



Buzzard Droppings



Promoting 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.

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Barnyard Buzzards
Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our Club Meeting is December 13th at 6:30 PM at Alfy's Pizza! We also will host the meeting online through Zoom. Members and guests will receive emailed info for the **Live** ZOOM access. As always, thank you Alfy's Pizza so much for the use of your room! The public is invited to all our meetings!

Program: Christmas Party



President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,

I was preparing for the rain to start this month and keep going 'till spring, but November has really been nice. We've had such good weather for flying and I am going to enjoy it while it lasts. I got the last mowing completed and the mowers are going into storage for the winter. I will get an application of fertilizer spread so the grass gets a good head start for spring.

It seems that as each year comes to a close, I like to spend a little time just sitting back and reminiscing on all the things I'm thankful for. This year

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October 11th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

On November 8th at Alfy's Pizza, President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Introduction of Officers and guests:

16 Members and 4 guests. Dave Sweeny, newest member of the Buzzards, introduced his three daughters and Rick Weber introduced his wife, Melinda. No one on Zoom, except Mark. Mark welcomed Dave and requested that Dave introduce himself. Dave mentioned he has 6-7 planes

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Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Jason Milsom (425) 328-5705

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field: Mark Weeks & volunteers (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 788-6045



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I was able to get out to the field the day before Thanksgiving and just sit back and admire everything we have out there. We truly have a great facility and a great group of members. Every year we seem to add at least a couple of improvements to our venue. It is so cool to look at where we started and where we are today. It couldn't have been done without the involvement of everyone in our club.

I can't end the year without giving a big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to make this club something special. Jason Milsom- Safety Officer, Paul Dibble- Vice President, Ron Swift- Newsletter Editor, these three have done a great job this year with all of their contributions in their respec-

tive positions. Also, a big shout out to everyone else who mowed, weed-eated, picked up garbage/rocks, BBQ'd and so many other tasks that needed being done this year. All of your time and efforts are always appreciated and noticed.

Sincerely,
"Thank you."

I hope to see everyone both at the meeting and at the field.

Mark



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and a few helicopters.

- President – Mark Weeks
- Vice President – Paul Dibble
- Secretary – Steve Higgins
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Jason Milsom

October Meeting Minutes Meeting approval:

Motion was made to accept minutes as posted, seconded, and unanimously passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Items will be covered in new business.

Vice President: No events, we do have our holiday celebration at the December meeting. Friends, family and visitors are all welcome. We are responsible for our beverages and food. Ron asked about a CD for the Freeze-In. He volunteered to be the event coordinator for the Freeze-In. Paul agreed. Other events for 2023 will be determined when the new board takes over.

Secretary: We currently have 55 members in good standing, nobody is in AMA trouble. Dues for 2023 are due by the end of the March 2023 meeting. We have 6 of the current members who have already paid their 2023 dues.

Treasurer: All in the black, money in the bank... Made interest. All debts are paid at this time

Safety Officer: No major injuries. No gripes or complaints. Keep up the good work.

Field Manager: Discussed security and the new lock on the storage container.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the November Newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/

Mark pictures so they can be published on the website and in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations for December Elections:

President: Mark Weeks volunteered to run for President again.

Vice President: Ron Swift and Dean Appel.

Secretary: Steve Higgins

Treasurer: Dart Sharp

Safety Officer: Vince Bell

Special Service Award: Michael Conniff, Ron Swift.

You have till the end of the meeting to throw your hat in if you want to run for the board.

We talked about new security measures due to the break-in.

This weekend we will be taking down the canopies/awnings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws: We read proposed new changes to the bylaws, were there any questions. Ron moved that we vote on its entirety. That motion was 2nded and subsequently approved. A vote was then taken for making these changes (largely about our nomination and voting process) and was approved.

Jason asked about the "new" road around the back. Is it still drivable? It's a little wet with standing water on the southeast side of the brush cut area.

There is a hole going up the hill, that is the old

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outhouse hole... we have marked it off and we will fill it in next spring.

Swap Meet: Mark had a conversation with Phil Tallman (AMA Rep) regarding our field and flying quads. Mark invited Phil out to the field any time. Mark asked him about flying quads and other things where the u-control area used to be. The car track would become an absolutely no fly zone. Attendance at the Expo Fall Swap Meet was good, about 1/2 of the building was filled with tables. Ron said that they were going to do it again next year. We are still talking to the Rangers about installing a temporary power pole with a light on the pole. Mark knows an electrician that he's going to talk to about getting this done.

