



# 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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Monroe, Washington  
Model Airplane Club

Our Club Meeting will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at **Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members and guests will receive emailed info for the **Live ZOOM** access. As always, thank you Alfy's Pizza so much for the use of your room! The public is invited to all our meetings!  
**Program: Builder's Competition** ([see page 9](#))



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## President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,  
Believe it or not, the first week of October looks to have temperatures near 80 degrees so we aren't done with summer just yet! I'm hopeful that the weather lasts a couple more weeks so we have great weather for the night fly scheduled for the October 8<sup>th</sup>. It would be even better if the weather held out long enough for us to get another tank event in.  
The October meeting is going to be a busy one. We'll discuss some  
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## September 13th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order September 13th @ 6:30pm  
Introduction of Officers and Guests:  
We had 11 Members and no guests and two others later joined via Zoom.  
President – Mark Weeks  
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## Club Officers and Contacts

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wants and wishes for the field and talk over some plans going into 2023. The Board went over the by-laws and have made a couple of corrections and clarifications that we will discuss. The 2023 Budget will be presented for discussion and hopefully ratification. We will also talk about some of the projects that we have finished this year and start thinking about next year's events and projects.

The Builder's contest is also on the agenda for the October meeting so make sure to get your build finished and a little information as to what you did to make it special and any other things you would like the membership to know about it.

October will also open up the nominations for the 2023 Executive Board. AS ALWAYS, ALL positions are open for nominations. If you have an interest in serving, please throw your hat in the ring.

I hope to see everyone both at the meeting and at the field.

Mark



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- Vice President – Paul Dibble
- Secretary – Steve Higgins
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

Minutes from June Meeting approval:

Change Jim Stewart brought in a small RC glider – not a free flight plane as originally reported!

Motion was made, 2nd and passed to accept minutes as now edited.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

*President:* Charity Auction - Ron Swift did a great job of setting up, and managing the Auction...

*Vice-president:* So, we had a Heli Fun Fly... 4 pilots. Not as hot as last year. Lots of fun!

*Secretary:* 52 Members in good standing. One member within 21 days of expiring AMA...

*Treasurer -* Money is good... We do have some gravel expenses coming up and some field improvements that we will be working on in the coming months. [Asked Ron Swift to take the check to the Sky Valley Food Bank. Ron agreed.]

*Safety Officer -* No reported accidents. Last weekend we had a flier going over the car track, that was addressed and corrected.

*Field Manager -* Honey Buckets were emptied today (Sept 13th), please only use the new one as we are going to move the old one up to the top of the hill. Michael offered a lock that we could use to lock up the honey buckets, so nobody uses them.

*Newsletter Editor -* Ron brought copies of the September newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron and Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website and in newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None brought up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Was more or less announcements:

Thanks to Michael C for grabbing and taking the broken chairs and field garbage to the dump! Michael asked that the garbage piles be consolidated to just one pile.

Outer field is cut. We will see if it needs another trimming before winter. South end is still a work in progress. Mark is going to try to form a road from the top of the car track down to the bottom.

Gravel and dirt work is happening in the next couple of weeks. We are putting in gravel and dirt to raise the area, because it can get wet around the container. Lenny will take the berm down and level that area so we can complete the turnaround near the container. Lenny will be out Sunday to do some work on the berm.

The board is meeting next week to work on by-law updates. If you have any proposed changes, please let them know before Tuesday night! There were a couple of things like voting for board members and having two members refer new members to the club that are on the list to change.

Tarps will come down at the end of October unless the winds pick up before then.

Need a couple of volunteers to brush whack boats area before the boats and floats event coming up. Ron asked about this, and Mark

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will check with Bryan. Ron has a recovery barge that he said he will bring out.

**Auction:** The Auction raised \$450.00 that was donated to the Sky Valley Food Bank. There wasn't as much as in past years. There were items from the estates of Ron Stout and John Rennert and loads of other donations, too. We wanted to do this prior to the swap meet at the end of October 28&29 [see <https://expofallswap.com/>].

Next month is time for Board nominations. So, keep this in mind.

Mowing schedule is online, please sign up if you can.

We went over the upcoming events: Builders Contest, Boats and Floats, and Night Fly... See our event list on page 9.

Jason wants to do a tank event. It was suggested that we do it on October 8th on the Night Fly day or the last weekend of September. Stand by.

**Flying Event Winners:**

**Combat:** 1st Dean 2nd Mark 3rd Steve  
**Heli:** 1st Dart 2nd Steve 3rd Jay

Events this year have been a little spotty in terms of attendance. They are a lot of fun. You should come out and check them out. If you have any suggestions on how to get more members at these events please let the board know. [We had some suggestions.]

**SHOW AND TELL:**

None.

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.  
No additions

**PROGRAM:**

[Some discussion was held about the auction, bargains, upcoming swap meet at the Fairgrounds.]

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made 2nd and passed adjourning the meeting @ 7:27pm.



# 2022 Buzzard Charity Auction

By Ron Swift

Hi guys,

The bidding on items in our Annual Charity Auction was fast and furious. Many thanks to those who donated items for the auction including the estates of John Rennert and Ron Stout. Those who attended mentioned that the event was fun and that we had many quality items. Unfortunately there were no photos to share of our auction. We did quite well again this year.

The \$450.00 obtained from the auction was given to Kristi Wilson from Sky Valley Food Bank on September 23.



