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

Our Club Meeting will be held **Tuesday December 14th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza!** We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members will receive emailed info for the ZOOM stuff. Thank you Alfy's! The public is invited as always!

December's Program: NW Model Hobby Expo Discussion

Notice: The Christmas Party has been cancelled!

We couldn't find a venue for us to use in time.



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hello, Buzzards and friends!
I can't believe that the end of 2021 is quickly approaching. The year has had its challenges with weather as well as other issues that were beyond our control. Like getting our events to happen on time or even at all, so I am looking forward

to this new year and getting things off to a great start with the Freeze-In on January 8th.

I am sitting here on Thanksgiving morning banging away at the keyboard writing to Ron so he can post the newsletter and send it out

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November 9th Meeting Minutes — Ron Swift

The ZOOM session was started 15 minutes before the club meeting. Ron Swift monitored the ZOOM interface and recorded the meeting for later publishing and sharing the meeting minutes. Mark has a cold and was on the ZOOM interface. He and Brian ran the meeting. The ZOOM PC Ron brought didn't have enough volume for interact-

ing and running the meeting. Steve Higgins brought in a device that helped the volume issue.

At 6:31 PM President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on November 9th at **Alfy's Pizza** and introduced the current club officers for 2021:

Vice President – Bryan Reight-

Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638

Secretary: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 / Jay Bell (206) 234-7786 Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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before we have our next meeting, and the word, "Thanks" keeps popping up in my brain. So here are a few of the things that I am thankful for.

First and foremost, I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my health, which I attribute to my work and being outdoors flying. Getting good fresh air is important and this hobby is perfect in getting us out there to enjoy the milder elements this area has to offer. I can't believe that I am going to say this after the past month we've had with flooding. But I am thankful for the weather or at least the days when it's not blowing 40 mph and raining an inch an hour, it's what keeps Washington green.

I am thankful for the group of friends that I have made since joining the Buzzards, while some have moved on to other areas, they are still a phone call or email away. I appreciate and am grateful for these lifelong connections. At the Expo I got a new plane that I just had to have but I was not sure who made it

or what it was exactly, so I reached out to a couple of guys who I thought might know something about it. Within an hour, Don Bailey texted me back with the answer and a couple of pictures to back it up. Incredible! I can wait to get the power plant installed and get her in the air.

This club is something special and I am thankful that I have met most of you and I look forward to meeting the rest and sharing some of what makes the Buzzards so great.

Hope to see you at the field.

Mark



ley

- Secretary – Ron Swift
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Steve Higgins
- President – Mark Weeks via Zoom

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

12 Club Members were in attendance and (two through ZOOM). We had one guest, too. Total attendance: 15

Mark requested a motion to accept minutes as published – A Motion was made to approve the November minutes as published, seconded. He then asked for comments, suggestions, corrections, there were none and the motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Bryan Reightley

The Night Fly was cancelled by default due to the rain that moved in at around 2:30 PM and continued through the night.

We had a discussion about the dates and support for the XMAS Party and the Freeze-In. XMAS Party is still December 11th but support was somewhat thready by the members present. The Freeze-In is scheduled for January 8th, the second Saturday in January.

Secretary – Ron Swift

Our club membership is currently 54.

Treasurer – Dart Sharp.

We're in the green in all accounts. No bills were received.

Safety Officer – Steve Higgins

Over the past weeks no reported incidents.

Field Manager – Bryan Reightley

Bryan tried to reach Don to discuss the XMAS Party. We will have the support from the scouts, but it is not yet clear which facility will be made available. An update will be sent to all club members once plans are firmed up.

We need a plan to put the fertilizer down on the field.

Talked about removing the shelter covers – one is broken now. We discussed this, but no plan has been made yet,

Not getting many volunteers to sign up to mow the lawn.

Newsletter Editor – Ron Swift & Website – Mark Weeks

If you have some pictures or have something of interest, please jot down something and send it to both Ron and me. You know, see a bear walking by, write it up and send pictures – we need to share this stuff!

The corner store has copies of our newsletter and many read it. It is nice to share what



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is going on with our neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that the information is already in the meeting minutes that were ratified earlier in our meeting. Everyone read the minutes and agreed with the contents. No additional info or activity has been submitted for these happenings. So, we'll move on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Port-a-Pottie committee report: Any progress on info or purchase of the unit? A lot of discussion was held. It seemed that the initial \$1200.00 will not cover the cost of a handicap unit. We talked about the need for one. Ron mentioned the increasing age of our club members and the unknown future needs, but planning ahead is a good thing. Not all agreed to the need, but conceded to the majority. Mark asked Ron to amend the initial motion, so Ron amended the cost of the unit to be \$1500.00. The motion was seconded and passed. The committee of Dart, Grant and Mark will continue to process the action and gather information.

NW Model Hobby Expo: was a success. The club booth was manned at least most of the time.

Bryan reported that Jay Bell is wishing to take more of a backseat as Field Manger, Bryan is also requesting that we open-up the position to others.

Nominations for 2022 club officers
Vice President (VP) – Paul Dibble, Ron Swift
President – Mark Weeks
Secretary – Steve Higgins, Ron Swift
Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Steve Higgins, Jay Wellan, Jason Milsom

Special Service Award - Jim Stewart, Mark Weeks

A motion was made to close officer nominations (for this meeting) The motion was seconded

and after a brief discussion was defeated. Boatloads of discussion about nominations and voting for 2021. Many didn't remember the details of the Survey Monkey we used last year for ballots and the process we worked through. Nothing was uncovered in the search through the by-laws about voting for club officer.

