



Buzzard Droppings



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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



Happy Thanksgiving!

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 8th, 6:30 PM**
at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 7 for a map.](#))

Program: Real Flight Drone Simulator

President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey Buzzards,
So last month we had the rebuilders' contest and 1st place went to Ron Swift with his rebuilt VK Cherokee. I personally remember this plane and it going down at Dale's field. At the time Ron just shrugged it off with some aeronautical jabber

and said it was fixable. I guess so! There it was claiming 1st place. Ted brought his 25 size Slow Poke and claimed second place. Nice job guys! We need more participation in events like this (myself included) to keep us moving along and keep

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October 11th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 11 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell – Out of Town
- Field Manager** – Jay Bell - Absent

Webmaster – Ron Rueter –Out of Town

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift

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

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Club Officers and Contacts

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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 hobby strong.

Have you been to the field lately? It's looking amazing. Dart brought in a couple more loads of gravel and finished off the parking and pit area down to the last flight station. With all the rain we had a week or so ago I could stand in the pits and have dry toes... Yaa HOOO!!

Bryan Reightley delivered a new/used refrigerator that was put in place last Saturday and set up. The older one was occasionally not cooling well, so now it can go to re- fridge heaven.

LOTS of things are happening in the Club and at the field. C'mon out (even in the rain) and see how we've changed, thanks to all the hard work our outstanding members are doing.

This meeting also brings the second round of nominations. See ya there! Chet



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Reports

VP – Night Fly event got rained on but still there was flying before the heavy rain and some after the rain down pour quit. Still it was a lot of fun. Boats and Floats event was fantastic weather both boats and planes with floats were present and went home as they came. Rebuilders contest tonight. Christmas Party is the next event, then the Freeze-In.

Treasurer – There is money still budgeted to give to our charity \$500.00. There is still money in the field improvement funds. Proposed budget was presented to the membership and motion made to accept. Motion passed. Membership dues are set at \$90.00 full membership, \$45.00 family memberships and \$20.00 students.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 36 members,

Safety Officer – Bryan Reightley reported for Vince and “all is good” no issues to report.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

Field Manager – the field is in really nice shape going into the winter months, the new gravel is making a difference with the water. The mower has been repaired and the bent blade has been replaced, a new set will be purchased.

OLD BUSINESS

We have been using the phrase “we are a work in progress” for a couple of years now and the results are showing. In large part(s) of Len and Brian Douma, Dart Sharp, Jay Bell and Mark Weeks. Let's applaud the efforts of everyone involved and with special attention to the above.

Kenneth (Ken) Mowrey passed away on August 22, 2016. Ken was a Barnyard Buzzard member for many years and he will be missed. A card will be sent.

Jim Reynold's wife had a mishap and is healing. Jim hopes to be able to make the lake event. We all wish them well.

August 27th was a bragging rights fun day with multi rotors and gliders. Just a couple of things to learn and try to compete with. It was quite an experience. Ron Rueter breezed through the course first round but everyone (and even Ron on his second round) was shut down and could not complete the course without a crash. Either hitting the foam obstacle poles or ground effect throwing things off made this a really tough event. It seems what we learned was that 50 feet or above ground effects do not have the same effect as 3 to 5 feet does. Windy weather kept all but a couple from sailplane flying.

Have you been to the field lately? WOW, WOW, WOW!!! Since last meeting there's been an amazing amount of work done. Len brought out his tractor and cut back the bank finishing

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Phase 1 of the project. He moved the dirt to the end of the north runway extending it while making another 6 to 7 feet of parking area. Len and Brian spent about 8 hours of hard labor on this area. He returned on the 9th removing the large rocks and grading the North end making it ready for seed.

September 10th, Dart Sharp, Steve Anderson, Vince Bell, Jay Bell, Mark Weeks and Robin Maas readied the parking area along with the pits with underlayment. Dart made the 45 min round trip to drop off load after load of gravel. He spent most of his day expertly laying down the gravel so not much in the way for raking was needed. All who manned the rakes and shovels really do thank him for his skills. There was 111.23 TONS of gravel laid. **Builders Sand and Gravel** really came through for us, giving us Dart's discount for materials and Truck time.

