



# Buzzard Droppings



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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe (See page 7 for a map).  
**Program: Fellowship, Pizza and Officer Elections**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

Hey, Barnyard Buzzards, Well, by now I hope you all have seen that the meeting was moved to December 8th at 6:30PM. When I reserved the rooms at Alfy's I had reserved both rooms for the Christmas Party and Election night. Well, for whatever reason, we only had one side, so it was decided to move the meeting to the

8th so we'd have both rooms. Also, we probably needed a bit of a break coming off a big Thanksgiving weekend combined with the Holiday season shopping... I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We ALL have so much to be thankful for. God Bless our troops for what  
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### November 3th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on November 3, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. There were 19 members present. The next meeting will be on Tuesday **December 8, 2009, 6:30 P.M.** at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. President Chet Blake made the

usual opening salutations, welcoming everyone. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. Doug Hoff one of the Buzzards founders was again visiting. Hap Shutz, who is a member, but hasn't been around much, did attend tonight's meeting. (Good to see you!) The program for tonight was a presentation by Rick Hanners on his



### Club Officers and Contacts

President: Chet Blake (425) 879-2792

Vice President: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911

Secretary: Vaughan Houser (425) 788-8616

Treasurer: Rick Hanners (360) 668-1312

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter & Website: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831



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they do and have done, so we can all do what we do here at home. Thank them when you see them! They appreciate it.

So the hot topic for the past few months has been a new field. We've had some hits on the Craigslist ad and the ad in the Everett Herald. The possible location offer in Snohomish that we checked out went away quickly due to the farmer's personal crop/economical condition. He didn't want to offer the land then have to rescind it.

Another call came to Ron Rueter about some property on Ben Howard Rd. We checked it out and the land owner is very interested so far. This site looks very possible, plus there's another possibility on Michias Rd. that can still be explored.

So anyway, that's the latest on possibilities. The ads will continue on Craigslist until we have a solid offer from a land owner. It's encouraging to see some responses.

Don't forget, we have a 'Freeze-In' coming

up on January 2nd at 11:00 AM. Last year was really fun, well attended and a new experience.

Keep 'em flyin'!

Chet



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Graupner UHU. If you were to do a Google search for Graupner UHU, one of the web pages listed is the Barnyard Buzzards with Rick's plane and information. [http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com/Gallery/Photos/Details/UHU\\_Details.htm](http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com/Gallery/Photos/Details/UHU_Details.htm)

Chet asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as presented in the October newsletter and October minutes in the November newsletter. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and voted on. The minutes were accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. Almost all were present.

- President – Chet Blake
- Vice President – Ron Rueter
- Treasurer – Rick Hanners
- Secretary – Vaughan Houger
- Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell - absent
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift
- Field Manager – Jay Bell

### Officers Reports

**President** – Chet Blake reported on the turnout for the Buzzard Bash which was held at the field Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 25, or so, members who showed up. 25 hamburgers and 25 hot dogs were grilled. (Where did all of that food go?) The weather was good for flying and for a good social get-together.

Remember this is the time of the year to renew your AMA membership for 2010. The 2009 AMA card is good until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, you can renew your club membership for 2010. Your club dues need to be paid by the March, 2010 meeting.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425) 788-6045.

Tonight, 11/3/2009, we open the nominations for officers. The club will conduct its election at the **December 8<sup>th</sup>** meeting.

Chet Blake asked for the officers to report on events and news for the past month.

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**VP** – Ron Rueter did put an advertisement in the Everett Herald to seek a possible new field location to rent.

**Secretary** – Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 69 members.

**Treasurer** – Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,473.41 in the bank. There are 5 individuals who have entered into the builder's contest.

**Safety Officer** – Vince was absent. Chet did comment that Dale is holding to his position of us leaving. We have continued to communicate with Dale that we are actively seeking a new home.

**Field Manager** – Jay Bell mentioned the grass continues to grow. Even though the mowing schedule doesn't extend much into the Fall and Winter, if the field looks like it needs to be mowed and you are there, it is okay to mow the field – up until the mowers are put away for the season.

Prior to moving into old business, Jim Reynolds shared his experience flying his new Stearman PT-17. It seems that whenever Jim brings the plane to an abrupt stop, the clunk in the plane's fuel tank continues to travel toward the front of the fuel tank. The net result is a stuck clunk which is usually kinked such that fuel flow is severely restricted. A starved-for-fuel engine just doesn't run too well. Jim's message: check the clunk. Ron Rueter offered the solution of "the plastic straw fix." If you're not sure what that is, give Ron a call.

### Old Business

Our field situation is usually close to the forefront of our minds. Members are keeping their eyes and ears open for any leads. Dick Ovrud mentioned a piece of property by the radio towers. There is also another land fill by the Tulalip Reservation. Jim Reynolds commented that the wind blows fairly constantly at that location.

Chet also mentioned talking with Art Geonovegg who has the farm about half way down SR 203 from Monroe to Duvall. No word yet from Art. He has not gotten back to Chet.

Advertisements are in the Little Nickel, Everett Herald, and on Craigslist. The Craigslist ad is free. Ads in the other classifieds are not free. Chet was wondering how long we should keep

paying for those ads.

On a different note, Vaughan commented that the "making a motion" process can be quick, sometimes confusing, and in some cases not all the information is presented, or is presented in such a way as to influence a quick decision. The intent is that when a motion is made requiring the club's monetary or volunteer resources, perhaps more time should be provided to allow members to adequately think through the motion prior to making a decision and vote.

