



Buzzard Droppings



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.

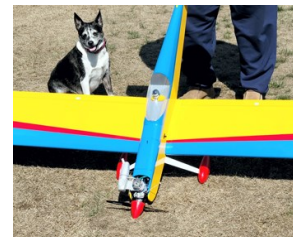
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Barnyard Buzzards
Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Our Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday September 14th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the ZOOM stuff. Thank you Alfy's! The public is invited as always!

August's Program: More Cracker Barrel Conversations—Your flying experiences. Stuff you learned or should have. The flying field center line—Fun Fly yard paint still visible! - what you like lotsa fun.



Trixie's new airplane, the Dolphin, flew great!

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards and Guests,
I am sure you are with me in hoping that we have an Indian summer that lasts till late October. I am just not ready to put the heavy coat in the truck along with the mittens yet. We still have lots of good days left. Here is a list of our upcoming

scheduled events:

- September 11th Combat Event
- September 25th Boats and Floats Event
- October 8th we have our annual Charity Auction and Night fly So there's still lots to do.

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August 8th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

The ZOOM session was started 15 minutes before the club meeting. Mark connected to the ZOOM connection so he could add important conversations and comments as appropriate for the meeting format.

At 6:35 PM President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on August

8th at **Alfy's Pizza** and introduced the current club officers for 2021:
Vice President – Bryan Reightley (Attending via ZOOM)
Safety Officer – Steve Higgins (Attending via ZOOM)
Secretary – Ron Swift (Attending via ZOOM)
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
President – Mark Weeks himself

Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Steve Higgins N/A

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786 Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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As you all are aware we have gone back to meeting in person. Alfys has been a great place and allows us use of the meeting room free of charge. I personally enjoy the in-person meetings. It gives me a chance to see some of you that don't make it to the field at the same time as I can, plus I think there is something to be said for being able to have some pizza and a refreshment while doing our business. I sent out a questionnaire to the board about continuing to do a combo Zoom and in person meeting and so far, it looks like we will continue doing both at least until years end. Let one of the board members know your thoughts. I hope that I see you at Alfys.

I can't believe I am saying this, but it is getting to be that time of year again when you can really partici-

pate by throwing your name in the hat to run for a club office position. If you have never been an officer, I encourage you to give it a try as there is on the job training and now is your chance. None of the board positions are locked up, so speak up and if you're too shy please let someone else nominate you.

I really hope that you all can get out to the field and enjoy what I hope will be great fall weather that gives us plenty of flying days.



See ya at the field Mark

(Monitoring via ZOOM)

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

10 Club Members were in attendance (five through ZOOM) and one special guest, Doug Hoff, who is joining the club tonight or so he says... .

Requested a motion to accept minutes as posted – A Motion was made to approve the minutes as published, seconded, asked for comments, suggestions, corrections, there were none and the motion was made, seconded and then passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

Builder's Contest – Had nothing

Mark mentioned the cancellation of the auction. We will discuss further actions under new business.

Upcoming Events: Combat Event on September 11th, and Floats & Boats #2 on September 25th

Secretary – Ron Swift

Our active club membership is currently 53 (also verified by Dart!).

Treasurer – Dart Sharp.

We're doing good and made some money through interest.

Safety Officer – Steve Higgins (from Knoxville, TN)

Haven't been out to the field for at least a couple of weeks

Haven't heard of any problems

Commented on the bears – Mark added that the

scouts mowed on the West side of the field and hadn't seen any bear scat when he was out at the field.

Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

Don't have anything - hadn't been out at the field lately

Ron mentioned the need to have the outhouses cleaned

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

Please send photos, opinions about kits, pieces, parts, & models, articles, etc. to ron-swift@cablespeed.com for the newsletter –

Thank you!

Reduced the size of the newsletter from 12 pages to 10 – based on the # events and the number of photos and other info relevant to our members. Not much for us so far!

Hard copies will be at the field and corner store tomorrow.

Part of the secretary report – we will be mailing the membership cards soon! Should have them by our next meeting. Sorry for the delay. Mark – please put Chet's in the mailbox tomorrow – Ron agreed [Editor note: Gave Chet his card the following day]

Website – Mark Weeks

Same request as the newsletter for use on our website.

If you see an interesting article, drop me a link and I'll post it.



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AMA and Canadian MAA criss-cross licensing – Canadians can fly here, but need to have a current Canadian license now...

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that once again there was no new activity for past business items and the attending club members already passed the meeting minutes as published. So, we'll move on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Orange Safety Vests – Jay Weiland donated another orange vest to hold radios. We'll stuff the vest and put it in the Container

Ron and team volunteered to add another shelf to the container for the vests. Ron and team will take action on this.

