



Buzzard Droppings



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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, December 10th, 2013, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza along RT2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: **Christmas Party / Meeting**

President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,
My third term as BBMAC's President will soon come to a close. Reflecting back, I have many great memories serving the club. I can also think of a few things I'd like to do over. Much effort over the last two years has gone into finding, developing and

keeping the Fern Bluff Road flying field. This has been stressful on the club's membership as the location and circumstances were less than ideal. A year ago I came to the realization I would be the only club president to loose (2) flying

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November 12th Meeting Minutes — Tim Shegrud

The November meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President** - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President** - Brian Richardson
- Secretary** - Tim Shegrud
- Treasurer** - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** - Vince Bell
- Field Manager** - Jay Bell - Absent
- Newsletter Editor** - Ron Swift
- Webmaster** - Ron Rueter - out of

town

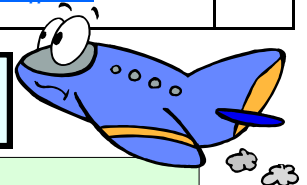
Visitors and New Members - Doug Hoff dropped by for a visit.

Officer's Reports

Secretary- Tim Shegrud solicited edits and corrections for the October minutes. A motion was offered to accept the October minutes as found on

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Club Officers and Contacts



President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Vice President: Brian Richardson (425) 501-2965

Secretary: Tim Shegrud (360) 348-6033

Treasurer: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-2456

Newsletter : Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Field Manager: Jay Bell (425) 788-4831

Website: Ron Rueter (425) 210-3911



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fields while in office. I also feared I'd be leaving my post with the club in peril.

Things are now looking up. I revealed at the November meeting what I had only learned earlier that day. The Boy Scouts were looking for someone to occupy an area on their property north of Monroe just for the appearance of it being occupied. No strings attached and no rent. This is a win-win opportunity for both BBMAC and the Scouts. The positives are many. Yes, we will need to develop a runway and other field amenities, but the payoff will be well worth it. We had 15+ club members visit the site on November 16th. Several flights were made to test the air space. All feedback was positive. I encourage everyone to check our website under "Brinkley Field" for updates and pictures. Going forward the 2014 officers will be seeking the members input on how best to move forward. It was agreed by those present at the first visit to seek an agreement with the Scouts as it won't cost the club anything. Nothing else has, nor will be decided without everyone's agreement. I encourage everyone to be a part in the process. We have many decisions to make and plenty of time to make them.

Now it looks like I will be the only club president to both loose, and find (2) flying fields. Not what I

had hoped to be my legacy but at least I will be exiting on a positive. I look forward to being just another club member helping to support the club any way I can.

See you on the flight line,

Bryan Reightley
BBMAC President



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the website. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

We now have 33 members.

Vice President - Brian Richardson announced that the next event will be the Christmas party on December 10th followed by the 2014 Freeze-In on Saturday January 4th.

Treasurer - Ron Swift gave a brief accounting of the status of the clubs account. We are doing well and have enough to finish out the year and get started with a new field.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell says we have been doing well. No new incidents to report. Remember, it is getting colder out there so dress appropriately. Include hats and gloves.

Field Manager - Jay Bell had nothing new to report. Jay has been keeping the field in exceptionally good condition.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift has hardcopies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos to be published in the

newsletter.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter out of town for the next several months but will be keeping the website fresh and interesting.

Announcements

Christmas dinner with optional gift exchange will be at our next meeting on Dec 10 2013. As always, dinner will be on the club and visitors are not just welcomed but encouraged. Please encourage all family and friends to join us. Anybody who wishes to may bring a gift for the gift exchange.

We received a note from our landlord stating that the overfly area will be in use Feb 7-9

Old Business

Don't forget, officer elections are soon upon us. Please be thinking of who you would like to nominate for an office or perhaps even consider running yourself.

