



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 October 2020 Club Meeting will be held **Saturday, October 17** at our club field at 4:00 PM. A map and info are on [page 11](#). The Public is always invited with social distancing. Our Nite Fly will start right after the meeting. Program: Rebuilders Competition—Stories & Skills



Trixie, the greeter for arriving pilots and guests (likes treats!)

President's Message — Don Bailey

Hey, Buzzards! Are we ready for the upcoming short days of winter, when more time will be spent working on our airplanes than flying them? I don't know about you, but I can hardly complain about the fine weather we had all summer, which allowed me to get plenty of flying in at the field. Even with the ongoing

pandemic, I think everyone can agree that our members were blessed with lots of opportunities to enjoy our hobby in the bright sunshine out at our private field in the woods.

It is with much regret that I announce that this will be my last

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September Meeting Minutes

President Don Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30

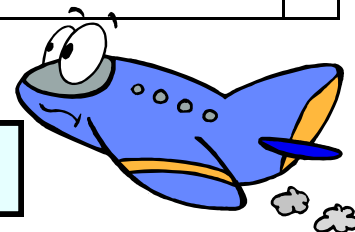
President Bailey introduced the club officers:

- President – Don Bailey
- Vice President – Vince Bell
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Vaughan Houger
- Safety Officer – Dart Sharp

12 Club Members were in attendance, with no guests

Motion to accept minutes as posted - Seconded and Passed

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Don Bailey (425) 350-9557

Vice President: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Secretary: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Treasurer: Vaughan Houger (360) 691-2800

Safety Officer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Jay Bell (206) 234-7786 / Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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President's Message in the club newsletter. I have retired after 35 years at Boeing, and my wife and I have found a new home in Idaho. We will be moving there at the end of October. I will be back over here on occasion to visit family and friends, but regrettably I will no longer continue my membership in the Buzzards club. I hope to be able to stop by the field as a guest now and then, and rekindle the many good friendships that I have enjoyed in my tenure as a Barnyard Buzzard.

Although I was unable to attend, I hear the combat event came off successfully on September 12th, even with all the heavy forest fire smoke in the air that travelled all the way up from California. Also, the Boats-n-Floats event on September 26th was a great time for all who attended, until the rain finally moved in later in the afternoon.

We will be having our next club meeting out at the field on Saturday, October 17th at 4PM, followed immediately thereafter with our Fall Night Fly event, so bring your illuminated model airplanes with you! and We will be taking nominations for all positions on the executive board for 2021. Some of the current board members will not be serving in 2021. Please consider accepting a nomination if you are at all willing to

serve on the board. Nominees must be members in good standing with at least one year as a member of the club prior to assuming office. We are always looking for fresh new faces to serve on the board. Don't forget that October is also our traditional "Rebuilder's Contest", so be sure to bring your repaired and rebuilt model to the meeting to show off your handywork! Telling the story of why the need of repair is required and loads of fun for everyone. Unbelievable prizes for the winners, too!

See you at the field! -- Don Bailey, President



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OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President – Combat event scheduled for Sept 12th, Floats and Boats scheduled for Sept 26th

Secretary – We are currently at 59 members

Treasurer – Finances are in good shape.

Safety Officer – Nothing new to report, Dart did bring up that we are not allowed to stand on the runway while flying

Field Manager – Gas cans are filled, there is a smaller tank that has mixed gas for the weed-eater.

Newsletter Editor –always looking for new event info for the newsletter.

Webmaster – Pics, news and comments are always wanted for the website

OLD BUSINESS

We are getting to the point at times when parking is at a premium. We are looking at some new ideas as how to provide more spaces. Some ideas that were brought us:

Relocate Port-a-potties. (Will be moved after next cleaning).

Add gravel south of container and extend drive-

way (Dart working gravel estimate).

Work with Scouts to move Barn debris (Bryan to talk with Ranger Dave).

Clean up upper barn area (Work Party?).

Also remember that parking in front of the Frequency board is not allowed. This is an open area.

A motion was made to cap our membership at 65. After much debate the motion failed. The club will monitor the field usage and if it becomes an issue will address it at that time. Please sign the log-book to help monitor field usage.

Bryan brought up that some sort of signage would be helpful at the main gate. Mark will ask his wife to come up with something like the Frequency board to place on the gate.

A question was asked regarding mowing. What gets mowed and trimmed when you sign up. For now, when you mow you are responsible for the field, pit area, gate area and the grassy area under and around the awnings.

Car Track and Upper area is not required, and we will look into a different sign up sheet if it becomes a bigger need.

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Safety Corner

By Dart Sharp

Hello, everyone, and welcome to October. As the shorter days of fall approach, and with colder temperatures at the field, it is time to adjust our usual habits to the effects of cold weather on our equipment— particularly LiPo batteries and chargers, which tend to be more anemic in lower temperatures. Carry your charged LiPos in your coat pocket, or somewhere close to your body where they can retain their warmth prior to use.

