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Barnyard Buzzards AMA Chapter 2953 Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map.](#))

Program: Creative building/rebuilding – Choosing the right stuff



Who Needs Power!?!

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Greetings, Buzzards!
Summer is winding down, but that doesn't mean that our flying season is gone. September has been known for some of the nicest weather for flying, not too hot & plenty of sunshine! The forecast is predicting days in the 80's and even

90's for the first couple of weeks in September. The morning dew has helped green up the grass and with that said, there are still open spots for those who have not had an opportunity this year to mow yet.

We have had a year full of

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August 8th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

Intro of officers--- Ron Swift - Treasurer , Chet Blake – Secretary, Don Bailey – Safety officer, Bryan Reightley- VP, Mark Weeks- President

17 members present

Additions or corrections to the minutes – None. Motion to accept, seconded and passed.

Officers Reports

VP – Multi-rotor event went very

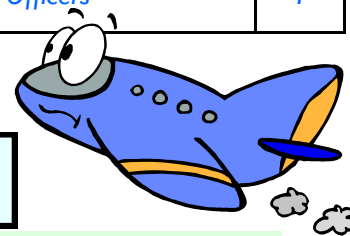
well, all types and shapes of Multi-rotors there. It was a blast. Model aviation Day and Annual Auction coming up Aug. 12 and Fun Fly on Aug 26.

Treasurer – Funds are in good shape and still have \$172 forwarded for Field Improvement from 2016 budget.

Secretary- Currently we have 33 paid members

Safety – Everything going well.

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events so far and have three more to go with the **Boats and Floats** event **September 16th**, our **Night Fly on October 7th** and the **Rebuilders Contest October 10th**. With that being said, we had 8 field events and 3 more events that have or had nothing to do with flying: Builders and Rebuilders Contest, and the **Christmas Party**.

Why does a club have events in the first place? Do we have too many or not enough? Do we have the events scheduled at the correct times so as to not conflict with other events? When I joined this club, I watched from the sidelines as we had events and still enjoyed them all. Once I could stay in the air more than my unexpected, unscheduled controlled landings (ie crashes), I joined in my first Fun Fly. While I did not take 1st or even 2nd place I made it through the event without any damage to my plane and was encouraged by that success and the camaraderie. With each event I continue to challenge my skills and more than that, spend time with this fantastic group of guys. This, in my opinion, is what makes our club

so special. So, with this year's event schedule coming to a close I have to ask, what does the membership think about our event schedules; enough or too few? Correct timing? These are questions that we will be tackling at our meetings. Please come and voice your thoughts/concerns.

I hope to see you at the field.
Respectfully,
Mark



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Great awareness by fellow modelers and watching out for one another. Great Job!

Field Manager – If anyone has a thought on a special project or field issue let Jay or a Board member know.

Newsletter Editor - Hard copies available and your input is needed. Please send Club interest and event pictures to Ron Swift and Ron Rueter

Old Business

It has been reported that the Arlington Eagles had lost their field as of June 30th. A letter was sent out to them offering the use of Hanners Memorial Field at no charge.

Watering the field... If you're the last one to leave, please carefully put the sprinkler back out in the runway, moved down one spot (or back to the starting spot, north end of runway), hook up the hose and set the timer to max time.

A question regarding camping came up due to an email to Ron and Chet. It would need to be vetted with the Boy Scouts plus it's really not a good fit for the Club. No Camping will be offered.

Don's Aero-tow glider event in Concrete was on July 29 & 30.

Model Aviation Day, Open House and Auction coming up on August 12, starting at 10:00 am. Lots

of items donated this year. Lunch will be available.

Len is planning a tractor work day coming up soon, we'll keep you posted on that date. The big job is to level the curb effect on the east side of the runway so mowing can be better accomplished. A few other projects if time allows.

NEW BUSINESS

Associate membership was considered to offer to other Clubs as a reciprocal agreement. Yearly dues set by Executive Board (same as we currently set the yearly dues). There was a motion, second and vote to consider changing the by-laws to allow Associate Membership. This was presented some time ago by members of the Arlington Eagles. At the time Chet Blake (then president of the BBMAC) declined the offer because our field was in development and there was basically not much of a flying field to offer.