### New Business

**December 8, 2009 meeting is family night and officer election.**

Nominations for officers:

President – Chet Blake

Vice President – Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

Secretary – Vaughan Houger

Treasurer – Rick Hanners

Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award – Scott Curtis, Chet Blake, Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

Ron Rueter took the action to set up a blog for the members to use.

### Announcements

**Builder's Contest:** You can be a part of this contest (see p. 4). All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

**2010 Freeze-In:** Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, 11:00 AM.

**Evening Program:** As mentioned earlier, Rick Hanners presented his electric powered Graupner UHU glider. Rick shared his experience in constructing the kit, installing the original equipment, and how the glider originally performed. Twenty years later Rick upgraded the aircraft with a new inrunner motor, ESC, battery, propeller system, and servos. Needless-to-say, performance was greatly improved. Thank you Rick for sharing your experiences.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:15ish PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday **December 8, 2009** at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger  
BBMAC Secretary.



# Safety Corner



From the Feb 2006 Issue. Have a happy holiday season!

Now that the wet and cold season is upon us, and flying is at a slow-down, it is time to get the planes out and give them a thorough cleaning and inspection. When doing the inspection keep a note pad handy. If you don't correct problems as you find them, make a note and stick it in or on the plane so you won't forget. At the same time, on another note pad make a list of the parts you'll need to repair any problems you have found.

Start by checking that all the hinges and control linkage are secure and have no binding throughout their travel. I could make a list about a mile long of all the things to check, and I would still miss a bunch. I noticed on one of the planes I fly a lot, the control horns on the elevators were loose. The plane is an ARF (and cheap one at that) with no hardened points for mounting the control horns. When I started tightening the screws I noticed the balsa was crushing, it wouldn't be long before they would be loose again, or worse. This can be fixed by wicking CA into the balsa and allowing it to harden the balsa before tightening the mounting hardware.

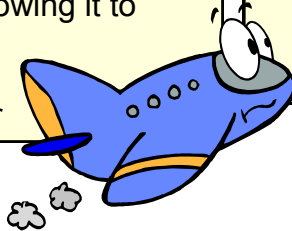
One thing I see a lot of is the outer

tube of Ny-rod that are not secured. This is not a good practice and can be a cause of flutter and very sloppy control surfaces.. Look over the covering, any wrinkles should be investigated for a cause. Sometimes the only thing holding the plane together is the covering. Don't overlook those crusty, trusty batteries that have served you well for years. Look at the switch harness, if there is any doubt at all about either of them, replace them.

You guys that use lithium batteries.... Read "Emergency Safety Alert: Lithium Battery Fires" in the February MA page 10. Also, everyone read the article starting on page 33 in the same issue by Donald Brooks. "Aeromodeling Workshop Safety". There will be a test!

Remember that a safe day is a good day. Keep your body parts out the prop!

Vince Bell, Safety Officer



## Builder's Competition 2009-2010 Rules

- Entries can be made by any club member in good standing.
- Each model is considered an entry and will have a \$10.00 fee.
- Payment along with the name of the model can be submitted to any board member or event judge.
- Event judges and ruling body will be comprised of 4 members plus the Vice President. These members are not yet named, but new judges for each year would be a great idea!
- Judges cannot judge their own plane.
- You must build the model yourself.
- Two main categories (others such as wet fuel vs. other may also emerge as we progress):
  - ◊ ARF
  - ◊ Stick build (plans or kits)
- You must beat someone to win (must have other entries in the same category).
- You can finish the model you previously entered, but didn't complete.
- New models must be started after the May judging club meeting (end of the previous competition).
- Two special awards voted on by the attendees of the May meeting:
  - ◊ In the Bones (award to the best model started, but not finished)
  - ◊ Members Choice Award
- Prizes will be color plaques of the winners and models.
- You must have fun!
- Extra points awarded if the model is flown before the May meeting.
- A write up of the model including the wingspan, weight, modifications, power, etc. would be helpful.
- Questions should be directed to the judges or Vice President (responsible events coordinator).



# Photos for Fun





# Buzzard's Blast

## Saturday, October 24





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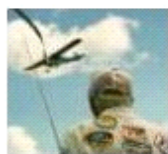
## Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** We meet at 6:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Alf'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...

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. We will 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.

# Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer the newcomer 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.

Use of a computer simulator is advisable. This allows you to practice safely and will end up saving you hundreds of dollars in the long run.

Still, in any case, the best way to learn to fly R/C planes is by finding an instructor to help. Learning on your own can be expensive and somewhat less safe.

We provide instruction for both building model aircraft as well as flying these models. In most cases, a buddy box system is used at the flying field. Experience has shown this to be the safest method to learn.

Those who want to enroll in the pilot training should contact Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houger at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of the club instructors.

### Current Flight Instructors:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Dean Appell  | 360 435-7803 |
| Vince Bell   | 425 788-2456 |
| Rick Hanners | 360 668-1312 |
| Ron Swift    | 425 788-6045 |
| Brian Taylor | 425 225-5247 |



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM  
1st Tuesday**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>December 8</b> | Alf's Pizza |
| January 5         | Alf's Pizza |
| February 2        | Alf's Pizza |
| March 2           | Alf's Pizza |
| April 5           | Alf's Pizza |
| May 4             | TBD         |

## Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web site (<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>) has lots of photos of our field.

Next meeting, **Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on Route 2 in Monroe (see page 7).

Program: **Fellowship, Pizza and Officer Elections—Happy Holidays to ALL**

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