



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** Model Airplane Club **Monroe, Washington**

Our next club meeting will be **back at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM, Yea!!!**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Builder/Rebuilder Competition



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,
Wow, did mother nature flip the switch from summer to fall! It looks like we are going to have to deal with some inclement weather for the next few months. Hopefully, we can get our last couple of scheduled events in before the rains really set in. The Warbirds event will be held

on October 7th. Our final car race series is on October 21st. Don't miss out on the fun!
A few brave souls participated in our first annual campout at the Buzzards' Field starting Friday, Sept. 22. Saturday morning Jason put on another great Tank Event. There
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September 12th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order @ 6:30
Introduction of Officers and guests:
11 Members and 1 guest.

President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Ron Swift
Secretary – Steve Higgins (Could not

attend)
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Vince Bell
Minutes from August Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and Passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:
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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705	Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745
Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840	Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831	Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705
Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705	Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



were a few guests that attended, traveling from as far south as Sumner. A young lady read about the event on a couple of sites, NORPAC and our Facebook page. According to her father she is really into tanks and was able to talk him into driving up to just watch the event. Jason, as always, was the perfect host, even lending her a tank so she could participate in the festivities. I am sure we will see them again in the spring at our next tank day. The rain held off for most of the day, but finally made its appearance, and boy how! Someone helped warm up the campers by providing hot dogs, chili and fresh cornbread. Annabelle and I bailed out Saturday night due to a slight flood in the tent, but Jason filled in for us by camping out in his van for the night. We really had a good time and hopefully we can work this into an annual event [see Ron's photos of the 4 members at the Night Fly. He has some of the campers' nite pics, too].

Official club officer nominations start at the October meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 10th. No Zoom will be provided for this one, so do come down and participate. I hope you have had a little time to consider which position you would like to run for. There's still time to ask

questions regarding the officer's duties by contacting one of the current board members. Call us, email us, or catch us at the field. Please know that the officer that you will replace is more than happy to help you during the transition, if you want or need it.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be spreading gravel in the expanded parking area and adding a border between the field and the safety fences. Also during this time frame, we will overseed and fertilize the flying field to keep the grass filling in and greening up. Thanks to all those who have helped this year with all the improvements and general maintenance. You are appreciated.

Finally, last week I got word from the AMA that our FRIA **has been APPROVED** by the FAA. The relay out of boundaries helped and we are now good to go. Also, just an fyi, the FAA has postponed the remote ID mandate until March 16th 2024. Keep this date in mind if you fly outside of our field.

Hope to see you at the field,
Mark Weeks



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President:

Make sure you tell Alf's' thanks for letting us use the meeting space.

Vice President:

Ron reported on past events, The **Family picnic-Open House** happened July 29th and a few families attended, Mark brought his grandkids, and Ron brought one of his grandsons. The weather was great and all those who attended had a good time.

Paul was the CD for the **Heli Event** and despite a few mechanical problems with Mark's and Dart's helicopters. Everybody enjoyed the event.

Next was the **Combat event**. We only had a few members attend due to scheduling issues with another event, We only had one ribbon cut. Dean cut the ribbon off Mark's plane and it got wrapped up in his engine, causing him to have to use a different plane. His engine issues for the rest of the time caused him to forfeit a couple of heats. Bad for Dean but good for the rest of the pilots as he was doing very well.

Our last event was the **Boats and Floats**, as always it was a great time. Lots of boats this time and just one plane. Michael brought his inflatable

Kayak just in case, and yes, it was needed to retrieve that one plane.

The next event will be the **Night Fly and Campout**. We are all looking forward to seeing how this goes.

Secretary:

We currently have 50 members. Everyone is current with their AMA membership.

Treasurer:

We are in good shape with the funds, although we have spent a lot this year on the field.

Safety Officer: Vince reported that there have not been any new accidents regarding members.

