

## **April 2010 Meeting Minutes**

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. 27 members were present.

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of May - May 11, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club field in Monroe. Remember, this will be the builder's contest at this meeting. Ron Swift, Rick Hanners, Bryan Reightley and Vince Bell have volunteered to be the judges. Come out and look at the craftsmanship and creativity of your fellow modelers.

Chet welcomed everyone. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. There were no visitors.

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting. Chet mentioned it was good to be back after his illness. He also thanked VP Jim Reynolds and the rest of the board for stepping in for the March meeting.

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell (absent)

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake was pleased to announce that we still have a home field. Speaking of which, we do need to do some clean up. Jay Bell has scheduled a work day for May 1st (Delayed due to rain — new date to be set).

VP - Jim Reynolds reported the events planned for this summer. The events are as follows:

Fun Fly on Saturday June 12th,

Open House & auction on Saturday, July 17th

Combat event on Saturday, August 14th, (with a rainout day scheduled for Aug, 21).

A second Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th with a rainout day scheduled for the following Saturday, September 18th.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$8,921.24 in the bank. The club is in good shape.

Secretary - Vaughan reported there are 61 members.

Safety Officer - Vince reported that everything seems to be okay.

Field Manager - Chet reported for Jay Bell that both mowers are in the shed. The mowing list went around to all who were present. (After passing the list around during the meeting the result is all of the schedule slots were filled. Great job guys!)

Newsletter - Ron swift suggested that anyone who has some words of wisdom regarding the R/C hobby is welcome to write an article for the newsletter. Rick Hanners wrote an article

for the March newsletter on the topic of 2.4 GHz. Thank you Rick! The newsletter can be found online at [www.bbmac.net](http://www.bbmac.net)

## Old Business

Field situation. Chet reported a verbal agreement was reached with Dale based on the proposal that was drawn up. This proposal was presented to the membership via email, in the newsletter, as well as, at the March meeting. A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded. The club's field and safety rules will be revised stating the new requirements as presented in the proposal.

Chet explained how he was able to work with Dale by nurturing a relationship and addressing two areas: Rent amount and sound management. Offering a comparable sum of money to what Dale potentially could get from crop yield was a starting point. Operating hours for when noisier aircraft could fly was an additional condition that met with Dale's approval and as such he was amenable with the Buzzards remaining at the field.

The floor was open for any discussion and/or concerns. A concern was presented regarding the end of flying during the week set at 7:00 P.M. for IC powered models. The concern

was that the 7:00 P.M. end does not leave much time for people to fly after work. During the summer hours, when the sun stays up longer is more desirable for some who want to fly after work. The rationale was the club is demonstrating due diligence' in being sensitive to neighbors by curtailing the hours when we produce noise. Subsequent to this discussion, the motion was voted on. It was approved.

### New Business

Ron Swift reminded people that Sandy has a new style of Buzzard shirt available for purchase. Ron was wearing one of the shirts. See Ron or Sandy for more information.

Ron also proposed the club invest in a few more tables for the field. Some of the current tables are starting to deteriorate. Additionally, we tend to run out of table space during our events. Brian Illston and Jay Bell will do a feasibility study to determine the cost.

Ron proposed replacing the Z bend type brackets which were stolen lost. These are positioned in between the table boards and act as retainers for the aircraft wheels when you start up the engine. These are particularly useful for larger type aircraft. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed.

Tim Baird reminded the Buzzards about possibly doing a Boy Scout event sometime in May. Some discussion ensued regarding what day of the week would better suit the Scouts: Saturday or Wednesday. Due to the shortened timeframe on the week nights, it seemed more reasonable to hold this event on a Saturday. Saturday, May 22nd was proposed. This would be open to the public. A motion was made, seconded a vote taken. The members approved the motion. So, prepare yourselves to help in the event.

A proposal for doing another auction was presented. The club decided to combine the auction with the July 17th Open House. Donated items would be placed into two categories: one for charitable donations and one for personal items. Discussion took place regarding where the money collected would go. Besides being recognized for its charitable contribution, what else does the club get out of the auction? The club does need to cover its expenses.

Another proposal was presented to establish a \$5 table fee. Individuals who bring personal items to be auctioned would pay the table fee. Items to be auctioned for charity would be free.

## Announcements

Builder's Contest: Remember the contest judging will be at the May 11, 2010 meeting.

Upcoming event: Zillah, WA Spring Opener event coming up 4/23 - 4/25. Site: Ben's Strip, Ryan Siebol CD phone 509-930-8132. You can visit [www.yvam.com](http://www.yvam.com) for more information.

Evening Program: Ron Swift presented thoughts pertaining to aircraft noise and how to manage that noise. Some of the information Ron included was the areas that noise is produced in our aircraft. Ron also provided suggestions as to the mitigation of problem noise areas. Thank you, Ron. for taking the time to analyze sound sources and the steps we can take to better manage those areas.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday May 11, 2010 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The BBMAC club newsletter, Buzzard Droppings, is available online. If you still want to receive a hard copy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045) - email [ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com)

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.