and the seller.

There will be tables for items to be auctioned for the benefit of our club charity and for the development our flying field. These items will go to the highest bidder. Unsold charity items will remain with the Barnyard Buzzards and will be sold/auctioned at our other events.

The idea is to have fun and provide an opportunity for RC enthusiasts to get parts and projects for the upcoming building season.

We will have beverages, hamburgers and hotdogs available for lunch at reasonable prices.



Contact Ron Swift at 425 788-6045 or email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com) with any questions.





# Labor Day Flying



What a day! It has been a great month, too...



Yup, pilots, Don, Julia, Tim, Brad, Jay, Russell, Steve, Ron and guests had a lot of fun on Monday!





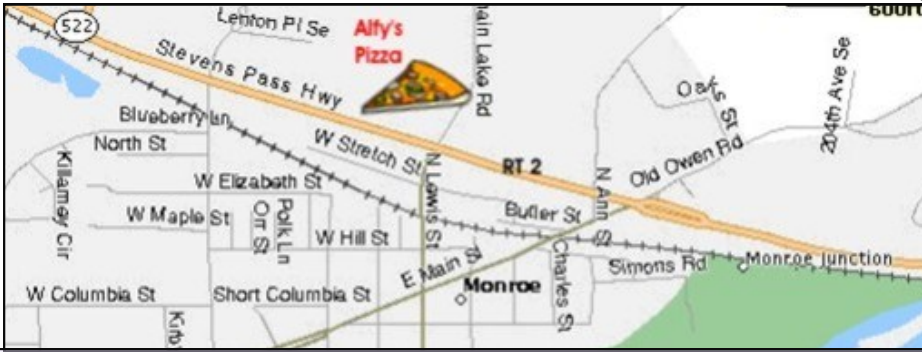


# Photos from John



**Your Photos & Articles could be placed here.  
Feel free to submit them anytime!**

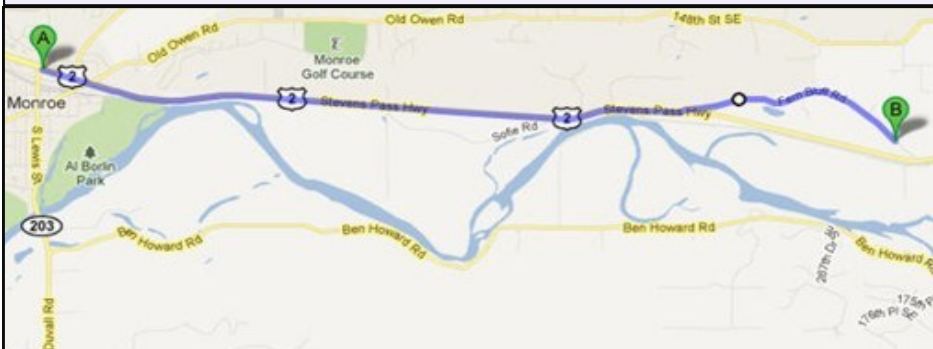




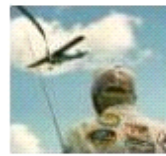
## Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** During the winter months 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. Next we 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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



# 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:

Dean Appell	360 435-7803
Vince Bell	425 788-2456
Rick Hanners	360 668-1312
Ron Swift	425 788-6045



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM**  
**2nd Tuesday**  
 September 11 Club Field  
 October 9 Alf's Pizza  
 November 13 Alf's Pizza  
 December 11 Alf's Pizza  
 January 8 Alf's Pizza  
 February 12 Alf's Pizza

### Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our website (<http://www.bbmac.net>), has lots of photos of our field. We're under construction for the 2012 flying season.



Next meeting, **Tuesday, September 11 6:30**

**PM** at Our New Club Field along Route 2 just East of Monroe (see page 9).

Program: **Buddy Box Setup Discussion**



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