Field Manager: Mark reported on the FRIA and said that it looks like the FAA will issue an extension as they are behind in getting them issued and it's very hard to find the remote ID modules. He will keep us informed as things change.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies if you would like one. Please remember to send any pictures to both him and Mark so they can get posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing new to report

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NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Behavior: Remember we need to be respectful to each other and watch our language and our volume. Remember, we are on Scout property, and voices carry.

Membership sign-in: Each member is entitled to bring only one guest per day. You are responsible for instructing that guest on field rules and practices. You MUST sign in both yourself and your guest. The log must have the name of the guest, who his sponsor is, and his AMA number.

The Car event has been moved to 10 am on Saturday the October 16th.

Jason asked to have a second Tank event added to the schedule. It will be held the morning of the Night Fly and start around 10:00 am

The Night Fly event will have an extra twist this year as we will have a Camp Out that night. Remember, there is No Alcohol allowed on the property. The Camp Out is something new, and we want our best foot forward.

We still need mowing sign-ups. Please sign-up.

The parking lot phase one is complete. Len cut the bank back and moved the dirt around to fill in some low spots. This should help with the puddling when the rains hit. The next step will be to put down the landscape timbers and the weed cloth

before Dart spreads the gravel. This should all happen at the end of September or early October.

The Crawler area has had a bunch of work done. When you see Michael or Brian D, please tell them thank you for all their hard work.

Next month Nominations for officers will start. If you are thinking of running for an office but are unsure of how much time commitment is involved or what each office does, please reach out to a board member and they will surely answer your questions.

Mark asked to entertain a motion to postpone setting next year's event schedule until January. This way, the new board will have input into what events and dates.

PROGRAM: Builders and Rebuilders contest.

Rescheduled to October's meeting as nothing was entered previously.

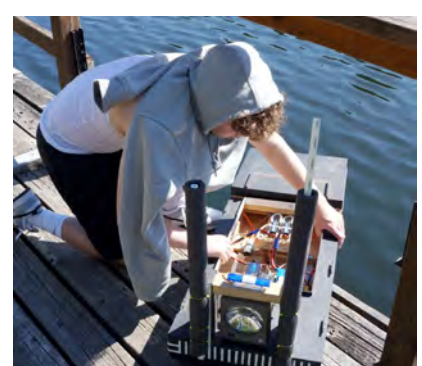
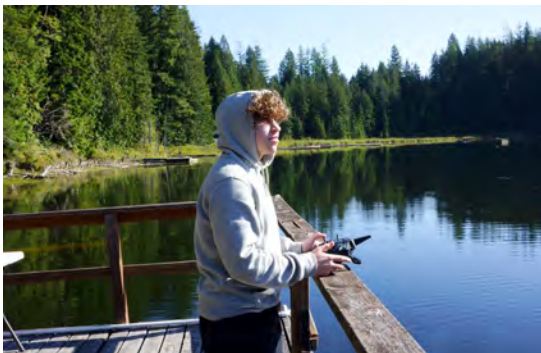
Ron did a question & answer on telemetry and if used how it can benefit you.

ADJOURNMENT:

