



# 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

Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **back at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, Yea!!!**

[ZOOM](#) access will also be available. Go to the [BBMAC.NET](#) website and choose [Zoom Meeting are back !](#)

The public is invited as always!

**Program: Telemetry and Voice Feedback—Who uses it? Who needs it?**

**Boats & Floats** event this Saturday! Last water event of 2023 and plenty to see and do. We'll have pizza available, too. It all starts at 10:00 AM, Will the submarine make it to the water?

### President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,  
I can't believe that it's September already. This past summer has been very different flying weather than we have been used to. We had many more windy days than in the past. What this challenge has done, (I hope) is to make us better pilots. I know that for me, I needed to

brush up on landing from the south and practice my crosswind landings. We will see what September and October have in store for us along the weather front. Hope we get a nice long Indian Summer. For the Board members, September starts the planning phase for next year's

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### August 12th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

Mark Weeks called them Meeting to order @ 10:00 am  
Introduction of Officers and guests:  
President – Mark Weeks  
Vice President – Ron Swift  
Secretary – Steve Higgins  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Vince Bell  
Minutes from June Meeting approved: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President:** Covered In old and new business.

#### Vice President:

We've had a few events, Fun Fly, and Boats and Floats. Ron handed out 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for the Fun

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### Club Officers and Contacts

**President:** Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

**Secretary:** Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

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**Vice President:** Ron Swift (425) 765-6745

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events. Some of our events were very well attended and some not so much. So, my questions for you all to consider prior to our meeting are:

\*Do we have too many events?

\*Do you think they are planned/promoted well enough?

Please bring your thoughts and suggestions to a meeting or let a board member know, so we can make informed decisions.

September is the time that we should start thinking about nominating club officers for 2024. While official nominations do not start until the October meeting, now is the time to start asking questions of the current board regarding duties and commitments that one should expect if they do throw their hat into the ring and run for an officer position. Personally, I have found being an officer a rewarding experience and have enjoyed working with you all.

We still have a lot to do before the November rains. If all goes well, Labor Day weekend Len will be out doing some dirt-work giving us a little more room between the parking and the flight tables. We will also tackle keeping the gravel and

the grass separated. The grass should start filling in now with some rain and extra seed being applied. This month we will have our second Boats and Floats event along with a night fly. This year we have added a little twist. We will be having a campout the night of the Night Fly. You are welcome to come and tent or trailer at the field, spend the night, and get a little more flying time in!

Finally, a couple of weeks ago I got word from the AMA that our FRIA had been rejected by the FAA. Their concerns had to do with the Barn and Monroe Camp Road. I have been in contact with our AMA representative who is handling the FRIA application and let him know that the barn is no longer on the property and not an issue regarding the traffic patterns on Monroe Camp Road. We have made a few slight adjustments to the application, and it has been resubmitted to the FAA. I will keep you informed on the FRIA approval process.

Until then, Hope to see you at the field.

Mark Weeks



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Fly.

We have a Heli Event today... Should be fun.

Combat Event In a couple of weeks.

We have an issue with the schedule... Maybe we should have the builder's event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept. We will discuss this in the new business as we will be moving our meetings back to Alfy's in September.

The Micro-Quad Events have been officially cancelled. There just does not seem to be the interest we have had in the past.

**Secretary:**

We currently have 50 members.

**Treasurer:** Money is good, we are on schedule. We still have gravel and the dig out of the parking area scheduled.

**Safety Officer:** Drive up and saw a guy standing on the field flying. You should be behind the safety barrier.

It was mentioned that there have been many who have been seen, many who aren't in the safety barriers. They do work and if you are not behind them and another plane comes in you could get hurt. When you are flying you must be behind the pilot's stations.

**Field Manager:** Field didn't get mowed...

Mark was supposed to mow but didn't get a reminder. Not certain why. He will investigate that.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the July Newsletter. Please send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We have a couple of projects that still need to be done. If you would like to work on them, please let Mark or a board Member know.

Connex Roof needs to be Sealed.

Flight Tables Need to be painted.

Apply Weed Killer to the parking lot and flight table area. Before we lay down gravel this year, we need to apply some landscape cloth. 13 X 108 Driveway cloth is 153.22 a roll.

There was a motion to enlarge the parking area 5-6 feet wider, this will allow for area between the cars and flight tables. This was voted for and passed at the July Meeting. We should start work in late August or Sept.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Still need mowing sign ups. Will check into why reminders aren't being sent.

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We have updated the area for the crawler area. Thank You Brian, Steve Anderson and Lenny.

Brian and Michael laid a pipe under the driveway to assist in watering the field, so we are not damaging hoses.

Propose 9/24 as camp out night. Night Fly is that day, we will need the scout's approval. And it's Ron Swift's Birthday.

Do we want to switch back to Alfys in Sept? Oct? Sept we are going to switch back to Tuesday night on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept...

Looked into Landscape Timbers 8 Foot Long \$5. It will be the easiest way to make a border Expected cost around \$125.00.

Labor Day weekend Lenny is going to start working on taking out the wall in the parking area. You'll still be able to fly, but you will have to make

way for Lenny and the dozer.

We are going to pay \$105 for the pizza today, today we are going to be a bit over budget...

### SHOW AND TELL:

None

### PROGRAM: Telemetry and Voice Feedback—Who uses it?

Who needs it?

Not Done

### ADJOURNMENT:

10:33am.



