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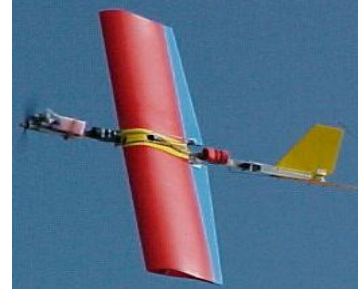
Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, September 10th, 2013, 6:30 PM** at our club field east of Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).
Program: None Planned

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,
The club hosted its annual Open House and Super Swap Meet in August. Although few members were in attendance, a good time was had by all. On Saturday September 7th BBMAC is holding our only combat competition for this year. Please note this event was

rescheduled during our last club meeting. This will be our last flying event this year, so it would be great to have a big crowd on hand. Nominations for club officers will open during the October monthly meeting. I'm approaching the end of my third term. This is the most
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August 13th Meeting Minutes — Tim Shegrud

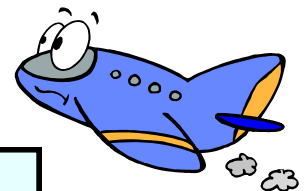
The August meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:28PM. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President** - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President** – Brian Richardson absent – Married day previous
- Secretary** – Tim Shegrud
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell

Field Manager - Jay Bell
Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift
Webmaster – Ron Rueter
Visitors and New Members – no visitors or new members attended this month

Officer's Reports

Secretary– Tim Shegrud solicited
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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638
Secretary: Tim Shegrud (360) 348-6033
Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456
Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Vice President: Brian Richardson (425) 501-2965
Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
Newsletter : Ron Swift (425) 788-6045
Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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time anyone can serve according to our club bylaws, so the position of President will be open. As a club, BBMAC relies on volunteers at all levels so I encourage everyone to consider running for office.

It's been a wonderful flying season with few weekends where the weather has not cooperated. I am writing this while on vacation just north of Ocean Shores. In anticipation of great weather I brought along a couple of electrics. Although the winds have been a bit strong most of the time, I've managed a few flights. The rest of the time my family has helped me find some humor as noted in this picture with a sign stating "Warning aircraft landing and taking off beyond this point"

See you on the flight line, Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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edits and corrections for the July minutes. None were offered. A motion was offered to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Our membership remains at 32 members.

Vice President – Brian Richardson was unable to join us. So Bryan R. provided the following: We have a couple events left this year including an Open House on August 17th and The Combat Contest which we have moved up to September 7th. Then, of course, at the beginning of next year we will have our Freeze-In.

Treasurer – Ron Swift gave a brief accounting of the status of the club's account. We are doing well and have enough to finish out the year.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell stated that with the exception of the crash of Tim's, things have been going well. Remember to form and test new batteries before you trust them to power the systems in your airplanes.

Field Manager – Jay Bell mentioned that we need to start thinking about where we are going to stash the benches while we try to find a new field. Also the rock we promised to spread over Hanners' Highway will be delivered and spread on August 24th.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift has hardcopies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your articles and photos for pub-

lishing in the newsletter.

Webmaster – Ron Rueter announced that Dick Resler is looking for a combat plane

Announcements

Bryan thanked the guys who called 911 and made sure he got medical attention when he 'had vertigo', even though none of them hung around ;-). This drove home the notion that we all should make sure that at the least someone knows where you have gone when you go to the field. Better yet would be to have someone with you.

The Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club was well represented at the Index Arts Festival with John and Betty Rennert, as well as Ron Swift, manned the booth. They had many stop and visit the booth with lots of flyers passed out to the curious and interested.

The Fun Fly was held on July 27th. It was a fun and safe contest with no real damage done to any of the planes during the contest. Vince took 1st place, Dick Resler took 2nd, Tom Fixel was 3rd and our President, Bryan, came in 4th.

Old Business

Status of gate signage – The sign is printed and ready to be mounted on the main entrance gate and was competed at the end of the meeting.

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Flying Field status – We are still looking for a new flying site.

New flying field updates:

Dick Broderon ran into a classmate at his high school reunion that has about 40 acres off of HWY 522 on Fales Road – Dick will follow up on it.

Ron S. has a contact in Duvall who has some land that might be utilized as a new field

The tractor door still needs to be repaired.

New Business

There is a possibility that the gates may be locked on Friday and Saturday Sept 13th and 14th. We will email the club with a notice when we get closer to that weekend when we have more information or confirmation.

Reminder – club officer nominations will be open soon so start thinking of whom you would like to nominate for board positions. Remember that Bryan cannot run again.

Program

Ron gave a presentation about pattern flying and a quick report of his experience and results of the pattern contest he CD'd at Cascade the previous weekend

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:37 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at our club field at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Shegrud, Barnyard Buzzards Secretary.



Upcoming Events!!!