7:45 pm

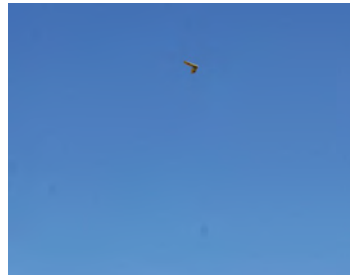


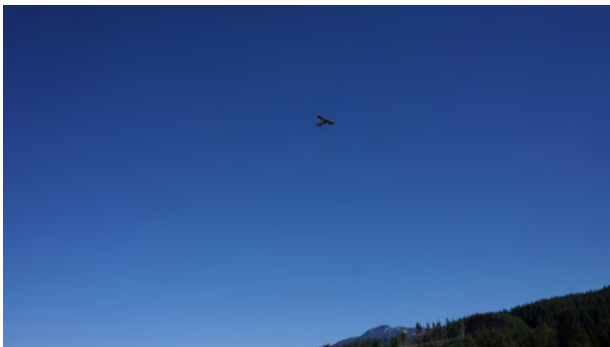
Boats & Floats





Warbirds & Buzzards







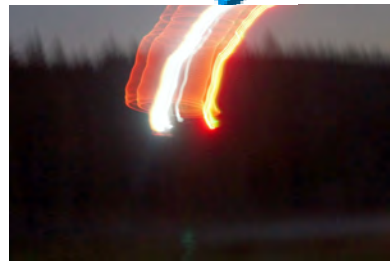
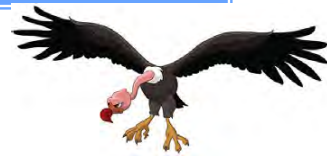
Upcoming Events

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
Warbird Fly Off	October 7	10:00 AM
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM

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.

Night Fly



The Night Fly 2 was planned for months, but I guess we didn't include the weather committee. It was very rainy and wet. Some members flew earlier that 7:30 pm when it was beginning to get dark. This event is usually attended by many and is a lot of fun. The first 4 photos and the one to the left are from our November 2022 event.



Safety Corner



By Vince Bell

DUMB THINGS WE DO

[copied from Vince's July 2009 article]

Most dumb things we do aren't really a safety concern in the respect that they will cause someone to be injured. Although safety DOES include our models and equipment]. In this category a few of the dumb things:

Leaving an essential part or piece of equipment home, like the wing tube, if it is removable.

Bringing the wrong transmitter for the airplane that you brought.

Forgetting the correct fuel. This is one I have done a couple times; I'll bring glow fuel but not gasoline.

Forgetting to fill the fuel tank and running out of fuel a few minutes into the flight. This is usually more of an annoyance than anything else. However if it happens in the wrong place it can be a potential hazard, if not to personnel to the airplane.

The really dumb-things and most dangerous are usually from lack of attention to details. In the case of new pilots just simply not knowing or having never been told.

Failure to know the condition of the batteries in your equipment. This is one of the biggies. Just because a battery pack is new does not make it good. I talk to a lot of fliers at the field that have no idea as to the condition of their batteries. I get about the same response from all. "I charged them last night or after flying last week" Unless you have cycled the batteries you have no idea what the condition of the pack is.

Not checking all of the controls before taking off. I don't how may times I have been asked to give a new plane its maiden flight and found one or more the controls reversed.

With the multi plane computerized radios it is really easy to have the wrong plane selected. Take my word on this one.

Not extending the antenna can cause some bad things to happen. **Don't extend the antenna on the 2.4GHz transmitter.**

Lack of attention to detail, just plain lazy or forgetful. I lost an Airplane a couple years back. I knew there was a problem with the security of the receiver battery pack. It had come loose in the past but no harm came of it. I put back in the foam compartment that it lived in and forgot about it. That was several flights and several months before. On this occasion I believe that in the nose down part of a loop the battery came loose and unplugged from the switch harness. This could have been a big problem if the plane were headed toward the pit area. Fortunately it crashed into the field with no harm done, except to the plane which was destroyed.

When you get right down to it, most problems we have are preventable by using a little COMMON SENSE. There's that phrase again I seem to use it a lot in this column. Yes, guys there are the occasional RF problems, but not nearly as many as some flyers would have you believe. If you are having a lot of RF problems have your equipment checked and look in the mirror for the cause of the problem.

Not all problems can be fixed by transmitter settings! Use your mechanical setup for a better flight even after using your transmitter settings.

There are millions more— you guys fill in the blank

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, SO



Field Fix—One of 2 part epoxy





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):

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
 Glider Crawlers Excavators Tanks Boats Sea Planes
 Submarines Scale Glider Tug/III 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), 20930 10th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Steve@sunette.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 claim, 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/modelling 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, October 10th 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





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Program: Builder/Rebuilder Competition



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