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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953
Monroe, Washington

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, December 12th, 6:30 PM** at Alfys Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).

Program: Election of Club Officers



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello Buzzards!

Where does the time go? It seems like spring was just here and now 2017 is coming to an end. I don't know about all of you, but I look forward to each weekend so I can go fly or shoot the breeze at the field. We are really lucky to live

here where we can fly all year long. If you look at some of the club websites around the country, they have buttoned things up for the season.

Your 2018 AMA dues must be paid before the Freeze-In on January 6th in order to fly in the

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November 14th Meeting Minutes — Chet Blake

Vice President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Our VP Bryan Introduced the Officers--- Ron Swift - Treasurer, Chet Blake – Secretary, Don Bailey – Safety officer, Bryan Reightley- VP, Mark Weeks- Pres was unable to attend

12 members present & 4 guests. Wally, John and Tom from Mary-moor R/C

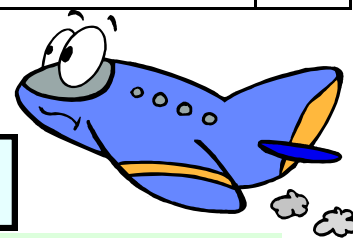
Additions or Corrections to the minutes – None. Motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded and approved.

Officers Reports

VP- The Annual Christmas Party will be in the newly renovated Lodge at Camp Edwards on Saturday, December 2nd, 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The Annual Freeze-in will be held January 6, 2018 starting at 10:00 am.

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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

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event coming up **January 6th**. You really don't want to miss this great event! We'll have the two wood barrels burning some seasoned hardwood and a propane heater to keep warm.

6:30pm, Tuesday the 12th at the December business meeting at Alfy's in Monroe is the final chance to throw your name in the hat for the 2018 executive board and nominate someone for the Special Service Award. ALL positions are open to nominations so come on out and cast your vote!

Our Annual **Christmas Party Pot-Luck** is approaching quickly— **3pm, December 2nd** at the **Scout Lodge**. I am hoping for a great turnout. Don't forget to PLEASE *invite family-friends and other club members*. This is a wonderful time to share stories, eat way more than we should and just spend time together. Remember the optional: gift exchange. Men's and Lady's gift with a \$15.00 limit: bring one, get one.

Last month Ron and I had the honor of visiting the Sky Valley Food Bank to present them with the \$700.00 donation from our club. It was so wonderful to see their enthusiasm.

I started to wonder what else we could do to give back to our community? We get so much from the Scouts. What can we do for them as a thank you for our field and being great landlords? Please think about it and share any ideas with one of your Board members.

See you at the field!
Mark Weeks



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Treasurer – Funds are in good shape. The \$700 donation to Sky Valley Food Bank was delivered by Mark and Ron. Acceptance of the check was over the top. The staff is so appreciative of monetary donations due to their buying power.

Secretary- Currently we have 34 paid members.

Safety – Everything going well. Don is impressed with how members look after each other and stay safe.

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

We all saw that it was a really busy summer with events abundant 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.

Nominations for Executive Board were as follows...

1st round of Exec Board Nominations: President – Mark Weeks (accepted), Vice President – 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.

2018 Proposed Budget recommended keeping dues at \$90. Motion was made to accept the 2018 proposed budget, seconded and voted on. Motion passed.

Locks were recommended for the barn. No action as of this meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dick Broderson had passed away and had said

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he wanted some of his models to go to the Club for whatever purpose they might provide. There is a Corsair, Yak 54, TameCat and Gremlin. We had talked about an on-line auction. Web Master Ron Rueter checked into it and found a service that wants 5% of the proceeds or software for \$50 to 'use' it. Other recommendations were a raffle at the NW Model Hobby Expo Club booth. Ron mentioned that the Club could be given a table for the swap meet and could place them there. That will require attendance during the swap meet and no one was much in favor of that either. Ron mentioned he could get them and store them while the Club decides what to do. No further comments ensued on the subject.

Be sure to invite friends and family for the Christmas Pot Luck Party on December 2nd at 3:00pm. \$15 gift exchange, guys bring guys gift, gals bring gals. This is not mandatory. If you bring a gift, you chose a gift.

Mark had questioned what would it take to have a good family day with games, prizes, etc. Membership thought the Model Aviation Day would be a good time but NOT have the Auction and other events going at the same time, confusing and interfering with the family events.

If you haven't been to the field lately, check it out. Mark has made huge headway to clear a lot of the brush out in the field directly east of the runway and heading north towards the road. Looks awesome and nice job, Mark!

NW Model Hobby Expo coming up January 26, 27 & 28, 2018 at the Evergreen Fairgrounds. Help is needed for the Club booth. Ron will have sign in sheets next meeting.

