



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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Barnyard Buzzards
Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our Club Meeting will be held November 8th 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](#))



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,

The rain seems to have started, but that shouldn't dampen our spirits. I'm sure that we'll have breaks in the weather so we can get out to the field and fly a little. On those days when it's too wet to fly remember that we also have a car track and cars do just fine in the rain. Some even say it's more fun that way. There are those of us who enjoy getting out and just hanging out. Many a Saturday you can find me out at the field in the club house or

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October 11th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on October 11th @ 6:30pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

We had 13 Members and 1 guest and no one joined via Zoom.

Introduction:

President – Mark Weeks

Vice President – Paul Dibble

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Jason Milsom (425) 328-5705

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Mark Weeks & volunteers (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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by the fire pit having a cup of coffee. I look forward to seeing you out there.

November has lots in store for our club. Officer nominations will close at the end of the business meeting, So if you wish to join the group, please let a board member know and you will be listed on the ballots. Also, at the November meeting the Builders Contest WILL happen. We had postponed it from the October meeting as we wanted more entries. So, bring your entry and be prepared to mention something about it.

Once the new board is elected at the December meeting, the first priority will be to plan and set the 2023 events schedule. We had a pretty good mix of events available to benefit all the members this year and they were spaced out pretty well too. We have a couple of new ideas that should be a hit and maybe be made into yearly events. The board is always

open and looking for new ideas or changes in the way we do the events. If you have any ideas PLEASE speak up and let us know to help us make them the best we can.

Don't forget December we will have the Christmas party! We've changed the format this year to have it at the regular business meeting since it can be a hectic time of year. There will be a gift exchange, most likely a White-elephant style. Gifts will have a \$20.00 limit, so don't miss the holiday fun.

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

Mark



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Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

Minutes from September meeting approval:
Motion was made, 2nd and passed to accept minutes as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: The Night Fly was great! We had tanks in the morning, and the Night Fly in the evening. Well attended. There were 13-15 people in attendance. Weather was fantastic. Once it got dark, orientation was a bit dicey.

Vice-president: Unable to attend the event due to personal commitments.

Secretary: 54 Members In good standing. Brian Pendell and Paul Dunatov joined in the past few days. Nobody in AMA Trouble for the rest of 2022! We are nearing the end of the year. If you haven't been getting my many emails, please make sure you check your spam filter. Worst case, give me a call 425-330-1446 and we can try to figure out why you aren't getting them.

Treasurer: Money is good...we have some left. In the black.

Safety Officer: Seen a lot of violations, nothing terrible but violations. In almost a year, it was good if people would talk about safety or see an issue, please let Jason know.

Jay and Jason shared a story about some safety issues at the field. Brian mentioned it's a good idea to

have someone else look at your plane and do a quick safety inspection. Ron shared a story about his mustang and not enough rubber bands on the plane. At 5-6 G's a few more bands were required because the wing came off midflight.

Field Manager: Dart dropped another load of dirt next to the container. We also have a turnaround as well by the container and canopies. We still need volunteers to help with field mowing.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the October newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website and newsletters.

OLD BUSINESS:

None!

NEW BUSINESS:

A Big Thanks to Michael and Ron for assembling the 2nd Honey Bucket. And to Michael and Jason for weeding the lake area! We are guests on the Scout property. If you want access to the lake or other areas, please contact Mark or Brian so they can clear it with the Rangers.

Gravel for turn around and topping has been placed. This should make winter better with less flooding around the container. Len Douma removed the pile of debris behind the container and did some work up to the car

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track. Len cut a road (path, trail) up to the car track area. We will have to see what the winter brings to see what kind of water gets there. There is a hole/pipe there... it's the old outhouse. Now there are some boards and ribbons there so someone doesn't fall in. This winter we will fill that in.

Mowing is pretty much complete in the field area, a few trails on the north side of the road.

Snohomish Heli Club had their mower stolen again. We should talk to the rangers about securing things a bit better, and maybe storing some equipment with them.