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Nominations for officers

President: Scott Curtis (pending acceptance)
 Vice President: Brian Richardson
 Secretary: Tim Shegrud
 Treasurer: Ron Swift
 Safety officer: Vince Bell

Flying Field Search: See new business

New Business

Ron Swift proposed we spend \$40 for a booth at the North West Model Hobby Expo. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bryan was at work at his construction site when he had an epiphany. Very nearby his worksite was a fairly wide expanse of land that seemed to be very under-utilized. So he approached the owners of the land he was working on and asked how it was being used. It turns out that his client was The Boy Scouts of America and the property in question is part of the Camp Brinkley complex and is not in use at all. A horse was moved on to the land so it would appear in use and would discourage squatters to come and trespass on it. Camp Brinkley comprises 800 acres in Snohomish County about half way between Monroe and Granite Falls. Only about two thirds of this is actually in use. There is a road that bisects the field but in does not see much traffic at all and should not cause much of a problem for us.

The campground is only in use by the scouts during the summer, but sees some use most weekends at a very safe distance behind the proposed flight line.

He followed up with the Chief Sealth Council and spoke to 2nd in command. As Bryan told it, Bryan was hardly able to broach the subject before the gentleman he was talking to said they want us there. To help build our enthusiasm Bryan prepared the following:

TOP 10 REASONS TO LIKE "BRINKLEY FIELD"

- #10 - Wide open space and serene surroundings
- #9 - No trains
- #8 - No Hwy 2
- #7 - No power lines
- #6 - No access road to maintain

#5 - A single access point

#4 - A landlord who wants us to occupy their property

#3 - One gate

#2 - Minimal field development costs

#1 - No Rent - (Teach aviation merit badges occasionally.)

Plug the following address into Google maps 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA 98296 to check it out.

As if all of this is not exciting enough, because the property is owned by the Boy Scouts, and Bryan is currently managing a project adjacent to the site, the company doing his site work has equipment on site and has expressed interest in helping us develop the field for a minimal cost.

It was suggested that we should go out of our way to meet and greet the neighbors before starting to set up the field.

Program : Indoor Fly-in

Bryan brought an indoor helicopter, a helium RC Fish, a short stack of plain paper and a couple of balloons for our first annual indoor Fly-in. The Fish was unable to fly. The helicopter struck one of the balloons and got caught in its ribbon. And several people got hit by errant paper airplanes. One of the goals was to strike a balloon from the opposite end of the room with a paper airplane. There were no successful strikes but the Main Goal was absolutely achieved, fun was had by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Shegrud, Secretary.

Upcoming Events!!!

Saturday, January 4th, Annual Freeze-In 10 - 2 pm

All events held at our club field (see map on page 9)

Call Ron Swift for questions and/or additional details (425) 788-6045



Photos for Fun



November Club Meeting—Indoor Flying...



Safety Corner

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year

It looks like we will be getting a new place to fly!!!! This new field is so open that there should be no excuses for a bad landing approach.

Last week it was getting down right cool. So I thought it would be a good time to revisit the WCC.

There is a thing called Wind Chill. You say "***I don't fly in winter with the wind blowing because it is too cold***". That maybe true, however there is a chart called Wind Chill Chart (WCC)-- Funny how that works. The WCC tells us if it 35° F and the wind is blowing 10mph it will feel like 27° F. OK, that's not too bad, however your fingers will get really cold in a 10 minute flight assuming no protection (gloves).

I personally find it hard to fly while wearing gloves. Thin silk gloves work very well you can get them at an army surplus store or at least you could a few years back. The Air Force issued them as glove liners. I seem to remember seeing glove liners in Cabalas and REI. I think that the important

thing is a little insulation from a cold surface and something that will block the wind and of course light weight so you are able feel the sticks and the other controls on the transmitter.