Chet mentioned that he read an email from the AMA that the FAA is probably going to again go to congress and re-establish the FAA model registry. The AMA is working to negotiate with the FAA. Details to come.

Bryan said that he had talked to Jay and offered to be his assistant since Jay's available time is getting smaller due to needs he has. Jay was elated to

hear that Bryan could help so therefore, Bryan took his name out of the running for Vice President. This was a great time to start the Second round of Nominations for Executive Board Results were:

President – Mark Weeks, Vice President - Vince Bell, Tim Shegrud, Treasurer – Ron Swift
Secretary – Chet Blake,
Safety Officer – Don Bailey, Special Service Award - Mark Weeks, Bryan Douma, Len Douma

Final round of nominations will be held at the December 12th meeting with election immediately following.

Announcements or Comments – Wally, John and Tom mentioned that they really like the atmosphere of the Buzzards and thought a first rate job was on the newsletter and website. Keep up the great work.

PROGRAM.... Ron had a program on Tricky Twins. He brought a twin fuselage and twin engine plane (Twin Sukhoi) and a Sky Master with front and rear engines. A nice presentation.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake, BBMAC Secretary





Safety Corner



Don Bailey

“Take It Easy”

If you’ve been in the hobby for any length of time, you have no doubt run across at least one or two guys who seem to have something to prove. You know what I mean. There are guys who perform radical maneuvers because they like doing the fancy stuff with their models, and then there are those guys who fly like their hair is on fire because other guys are watching. You can tell the difference by sensing the demeanor of the audience. A calm and relaxed crowd that can enjoy the spectacle without cringing at the close calls is a big tell. It’s the level of confidence among the observers that is the measure of competence of the pilot.

Maybe there is something in all of us that dreams of being able to handle any maneuver with the nonchalant confidence of a pro 3D flyer. We would all like to be the next Quique Somenzini or Andrew Jesky, but some guys just don’t understand that getting there takes a long time and a lot of disciplined practice. Until you pay the price for the necessary skillset, the wild and crazy stuff is a hazard to people and property.

I remember once, when my home field was being threatened out of existence by some hungry real estate developers, I was tempted to try out a renegade field in a nearby industrial park. It was close to where I lived, and on the way to and from work, so the convenience of the location was too good to pass up. I had been warned by others, though, that the small group of guys that flew there tended to be reckless—no club, no rules, no prohibitions. Holy cow, was I in for a surprise!

My first day out was crazy beyond all belief. When I got there, they were playing follow the leader directly overhead. They were flying three to five airplanes at a time, all at full throttle. There were touch-and-goes off the dirt right next to the parked cars. They were starting their engines and launching in whatever direction they happened to choose, without first checking for other airplanes in the air or on the ground. I noticed that there was not one nice airplane in the group—all were tired and worn out and patched many times over. I left while they were setting up a pyramid of empty pop cans for some low-pass target practice. When the place finally got shut down, these guys all matriculated back into the local clubs. I tried to remember their faces, in case I ever had to fly alongside them again.

This experience really enlightened me to the importance of establishing a code of conduct when

operating R/C airplanes, and why clubs must lay down rules and procedures that are enforced with appropriate diligence. Some clubs become obsessed with enforcing rules, to the point of taking all of the enjoyment right out of the hobby. It can get so bad that they inadvertently chase people away. For this reason, some level of prudence and geniality needs to prevail when enforcing club rules.

I believe the Barnyard Buzzards club has done an excellent job of creating a setting of gentlemanly courtesy between the participating pilots at the field, where all feel welcome and all feel the responsibility to comport themselves in harmony with the other members of the club. We have some excellent pilots in our club, and it is enriching to watch them do their stuff, and to date I have not seen any irresponsible behavior among any of our club members. Way to go, guys!

So how should we deal with a pilot who is getting reckless? There’s no need to holler from the pits and embarrass the guy. Often it just takes a moment of persuasion. I remember one seasoned old guy in a past club, who walked out to the flight line one day and stood next to a yearling pilot who was doing endless snap rolls over the runway, and getting pretty close to the pits. The old guy watched for a bit, then said to the young pilot “I see you got the hard stuff down pretty good--- but can you fly perfectly straight-and-level down the entire length of the runway at pattern height?” The kid spent the rest of the afternoon flying up and down the length of the runway, over and over again, until his lines became nice and straight. The old guy was teaching the new kid a lesson in learning to “take it easy”.

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





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November 08, 2017

Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club
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Dear Friends at Barnyard Buzzards:

Here's to you...the founder of the feast! Your help is truly a bounty for your neighbors in need! Your gift to the Food Bank means we can purchase not only the bulk food we regularly provide, but also the extra holiday food that will make Thanksgiving truly a celebration for the struggling families in our area. As they sit down to their meal and consider all they are thankful for, surely your help will be at the top of their list...it certainly is at the top of ours!