New field photos are now on the frequency board. Car drivers stand, wasps should be taken care of now.

By-Laws: Steve read the proposed by-law updates. We will be voting on the bylaw updates in the November meeting.

Budget: Dart has copies of the proposed budget. We discussed the budget items.

Ron moved to accept the proposed budget. It was seconded and approved.

Dues for 2023 will remain as they are in 2022.

Nominations for club officers for 2023:

President: Mark Weeks volunteered to run for President again.

Vice President: Ron Swift, Dean Appel.

Secretary: Steve H.

Treasurer: Dart S,

Safety Officer: Vince

Special Service Award: Michael C, Ron Swift.

Projects and Events for next year: Please start to think about what events we should have or not have in 2023. Also consider projects like fixing the lack of water. Mark talked with Don about a light and a power pole. Putting in a light, we can call it security, and might make permits go smoother. Mark did get a 1/2 horse power pump that maybe we could run on a genny and grab water from

the culvert. Michael offered to donate a genny . **Insurance:** Cascade Heli has been broken into again... This time they had Insurance, maybe we should secure some Insurance just in case. Generally, it costs \$100 to \$200 per year. We are going to investigate securing some. Jay Wayland volunteered to check into getting some insurance. A few weeks ago, Steve Higgins noticed the radios were dead. When this was found, the inverter was dead, and the switch was dead as well. I've sourced some replacement parts and will get it up and running again this Saturday.

The Xmas Party white elephant gift exchange has been limited to \$15. There was a suggestion to go to a \$20 limit on the give exchange. The suggestion was adopted for the upcoming gift exchange. Also there is a male item pile and one for females so significant others are welcome to have fun too! We generally take photos of the unwrapping for the newsletter and website.

SHOW AND TELL:

Jay brought in his Skynetic wing for the "Builders Contest" He upgraded it with a 4S ESC so he can use an 4S battery.

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

We have two tables for the club members to use at the October swap meet at the Fairgrounds.

PROGRAM:

Our program was to be the Builders Competition judging and awards. Only one plane was at the meeting. It was decided to have the "Builders Competition" at the November club meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made 2nd and passed for adjourning the meeting @ 7:32pm.



Builder's Competition

If you have built any model that survived this season and had never been entered, bring it to our club meeting November 8th. Yep, 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 some quality models. Even ARFs and drones can be entered, including boats and other stuff, even buildings for the tank track, etc.

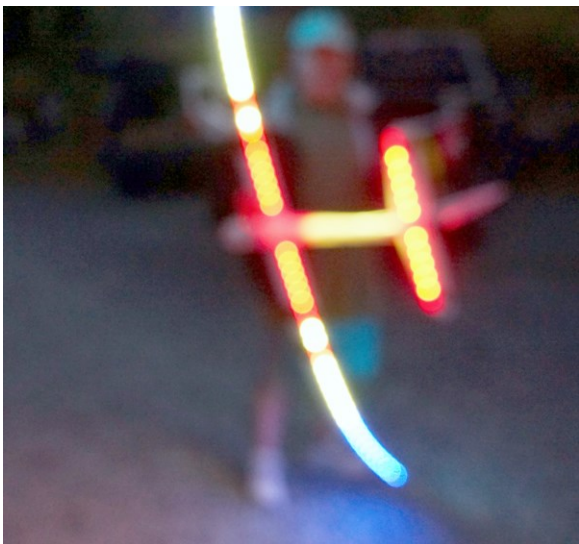
Yep, some high quality prizes await those who have something unique, like modified landing gear, lights, tracks, decals, whatever, please bring it - even if the mods didn't work out as expected.