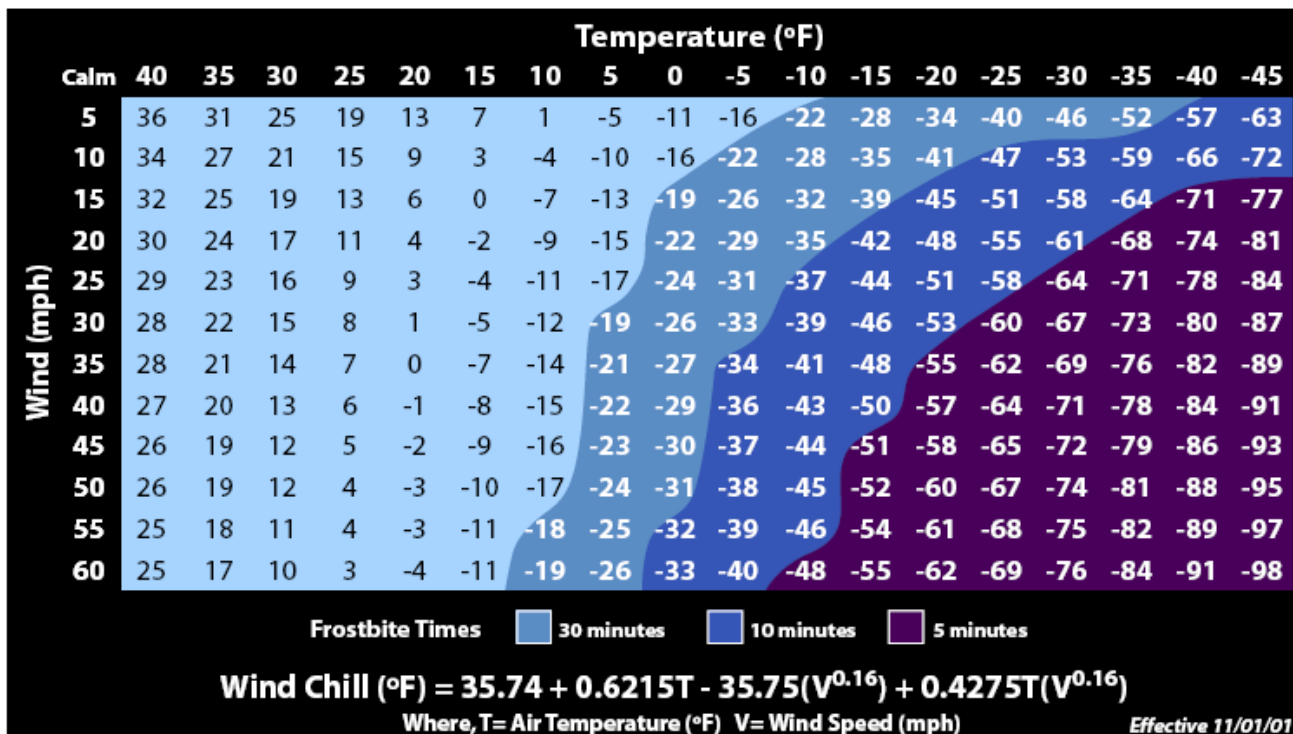
OK, back to the WCC. Let's say it is real cold and nice clear day, of course you have to go flying. Let's say its 10°F and you reach back to adjust the high speed needle and wind from the prop is 60 MPH. This is going to be down right uncomfortable—the WCC indicates -19°F and you have about 30 minutes before frostbite sets in. By the way your hands and fingers are getting cold enough to be uncomfortable long before frostbite sets in.

Remember to dress in layers, wear gloves, and wear a hat. A lot of body heat is lost from your head, they say about 60% of heat lost is from your head. Wear shoes that will keep your feet warm and dry. Maybe we can put some of this information to use at our FREEZE -IN Event on January 4th.

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



Wind Chill Chart





2014 Buzzards Freeze-In Saturday, January 4th 11:00 AM—2:00 PM



Come on out for some pizza, beverages and some winter fun! Bring your models with skis or floats and brave the Pacific NW weather. A special event patch will be provided to all who attend. We will have 3 patio heaters (two guaranteed to work this year!) and lots of war stories to share.



