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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 7th, 6:30 PM**
at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: TrickyTwins!

President's Message — Mark Weeks

Greetings, Buzzards!
As I am writing this I see that there are nine more weekends to fly or just hang out at the field before the January Freeze-In. The last weekend of October was fantastic, sun and almost no wind, we were so blessed.

I can't believe that it's November already. Even though the year is almost up, there is still much on the Buzzards agenda. We are planning for the Christmas party, office nominations, the NW Mode-

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October 10th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pres Weeks introduced the Officers--- Ron Swift -Treasurer , Chet Blake – Secretary, Don Bailey – Safety officer, Bryan Reightley- Vice President, Mark Weeks- President

13 members present

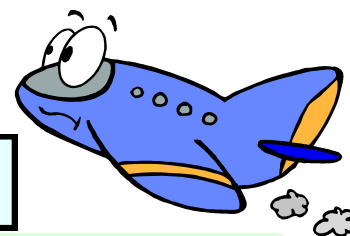
Additions or Corrections to the minutes – Ron Swift brought up that the Fun Fly was not cancelled since only 3 members showed up, so it was called off and an Open Fly was enjoyed. Chet mentioned that in the September minutes he had said that mowing could well go into No-

vember. He actually meant October.

Officers Reports

Vice President - The September Floats-n-Boats event at Lake Hughes was once again a great success. It was perfect weather for a fun day at the lake. Approximately 10 members and 1 guest were on hand. The October Night Fly was a great evening of flying and kibitzing. We started around 6:00 pm with 7 pilots. The weather was great at the field and the fun concluded at approximately 9:30 pm.

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Secretary: Chet Blake (360) 863-2953

Safety Officer: Don Bailey (425) 350-9557

Field Manager: Jay Bell (206) 234-7786

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

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Hobby Expo, next year's January Freeze-In and more.

Our annual Christmas Potluck is slated for December 2nd @ 3:00pm, so bring a dish and a gift and invite friends and family to this wonderful event. This year we have access to the newly remodeled lodge at Camp Edwards, with its huge warm fireplace. We would love to see a huge crowd this year.

I also want to take this time to thank each and every Buzzard for making this club so inviting and welcoming. It is really nice to see that we have a steady group who regularly attend our meetings. Let's help us grow by bringing a friend or even a member from another club to see what a great bunch this club is made of.

There have been a few times when I loaded up my truck with a couple of planes or a quad or two and never took them out of the truck when I arrived at the field. I get talking and shooting the breeze with someone and before I know it it's time to head home.

Don't forget to renew your AMA membership as you will need it to fly at the Freeze-In on January 6th, 2018. Now that the 2018 budget has been approved you can pay your 2018 dues. We are keeping the dues at the 2017 rate - a mere \$90.00.

See you at the field!
Mark Weeks



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The Annual Christmas Party will be in the newly renovated Lodge at Camp Edwards on Saturday, December 2nd 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Treasurer – Funds are in good shape. The \$700 donation to Sky Valley Food bank still has to be delivered.

Secretary - Currently we have 34 paid members

Safety – Everything going well. A reminder that there are 72 megahertz card slots in the frequency board. A few members still fly on 72. We've become complacent with the 2.4 of not worrying about shooting someone down. If flying on 72, mark your channel and beware of others with that LONGGG antenna (a sure give-away).

Field Manager – Jay mentioned to Mark that he has a covered section like the frequency board kitted up and ready for construction.

Newsletter Editor - Hard copies available and your input is needed. Please send Club interest and event pics to Ron Swift and Ron Rueter

Webmaster – Always looking for input, pics and Club news.

OLD BUSINESS

The calendar said Christmas Party date to be determined. After discussion, Saturday, December 2nd was selected. Bryan checked with Ranger Dave and he OK'd the use of the Lodge for the Christmas Party.

The grill has a permanent home by the frequency board, propane tank is kept in the barn. Jay has a small structure w/ roof kitted up and needs to get it to the field. If anyone can help with that please let Jay or Mark know.

There was some discussion about the number of events we had this year. The Board will look at possibly keeping August free from events so members can attend other events, air

shows or just catch a break from event schedules. More to come..

Ron R., Mark and Chet went to Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers to see the NW Scale Competition. There was a decent lineup of aircraft and flying to keep things going until 2:00 or so. It was hot, fun and always a treat to visit such a nice field and Club.

We still have mowing slots available thru September and October. Please do your share and sign up for a slot.

Dart and Paul went to the Snohomish Helicopter Club Heli event and came out with goodies and some classes.