After all of the comments (a discussion occurs after a motion is made and seconded) the following was agreed to:

We will have voting at the club meeting for those who attend.

We will have Survey Monkey set up for voting and link will be sent to club members via email and a link posted on the website.

Members can vote only once.

Nominations will be open until midnight November 26th.

Nominations must be made to any club officer. Club officers will inform other officers of the nominations.

Survey Monkey voting will stop midnight December 12th at midnight. In-person voting will happen at the December 12th meeting. All ballots will be tallied at the club meeting.

Club officers for 2022 will be announced at the December 14th meeting after votes are counted

Program: None

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted, Ron Swift, BBMAC Secretary





2022 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____
 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 Membership is \$90.00
 \$45.00 for Family member
 \$25.00 for Student (under 18)
 Please mail your check and a copy of your current AMA membership to: Ron Swift (Club Secretary)
 16325 315th Ave NE
 Duvall, WA 98019
Ronswift@cablespeed.com
 Thank you for your interest!

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: _____



Safety Corner



By Steve Higgins (*thanks Steve!!!*)

Merry Christmas, Buzzards! I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving weekend! With the holidays here some of us will be receiving brand new planes. When you get that plane out to the field, it's a good idea to have someone else just do a once-over to make sure everything looks good. No matter what your flying experience, it's always a good idea to get a second set of eyes just to make sure that everything is good mechanically with the plane before you take it out for the first spin. Sometimes having the humility to ask for help will save you from picking up the pieces of the brand-new airframe after a failed maiden.

The weather around here has definitely been frightful over the past few weeks. It's getting colder, but we are most definitely seeing more than our fair share of rain and wind! Make sure when you come out to the field you dress appropriately. Dressing in layers will keep you warm and somewhat dry. The field is "mushy" with all the water it has absorbed over the past few weeks. If you have to go recover a plane, make sure you take a radio, safety vest, and a probing pole. I'm sure the water out there is getting deep and cold so a pair of hip waders is probably a good idea as well!

Last weekend, we did have a visitor for a few minutes. A Bell UH-1 flew in from the west and circled around to the south, then proceeded to the north on the eastern side of the runway. Although he was at about 1000 feet altitude and stayed at least a 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile away from the field, it seemed that he was wanting to land. We need to clear the runway if this happens and it's still a good

idea to make sure your planes are on the ground. Please, if you hear an aircraft approaching get your planes on the ground as soon as safely possible. Manned aircraft have the absolute right of way no matter what we are doing. Once we get the FREIA airspace exemption, our field will be on their charts so they will be better able to avoid us. In the end, the pilot circled around the area for a few minutes and moved on. My guess is it was a forestry service aircraft out scouting.

Please keep in the back of your mind, the Lake Roesiger Fire Department has permission to use our field to evacuate critical care patients and if you hear an approaching aircraft, get your model aircraft on the ground so the Life Flight crew has a place to put their aircraft on the ground safely. They will approach the field much in the same manner, circling until they feel it's safe to land. In most cases I'm sure the Fire Department will beat them to the field, but just in case be prepared to make way in case it is an emergency.

Stay safe out there!

Steve



Seattle Washington Life Flight

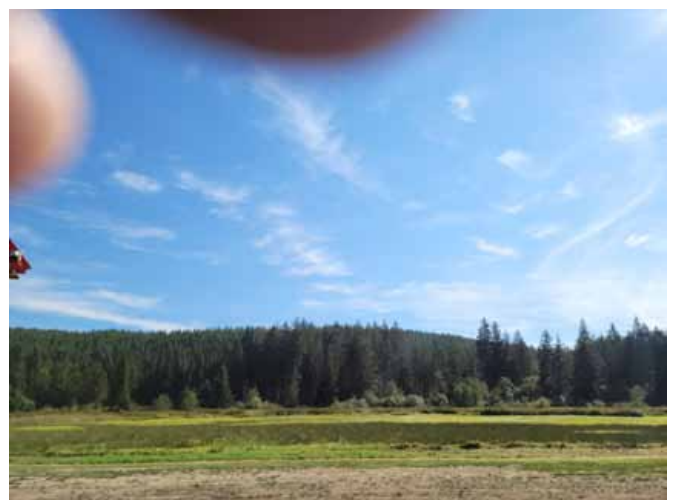
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Flying (pretty wet) and Expo Photos



Thank you to the members who helped set up our club booth and stayed to “man” the booth.. Rick Weber donated the Real Flight 9.5 simulator for use in the booth. It was in use nearly the entire NW Model Hobby Expo. While I was in our booth, there seemed to be many asking questions about the club, membership cost, and our field. The photos, brought by Jay Bell, depicted the field and plans.





Who knows what you'll see at the flying field. Lots of fun and learning skills too.



Upcoming Events

All of our events are open to the public. Those who have an active AMA membership are invited to participate in our events. AMA membership can be obtained online for immediate participation. Face masks, social distancing and all state, county, AMA, and club regulations will be in effect. We love to share safe, fun and challenging experiences. Ask any member if you have questions... Events start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise indicated. Meals usually are available at lunchtime and we have a donation can to help with the event costs.

Event

Dates

Event Information

XMAS Party
Annual Freeze-In

Cancelled!
January 8, 2022

Club Flying Field—Fun in the cold and snow with Planes and Rotary powered models. Come on out and have some fun! If we have snow floats and skis work really well.





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 Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm. at Alfys 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 Ron Swift using email to ronswift@cablespeed.com (425) 765-6745 for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings!



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
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting: Tuesday, December 14th 6:30 PM at
Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: NW Model Hobby Expo discussion. What



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