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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 11th, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: Rebuilder's Competition

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Guys!

Here we are and it's November already. So this month we'll have the reg. business meeting, a re-builder's contest and open nominations for Club Officers. If you've rebuilt an airplane in the last year and have the story to go with it (pictures help), bring them along

and do a show and tell to compete for the prize.

On the nominations part of the meeting, please note that the Club needs members to run for an office. There's nothing hard or complicated about any of the 5 offices

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October 14th Meeting Minutes — Rick Hanners

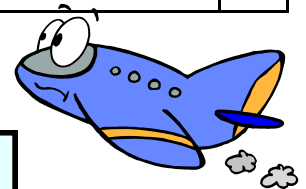
The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:33pm with 16 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Jim Reynolds
- Secretary** – Rick Hanners
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell

- Field Manager** – Jay Bell
- Webmaster** – Ron Rueter
- Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift

Chet called for any additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No corrections or additions to the minutes were brought up and a motion was made to accept the

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Vice President: Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662

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Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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the Club maintains and MUST maintain in accordance to our AMA charter membership. Consider running for an office. As ALWAYS, each and every year ALL positions are open for nominations.

Unless you have a lifetime or multiyear membership, your AMA card will expire at the end of December. Keep in mind that you MUST have a current AMA card or the acknowledgement from the AMA that you have paid for membership to fly at the field. Chances are there will be an event just after the first of the year. We'll be talking about that at the meeting.

As far as the field, nothing much is new except it is REALLY wet. Going forward we need to have ideas and discussions about ways to drain off the field a bit better, soften it and continual improvements like in the parking area. If you have ideas, please bring them and discuss them at the meeting.

ONE LAST THING.. For the first time ever, we are going to have a Pot Luck Christmas Party, Saturday, December 13 in the dining hall at the BSA camp, just up the hill from the field. Please plan to attend and make this a good start to what I hope will be a tradition. If you can find a time between the drops, get out there and fly!

Chet



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minutes. The minutes were approved.

Officer's Reports

Vice President – The news article relating to re-location of beavers was found. The whole re-location project, headed up by a local Indian tribe, involved a number of state/federal agencies to move the beavers to the west side of the mountains as part of a study to see if they will stay in their new locations. The study will include more re-locations. So the beavers at our field won't be re-located just because they annoy us.

Treasurer – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We will be left with some money by the end of the year.

Secretary – The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members. We do need to send in a report as to how the grant money from

the AMA improved our flying field. Details to be worked out between the club President and Secretary.

Safety Officer – No issues to report but members need to be aware that they should stay a comfortable distance above the road when making a landing approach from the North as cars/trucks can suddenly appear, especially when they come from the West. Also the surrounding land around the field is getting boggier.

Webmaster – Looking for any stories, articles, pictures and anything else of interest to put on the website.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Also looking for any pictures, stories or articles for the newsletter.

Field Manager – The sprinkler systems have

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been dismantled and stored in the barn. The hoses that were laid out and used are now over by where the grader used to be. Those who want their hoses back, should come and get them. The field was fertilized and that has helped a lot with the growth of the grass. There are several light fixtures and switches that should be replaced by spring time. Also it is suggested to leave the Porti-Potties where they are and possibly to provide battery powered LED fixtures inside of them for lighting use. The mower needs a new battery but that replacement can be left till spring to replace. There is a possibility that a battery that Vince Bell has can be made to fit and work in the mower. Jay will see if that can be done. Jay is going to continue to mow the field till it is no longer feasible to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party

The scout lodge has been booked for our Christmas party on December 13th. The consensus of the members was that the party should be a potluck. There will also be a Gift exchange for both the guys and gals. A \$10 limit for the gift was suggested. How to run the potluck has not been worked out. We want to invite the Rangers and Scott Finley.

Grader

The grader that Robb Sarsten used during field construction, has been moved.

Dirt Hill

The dirt hill is supposed to be moved over to Camp Pigott at some future date by Robb Sarsten.

Hughes Lake

Nothing really new. Jim Reynolds did talk with Ranger Matt and the rangers will leave a boat with oars for us to use. There is also no objection to having a private boat left at the lake and it is OK if we want to leave it at the T dock. The mooring for the T dock needs to be checked so the dock cannot swing against the shoreline. We have several extra locks that we can use to secure any boat/oars we bring plus the ones they will leave for us to use. The only concern the Rangers appear to have is that the little access road going down to the lake should be clear enough that an emergency vehicle can get through, which would limit our parking along the road. Some tasks to possibly accomplish are to

clear shoreline brush, put up setup tables and modifying the rails on the T dock.

Flight Pattern Approach Height Over The Road

There are now 2 orange cones on the fence that runs along the road but we would like to put up a 10 foot visual aid in the future. Jay Bell is going to come up with hardware to do this and set it up.