Recently the subject came up again from an Arlington Eagles representative and the subject was reviewed at the June meeting, resulting in a motion that passed by vote to amend the by-laws to reflect the following:

Proposed Addition to By-Laws Membership, Article III, Section 7 e. as follows:

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Associate membership shall be offered to outside club members in good standing with the AMA (this does not apply to former Barnyard Buzzards members). The Associate Member may not hold Executive Board Office or Committee position. The Associate member has regular flying rights at Hanners' Memorial Field after passing Safety/Checkout flight requirements as established by the Executive Committee.

Associate membership dues will be recommended by the Executive Board. The Associate member may request full membership at any time.

The proposal was brought up in the business meeting, ensuing discussion and then be voted on.

After quite a bit of discussion a Call to Question was asked for and the resulting vote was **NO**. There will be **NO** associate membership offered to any Club going forward. Mark was to contact Mike Bradshaw of the Eagles and explain the results. This brought up a couple of rules that felt needed reinforcement...

News came forward that the Arlington Eagles have a month to month agreement to use their field until the new buyer closes on the property. They are hopeful that the new buyer will continue renting to them. With that news, the Open Gate policy with BBMAC has been retired. Mark has notified Mike Bradshaw of this update.

All Flyers **MUST** be a member in good standing of the AMA.

A review of the field rules such as Guests can not invite other guests.

Guests must be accompanied by a full BBMAC member who will explain the Club Rules, Safety Rules, Field layout and Field Rules. After 3 visits, the Guest is expected to join the Club if he/she wishes to continue flying at the Field.

Field Safety rules apply at all times.

Sandy is working on the Freeze-In patch and will mail them to entrants who are not usually at the meetings.

Model Aviation Day and Auction coming up on Saturday, August 12th. There is quite a bit of interesting stuff to auction off this year. Please plan on attending and help support our favorite charity.

Len had done a lot of runway east side berm work to give the runway a wider sense and easier to take care of. He also dug out part of the hillside to make a place to put the grill. A roof is in the works to protect it from the elements. He also had his rock rake and leveled out some of the stone brought in last year and extended it back a bit to the south, past the awning area. Many thanks to Len once again for the use of his equipment and time.

Discussion and approval made to lock the barn. Lock large door with hasp and bolt type affair on inside and lock and hasp on man door.

Discussion ensued about purchasing a shipping container to get our possessions out of the aging, decaying barn. This led to where to put it and if the Scouts were comfortable with us doing that at the field. Further info to follow.

The calendar said Christmas Party date to be determined. After discussion, Saturday, December 2nd was selected. Bryan is checking with Ranger Dave for use of the newly renovated lodge.

Announcements- Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers are hosting the NW Scale Model Competition the weekend of 8/25 thru 8/27.

PROGRAM.... General Socializing and discussions...

Motion to Adjourn: 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake,
BBMAC Secretary



Hey guys feel free to send photos of your models and we'll likely make them available. These two are from Newsletter Editor, Ron Swift. On the left is an Ultimate Biplane featuring a Saito 130 Twin nitro engine. On the right is a Hangar 9 UltraStick featuring a Saito 182 twin cylinder. Do these twins sound great? You betcha!!! With onboard glow and flown with a Spectrum DX18.





Safety Corner



Don Bailey

“Taking Inventory”

How many of us know what it is like to get way out ahead of ourselves, in our rush to get airborne on a fine summer day? We’ve all seen it—some guy pulls into the parking lot, stares up at the flawless sky and the several models already airborne, and scarcely does he have time to set the parking brake before he is reaching in the back seat for his airplane. In his full-throttle scramble to get his airplane up in the air, things get dropped on the ground, or knocked over, or simply get overlooked, which means returning to the car for a forgotten item. When I see this, I always mutter to myself, “Slow down, buddy! Your gonna end up wishing you’d taken your time!” For most activities, being in too big a hurry is usually a bad idea, and can actually set us back if we are not careful. Like, for example, my first speeding ticket when I was a teenager—I ended up arriving noticeably late for my job interview, and on top of that I had a nice fine to pay for my trouble.

