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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

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



Will this model fly again?

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards,
While October may seem like the end of the flying season, there is still much going on. Saturday, the 6th of October, our first Combat Event is to be held at Hanner's Field. We're hoping for a good showing of both flyers and supporters. Personally, it will be the first event for me of this kind and if it

turns out to be anything like the past events we should have a great time.

Also, nominations for club officers will be requested during the October, November and December meetings. If you are interested, but are too shy to say something dur-

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September 11th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

President Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM

President Weeks introduced the club officers:

- President – Mark Weeks
- Vice President – Vince Bell
- Secretary – Chet Blake
- Treasurer – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer – Don Bailey

16 Club Members were in attendance – NO Visitors or Guests
No corrections to the Minutes as

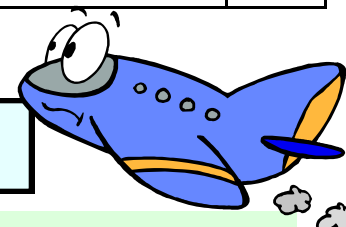
posted. Motion to accept minutes as posted were seconded and passed.

President Mark Weeks started the meeting with a moment of silence in observance of 9/11/2001 attack, those we lost and grateful thanks to the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Fighters, EMS and civilians who risk and give their lives.

OFFICER REPORTS

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Club Officers and Contacts



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ing a meeting, talk to me or another officer and we will make sure that a nomination is made for you. The actual election will take place at our December meeting at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe.

I was recently sitting out at the field one early morning and I could not get past how lucky we are to have such an ideal place to fly. The Boy Scouts are FANTASTIC landlords and have always been more than willing to lend a hand if needed, been supportive of us and what we are doing. We have made a few additions to the field area, a control line area, that also can be used for quads, helicopters or whatever as well as the car track that's also coming along. We have been tweaking the layout and I think we have hammered out

the larger plan, which is down to small stuff and a little more team-work to bring it to fruition. Jay and Bryan have been adding dirt in the low spots to help reduce the standing water this winter, so a shout out of thanks to them.

Thanks to all that have volunteered their time to mow, move sprinklers, and helped to maintain the area. You all remind me every day why the Buzzards are the best Club.

See you at the field,
Mark Weeks
BBMAC President



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Vice President – Vince reminded everyone the Fall Floats'n Boats event is Saturday, 9/15, Combat is Saturday 10/6 and the Rebuilder's Contest is Meeting night 10/9.

Secretary – We have 41 members.

Treasurer – We are in good financial standing and a healthy donation has grown for our favorite charity.

Safety Officer – [No issues]

Field Manager – Bryan reported that the mower is repaired. The PTO relay went bad and a local auto parts store had one. With the recent rains and the sprinkler help the runway is much greener.

Thanks to all that helped.

Newsletter Editor – Hard copies available, always interested in pictures and articles.

Webmaster – Input has been slow. Keep in mind that the website is seen by anyone on the internet, let's keep the Club image looking as great and active as it really is.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to Amendment to the By Laws Dues section had been made and seconded to stand on notice for 60 days (or longer) for member notice that the following will be voted on. Amendment reads **"A \$25 Reactivation fee shall be charged if dues are not paid for by the end of business at the March meeting. This \$25 fee will be added to the yearly dues and paid in full at the time of the delinquent dues payment"**. Some discussion followed as to the need. It was explained that occasionally there are a couple late payers. We used to charge the Initiation fee (1/2 the annual dues) as a penalty (this was dropped a few years ago). Having

a deadline with a penalty should ensure that the dues will be collected on time and the Club can better see its budget for the year. This passed by majority '14 yea' and 1 'nay'. When annual dues time is near, emails and snail mails (those without email) will be sent out so everyone is notified well in advance.

The CL area has been mowed and can be used by those interested.

The Porta Potties were pumped, cleaned and recharged.

The Drone Event winning order was... Dart, Chet, Ron R, Vince, Paul and Dean.