Miscellaneous

- Thanks to all on the sprinkler gang for all the hard work done to keep the field watered during its growing phase.
- Chet reminded everyone, that when you come into the field, after unlocking the gate, to roll the combination dials to help prevent the combination being noted by people walking the road.
- For downed aircraft it is suggested that someone be with you when going out to retrieve an aircraft or at least someone who knows where you are. Have a cell phone with you, possibly wrapped in a baggy and high on your body just in case you fall into water.
- A windsock still needs to be erected but a position for it has not been determined. It was suggested that due to the changing wind patterns from one end of the field to the other, to possibly put small lightweight windsocks at each corner of the field.
- The screened dirt still is available at the quarry down the road near the small transfer station. A motion to spend \$300 for fill and associated fuel costs was passed at the September meeting.
- The directions to the field still have not been changed. Ron Swift said he would correct that.

NEW BUSINESS

Reciprocal Agreement

The board had a meeting and decided that we had probably jumped the gun in wanting a reciprocal agreement with the Arlington Eagles at this time. The board felt that the field development had to be at a more finished level and the club membership level known before we should enact the agreement. Jim Reynolds was going to explain this to Arling-

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ton Eagles Contact, Joe Goffin, and assure him that we want to do the agreement, but probably not till next year.

Chet received an email from Ted Becker, an Arlington Eagle member, who stated that he was told we didn't want to have the agreement as we wanted to try to siphon members from the Eagles to increase our dues base. It appears that the Eagles President somehow misinterpreted what Jim conveyed to him and this might have generated some bad feeling in the Eagles Club.

Chet provided a response to Ted explaining that we did want to have the agreement, but that we didn't feel the club's new field was sufficiently developed. Chet did point out that Eagle members can now fly 3 times a year without being a member as a guest plus our meetings are always open to the public. Copies of this response were sent to all board members plus various members of the Arlington Eagles.

Rebuilders Contest

The start of the rebuilders contest was overlooked at the last meeting and so the contest will be held at the November meeting. A notice about this will be sent out.

2015 Budget

Ron Swift left his handout copies of the 2015 Budget at home so he verbally went over the suggested changes from last year which included increases in some categories and the addition of a couple of others. The budget was based on a 35 member roster at a dues level of \$90. There was some discussion about various aspects of the budget and the line items that were presented.

A motion was made to accept the 2015 Budget as presented. MOTION PASSED. Dues for 2015 will be \$90. The Club Secretary will send out an electronic copy of the budget to all members via e-mail.

2015 Board & Service Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2015 Officer positions and the Club Service Award were opened by President Chet Blake. He reminded the members that others need to eventually step up if the club and even the hobby are going to continue. He also reminded the members that nominations will close at the December meeting, to be followed by the vote. The nomina-

tions are as follows:

SAFETY OFFICER – Vince Bell

TREASURER – No one was verbally nominated

SECRETARY – No one was verbally nominated

VICE PRESIDENT – No one was verbally nominated

PRESIDENT – No one was verbally nominated

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD –

Bryan Reightley

Jay Bell

Mark Weeks

Miscellaneous

Scott Curtis mentioned that the last time he was out at the field, a fellow member cut themselves, so he wondered where our first aid kit was. Jay Bell said it was in the barn and would be refreshed with new supplies and hung by the Porti-Potti's.

There was a special announcement and cake for Al Schmidt's birthday.

Ron Swift gave a small presentation on the conversion of a motor glider from brushed motor power to brushless motor power. He ended up eliminating more than half the weight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

.....Rick Hanners, Club Secretary





Safety Corner

Well, we are starting into the building season, so it is time to think about shop safety.

Like Norm says, "there is nothing more important than these", as he points to the safety goggles he is wearing. If you wear eye glasses you can get into the habit of not reaching for the safety glasses. While any kind of glasses are better than none, it is a good idea to wear safety goggles when grinding or other operations where stuff is flying all over.

Another thing that I have learned is to wear shoes when working at the bench. Xacto type knives will always fall point first into your toes. OK, so they don't really always fall point first, but you will remember the ones that do and forget about all the other times that a knife rolls off the bench.

When running in your new engine, make sure you have plenty of ventilation to let the CO (carbon monoxide) out. The smoke you can see and smell, the CO you can't. The CO is what will give you a headache or worse. Do the engine running outside if possible, If not, open doors and windows to provide a lot of ventilation. Never run the engines in the kitchen or living room. This will be trying to the marriage, and if you aren't married, this might be one of the reasons why. Wear safety glasses, don't stand in front of the prop—always stand behind the engine. As a kid, I would run engines in the basement and on a good day, when I could get one to run long enough, I would get a headache

(most likely from the CO that was being generated from the engine). Mom always complained about the smoke. Sometimes it was hard to find my way out of the basement because of all the smoke.

This paragraph was taken from Dave Gee's April 2007 column. I have no idea what he is talking about, but the concept sounds good. "Keep your work area neat and orderly. In addition to being able to find what you are looking for when you need it, you lessen the chance of tripping over something and injuring yourself (or worse, damaging the airplane you just finished). Pick up after yourself and return tools where they belong each time you use them. You will have a happier time in the shop and will work more efficiently in the long run."