When working with model airplanes, it is always prudent to take a brief moment at certain points and run through the checklist in our head. Full-scale pilots use a written checklist, prior to start-up, take-off, and landing, so that no item can be neglected. We are generally not so sophisticated, but the convention is the same, and with the same result—a thorough review of our procedures, to ensure that nothing important is overlooked. At what point should we run through our mental checklist?

Leaving the house - I have developed the habit over the years of staring at my stuff after I load the truck for an outing, especially if I am about to embark on a long road trip with my airplanes. I walk through the steps necessary for assembling and starting my planes. Do I have the transmitter (a common oversight, as I’m sure many of you can

attest!)? Do I have rubber bands for the wings? Glow fuel? Starter motor? Wing joiner rods? Air-frame cradle? As I imagine each step, I mentally check off the item or items that are required for that step. It is surprising how often this technique has saved the day for me - and how often I have faced disappointment when I didn’t do it!

Getting ready to start the engine - Since the next step after running up our engine is to fly the airplane, it is a good idea to run through our air-frame readiness checklist before flipping over the prop. Did I check the plane over for any prior damage? Did I install my wing bolts securely? Is the flight battery at full charge? Did I range check, and verify the correct control surface throws? Is the runway clear of airplanes or obstructions and available for take-off?

Putting everything away at the end of the day - Did I remember to switch off my transmitters and airplanes? Drain the fuel from the tank? Did I leave the flight station clean and ready for the next guy? Did I get everything I brought with me?

Running through a checklist doesn’t have to be long and laborious. Usually it is well enough to just pause and take a break for a moment, and think through what we are about to do next. By taking this precaution, we can avoid disastrous mistakes, like taking off without our wing bolts tightened down, or with a low receiver battery, or with the flight controls reversed. I have made each of these mistakes over the years! You’d think I’d learn from the old adage “haste makes waste”--- and, in our hobby, it also makes lots of small balsa pieces!

Until next time, be safe and have fun! --Don Bailey, Safety Officer





Club Auction & Model Aviation Day



Hey guys, we made over \$500 for our favorite charity during our event! Mark mentioned he got his auction Biplane put together and flown. You can see it in the photo below. How's your new stuff working' out?





Floats & Boats

Yes, we have our second Boats and Floats event on Saturday, September 16th starting at 10:00 AM. Let's hope the weather stays great and come on out and check out the fun! Here are some photos from our last one held in June...



Flight Training

- Ever wanted to try to fly an R/C plane, drone, or helicopter?
- The Barnyard Buzzards team offers **free** introductory flights and training for newcomers to the hobby.
- If you decide to join, a Buzzards' volunteer instructor will get you flying in no time and solo sooner than you think!



Have a group looking for a free presentation? We can offer an interesting program about model aviation and where the sport/hobby is going from a hobby of fun and challenges, technical advances, and government issues. Safety and fun are the points covered .



Fixed wing, rotary wing, gliders, electric and fuel engines, camera photos and lots of interesting technology. Also we have members who will sponsor merit badges for scouts.



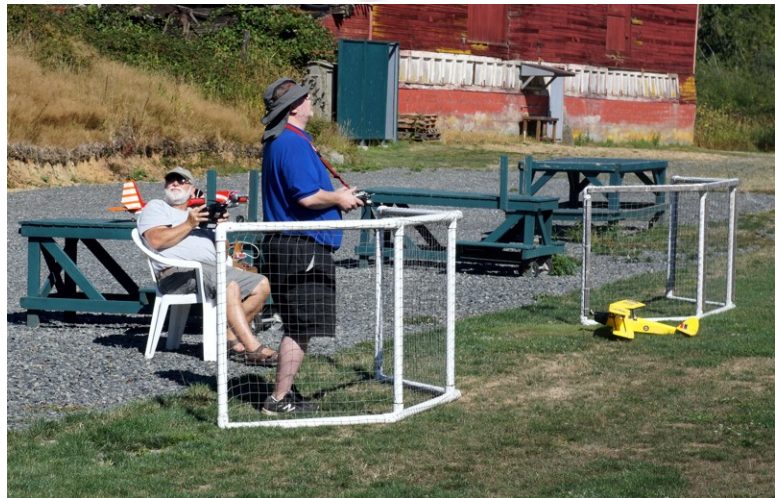
Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

- September 16 **2nd Boats and Float Event** 10:00 at the lake dock
- October 7 **2nd Night Flight** 6:30 PM—??
- October 10 **Annual Rebuilder's Competition** - Club Meeting
- December 2 **Annual Christmas Party** 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- January 6, 2018 **Annual Freeze-In** Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM

See the map on page 9—Guests are invited to all of these events!