Event Schedule: What do want and don't want for events next year? We are checking with the Scouts prior to setting schedule in late December/ January.

Paul asked that we still do the Quad events... Something like the 3rd Saturday afternoon of the month?

Maybe we go back to having some summer meetings at the field?

January 7, 2023. The first Saturday in January is the date for our Freeze-In. We have wood fires and propane heaters available to help keep us warm. There will be a pilots meeting at 10:00 am. As mentioned, Ron is the event coordinator. The opportunity to add gravel is pretty much closed for now until the weather gets better. We have already paid for the gravel that was added. Ideas for Clubhouse Door? It's winter now... It's a 63 by 78 Inch opening. A pocket door is going to

be more expensive. Let's think about how we should do this.
Reminder, at the next meeting we will have our Holiday Event and a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a gift wrapped that is valued at less than \$20.00... No "White Elephant" or "Stealing" gifts again this year. There will be a separate area for guys and girls items.

Announcements/Discussion/Info Sharing.

SHOW AND TELL:

None.

PROGRAM:

Builder's Contest: A motion was made that Jay be declared the Builder's Contest winner with his Skynetic wing and 4S LIPO submission last month. This was agreed and Jay is the winner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting 7:32 pm.



Club Meeting @ Alfy's, Pizza





Christmas Party

Our Holiday Celebration (Xmas) is for everyone, family, friends and visitors. It will be at Alfy's Pizza during our normal business meeting on December 13th and will feature a gift exchange. Two tables are used, one for ladies gifts and one for guys gifts. It was decided to limit the gift cost to \$20.00 and the gift feature is optional—you don't need to bring a gift—just don't take one. We draw tickets at the beginning of the meeting to determine the order of the gift selection. Yep, you choose a gift from the appropriate table. We have had lots of fun doing this in the pre-covid years. Come on out and join us. The photos are from the parties of Christmas Past—no Ghosts though 😊



Freeze-In 2023

Hey, our annual Freeze-In is on January 7 and hopefully not needed, but a rain date of January 8th. We will send emails and stuff to confirm, but let's bring in the New Year with a bang! We have wood fires, propane heaters, and plenty of parking at the field. We have a lunch planned at around noon. Come on out and fly, be a spotter or just have some lunch. If we have snow, float planes, planes with no landing gear, and planes with skis work great! If the field is icy, planes with wheels work, too. We have seen swamp buggies at previous events, too! Maybe we'll even have a new yard dart award winner. Photos from past Freeze-In events.





Photos for Fun







Safety Corner



By Jason Milsom

2022 has been a good year for the Barnyard Buzzards on the safety front. There have not been any major incidents or problems. In general, I believe our club has a really good safety record and a very good attitude towards safety. There are many ways in which we could still improve.

I have noticed a large number of aircraft crashes are the result of equipment failure or malfunction usually due to the operators lack of attention to maintenance or being improperly setup. I'm not blaming anyone. I am guilty of this myself. If your aircraft crashes because something comes loose in flight or even if you lose radio signal etc., in most cases this was pre-

ventable and could still be considered the pilot/operator's error. We can all benefit from being a bit more vigilant in this area.

This is the final report of your 2022 BBMAC Safety Officer. signing off.

Jason Ian Milsom.



Upcoming Events

Xmas Party
Freeze-In

December 13th 6:30 pm
January 7, 2023

Club Meeting at Alf's Pizza
Club Field





2023 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) Membership Application



Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____ FCC License # _____
 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 Member is \$90.00 a year.
 Additional Family Member is \$45.00/yr.
 Student Membership is \$25.00 a year.
 Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting.

Please send your check and a copy of your current AMA Membership to:
 Steve Higgins (Club Secretary)
 20330 10th Ave W
 Lynnwood, WA 90262
 Steve@surette.com

Thank you for your interest in RC.

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: _____



25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm at Alf's 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 Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840 / steve@surrette.com for info to use the ZOOM access. A new way to attend our fun and creative meetings. Make sure to stay for the program!

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....



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



Best advice—buy and use a flight simulator, then find an instructor who will advise what to buy, how to build, and fly.



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Alfy's Pizza in Monroe on RT 2

Program: Christmas Party



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