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS
Vince Bell, Safety Officer



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<http://www.nwmhe.com>

Set your calendars, watches and cellphones for this major event on

February 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2015

The Barnyard Buzzards MAC will have a booth with the new **RealFlight Version 7.5 simulator** for the public to test out and lots of RC Model Aviation Stuff!

Lots to see and do!



Club Meeting and Flying



As many know, Alf's Pizza offers 1/2 price on the pizza for our club members. Quite a bargain for us and thank you, Alf's!

Chet brought the birthday cake for Al Schmidt's birthday. Plenty for everyone.

Ron Swift provided the program with his converted Bussard electroglider. It was equipped with a brushed motor/gearbox, NiCads, 72MHz receiver, etc. All of this gear weighed 855 grams (nearly 2 lbs.) The new Outrunner, brushless motor, LIPO battery, 2.4 GHz receiver, etc. weighed 234 grams.

The glider never flew so well!

OUR FLYING FIELD IS OPEN AND THE SPRINKLERS, ETC. HAVE BEEN STORED FOR THE SEASON.

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet, we have a great new facility. We voted on our budget for 2015 and the dues for 2015 will be \$90.00, but still \$100.00 for the remainder of 2014.

See page 7 for our membership application.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE: _____ AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz (video)
 72 MHz and channel # _____
 50 or 53 MHz (HAM) Frequencies _____

MODELING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING PREVIOUS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS)

PRIMARY INTERESTS/SKILLS:

- BUILDING ELECTRONICS PAINTING CONTEST DIRECTOR INSTRUCTOR
 COVERING CONTEST JUDGE DESIGN/EXPERIMENTAL SCALE SPORT
 PATTERN IMAC HELI QUAD/HEX

Month Born:

- January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

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 the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. 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 the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please mail check for \$100.00 and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:

Rick Hanners

21621 97th Drive SE

Snohomish, WA 98296-4914 (360) 668-1312

rhanners@nwlink.com

One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.



Rebuilders Contest

Bryan Reightley started the tradition of holding a “ReBuilders Contest” as the program during our October meetings. This year, we are having the competition during our November 11th club meeting at Alf’s Pizza.

The rules are simple. Crash something you’ve flown, rebuild it, and show off your handy work. This is something we’ve all done before, but now you can win a prize for sharing your rebuilt model and your story at a club meeting. Judging will be based on repair quality and difficulty factor with bonus points added for your creative presentation.

Flying at Camp Edward



Bronze Y
Water Pipe
added with
rubber
bands
to set CG!





25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

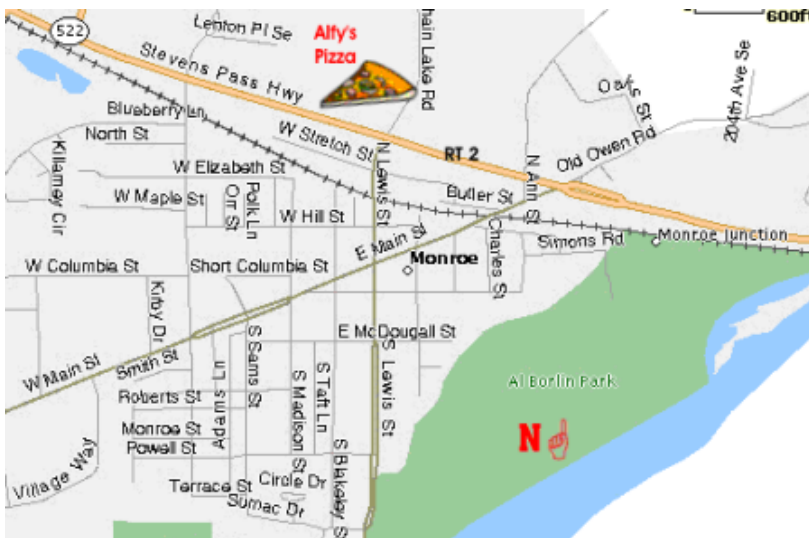


Camp Edward is located near Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. A Shell gas station and Indian restaurant will be on the left. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

*** If you go the 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 with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, The 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.



Our club meetings are open to the public. During the winter months 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. During the summer months (weather permitting), the club meets at our flying field. See the schedule below for location...

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 P.M.

Upcoming Meetings

- Meetings begin at 6:30 PM**
2nd Tuesday
 November 11 Alfy's Pizza
 December 9 Alfy's Pizza
 January 13 Alfy's Pizza
 February 10 Alfy's Pizza
 March 10 Alfy's Pizza
 April 14 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 for those new to our flying field.

Current Flight Instructor:
Ron Swift 425 788-6045





Next meeting, **Tuesday November 11th 6:30 PM**
at Alfys Pizza along Rt 2 in Monroe ([see page 9](#)).
Program: **Rebuilder's Competition**
Also: **Buzzard's XMAS Party Dec. 13th**



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