



# Buzzard Droppings



Gold Leader Club

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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 6:30 PM** at Our New Club location at the BSA Monroe ([See page 7 for a map](#)).  
**Program: RealFlight 7 w/Transmitter Interface Simulator**



### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards!

Well, if you've had a chance to get to the field, you're seeing a pretty nice looking runway. Granted, there are some bare spots, mostly a tad rocky in those areas but ideas are floating around about how to repair those without shutting down or scarring the runway long

term.

Got an idea? Bring it with you to our last meeting at the field this Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

There have been a few individuals stopping by and chatting with whomever might be available.

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### August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:31pm with 12 members in attendance and one guest, Ted Becker.

Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

**President** – Chet Blake

**Vice President** – Jim Reynolds

**Secretary** – Rick Hanners

**Treasurer** – Ron Swift

**Safety Officer** – Vince Bell

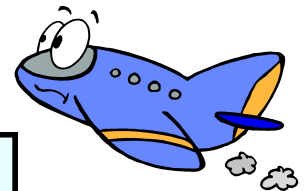
**Field Manager** – Jay Bell

**Webmaster** – Ron Rueter

**Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. It was pointed out that some typo corrections had been made and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The

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### Club Officers and Contacts

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Field Manager: Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

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That's great news to see that we're generating interest. While I'm there I often see the neighbors to the east drive by and wave or toot the horn, again good signs that indicate a welcoming for us to be there. If anyone does stop, just do as you have always done and represent the Club and what it does as you see it. Remember, EACH and EVERY one of US are ambassadors of this great hobby and a GREAT Club. Serve them well!

Speaking of being an ambassador of the Hobby, please be sure that you have or will send an email, letter or fax to the FAA about their upcoming rules. The closing date is 9/23. They are NOT just about First Person View issues and reach deeply into controlling our hobby. As of this writing the AMA is NOT a listed Community Based Organization with the FAA as we ALL thought. The AMA is petitioning the FAA to be accepted as that CBO. The AMA and our Club NEEDS this to continue what we do, safely as we do, when and where we do. Stay current with this via the AMA web site and support this and the Objection to the Public

Rule any way you can.  
I want to see you Flying!! Chet



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minutes were approved.

### Officers Reports

**VP** – Nothing pending at the moment. As December gets closer more discussion about plans for the Christmas party will be discussed.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. The club did pay Rob \$4500 for all the field development work.

**Secretary** – The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members.

**Safety Officer** – No issues to report but nothing has been setup as yet, such as a safety fence, so just be extra aware 'till things are fully setup.

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy.

**Field Manager** – The grass on the runway is growing and being watered, but the grass has not taken in the pits/parking area most likely due to lack of watering. Thanks to Mark Weeks and Jim Reynolds especially for putting in lots of time to keep the runway watered plus everyone else who has done this. There is a possibility of switching

over the hose to a larger water pipe and that is being looked into. Should allow possibly watering in the pits/parking area.

**Webmaster** – There has been some issues with some of the programming but most issues have been resolved. Chet suggested that a link to the minutes and newsletter be put on the first page.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Field Construction/ Hill Clearance

A watering schedule has been created for people to sign up. The schedule was passed around to the members present to try and fill in any of the holes. There doesn't appear to be any issues with the watering saturating the dirt with the length of time each of the 7 watering stations is on. The grass is growing on the runway. Come the fall we probably need to fertilize the runway to encourage more grass growth.

Now that the hillside is cleared, we probably need to put some cheap grass seed on it to prevent a run off. Jay will check out what cheap seed is available at Del's.

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### Christmas Party

The party has been tentatively set for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bryan Reightley was to check to see if the lodge was available for a possible pot luck dinner. Nothing was ever definitively decided as to if the club was going to a restaurant, having the meal catered or doing a pot luck. Ron Swift volunteered him and Sandy to look for catering prices. Ron Swift also brought up the possibility of him bringing a cooked turkey or ham, if a pot luck was decided.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Field Development Progress

The runway was hydro seeded on July 28<sup>th</sup> and by the 30<sup>th</sup>, watering stations were setup. We have a fair amount of new grass growth but we need to continue watering to promote root growth. There is also the possibility we might want to manually put down grass seed to fill in any thin areas. The club also needs to think about fertilizing in the fall. Eventually, some work parties need to be organized to finish any cleanup and to setup tables, fences and so forth. Jay mentioned that Ranger Dave said we could use some of the

pile of top soil to spread on the runway or where needed. Member donated grass seed has been put out and members can still donate more to be used on runway thin spots.

#### FAA Special Rule

Chet brought up the proposed changes by the FAA of rules to govern not only FPV flying but items that would affect all modelers. He urged members to write an email or other form of correspondence to the FAA in opposition to the proposed rules they are coming up with. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the new deadline for submitting comments. On the AMA website is some suggested wording for a reply to the FAA.

#### Possible Fall Meeting Location

Alfy's was suggested as the location for our fall/winter meetings and Chet is to schedule same with Alfy's.