## HELI Competition



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The results of the heli event were:

- Steve Higgins 1st
- Michael Conniff 2nd
- Dart Sharp 3rd





# Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net>

Event	Date	Time
Rebuilder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Builder's Competition	September 12	6:30 PM
Boats & Floats #2	Sept 9th	10:00 AM
Night Fly #2	Sept 23	6:00PM
Warbird Fly Off	October 7	10:00 AM
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM
Work Party #1	May 22, 2024	
Event	Date	Time
Micro Quad Racing	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
Micro Quad Racing		
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Micro Quad Racing		
Event	Date	Time
Car Racing	Sept 16	2:30 PM
Car Racing	Oct 21	2:30 PM



Our club meetings and events are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, rc cars and more. Come on out and join us.



**EXPO!**  
**Fall Swap Meet**  
Sept.30 - Oct. 1, 2023  
Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm & Sunday: 9 am - 4 pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Display Hall 500  
14405 179th Ave. SE, Monroe WA 98272

**RC Swap Meet**  
**Buyers & Sellers WANTED!**

**Admission: \$8.00/day**  
**\$15.00/weekend**  
Kids under 10 FREE with Adult

**Got stuff to sell??**  
Wall Table: \$70 ~ Floor Table: \$40

**MORE INFORMATION AT:**  
<https://www.expofallswap.com>



# Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

Safety is a state of mind, Think about what you are doing and the consequences if you don't. Think first then act.

Here are a couple things to think about A model, engine, motor 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.). Yes, when Sig Mfg. Co. made this statement most if not all powered models used an internal combustion engine; glow, gas and maybe some diesels. Today there is getting to be a lot more electric powered Airplanes, Cars, and other things can mess up your day. The Electric motor powered planes and stuff today are definitely a lot easier to keep running than the internal combustion engine. However, they do have their own set of safety issues. One thing, most still use the airfoil stick (propeller) on the output shaft that will inflict serious injuries to you if you are not paying attention to where all of your body parts are at all times.

Another thing is charging the LiPo Batteries that are in common use today. Without attention to detail and the proper equipment they can and will burn your house down.

And yet another thing, as soon as power is applied to the electric motor it is ready and willing to go whether you are ready or not. The other half of the flying experience equation is the pilot. Are you ready to pilot a flying machine that can potentially cause injury or harm to another person or property?

Safety First Fact: Bureau of Labor Statistics data on occupational injuries and illnesses show that, in 2002: I know these are old but the concept has not

changed. There were 42,286 occupational injuries or illnesses involving the eye that resulted in days away from work. The typical eye injuries occurred by rubbed or abraded foreign matter, such as metal chips, dirt particles and splinters, or by striking the eye. Surface wounds, such as abrasions, scratches and foreign bodies (splinters and chips) were among the most common types of injuries to the eyes. Eye injuries accounted for 47 percent of all head injuries involving days away from work and 70 percent of all face injuries involving days away from work. Workers in the manufacturing and trade industries and those in the occupational groups of operators, fabricators and laborers and in precision production, craft and repair occupations were most at risk of incurring an eye injury. Stay safe on the job. Follow all safety policies and procedures, wear your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) where and when required, report safety hazards and incidents immediately, and offer suggestions to improve on the job safety. Remember if you can't go to work because of an eye injury you won't be able to fly, maybe not even build. Although I have seen airplanes that look like they were built by Braille.



UNTILL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE, BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





# BBMAC Combat Event



Event CD: Steve Higgins  
 1st: Steve Higgins (14 Pts)  
 2nd: Jay Whellan (9 Pts)  
 3rd: Mark Weeks. (7 Pts)  
 4th: Dean Appell. (5 Pts)

Yes, again the combat was intense. The first heat, Dean swiped Mark's streamer which jammed his prop nut, killing his engine. The event continued with kills and spot landings. You should have been there. Lots of laughter and fun.



# Photos for Fun









# 2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License: \_\_\_\_\_

RC Frequencies:  2.4 GHz  72 MHz  50 MHz  5.8 GHz  27 MHz Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)

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Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)

Building  Flying  Electronics  Covering  Painting  Experimental  
 Teaching  Event/Contest Director  Contest Judge  Want to learn  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Flying/Modeling Types:

Sport Flying  Pattern  3D  Quads  Helicopters  Competing in Events  
 Gliders  Crawlers  Excavators  Tanks  Boats  Sea Planes  
 Submarines  Scale  Glider Tug/Hi Start  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Full Membership is \$90.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$45.00. Student Membership is \$25.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to:  
 Steve Higgins (club secretary)  
 20330 10<sup>th</sup> Ave W.  
 Lynwood, WA 98036  
[Steve@surette.com](mailto:Steve@surette.com)  
 Thank you for your interest in RC!

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

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/modeling 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



**Upcoming Club Meeting**  
Our next club meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 PM at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe, WA!

## 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





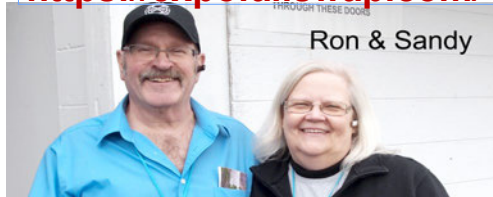
**Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12th starting at 6:30 pm**  
Program: Telemetry and Voice Feedback—Who uses it? Who needs it? Voice messaging or beeps—what would you use? Practical or insane cost and annoyance?



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<http://www.bbmac.net>

<https://expofallswap.com/>



Ron & Sandy

**2023 EXPO Fall Swap**

*September 30 and October 1. We have the swap shop table reservation available now! Please visit our website for more information and highlights!*

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