The number of people we are serving here at the Food Bank remains consistently high--over 1,200 families every month. Last month we distributed over 83,000 pounds of food while receiving only 65,000 pounds in donations. Your help is crucial to make up that difference. Thank you for making it possible with your generosity! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the Food Bank!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>
11/06/2017	\$700.00	11/03/2017	1412

Thank you for feeding so many hungry families again this year!

Gratefully,

Cindy Chessie

Cindy Chessie
Executive Director

Carla Stewart

Carla Stewart
Administrative Director

Please keep this letter for your income tax records. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation. 91-1186822

*Dear Friends
Thank you for your generous donation. You will help so many families. Cindy*



Happy Holidays!!!



Hello BBMAC Members and Friends,

I am excited to send this invite to all of you, members and friends old and new. It is to The Barnyard Buzzards Annual Pot Luck Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 2nd at 3:00 PM.**

Our hope is that the tradition will continue for the Club, its families and friends. **YES**, bring friends! It's a potluck, so bring a dish to share with everyone AND you get to share what others have brought. The Club will provide refreshments such as water, soda & hot drinks. Please keep in mind that we will be on Boy Scout Property so **NO alcoholic beverages permitted.**

There will be a gift exchange. Guy buys guy gift (R/C or shop oriented), gal buys a gal gift. \$15 limit preferred. Should you not feel like participating in the exchange, please feel free to not do so.

Also, why not bring a **Show & Tell item**. Share the story of why and what it is. You know, models, tools, something you may have read...

This will be held once again at the Camp Edward Lodge/Dining Hall thanks to the continued generosity of the **Chief Seattle Boy Scout Council**. We separated the business meeting from the social Christmas Party. This allows more mingling, camaraderie and socializing, setting a true Christmas event. The Dining Hall is up on the hill to the south of the field. When approaching the field on Monroe Camp Rd, turn right at the Camp Edward sign, drive up the hill, turn right again at the parking sign. The walkway to the east goes to the Dining Hall. If you prefer, you can drive straight up the hill to the dining hall, drop off your pot luck dish, dinner guests and take your vehicle back to the parking area.

Please attend, mingle and enjoy some stories and all around camaraderie. The Club looks forward to seeing you there.

Chet Blake

2017 BBMAC Secretary

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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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PHONE: _____ AMA # _____ YEARS MODELING: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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72 MHz and channel # _____

50 or 53 MHz (HAM) Frequencies _____

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
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(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



Yes, we have rain, fog and sometimes, windy conditions. This photo is from November 22 and the field was completely flyable! It looks ready for our January 6th Freeze-In event!

For safety's sake, if possible, never fly alone. Dress for the cold and wet and have fun. Our December meeting will likely include a discussion and planning for the 2018 events. Come on out and let your voice be heard!

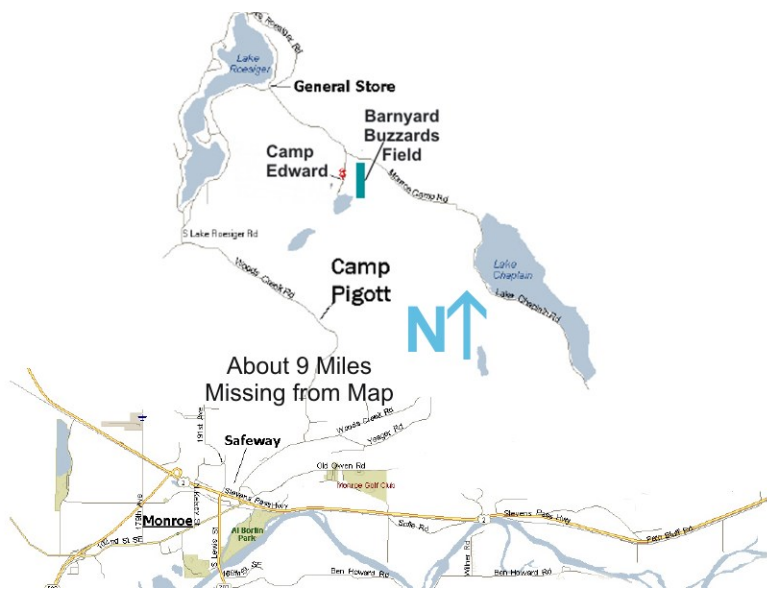


25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA

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 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



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





Next meeting, **Tuesday, December 12th 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see map on page 9](#)).

Program: **Election of Club Officers**



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