Yep, this will be a lot of fun and a learning experience

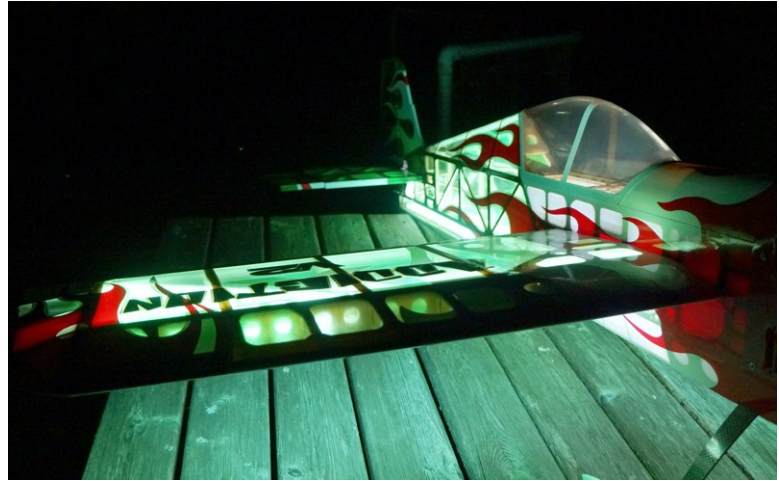
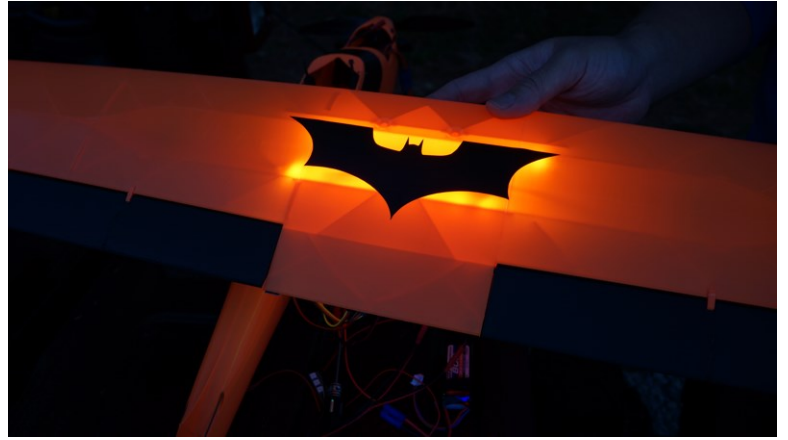


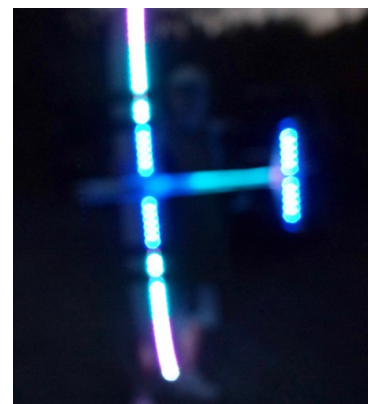
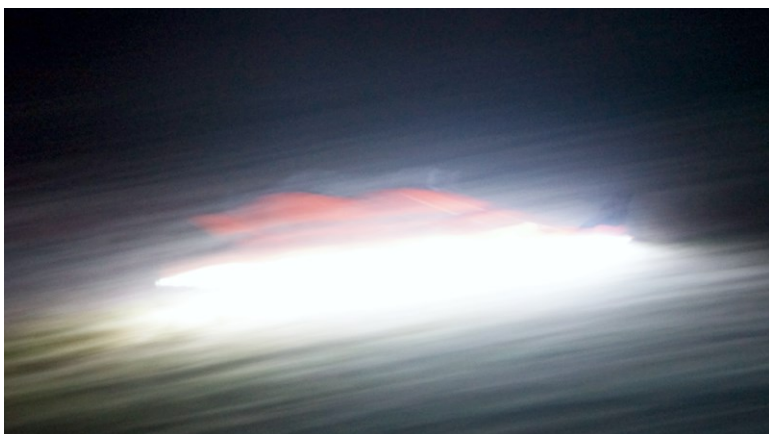
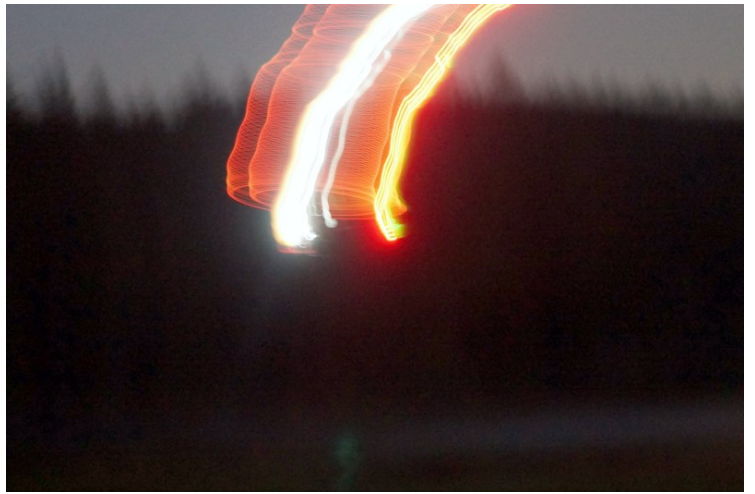
Night Flight