AMA/FAA – A mandatory exam we're all to take, a trust exam – you can't fail. Mark mentioned having a link on our website making it easier to get to the exam. Mark asked if we want to make taking the test mandatory to becoming a member. Discussion – it is a FAA requirement, but not a AMA requirement as of today, We decided NOT to make this a requirement for membership since it is FAA not AMA at this time. We didn't want the club to be the police for this. We must take the test, but it is a while in the future.

Ron mentioned that there were issues trying to use our website to reach the exam and info. We may address the test and membership requirements in the future. Mark will look into our website and the links to FAA.

Mowing – Mark mentioned that our members need to sign up for mowing. He mentioned the need for signing up for mowing and that the task is really easy...

West side area has been mowed for the "picture lady" to prevent issues with flying while people are on our field. This should allow her to take the photos without endangering her guests. If there are issues, please contact Mark.

No water at the field due to a leak in the plumbing. [Note: Ranger Dave stopped out to the field and they are still looking for the leak to repair it] Anyway, Mark was suggesting that once Bryan gets back, we should talk to the scouts and offer to assist financially or physically to restore the water supply. Mark suggested having a committee to check into this assistance including Bryan, Mark (himself), and Dart. Also mentioned is looking for a power pole to restore power to our area. We'll send Jay Bell info in case he sees a

bargain for these items for water and power. Stay tuned for this exciting project as it unfolds

Feel free to volunteer .

Ron brought up the NW Model Hobby Expo on Halloween weekend and the traditional club booth and the swap tables for the donations and club member sales. All agreed to keep the support of these items the same as past years. Ron will keep Jay in the loop as he has set up the club booth.

Mark talked about possible programs for future meetings. One was the question of default transmitter switch settings. A discussion ensued. Switch "H" and "HI" vs. "LO" positions. It seems the middle position is universal and model modes add to the confusion. Flaps, gear, lights and other features add to the fun. Also adding the voice to the transmitter can be fun. Perfect! A lot of opinions but there seems to be no "Standard".

Auction – do we want to reschedule or cancel what do you thing – Seems we should support an action to get some dollars for the food bank. At the end of a discussion we discussed sending an email to see what members think of combined events and when.

Ron will send an email to see what we want to do as a club. Seems like the morning of October 9th would be a good approach. [The email was sent and the auction will be in the morning, 10:00 AM on October 9th.]

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

Mark showed his boat, flyer and paid \$15.00 in it. Has one green and one pink. He will find the plans.

Mark presented the framed certificates for the Fun Fly. First place, Steve Anderson – not present Second place, Scot Curtis wasn't at the meeting either. Third place, Mark Weeks (President) was there and took his home.

PROGRAM: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Ron Swift, BBMAC Secretary





Treasurer's Note



By Dart Sharp

Treasurers request...

Hello to all,
 Just a quick note. If you have bills for materials bought for Buzzards, (ie.; mower gas, food for events, building materials, and the like) please turn in your bills within 90 days. There are expense slips and envelopes on the frequency board and you can just put it in the mailbox (same place). You can also download the form from the website as well. This makes keeping track of expenditures much easier.
 Thanks.
 Dart

Not sleeping, honest!
 Just a case of Glider Gazin'



Upcoming Events

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event	Dates	Event Information
Annual Charity Auction	August 7th 10:00 AM <i>Cancelled due to rain forecast</i>	Entertainment and bargains, too. Don't miss this one! Sky Valley Food Bank has been our charity of choice for items designated by the owners. Owner has the right to refuse final bid as always.
Combat	September 11th 10:00 AM	Details to be provided soon
Floats & Boats 2	September 25th 10:00 AM	More RC Water fun on Lake Hughes
Rebuilder's Contest	October 12th 6:30 Club Meeting	At our October Club Meeting—If you crashed a model, and rebuilt it —> bring photos and a story. You could win unbelievable prizes!



2021 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____

AMA # _____ FAA ID _____

RC Frequencies 2.4 GHz 72 MHz 50 MHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

Primary Interest / Skills:

- Building Flying Electronics Covering Painting
- Teaching Contest Director Contest Judge
- Design/Experimental Other: _____

Flying/Modeling Types:

- Sport Flying Pattern Helicopters Events and Competition
- Crawlers Tanks RC Vehicles Boats and Water Flying
- Drones/Quads/FPV Gliders Scale

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00
 \$45.00 for Family member
 \$25.00 for Student (under 18)
 Please mail your check and a copy
 of your current AMA membership
 to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)
 16325 315th Ave NE
 Duvall, WA 98019
Ronswift@cablespeed.com
 Thank you for your interest!

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 this club.

