

## April 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on April 7, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. 19 members were present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. at the field in Monroe. Remember, this will be the builder's contest meeting. Jay Wellan, Rick Hanners, and Vince Bell will be the judges. Come out and look at the craftsmanship and creativity of your fellow modelers.

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

Chet highlighted a conversation he had via email with AMA District Vice-President Bruce Nelson regarding the longevity of the 72 MHz radio frequency. The conclusion of the matter is that the jury is still out. See Bruce's comment:

Hi Chet,

I think 72 MHz is safe for the near future. I have heard rumors that we may lose this, but I don't think that will happen for some time, I repeat that is nothing but a rumor. I am currently using both and have a lot of 72 MHz. I have to admit I like some of the advantages of 2.4 esp. at a busy day at the field. Last year at Muncie during the big

helicopter fly-in only 25% of the flyers were using 72. We had a very large number of helicopters in the air at one time and not a single problem.

I hope this helps and I wish I could say I know for sure when or if 72 is at risk, I think it be around for awhile.

Bruce

Chet asked for visitors or guests and gave them opportunity to introduce themselves. Two visitors were present: Dale Peters from Snohomish and Brian Loepky from Maple Valley. Both men signed up to become members after the meeting. Welcome Dale and Brian!

Chet introduced the club officers.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Ron Rueter

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officer's Reports

President - Chet Blake mentioned the by-law proposed change. More to come on this later on in this report.

VP - Ron Rueter was absent. However, a couple of events were mentioned: In June and August there will be a couple of take home auctions.

Secretary - Vaughan Houser reported that the club has 63 members. Vaughan also mentioned the AMA membership drive initiated by AMA President Dave Mathewson. This is an effort to increase membership and visibility throughout the country. You can find more information at the AMA web site: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the club financially is in good shape. The Buzzards have \$7,629.53 in the bank.

Safety Officer - Vince cautioned everyone to be aware of those mole mounds especially around pilot stations. A pilot can easily trip up when bringing a plane out to the field to fly. Other than that, everything seems to be going okay.

Field Manager - Jay Bell mentioned that the mowers are operable and back at the field. The blades of both mowers are sharpened and balanced. The Craftsman mower needed a battery. Marvin donated just the right battery for the mower. Thank you Marvin!

Jay highlighted the efforts that Ron Rueter and Dick Ovrud put into the Cub Cadet. It is great to not only have knowledgeable, experienced, and mechanically minded individuals but who also freely devote some of their discretionary time for the benefit of all. Thank you Jay, Ron, and Dick!

Web Meister - Ron Swift commented there was nothing new to publish.

### Old Business

Marvin mentioned the topic of a telescopic pole, or some tool, a pilot can use to retrieve airplanes from trees. He was going to bring a brochure to the meeting which has photos and specifications of the tool. More information will be available at the May meeting.

Sandy was going to investigate the costs of providing award plaques for winners of the builders contest. The costs seemed reasonable. This is a classy way of rewarding excellent craftsmanship in model airplane building.

Proposed by-law revision: The proposed by-law change in Section 1, paragraph a, is clear regarding anyone with a Park Program Participant now required to obtain full AMA membership. Additionally, Section 4 now requires individuals wishing to join, or renew membership, must present his/her current membership card from our approved national modeling organization, as determined by the club's current chartering organization. This was moved, seconded, voted on, and passed.

Safety note: The removal of 27MHz as an acceptable radio frequency was also a separate motion that was moved, seconded, voted on and passed. However, since only 8 of the 19 members present voted to eliminate the use of 27MHz at the field, this was not enough for a quorum. The issue was not fully brought to closure and will be brought up again in the future.

### New Business

Several ideas were presented regarding pro-gram topics for future meetings. One of those ideas was to have a covering presentation. Another idea was to have a "turbine 101" presentation by Kim Volz and Ron Swift. This might happen during our July meeting.

Barnyard Buzzard Merchandise - Sandy has done a remarkable job expanding her product line: mugs, "T" shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and jackets. Contact Sandy for more information at 425-788-9824, or [www.Duvalldazzlingdesigns.com](http://www.Duvalldazzlingdesigns.com) .

Monthly Program for March, 2009: Around the room facilitated by President Chet.

Chet thought it would be a good idea to have each person present share a little about how he got into the hobby, where he/she originated, and any other interesting information. Everyone enthusiastically shared some fascinating stories. One common theme was how everyone appreciated the members of the club.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday May 5, 2009 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.