Photos by Rick Weber











Photos for Fun



Some field photos and more flying and boating at Rick's home at Lake Joy. What fun!





Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

Fall is finally upon us after an extended summer and flying season. Many models will be used a lot less frequently or stored altogether for the next 6 months or so.

I have been impressed with the care taken by many of our club members to properly charge, discharge and store their lithium battery packs. As most of us know these, are one of the most dangerous aspects of our hobby. There have been many reports of house, garage and car fires due mostly to the incorrect charging of lithium batteries.

I was reminded of this recently by my friends who attended a model submarine event in Georgia where there was not one but three! separate fire incidents involving lithium batteries. Only one of which was explained by the user selecting the wrong number of cells on their charger. After those incidents that group decided that using a metal ammo box or fireproof charging bag was a good idea. I'm sure it is but it is not a guarantee of safety. Good first step!

Another friend of mine in Seattle had a metal building burn to the ground with all its contents. The cause was determined to be lithium power tool battery packs left on the charger.

Charging isn't the only way to cause a lithium battery to ignite, but it is the most likely. There are many videos and tests showing the batteries going up in flames due to a puncture or extreme impact or by rapidly discharging.

There are many helpful articles and vides with tips on how to minimize the risks so I won't go into all the same old stuff. My biggest tip is never leave Lithium batteries charging unattended.

Also, remember that the cold weather reduces the lithium battery's useful time. Some of our fellow club members keep their LIPO batteries in a warm container to help mitigate this problem. These batteries can be expensive, specially the larger 6S 6000 mah. So keeping them warmer is better than buying more. See you at the flying field!

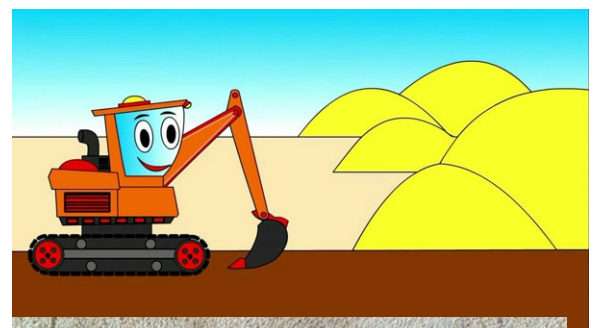


Upcoming Events

Builder's Competition
Xmas Party
Freeze-In

October 8 6:30 pm
December 13th 6:30 pm
January 7, 2023

Club Meeting at Alf's Pizza
Club Meeting at Alf's Pizza
Club Field



What is your favorite? We do it all!





2023 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)

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, November 8th 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 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, November 8th 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Builder's Competition ([see page 3](#))



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