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's 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 bodily injury, illness or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor: _____ AMA Card Verified By: _____



Safety Corner



By Steve Higgins (*Thanks Steve!!!*)

Buzzards, Hope everyone has had a good summer flying season, I know I have had a great time this summer! Preflight checks are an important step when flying any size airplane. At a minimum, in order to limit the "walk of shame" opportunities it's a good idea to look at your preflight routine, and ensure that you are rechecking the hardware and operation of your scale aircraft.

Routinely performing preflight checks on your scale aircraft will help prevent serious mechanical failures.

Here is a list of things that are a good idea to check prior to your flights:

- Battery or Fuel:** Is your Fuel Good? Is your tank Full? Batteries Charged?
- Transmitter Battery:** Are your batteries fully charged?
- Control Surfaces and Direction of travel:** Push- rods, Linkages, Hinges Clean?
- Airframe:** Any noticeable issues with loose wings/ tail/motor mounts, etc?
- Propeller:** Damage? Tightened? Spinner Properly attached?
- Landing gear:** (If applicable) check wheels are free to move and the gear doesn't wobble.
- Motor:** Does it spin freely? Is the Prop Shaft bent?
- Servos:** Do they move freely?
- Center of Gravity:** Check the balance of the aircraft with the battery installed.
- Range Check:** It's a good idea to periodically do a range check to make certain that you won't have

"Fly Away" issues.

Verify Failsafe operation: Check to make sure that failsafe works as expected so if you do have a "Fly Away" the plane does go into Fail-Safe mode.

Make Your Callouts: This is important so that everyone knows what you plan to do.

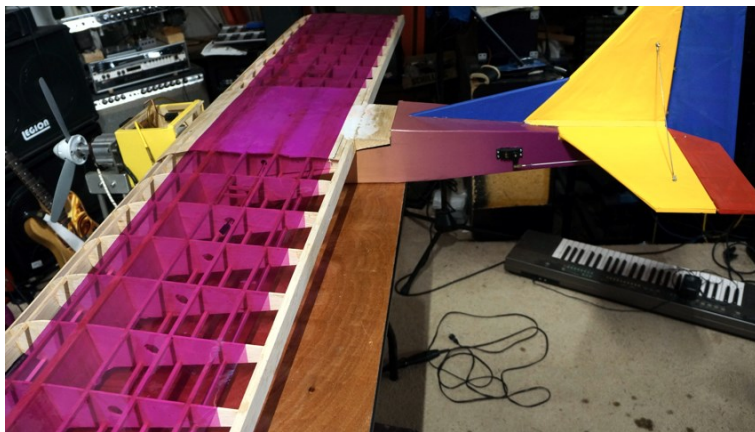
Check for people: Make sure there will be no people on the runway or not in a safe location. This is important because sometimes callouts are not heard or loud enough.

Wind direction: We all know wind conditions can change, so be aware of the direction and speed.

Plan climb out and pattern: Think about the direction of takeoff and your general flight pattern.

Plan landing: Before you take off, think about which direction you will approach from and where you will land. Be ready for changes to wind direction. At our field this can happen.

Stay safe out there!
Steve Higgins - 425
-330-1446.



Ron's combat plane. Will it make it to the field this year?



Some of the scouts that visited the field this month. They said they had fun watching us fly.



Just For Fun Photos



Ron Swift's new plane lost the main gear on landing. Flew great tho... the Super Tigre 90 quit running, forcing the dead stick landing.



Justin's Folker Triplane flew great and seemed to love taxiing on the mains.



The Adrenaline model flying with a YS 140L engine rescued by Mark. It went down when the wing attachment nut backed off and the wing rotated around the wing tube. Repairable, but it will be a while before this one flies again. Seems like Charlie Higgins had a model that had wings that rotated on purpose.



Maine (left) with his twin motor electric and Tom (above) with his combat model airplane. Both flew during the past few weeks.





25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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 Roesinger 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...

Due to the virus conditions and common sense, the meeting for the near future will be held at our club field. Please check our website <http://www.bbmac.net>, email from our club secretary, and our club newsletter.

As it stands today, Alfys Pizza is closed for meetings. This could change in May. Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to the future where normal club meetings and flying will occur!

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. at Alfys Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll try a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Ron Swift (phone # on page 1) for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings!



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 or the instructors. We have a safety checklist available.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting: Tuesday, September 14th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Still More Open Discussion—Cracker Barrel Style



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Visit Our Website
<http://www.bbmac.net>



Ron & Sandy

**NW Model Hobby Expo—NWMHE.COM—
October 30 & 31, 2021. Yep, Halloween weekend!
We're making this happen. Visit our website for
more information and highlights!**
<https://www.nwmhe.com>

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