



Buzzard Droppings



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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Model Airplane Club **Monroe, Washington**

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Budget Approval / Dues and Office Nominations



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,
I know that the year is not quite over yet, but I want to make sure that I do not forget to give a big "Thank you!" to all those who have helped the club out this past year. From those who have helped mow, pick up trash, weed and just keep our grounds looking good, to those

who helped CD our events this past year, without you stepping up we would not have had as much fun as we had. Also, to everyone who took on some of the special projects like getting the water running, the car and crawler tracks, and the parking lot graveled. I really appreciate it.

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October 10th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order @ 6:30

Introduction of Officers and Guests:
12 Members and 0 guests.
President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Ron Swift
Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Minutes from August Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President: Upcoming Events: Xmas Party at our Dec 12th club meeting with White Elephant gifts.

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Wind & Rain—No Problem!

Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831

Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

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November's meeting will be your last chance to throw your name in for the 2024's executive board election. Like I have said in the past, there is no better way to help than by volunteering your time.

Also, at the meeting the 2024 budget will be presented and voted on for approval.

We will have some discussion on December's Christmas party. So please come on out and make your voices heard.

If you have not been out at the field lately, the extra fertilizer and grass seed that were spread earlier this month has the grass taking off. I think it looks fantastic and we should have a great base for the winter and next spring. The parking lot and driveway have had a topcoat of gravel added to help maintain dryer pits and parking

areas. If you see Dart please say thanks for his excellent truck work, it made raking so much easier. The next free day I have I will get the quad out and get a couple of overhead shots so we can update the web page and have Ron post them in the next newsletter.

I am looking forward to a few nice days in November and can't wait to get out and play. We have lots of things to do, even if it's raining or windy, you can bring out a RC Truck or Crawler and give the new tracks a try.

Hope to see you at the field,
Mark Weeks



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If you bring a gift you can take a gift, \$25.00 max budget. There will be a Men's and a Ladies' table, if your significant other wants to come to the meeting.

We will be able to bring our own desserts.

We will discuss food for the Xmas party at the November meeting.

Freeze-In on Jan 6th 2024 starting at 10:00 AM
1 Entry for the Builders and Rebuilders Event tonight.

Ron summarized our events for the past month. Boats and Floats was well attended. Night Fly was a bit wet and rainy. There were still three club members who spent the night. Warbird Event, 14 people were there.

Secretary: Added one new member. Currently have 51 members, which will turn over in the next few months with people joining and leaving. Currently, two members are in AMA trouble, emails have been sent out letting them know.

Treasurer: Bills are paid, and up to date. We have rocks to go.

Safety Officer: No reports of damage or injuries...

Field Manager: The field has been overseeded and fertilized. Once the first frost hits, the grass goes dormant, and we will redouble the seeding and fertilizing come spring.

If you are going to donate seed, please check with Mark for the right type of grass to buy. Rye and Fescue Mix seed is the best.

Newsletter Editor: Ron handed out printed newsletters.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Our FRIA has been approved by the FAA. The deadline was pushed back to March.

Dues are Due Jan 1, 2024. A grace period is allowed, but must be paid prior to the end of the March club meeting. Current dues are still \$90.00, but the budget meeting for the board will be next week, and this will be discussed.

Still need mowing sign ups, going to be weather-dependent. Once we get a few frosts, the grass will go dormant.

Saturday the 14th, we will be adding gravel to the parking area.

We will gravel and dress up the area around the flight stations. Doing so might strip our budget for 2024, so a motion was made to postpone doing this area until 2024. This motion was made and passed.

Mark is looking for members to help install the power pole.

Election Nominations- We will post on the website who has been nominated. More nominations will be taken at the November business meeting. After the meeting in November, Voting will start.

Nominations:

President – Steve Higgins

Vice President – Jay Whellan

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

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Secretary – Mark Weeks
Special Service Award
-Mark Weeks
-Brian Douma
-Michael Conniff

Ron brought in an older DX18 that he had repaired. He talked about how Horizon Hobby repairs radios and the cost.