A motion was made to add Club funds to the \$512.50 from the Auction and make an even \$700 to the Sky Valley Food Bank. Ron and Mark will make that presentation as their schedules allow. Motion passed.

October meeting will be the Rebuilder's contest.

Also at the Oct meeting, we will go over and vote on the new budget for 2018, dues amount and this meeting will also open up nominations for the Club Executive Board positions. All positions are open for nomination.

NEW BUSINESS

We all saw that it was a really busy summer with events abounding all through the 5 months. Some think too many, some think ok as is, some don't seem to care. The Board would like your opinion so they can set up next year fairly and with everyone's best interest at heart. With Mark's work at the field cutting back the high bushes, Combat might be able to resume again. More to come!!

Mark asked for help deciding programs that would interest the members and grow attendance at the meetings. Please contact him or any Board member with ideas.

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Nominations for Executive Board were as follows... President – Mark Weeks (accepted), VP – Bryan Reightley (asked for a month to consider), Treasurer – Ron Swift (accepted), Secretary - Chet Blake (accepted but urging membership participation in offices), Safety Officer – Don Bailey (accepted), Special Service Award – Len Douma, Mark Weeks. Nominations will be open again in the November 14 meeting.

Ron Swift presented the proposed 2018 Budget which recommends keeping dues at \$90. Motion was made to accept the 2018, seconded and voted on. Motion passed.

Ron handed out the Freeze-In patches for this year and showed a new hexagonal design. Yearly patches will go around the 6 sides.

Announcements- For those who might have not seen the emails, Chet mentioned that Dick Broderson passed away on August 19th. His wife said that Dick wanted some of his airplanes and parts to go to the Club to be used in whatever way worked for the Club.

PROGRAM.... Rebuilder's Contest had 3 entrants. Mark Weeks brought in his newly rebuilt after crash PT-19. Ron Swift brought in a Vampire and Don Bailey brought in a Mercury High Wing. The 3 contestants were sent out of the room and voting proceeded with the following results.

1st place to Mark Weeks, 2nd Place to Ron Swift and 3rd

place to Don Bailey

Motion to Adjourn: 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake, BBMAC Secretary



The Rebuilder's Contest:
1st place Mark Weeks
2nd Place Ron Swift
3rd place Don Bailey.



Safety Corner



Don Bailey

“Learning the Hard Way”

My dad used to say to me, “Why do you always have to learn things the hard way?” To me, it seemed like adding insult to injury, the way he’d throw it out there right after I skinned my knuckles on a bolt head—my well-deserved punishment for being too stubborn to climb out from under the truck and go get a socket wrench extension, when I already had a crescent wrench in my hand. Years later, I finally got him to confess he’d done the same things when he was young.... and muttered something about learning from the same mistakes several times before the “right way” finally sunk in.

There is a strong dose of wisdom in that admonishment, and it is something I have carried with me into my later years in the hobby. I have injured myself so many times while building model airplanes I can’t begin to count all the scars and punctures and burns and scrapes. What amazes me is how many of these injuries were earned the exact same way, on countless different occasions. You’d think I’d “get it” after the second offense!

Here are just a few of the things I have learned “the hard way”:

The building table is a great place to shed blood. It took me quite a number of projects to learn how to carve a wood cowl without performing surgery on myself. No. 11 Xacto blades can be deathly sharp, especially when fresh, so treat them with solemn respect. Never, ever, allow any part of your body to get out in front of a moving blade. Cutting away from yourself is not always the best direction for a precise cut, but it can be done if you take your time and think before cutting. The same is true of the cutting wheel on a Dremel tool. I ended up in the clinic after my first unwitting use of this device, and got some stitches in my index finger as a prize for my carelessness. Ask my wife about the time I almost performed a vasectomy on myself one day out at the field, holding a plane in my lap while cutting off a stubborn cable tie with my Xacto knife! It’s amazing how we can allow ourselves to get into these precarious situations, and how difficult it is to tell ourselves to STOP. RIGHT. NOW.

Propellers are also high on the list of heartless slashers. I nearly took out my shop one day with a whirling plane that wouldn’t stop until I finally managed to slam the throttle down on the transmitter. Now I religiously remove the propeller before running up my outrunner to check the ESC program-

ming. Many of us know someone who has missing fingers from starting large gas engines, and even the seemingly benign glow engines can leave a bad wound, when we show too little regard for unanticipated hot starts. Heavy gloves are mandatory for the big engines, and an electric starter motor, or at the very least a chicken stick, should be used for the small ones.

