

August 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at the Club field with 27 members present. Chet welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bryan Reightley was introduced as a new member.

Chet asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No visitors or guests were present.

Next meeting is at the Club field, Tuesday September 2nd at 7:00 PM. Chet asked the membership if we should move the September meeting date due to the Labor Day weekend. The members present voted to keep the meeting as scheduled, September 2nd. The October meeting will be at Alfy's. The December meeting has a large turn out and Chet will contact Alfy's and see if the club can reserve both sides of the meeting rooms at Alfy's.

Chet introduced the current club officers:

President -Chet Blake

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

Officer's Reports:

President - Chet reported the annual charity auction finished last meeting (July 1st). Chet thanked Ron Swift for an excellent job in his efforts to make the auction a success. Ron Swift reported that Lorraine Crummer was sad to see Craig's flying gear leaving, but was thankful to see all the recipients having fun with their new toys.

Vice President - Brian reported that the Sunday Fun Fly was great. They had 8 contestants with 12 to 15 people stopping by to watch. No problems or safety issues were reported. Ron Swift gave details of the winners. Upcoming events: Next Combat will be Sunday, September 7th @ 10:00 AM Brian Illston will be the CD for this event. September 14th will be the last Open House event for this season. The theme will be "Golden Age of Aircraft" So bring your vintage civil and war birds for a great Open House. We will be inviting veterans to this event.

Acting Secretary - Ron Rueter reported we have 67 members. This includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

Jets Over Whidbey will be August 22 thru the 24th. See Kim Volz for further info.

John Folgeson from the North West Hobby Expo was unable to attend this month's meeting.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$6544. Auction netted \$3,142. \$414 cash donations, \$931 from stuff donated to the club, \$1,797 from Craig Crummer's collection of which $\frac{1}{2}$ went to his wife, Lorraine. (Actually the club added to the kitty and Lorraine was sent \$1000.) This leaves \$2,242 for our charity donations.

Safety Officer - Vince kept it short and was happy to announce that all is going well and that the pilots were using good safety sense. Great Fun Fly, runway stripped in red again. Keep it up!

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, but we need to get it going again...

Pilot training - There are 7 in training, 2 inactive and 2 MIA (no one has heard from for a while)

Sound Management - Two measurements taken since last meeting. 94 and 96 db. Full report is on the BBMAC web site. Members suggested we measure the lawn mowers!

Field Improvements - Ron Rueter - The Cub mower is burning quite a bit of oil. When it's first fired up, it belches a huge amount of smoke. MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE OIL BEFORE CUTTING!

The fall clean up date will probably be changed. This will allow the winds to do their damage and we can clean up after that.

Old Business

Membership participation plan - This had been tabled, Chet asked the club to make a final decision. Discussion followed and some members want the club to stay volunteer based instead of as proposed. Brian Illston stated he felt he wasn't getting help, but found if he asked members for help, there wasn't a problem. Butch Sidbeck moved to abandon this proposal. Ron Swift seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Who will receive the auction proceeds? Jim Reynolds talked with the veterans association. They have special programs like the Special Olympics, wheel chair events, and snow events. The donations are held in special accounts so as to keep them separate from government monies. To send someone to the Special Olympics costs about \$1,000 per person. Fred Hanquet talked with the local food banks and Sandy DuVall commented on their need. The Children's Hospital was also discussed. Hopelink helps with food and clothing in the valley. It was suggested that we split the funds between several charities. Discussion included \$700 to Children's Hospital, \$700 to Hopelink and \$950 to the Veterans, or \$1,000 to Children's and \$621 to the other

two. Brian Illston made a motion to send \$750 to each charity. Motion was seconded. Vince Bell moved to amend the motion to send \$1,000 to each charity. Ron Swift seconded the amended motion. Motion carried.

The Cub Cadet is still burning oil. The Cadet will be moved to Ron Rueter's for overhaul during the off season, leaving the Craftsman mower if needed. If flooding is predicted, Ron Swift will gather up the Craftsman to store.

New Business

Marvin Walden is taking orders for the 5 year Gold Leader Pins. Please let Marvin know if you want one.

New hats with the BBMAC logos are available from Sandy DuVall for \$12 each. Club jackets still \$80 each plus tax. Other items are available (T-shirts, mugs, vinyl decals, etc.) See her ad on the last page of the newsletter.

Announcements

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net .

Jets Over Whibley 21st through 23rd of August.

Mustard - when will it be harvested? Should we start a pool?

Motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was passed at
7:50 PM

Program:

Vince Bell gave a flight demo. Thanks, Vince!

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rueter BBMAC Acting Secretary.