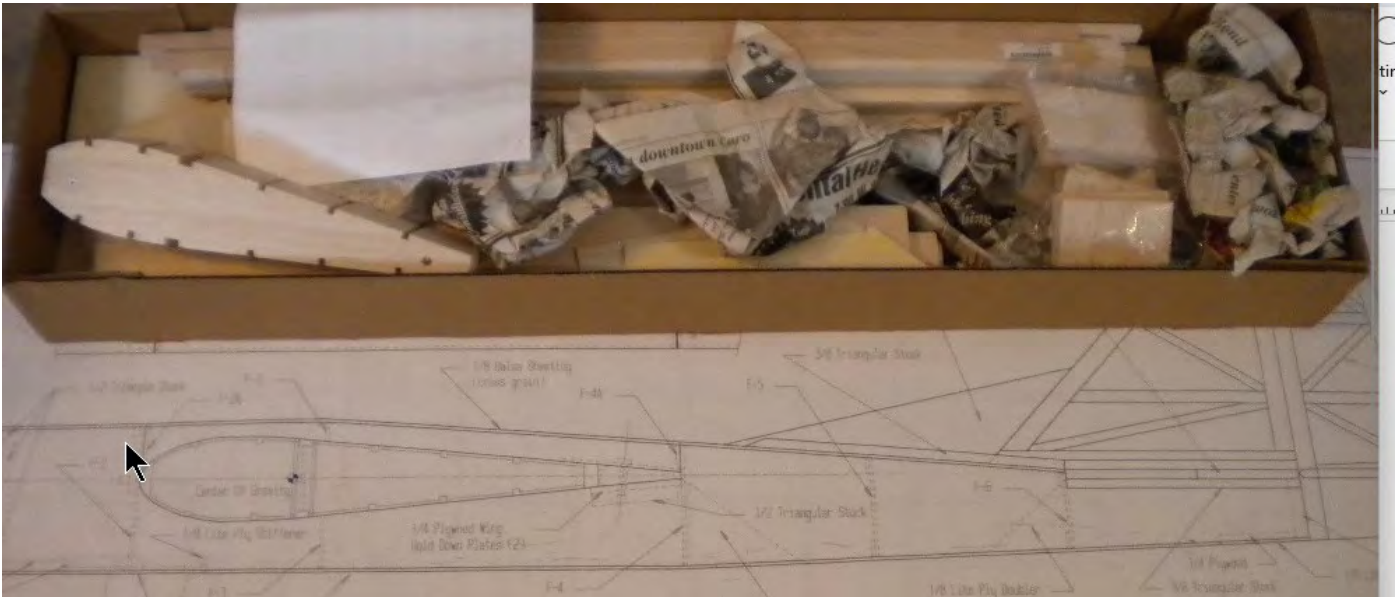
PROGRAM: Builders and Rebuilders contest.

Ron showed off his builders/rebuilder's entry. His newly built plane is a Combat 2.7 with 81-inch wingspan 15lb. plane with a 60CC motor... We discussed building and flying, and some of our members enjoyed building more than flying.

Ron was voted the winner of the Builders/Rebuilders Contest.



Ron was the only member who brought a model for the Builder/Rebuilder Competition. It is a **Lynch's Hanger Combat 2.7** built with lots of glue and covering. You can see the kit in the picture below.



Our Dave Webber Special Service Award was first instituted in 2003. The idea is to recognize the club member who had in some way provided a community and club based effort that worked to further our club mission. That would be someone who *Promoted 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.

Dave was the outgoing 2002 president who provided the support and initiation of the award. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Who will be the 2023 award winner?



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
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.

Safety Corner



By Vince Bell



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, as 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 looked 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.

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



Warning Signs of a Fainting Spell





Photos For Fun







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, November 14th 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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