Another hazard to working with model airplanes is all the flammable substances, such as acetone, thinners, and other organic solvents. For obvious reasons, we need to keep anything combustible away from heat sources, such as when grinding, soldering, or heat shrinking with a lighter. Surely one of the most explosive devices in our arsenal has to be the lipo battery, and there are warnings ad infinitum on never deserting a pack on the charger, or storing charged packs near sharp objects, or allowing them to short out. I keep two fire extinguishers in my building room—one next to my workbench and one near the exit door. It may not save your stuff, but it could save your structure, in the event of an unexpected bonfire.

The big takeaway here is self-discipline. Safety comes with foresight and diligence, and the ability to anticipate what could go wrong if we continue on our current path. Do we always don our safety goggles when we know we need them? Are we using the right tool for the job? Is there a better, safer way of accomplishing the task? These questions require us to stop and think, for just a moment, before plunging on ahead. We all make mistakes; we are only human! But the smartest guy is the one who learns quickly, and remembers well the lessons of the past.

Until next time, be safe and have fun! --Don Bailey, Safety Officer



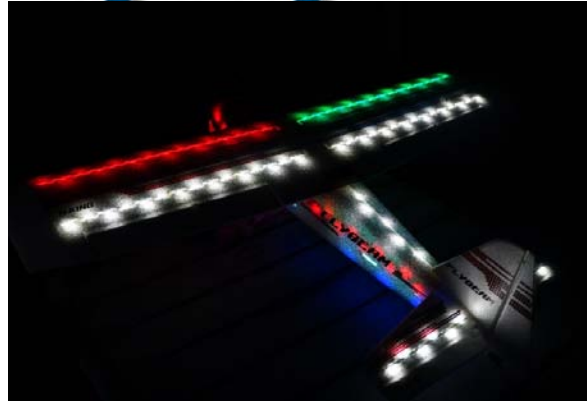


Night Flight





Night Flight



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

Use this page for applying for membership. Our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved. Come on out and see why we are so excited to share the modeling experience: Gliders, drones, boats, and a lot more.



Name: _____

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RADIO FREQUENCIES 2.4 GHz 27 MHz 5.8 GHz (video)

72 MHz and channel # _____

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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: \$25.00

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

Ron Swift ronswift@cablespeed.com
16325 315th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98018
(425) 788-6045

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.



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.

December 2 **Annual Christmas Party** 3:00 - 6:00 PM
January 6, 2018 **Annual Freeze-In** Club Field Starts at 10:00 AM

See the map on page 9—Guests are invited to all of these events!

Our Field



Donation to the Sky Valley Food Bank





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 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...

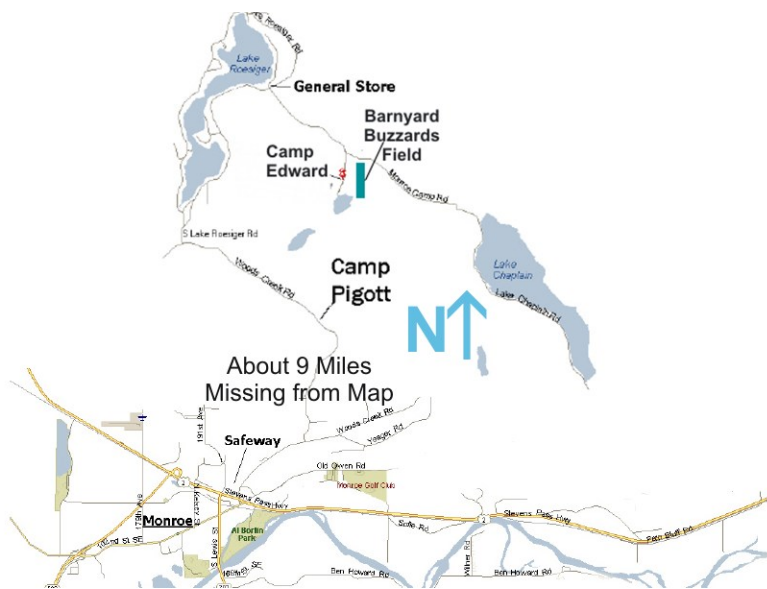
—>Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza near the new Harbor Freight store.

Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. 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. 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**

December 12	Alfy's Pizza
January 9	Alfy's Pizza
February 13	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

Current Flight Instructors:

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





Next meeting, **Tuesday, November 14th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see map on page 9](#)).

Program: **Tricky Twins!**



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