FAA is reminding everyone that drone users stay clear of forest fire or natural disasters where fire fighting planes or official planes or helicopters might be needed. If drones are present, the Fire Fighting planes and helis are grounded until their safety is secure from flying into unwanted drones. **Don't give the FAA more reasons to shut down our hobby drones.** If you see this type of action, stop and ask them (?) why they are doing that and advise them that crucial air drops will not operate with rouge drones flying around. We as a Club fly and act in accordance to rules at our Chartered Field and abide by the regulations.

Jay has asked that the sprinkler be set and the water timer be turned on at the end of every flying day, steadily moving the sprinkler north until and the end and start over again at the south end.

SRAC called Mark about working on a multi club event but no follow up so far.

The RC Car track is improving every week. Dart has 2 loads of clay/sand mix to be delivered. Steve Anderson bought a couple lengths of perforated

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pipe and long spikes to curb areas of the track.

NEW BUSINESS

The east side of the field has been brush hogged and it really adds depth to the open space and should serve well for combat and general flying since downed planes can be gotten to easier. If we keep it brush hogged once or twice a year it could result in a drier area since the residual water can dissipate easier.

The R/C Car track is coming around. Dart delivered more loads of dirt and Mark moved the 5th wheel trainer to the east side as a platform to stand on once it's planked to better see the track. Steve Anderson bought (2) 100' rolls of 4" perforated pipe and long spikes to form the lanes. Thanks Steve! (3) jumps were built while Mark had the tractor here. They have been tweaked a bit and more to come as we test it out. It's coming along at a steady pace. Speaking of all this tractor work, a strong rumor has it that the tractor fee was donated by a member's late father. When you see the President, ask him if he knows anything about it.

Thanks Mark! (no collusion, Chet promises :-)!)

October meeting begins nominations for ALL Executive Offices. It's really a good opportunity to serve the Club and strengthen personal commitment goals. It's actually fun and satisfying. Maybe even a feather in your hat :-)

October meeting is also **the rebuilder's contest**. Have you broken anything and rebuilt it since last Oct? Bring it and have it judged, maybe a gift card is awaiting you.

Mark feels it's time to fertilize the field. We have a tow behind fertilizer spreader so relatively easy job. Mark will be in touch with Jay or Bryan.

The placement of the new 'envisioned' shed doesn't appear to be able to be tucked behind the spruce as thought. There's an old road from the corral area and a HUGE rock in the way that can't be moved without adding cost by renting a bigger machine. Mark will arrange a group to set out some stakes to get an idea of where it can be built or land when the time is right. There is plenty of room!

Jay and Bryan have been busy sifting dirt and filling in low spots and seeding them. Be mindful of them and don't tear them up. If something puts divots in them, repair it as needed.

Chet has emailed everyone a link to send a letter to your local representative to ask them to uphold the model aviation rule. The FAA and congress is once again trying to modify or remove it. Please help save the Hobby we all enjoy and love by sending in a letter. Have everyone with an email send in a letter!

Chet will check out the 2-wheel wheelbarrows to ease the work being done with the current wheelbarrow.

There was a motion to bump up the \$1425.98 donation fund to \$1500. The motion was then modified to add enough Club funds to make a \$1700 donation to the Sky Valley Food Bank. Motion made, Seconded and Passed. Ron and Mark will decide a day to deliver the check and collect the BIG smiles it brings.

There was a brief talk about R/C cars on the runway. It is noted that if deterioration, scarring or damage is done to the track they will be outlawed from use on the runway. "IF" there is damage, repair it.

Tim asked if anyone could store some of his airplanes while his home is being rebuilt. Ron offered storage at his place.

PROGRAM

Show and Tell. Chet brought his UMX Timber with Floats option. It flies really well and he is excited to see how it does at the Floats 'n Boats event. He also showed his new FPV Nano Goblin which boasts a 45 to 60 minute flight time. It has a 200 mW FPV camera and uses 3200 mAh Lithium ION battery to conserve weight. The Lithium ION battery is about 1/2 to 2/3 the weight of the equivalent LiPo battery. AUW is under 255 gram.