Also, take care of your bare hands and feet! Such items as open-palm mittens and hand warmers come in handy, as well as warm boots. Some of us like to bring portable propane-fueled heaters and fire pits to the field. Always take the necessary precautions with open flames, and don't sit or stand too close!

As the days grow shorter, the sun tends to hang lower in the sky, so it is a good idea to avoid flying low in the south sky so you don't lose sight of your plane in the sun. If you have to make your approaches from the south, try to block the sun with your transmitter or your hat brim if you can, so you don't get blinded by the glare.

Let's hope for a nice "indian summer" this year, with plenty of blue skies for the fall and coming winter. And as always, "Fly safe and fly a lot!" Dart.



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NEW BUSINESS

Gravel south of container and extend driveway project: Dart believes that we will need 6 loads of rock and he also presented a price on both truck time and gravel. Motion made and seconded to go ahead with gravel delivery. Scheduled for the September 19th.

A new windsock is needed for the south end of the field. Mark will get new pipe and install.

There have been some questions regarding the need of a control line area to be located at the south end near the container. After discussion there is not enough interest at this time to proceed.

Special thanks to Mark Weeks for spending the entire day brush hogging the open field area beyond the runway. He did point out that it would not be possible without Ranger Dave and the use of the Brush-Hog. Thanks to all.

October's meeting does not look good for Alfys Pizza so a motion was made to have the meeting on Saturday, October 17th at 4:00 pm. This is the same day as the night fly so turnout should be good. Motion was passed.

Steve Higgins and Bryan have been talking about adding lights and a solar charger to the container. A motion was made to spend no more than \$500.00. Motion passed

The chalk center line has been added to the field. Thanks, Chet and Bryan.

The need for a work party was brought up. It is scheduled for September 19th to coincide with the gravel delivery. Mark will send out an e-mail.

PROGRAM

Combat - Scott Curtis gave a presentation regarding the up-coming event. Main thing he reminded us of is to get your plane out of storage and give it a test flight or two. Bring a spare plane just in case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bryan shared a story: A few car/crawler guys were talking about adding a couple of bridges to the crawler track by using some old fire hose. Bryan pulled out his phone and gave Ranger Dave a call to see if he might know where we could get some. A few questions about size and how long were asked and Dave said hold on I think I might have something for you. Less than 5 minutes later Ranger Dave showed up at the field with a couple of different sizes for us to have. We can not ask for better landlords!



ADJOURNMENT 8:00 pm



Scott gave an excellent presentation for the upcoming combat event. He covered the rules and the scoring system to be used. The number of competitors would determine the number of planes in the air at the same time and the scoring. He showed off his Combat Gremlin combat plane and explained some of the features. A swivel to attach the line for the streamer to prevent it from winding into a tube, the materials used for the streamer and line and more. It is a "run what you bring" event allowing every type of plane. Two minutes to get into the air gave pilots one point and so the combat began.

September Club meeting photos





Please sign up for the grass cutting and weed whacking tasks on our website, <http://www.BBMAC.net>. A team of 2 or 3 can make easy work of the job, since you won't have to go around trees. Some members mentioned they would rather mow the club field than their home lawn!

With two tractors, a self powered 21-inch lawn mower and several weed whackers to help groom the field and off runway areas, it doesn't take long to do the job, especially with helpers! Please make sure to check the tractor oil level before starting the engine. Thank you for pitching in!



2020 BBMAC Project List – Needing Volunteers

1. Move the third awning to the south side of the container
2. Build work table for car track area
3. Place weed/grass killer on car track
4. Design and work on Crawler track
5. Brush back the hillside between car track and parking--blackberries
6. Build serving table next to BBQ
7. **Dump Run—(old BBQ, old lawn mower, etc.) from behind the port-a-potties (Done, thanks Ron Beba!)**
8. Paint tables
9. Replace top on 8 ft table **(Done, thanks to Bryan Reightley)**
10. Cut blackberries going up to car track both ends
11. Install power and lights in the container-- Solar panel
12. Your approved special project

Please contact any of the club officers (see page 1) to volunteer or get more details for these projects. You are welcome to form your own team and help make these happen.



Upcoming Events



Rebuilder's Contest	October 17th 4:00 PM Club Meeting at the club field	Participate in this exhibition of builder's craft with resurrected crashed, crunched or demolished hobby stuff
Nite Fly	October 17 10:00 AM Club Field	We don't need no sun to have flying fun! Come check this one out! Lots of Lights...



October 3-Ron Swift's nephew, Sean (on the far right) and his friends visited our field. They were impressed with the beauty of the field, the mountain, the flying jets, helicopters, SLO Flyers, gliders, my errant plane, as well as meeting everyone. Thanks from them!