Saturday, September 7th Annual Combat Event
Saturday, January 4th Annual Freeze-In 10 - 2 pm
All events held at our club field (see map on page 7)
Call Brian Richardson for questions and/or additional details (425) 501-2965



Safety Corner

All seems to be going well at the field, no serious injuries that I have heard about. Everyone is behaving himself or herself. We do need to watch our pattern to the north. I see a lot of patterns that are getting near the landlord's house. The house is not nearly as far away as you would think.

Humans have their eyes set way to close together to be able to judge distance with any degree of accuracy. Yes, some of us are better judges of distance than others. The brain uses many things to give us a clue as to the distance of an object. Size is just one of them. But guess what, all airplanes are not the same size. While flying the other day, a Cessna 172 flew near the field. My airplane and the Cessna appeared to be about the same size. My plane was about 600 to 700 ft away and the Cessna was probably 5 or 6 times that distance away, but both airplanes looked about the same size. Bigger airplanes look closer than smaller ones. Had my airplane not been in the air, I would still have had a good idea how far away the Cessna was because I know the size of a Cessna 172. I could have been tricked had it been scale model.

Just for fun someday go out to the tree line and watch planes as they make approaches. You will find that a lot of them are on the other side of the tree line. But if you were to ask the pilot, they will swear they were on the field side of the tree line. This very thing happened to me. I thought I was on the field side of the tree line but a little south of the center line, when a tree reached out and grabbed my airplane and I realized differently! The plane was one of my bigger ones, so it looked bigger. My brain must have calculated that it was closer than it was. Another thing that may have been a

contributing factor was I had been flying a much smaller plane just before the fatal flight.

Remember Saturday, September 7th is the combat meet. This is where you will be able to see just how good you are at judging distance relative to two moving objects (airplanes). Luck is also a contributor to success in combat, but if you can't get close you're not going to get a cut.

Here are a couple things for thought:

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.)

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





BUZZARDS @ THE INDEX ARTS FESTIVAL

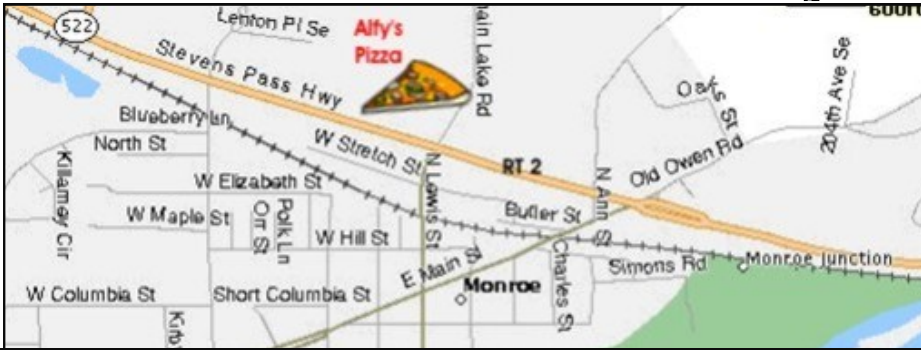




BUZZARDS OPEN HOUSE & SUPER SWAP



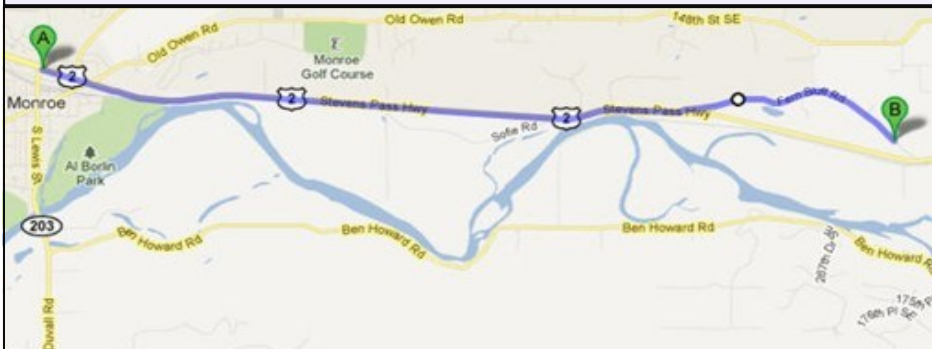
It seems that most everyone had a very busy August and that the turnout for our event was a little sparse. Here are some photos of the event taken by Luke. Thanks, Luke! Don't forget the final event of 2013, our combat event this Saturday! Lots to see and plenty of action. You can fly any model in the event, not just special designs for combat.



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 Alfie'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 our club secretary, **Tim Baird 360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Vince Bell 425 788-2456
- Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday**

- August 13 Club Field
- September 10 Club Field
- October 8 Alfie's Pizza
- November 12 Alfie's Pizza
- December 10 Alfie's Pizza
- January 14 Alfie's Pizza
- February 11 Alfie's Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located east of 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've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday September 10th 6:30 PM** at our club field Route 2 east of Monroe (see page 9).
Program: None Planned



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