Mark showed his Triphibian quad. Its boat shape lends it to a water craft when the back props are pitch rearward to propel it along. It's also a flying quad. Pretty cute and he is anxious to try it out. He also brought his XVERT VOL flying machine. Mark said it does great vertical take offs and landings as long as the plank wing is aligned properly with the wind, not against it. It transitions well to horizontal flight at 2/3 throttle and is a blast to fly. It uses independent motor controls to turn (like a rudder) and flat spins are crazy fast and fun. There are lots of fun and great things coming out constantly. If you buy or build something please bring it to the meeting and show it off.

ADJOURNMENT 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Chet Blake





Safety Corner



Don Bailey

“Right-mindedness”

Every so often at Boeing, our managers pile us all into a conference room and show us an obligatory (and mandatory!) video on Safety in the Workplace, followed by an “around-the-room” session of questions and answers. No one really likes these little exercises very much, other than that it is a break from the regular office routine, and allows us all to socialize a bit before the group indoctrination begins. The video usually consists of a few re-enacted vignettes, with some pretty amateur acting and a script that is so over-the-top obvious it's like a sledgehammer blow to the skull. “Say, did I just see Smith over there tethering himself to the scaffold with his extension cord? Someone should say something to him about that!” The video drones on as the eyes roll. Sheesh, you'd think they could at least try to keep it realistic!

When the time comes for the manager to gather feedback from the attendees, something interesting happens. One by one, each employee dutifully offers up their most inarguably faithful recitation of why the rules of safety are important to every one of us. No one challenges any aspect of the vast proliferation of do's and don'ts that are imposed upon us. Try to go out to the shop or the flight line where the airplanes are being built, and you are immediately confronted with a plethora of safety rules, safety gear, and off-limits zones that must be known before you venture forth. Any one of these rules can bring down fire from the heavens if a manager catches you in violation of them. I've heard some guys whisper in private that “they have way too many rules, and each one of them has a lawyer attached to it!” Ah, so that's it. It's all just a “CYA” to protect the company from potential litigation. Here I must allow that at least a few of these rules are the result of some unfortunate mishap on the jobsite that ended up costing the Company dearly, but many of them are precautions that we all know anyway from our own personal experience—like waiting for the light to change before we cross the street. But in the group meeting, the idea is to get through the experience as painlessly as possible, by exhibiting every measure of willing compliance to the powers that be.

Until last week that is, when it was my turn to speak up. Maybe I had too much caffeine that day, or maybe I finally just got fed up with the pat responses I was hearing, but I said “You know, a lot

of us think the Company gets too carried away with making safety rules to keep us safe, and maybe it's true that every one of them originates from our legal team. But in my hobby (building and flying model airplanes), I work with my hands a lot, and when I am grinding metal I wear my safety glasses, or when I'm flipping a prop on a big engine I wear my gloves. I don't do this because some lawyer is looking over my shoulder; I do it because it makes sense to me.” Boy, listen to me, puffing my chest feathers like that! I doubt it won me any favors, but at least I dared to say something about corporate lawyers, which did manage to raise a few eyebrows.

Which brings me to the larger point. If we think about it, just about every safety rule we can think of makes sense to a certain degree—some more than others. We should be self-focused about our attitude toward these prohibitions and prescriptions of our behavior. The question should be “How much does it benefit me? And those around me?” None of us really wants to get hurt, or to have to live with the guilt and shame of our carelessness if someone else got hurt. We all have a desire to appear compliant when we are in a group activity such as flying model airplanes, but that same right-minded approach that leads us to use proper practices and protections when we are alone at home should be our motivator when we are out at the field. We observe conscientious behaviors not because we are told to do so, or to avoid opprobrium from the other members of the club, but because it just makes sense.

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

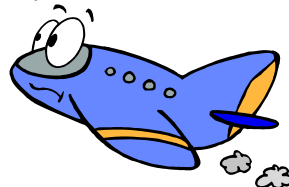




This is a current flying field photo. At the bottom, not in the photo, are the U-Control and part of the RC Track. A work of love and a really feature-filled environment. With Lake Hughes, we have it all!



Our September club meeting and waiting out the rain, Presidential Style!