2017 Club Fun Fly



Yes, with all of the preparations made including food, event handout, scoring sheets and models, we had three participants in our August 26th Annual Fun Fly.

Contest Director Ron Swift decided not to hold the planned events and opened the field for general flying.

Still, as the Fun Fly rules sheet delineated, the CD can make event decisions in the event of a tie. So the following the result of the event:

- 1st Place Gliders—Don
- 1st Place Fun Fly Planes—Tim
- 1st Place Sport & Drones—Ron

We will need to plan our events more carefully in the future to minimize dates with lots of other events in our area!



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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP _____
PHONE: _____ AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz (video)
 72 MHz and channel # _____
 50 or 53 MHz (HAM) Frequencies _____

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING ELECTRONICS PAINTING CONTEST DIRECTOR INSTRUCTOR
- COVERING CONTEST JUDGE DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL SCALE SPORT
- PATTERN IMAC HELI QUAD/HEX

Month Born:

- January February March April May June
- July August September October November December

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the rules, By-Laws and regulations governing club flying and related activities, and will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities with the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the flying site, which is for the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Full Membership: \$90.00
Family Member: \$45.00
Student Member: \$25.00

Please mail check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
Ron Swift ronswift@cablespeed.com
16325 315th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98018
(425) 788-6045

One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have many exciting events for 2017 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Use this page for applying for membership. Our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved. Come on out and see why we are so excited to share the modeling experience: Gliders, drones, boats, and a lot more.

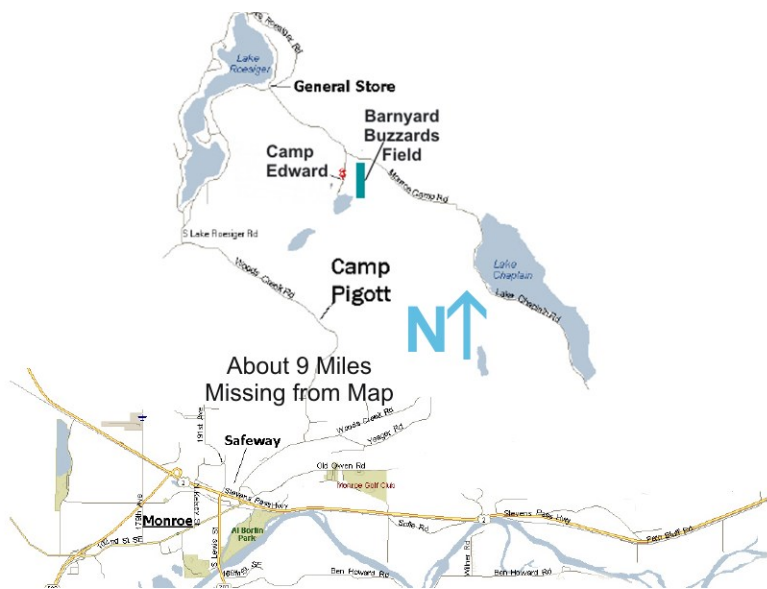


25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

Camp Edward and the Hanner's Memorial Field are located north of Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

If you go the left as shown by MapQuest, 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 will rejoin 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. Keep going. Turn right at the "T" intersection at Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, staying on South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesinger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive...

—>Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza near the new Harbor Freight store.



Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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 checklist available

Current Flight Instructors:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. 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. 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday

- September 12 Alfy's Pizza
- October 10 Alfy's Pizza
- November 14 Alfy's Pizza
- December 12 Alfy's Pizza





Next meeting, **Tuesday, September 12th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see map on page 9](#)).

Program: **Creative building/rebuilding – Choosing the right stuff**



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