AMAZING hard work, input and determination to keep this club top notch! THANK YOU ALL!! Chet is (almost) excited to see it rain and check how the work holds up.

Harbor Freight had carports on sale and Chet picked up another (We now have two). We will place it in the coming months as needed.

AMA leader pins still available for those who wish one, ask Ron Swift

NEW BUSINESS

We had our first ever multirotor-lympics. Small but a great learning tool for future Multirotor events and maybe even FPV races. It was not as easy as we all thought it would be.

Christmas party was discussed, Bryan reported that the kitchen at the lodge is being remodeled and the lodge might not be available for us to use this year. Looking to having the party at Alfys or maybe at the Boy Scout lodge. More to come as we find out.

Jay has aluminum grating for the flight stations if and when we want to use them. They are in the barn at the north end.

Nominations for 2017 officers started tonight:
President: Mark Weeks

Vice President: Tim Shegrud
Bryan Reightley
Secretary: Chet Blake
Treasurer: Ron Swift
Safety Officer: Vince Bell
Don Bailey
Special Service Award: Dart Sharp
Brian and Len Douma
Mark Weeks

ERMA is holding their auction Sunday November 6th at the Marysville Boys and Girls Club.

Program: Rebuilders Competition

Motion to wave the entrance fee for tonight's event made, seconded and passed.

1st place: Ron Swift- VK Cherokee. Many parts repaired photos showed lower fuse and wings needing much work.

2nd place: Ted Becker – Slow Poke, added pull connectors and rebuilt landing gear structure to support different gear.

Ron Swift also entered: PT40 left to him by a student pilot - fuselage, wing repairs and new wing tips added.

All the work was nicely done and both should be complemented. On to next year.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

.....Mark Weeks, Club Secretary



Our Annual Freeze-In is only a few months away! We'll have the propane heaters and burn barrel going and some food and beverages, too.

Also, we'll have the buddy box setup for those who want to try flying one of our RC models!

Lots of fun and bragging rights. We even have a commemorative patch for those who participate.

Jan 7, 2017 Annual Freeze-In
Starts at 10:00 AM



Safety Corner

Here it is again, that wonderful time of year when the leaves turn color and weather turns cooler. It is also known as the cold and flu season.

As you all know we don't allow Alcohol at the field. Of course that doesn't prevent you have a couple drinks and coming to the field. This is worse than having a Beer or two at the field, as you are driving to the field, flying and then driving home. DUI is not good for driving or flying but, there are other things that are just as bad.

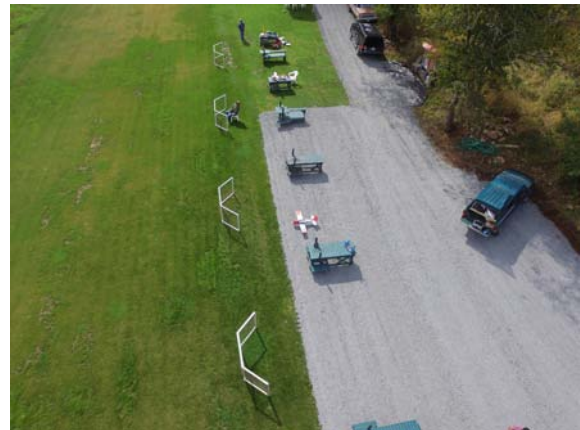
Cold and allergy medications are just as bad as alcohol if not worse, they sneak-up on you. Even some of the over the counter drugs can have the same effect on your judgment. Take my word on this. Had it not been for another pilot in the right seat while making an ILS approach to Boeing Field one night, I may not be writing this. I had taken one of those multi purpose cold capsules before leaving Boise. When we got to Seattle I was feeling a little light headed but didn't think much of it. At the Boeing outer marker I set the airplane up for the approach **Gear Down** three green lights, and the rest of the checklist when we crossed the middle marker I look at the green lights and for some reason I

reached down and retracted the gear. Had it not been for the "WHAT THE H*** ARE YOU DOING" from the right seat, I most likely would have landed with the gear up. Needless to say I learned a lesson that night. Don't fly full scale, or RC after taking medication until you know how it will affect you.