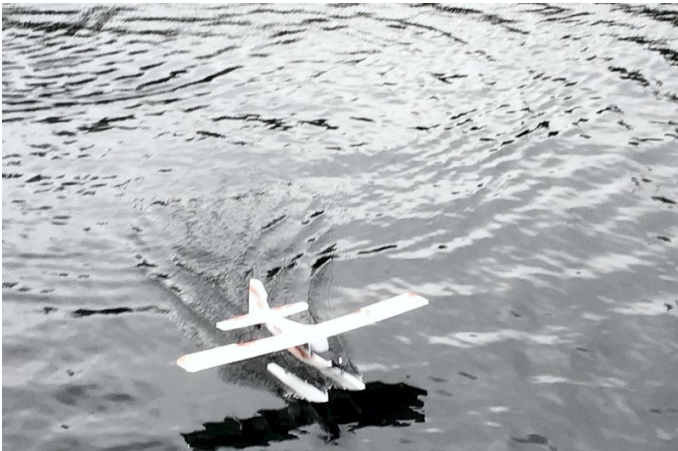
Officer nominations for 2019 will be open at our October meeting!





Floats & Boats





Rebuilder's Competition

As many would profess, every model has an unpublished expiration date. But for some lucky few, models with certain characteristics make it worth fixing from its "early" demise. This competition is all about sharing the story of the initial "crash", its cause, and steps in fixing the damage. Extra kudos if the model has been flown again. (even fixed and flown, fixed and flown many, many times???) With improvements...?

Hey, bring your stories, repaired models and get a chance to win unbelievable prizes! Who says the building skills are gone in this new era of foamy ARFs and push button return to home features... Remember the day when parachutes were being sold to save a model. Wait... they still do!



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. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

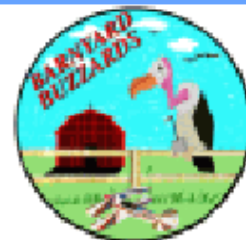
October 6	Combat	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
October 9	Rebuilder's Contest	Club Meeting	Starts at 6:30 PM
November 10	Night Fly 2	Club Field	Starts at 6:30 PM
December 8	Christmas Party	Scout Lodge	Starts at 2:00 PM
January 5, 2019	Annual Freeze-In	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM

See the map on page 9—Guests are always invited to every event!



Please send your application and dues to:
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Full Membership:	\$90.00
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Student:	\$25.00

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 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 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 BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, OR DEATH, OR FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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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...

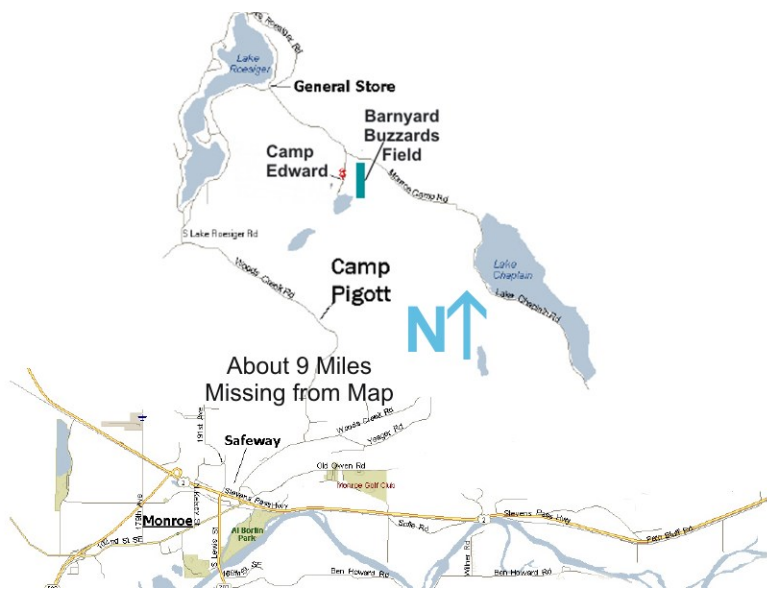
—>Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza near the new Harbor Freight store.

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 PM.

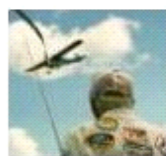


Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday

October 9	Alfy's Pizza
November 13	Alfy's Pizza
December 11	Alfy's Pizza
January 8	Alfy's Pizza

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





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

Program: **Rebuilders Competition**



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