Christmas Meeting Fun

The club is planning to have a special celebration for the Christmas Meeting again this year. All family, friends, etc. are welcome to attend our meeting. We plan to keep the club business portion of the meeting short to allow other fun stuff to happen. In keeping with tradition, all are welcome to bring and share a dessert with everyone. We plan to have the gift exchange again this year. Please try to bring a gift (under \$15.00) with you. We plan to have everyone get their gift by raffle just like last year. We will have two tables again this year, one for the ladies gifts and another for gents gifts. After the business meeting we will do the gift exchange—suggested limit \$15.00. We will have a donation box for cash donations and canned goods for our club charity for those who want to participate.



Our new flying field!!!





North West MODEL HOBBY

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February 7, 8, 9, 2014

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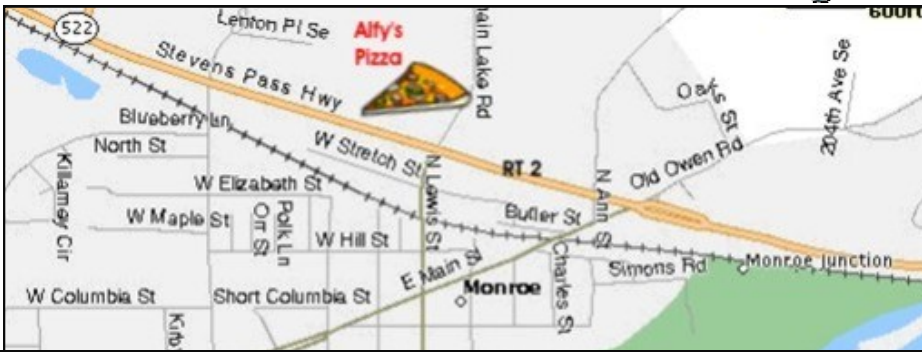
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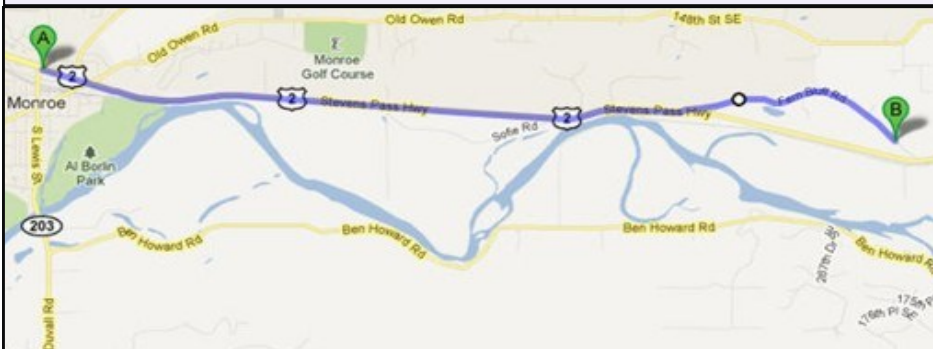




Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. During the winter months we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfys 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 for location... 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.

On US-2 beginning at the intersection of Main/Old Owen Road drive 3.4 miles east to Fern Bluff Road - turn left (there is a left turn lane) - drive 1.4 miles on Fern Bluff Road to the entrance gate on the right. Visit <http://www.bbmac.net> for the most current Field info.



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 our club secretary, **Tim Baird (360) 348-6033**. Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

Current Flight Instructors:

Vince Bell 425 788-2456
Ron Swift 425 788-6045



Upcoming Meetings

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

December 10	Alfy's Pizza
January 14	Alfy's Pizza
February 11	Alfy's Pizza
March 11	Alfy's Pizza
April 8	Alfy's Pizza

Our Flying Field

The field is located east of Monroe on RT 2. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our website (<http://www.bbmac.net>), has lots of photos of our field. We've been developing our new field and are flying when the weather is good (even in the cold!)



Next meeting, **Tuesday December 10th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza Route 2 in Monroe (see page 9).
Program: **Christmas Party/Meeting**



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