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



Field Improvements Yea!!!



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. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

Dec 3 Annual Christmas Party - TBD 3:00 PM

Jan 7, 2017 Annual Freeze-In Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM



Rebuilder's Competition



It sported a heli version OS 61 2 stroke engine. It took off, went up about 50 feet and the engine quit. It glided like a rock! It crashed into Dale's Pine Trees tearing off the main wing, the bottom half of the fuselage and more! It won 1st.

Ted restructured the Slow Poke's landing gear after a few landings showed a poor design of the original kit. The new mounting block and aluminum gear replaces the weak wire ones originally provided.

Ron also brought a PT 40 kit that was crashed by one of his student pilots years ago. Seems like younger pilots just want to buy a new ARF and trash the old "slightly" damaged one. Ron rebuilt the fuselage and main wing, added a 4-stroke engine, 2.4 GHz receiver and servos and the model flies just like new. The covering highlights the repaired areas.

Let's hope more Buzzards join in the fun for the 2017 Rebuilder's Competition October 2017!

For the Rebuilder's Competition, the story behind the need to rebuild as well as the craftsmanship are important things for winning this event. Bryan Reightley started this competition years ago to encourage building skills and sharing the comradery for flying, the learning experiences for avoiding doing the same thing, sharing the lessons learned and highlighting the techniques for rebuilding the model.

This year we had 3 entries. Ron's VK Cherokee—flown at the Lewis Street facility years ago.



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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: _____

Full Membership: \$90.00
 Family Member: \$45.00
 Student Member: \$20.00

Please mail check and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:

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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.

Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2017 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Our dues for 2016 will be set at our October 11th meeting. Join now and get all of our 2016 & 2017 membership privileges! See this page for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.



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 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 ***

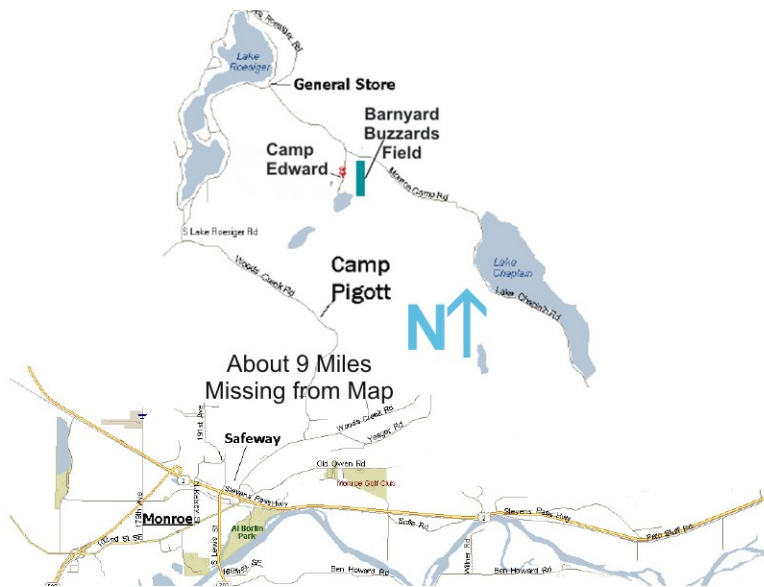
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

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, (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. Alf's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

Our club meetings are open to the public. We meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alf'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 P.M.



Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday**

November 8	Alf's Pizza
December 13	Alf's Pizza
January 10	Alf's Pizza
February 14	Alf's Pizza
March 14	Alf's Pizza
April 11	Alf's Pizza
May 9	Alf's Pizza

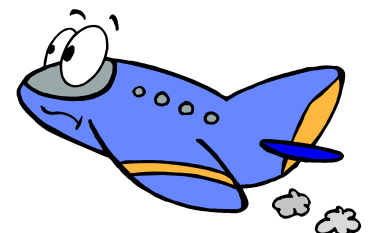
Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



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, November 8th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 7](#)).

Program: **Real Flight Drone Simulator**



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