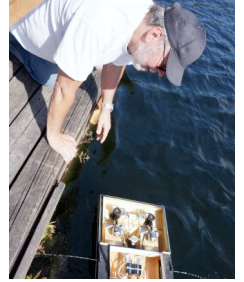
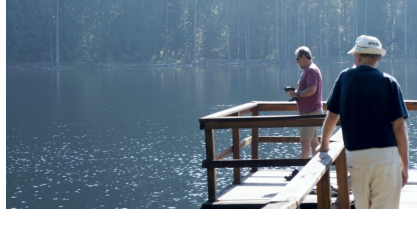
John Rennert (left) and Ron Stout (right)





# Boats & Floats





Wow, what an event! With rescue barges, submarines, speedboats, floatplanes, troop carriers, rowboats, sailboats and more, there were a lot of models to see. The event started at around 9:30. Jason and Michael cleaned up the weeds and made the sites great. There were models that were shared so guys could experience a variety of water based activities. It sure was handy that Brian Douma brought his rowboat to rescue models. Ron even pushed the rowboat with his barge!




# Photos for Fun







 Paul Dibble

The Buzzard's held their 2nd Annual Heli Funfly on August 27th on a slightly overcast and much cooler day than the previous year's initial Heli Funfly. (The previous year's Funfly was during one of the hottest days in 2020, with afternoon temperatures reaching almost 100 degrees.) There were 4 pilots participating in the event and each performed a series of competitions, including a timed 30 second hover, the 3-circle hop, tail in circles, and two AMA designed events, the Vertical Figure M and Half Ellipse.

Each maneuver tests the pilot's ability to control their heli through vertical and horizontal maneuvers.

At the conclusion of the event, the standings were as follows:

- First Place: Dart
- Second Place: Steve
- Third Place: Jay

For anyone interested in more info and preparing for future Buzzard Heli events please contact Paul Dibble.



Pilot	Race Date				Total
	20-Mar	24-Apr	19-May	29-Jun	
Paul	71	52	0	95	218
Dart	46	40	68	41	195
Steve	21	29	61	0	111
Mark	0	0	44	0	44

# Mowing - Sign Up~



Hey Guys...

There is an easy sign-up application on our website to reserve your place for helping to mow the field. There are 52 weeks in the year and 52 members. We really don't have to mow every week, but signing up would help. I have been told that only two—yes 2 member have signed up this year. The task does NOT involve any mowing of the tank and car tracks. So the task is easier and can be done in a couple of hours or less if you have a buddy helping out. Mark has mentioned that if you need help in figuring out the tractors, weed whackers, or the field maintenance equipment (the machete is tricky!) review and demonstrations are available. Sign up and feel better about yourself. Even Ron at 71 years old signed up! It can be tough moving the chairs and tables so a good job can be done, but it is possible and easier with a little help from friends. Rick ended up doing most of the work! Also, Jason and Michael did all of the week whacking at Lake Hughes for our **Boats & Floats** event! Thank you, guys!





# Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

I randomly asked several Buzzards if they knew what their aircraft would do if they shut off the transmitter while the motor was running. Surprisingly the large majority have no idea. I'm not suggesting you try this while in flight but this is something you need to test while the aircraft is secured on a bench.

If set correctly your radios failsafe system should stop the engine (electric or gas/glow) as soon as signal is lost. Most radios have the default failsafe setting set to "hold" a position when signal is lost, meaning wherever the controls were is how they will stay until signal is re-established. Some radios and ESC's will stop the engine if signal is lost but you still need to check this function. Some radios require you to re-bind the receiver if you reverse the throttle channel, otherwise the failsafe will go the wrong way causing full throttle instead of no throttle when signal is lost.

There are many conditions that can occur where you lose signal. Be sure you understand how the failsafe works on your particular setup and make absolutely certain to test it!!

With the model secured on a bench or safe area, possibly with propellers or blades removed depending on circumstances, perhaps with an assistant to help hold the model still, run the engine up and move the controls then turn the transmitter off. The motor should stop and flight controls move to neutral or safest position. If not.... you are not ready to fly it.



## Builder's Competition

If you have built any model that survived, bring it to our club meeting October 11th. If you have a model that has never been in the builder's competition, you can bring it. The idea is to share building challenges and solutions and share some quality models. Even ARFs and drones can be entered, including boats and other stuff, even buildings for the tank track, etc.

Yep, some high quality prizes await those who have something unique, like modified landing gear, lights, tracks, decals, Whatever, please bring it - even if the mods didn't work out as expected. Yep, this will be a lot of fun and a learning experience

## Upcoming Events

### Remaining Scheduled Events

Night Fly  
Builder's Competition  
Christmas  
Freeze-In

October 8th  
October 11th  
December 13th  
January 7th

Club Field  
Alfy's Pizza—Meeting Night  
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Club Field

Planned—No Date Yet  
Work Party #2  
Pilon Races



# 2022 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License # \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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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 Member is \$90.00 a year.  
 Additional Family Member is \$45.00/yr.  
 Student Membership is \$25.00 a year.  
 Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting.

Please send your check and a copy of your current AMA Membership to:  
 Steve Higgins (Club Secretary)  
 20330 10th Ave W  
 Lynnwood, WA 90262  
 Steve@surette.com

Thank you for your interest in RC.

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM**

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm at Alf's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe. Also we'll have a ZOOM Meeting so you can use your PC/Laptop, tablet, cell or telephone to attend! Please contact Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 / [steve@surrette.com](mailto:steve@surrette.com) for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings. Make sure to stay for the program!

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....



## 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



Best advice—buy and use a flight simulator, then find an instructor who will advise what to buy, how to build, and fly.



**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2**

**Program: Builder's Competition ([see page 9](#))**



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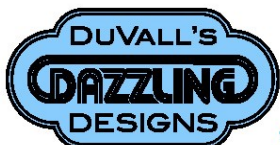
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