Pilots and Planes



Please send in your model, flying and interesting photos to Ron Swift [ronswift@cablespeed.com] if you would like have it published in future issues of our club newsletter and/or website!



Barnyard Buzzards Floats & Boats





Buzzards Work Party



Combat Buzzard's Style



Loads of fun with Scott Curtis (Contest Director) winning 1st place, Dean Appell second and tied for 3rd, Tom Fixel and Ron Swift. A really smoky day!





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **2020**



BARNYARD BUZZARDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB (BBMAC)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ZIP: _____
AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES: 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz
(72 MHz CHANNELS USED) _____

(50 MHz Frequencies) _____

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING
- COVERING
- PAINTING
- INSTRUCTOR
- PATTERN
- SCALE
- SPORT
- ELECTRONICS
- CONTEST JUDGE
- CONTEST DIRECTOR
- DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL
- Helicopters
- Gliders
- Drones/Quads/FPV

Please mail your check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:
 Mark Weeks
 mark@weeksnetwork.org
 3302 Lake Drive
 Lake Stevens, Wash. 98258

Annual dues are \$90.00 per year.

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: _____
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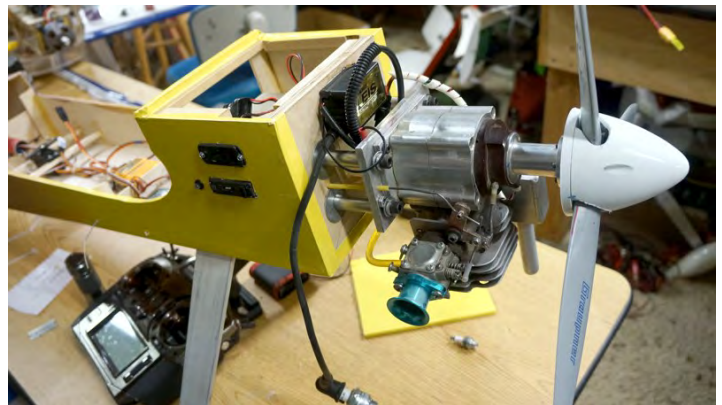
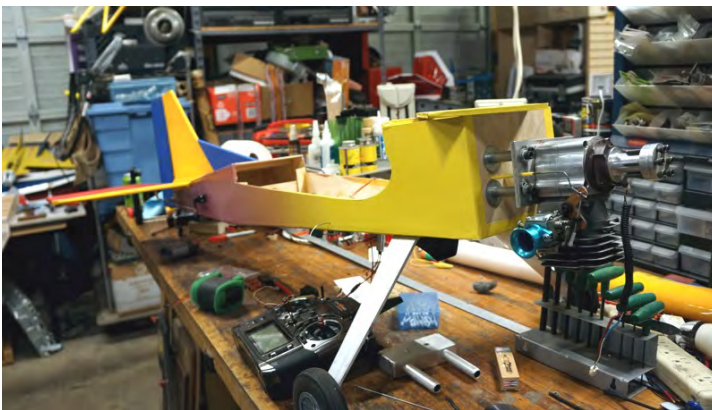
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CLUB SECRETARY: _____
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Combat 2.7 Build Article Part 2)

By Ron Swift



Well, I didn't complete the Combat 2.7 plane in time for the Combat Competition event. I did fly in the event with a Four Star 60 plane and the event was a lot of fun. Maybe next year I can use this plane.

Meanwhile the build has been continuing, although much slower.

I brought the fuselage out to the flying field and tested the Brison 3.2 engine. It started right up and ran with a lot of power (and noise). The fuselage is complete with elevator, rudder and throttle controls set up. Also the Opto engine shutoff and power switch for the ignition are done. The ignition battery and wiring is routed far away from the receiver system and no interference was noted.

There is even more sawdust from all of the sanding as the main wing is nearing completion. The covering color scheme has yet to be decided and with an 81 inch wingspan and a chord of 20-inches, there is a lot of surface to cover. The 3-1/2 thick wing with the very round leading edge should make this plane fly well in high windy conditions, too!. There are a lot of covering materials in the shop to choose from with Monocote, Ultracote, Black Baron film and fabric among the covering choices. Boatloads of colors, too. Now if only the talent for covering using these materials would emerge, could be a good looking plane, too!

More next time... Ron



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 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...

Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

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.

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



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Wednesday at our club field until the restaurants are reopened...

Saturday, October 17 at our club field at 4:00 PM

November 11	TBD
December 9	TBD
January 13, 2021	TBD

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:

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





Next meeting: **October 17th 4:00 PM at our club field.**

25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

Program: A Combat Event Demo—uno contra uno
(one on one)



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THROUGH THESE DOORS
Ron & Sandy

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January 30 & 31, 2021 Let's hope we can
make this happen. Stay Tuned!

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