#### Index Art Festival

Lots of people stopped by the booth, especially kids to run the retract simulator. There were a number of different types of aircraft on display for all to see. Ron estimated that he

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# August Club Meeting and Presentation





talked to hundreds of people ranging from 4 to 80 years old.

**Miscellaneous**

Bryan has asked Robb to possibly remove his road leveler as soon as he can. Bryan also said he was going to talk with Ranger Matt or Dave to get the lock on the gate latched properly so that either lock can open the gate. The lock issue appears to have been resolved. Lake Hughes is now available for use 24/7 but we need to come in via the Camp Pigott entrance. There was some discussion about putting some sort of marking near the road to ensure that fliers don't come in too low over the road when landing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

.....Rick Hanners, Club Secretary



*Safety Corner* 

We now have grass growing at the new field and it is looking real nice. Jay has been doing a great job of making sure that it has been getting watered and keeping supplies on hand to fix the hoses and the pipes. Some of the hoses are old and won't stand the pressure that we have available. When you see Mark, Jim and the others that have been going out to change the hoses on the watering system, give them a big thank-you.

If you haven't been out to the field and flown yet you will be shocked with the space that is available. Remember the old field where we had the house to the north, power lines to the west and trees to the east. At the new field there's none of that. At the new field, basically the only real distance restriction is the trees to the southeast. Even they are a good distance away but reachable even with a small electric. The field is orientated north and south. With an approach from the south, the tree line just mentioned is the only concern, but not much of one. Approaching from the north there is nothing.

The only catch is if you are way out and lose orientation and/or have a mechanical or some other problem disabling the aircraft- this could prevent it from returning to the field. The terrain out there is not friendly to walk in for retrieving your craft. IF YOU NEED TO GO VERY FAR FROM THE LANDING AREA MAKE SURE YOU ARE WEARING GOOD SHOES OR

**BOOTS, LONG PANTS ARE ADVISEABLE.**

Use landmarks so that you can stay on a track to your target. The area has several streams large and small running willy-nilly through it, not to mention the large clumps of brush that you will need to navigate around or somehow get through. Another thing you can bet on is that the downed plane is further out than you think. So be careful, a plane is not worth falling down and breaking a leg or worse.

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







# August '14 Field Photos

You can check our watering schedule online for those you could thank for the successful grass on our new flying area at Camp Edward. Numbered among the members are Chet, Mark, Jay, Ron R, Ron S, John R, Jim, and more! Thanks for the donated seed and watering supplies, guys!





## 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Camp Edward is located near Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. A Shell gas station and Indian restaurant will be on the left. As you travel north on Woods Creek Road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (it becomes Yeager).

**Note:** If you happen to go to the left, make sure you take the next right to stay on Woods Creek Road.

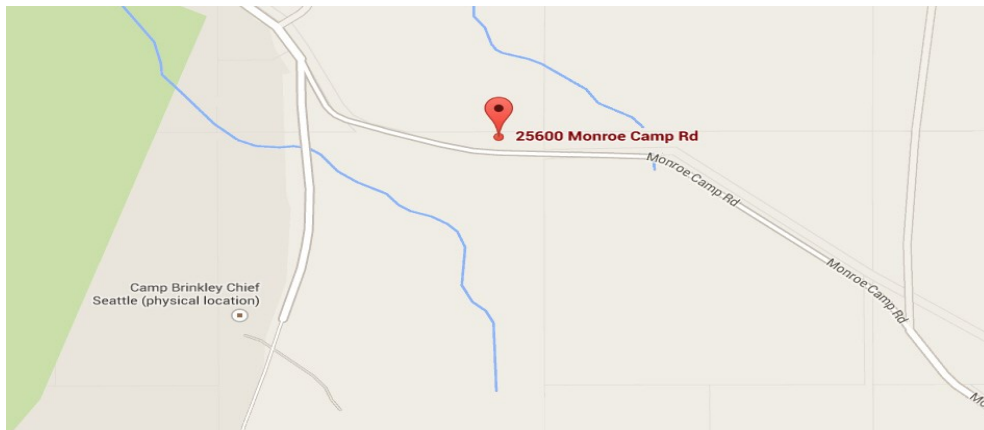
Then stay to the left at the intersection where Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road. Be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop! Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop!

In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road. The Lake Roesinger Store will be on your left. In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay left. After a short distance you will see the red barn and the gate into our flying area.

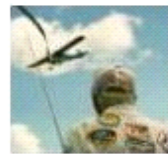
**Our club meetings are open to the public.** During the winter months we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfys Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. During the summer months (weather permitting), the club meets at our flying field. See the schedule below for location...

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.



## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM**  
**2nd Tuesday**  
 September 9 Club Field  
 October 14 Alfys Pizza  
 November 11 Alfys Pizza  
 December 9 Alfys Pizza  
 January 13 Alfys Pizza

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. We have a safety check-list available for those new to our flying field.

**Current Flight Instructor:**  
Ron Swift 425 788-6045





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