

August 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on August 4, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Barnyard Buzzard flying field in Monroe. 20 members were present. (A few more showed up later on during the meeting.) The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 1, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake made the usual opening salutations, welcoming everyone. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. There were no new guests.

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

Chet introduced the club officers:

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Ron Rueter

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake thanked all those who participated in the Open House which was conducted Sunday August 2, 2009. There were 8 people attending. In spite of the low turnout, they all had a great time.

Vice President - Ron Rueter talked about the progress being made planning the proposed shelter. The location will be next, but not attached, to the existing shed. This location puts it out of the way so it doesn't interfere with parking, flying, or observing. In a conversation with Dale, the land owner, some basic requirements were communicated: must be free standing and less than 400 square feet in area. The next step is to identify the costs associated with such a structure.

Ron also reminded us of the rescheduled Combat fly-in coming up Sunday August 9th. Ron solicited any volunteers to help run the event as Scott Curtis, the event coordinator, will be out of town. Ron Swift stepped up to the responsibility. Chet agreed to help. Thank you gentlemen.

The second Fun Fly is scheduled for Sunday, August 23. The time is from 10 AM to 3 PM. Ron Swift and Randy Turner will host. Come out for some great flying and wonderful socializing.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 69 members.

As a reminder the club is moving to direct members' attention to the Barnyard Buzzards website to read the current and past newsletters. Paper copies of the newsletter will still need to be made available to members without email, as well as, to the general public through the Remote Control Hobbies store in Woodinville and other venues.

Treasurer -Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,541.38 in the bank.

Safety Officer - Vince was on vacation. Go to the Buzzard website, to the current newsletter to view Vince's comments on safety (page 4). He always has some good common sense advice sprinkled with doses of humor.

Field Manager - Jay Bell was absent. [Secretary's note: Those of you who signed up to mow during this part of the season really knew what you were doing. There isn't much to mow with the grass being dry and brown. Thank you, though, for those who continuously manage the field and grounds around the shed.]

Webmaster - Ron Swift asked if the club wanted to sponsor a booth at the Index Arts Festival. The club supported having a booth and three Barnyard Buzzard members volunteered: Ron Swift, John Rennert, and Jay Bell. They had a demo board to show how servos work. Ron commented that kids (he didn't say the age range) like to see airplanes

fly. A lot of interest was generated as a result of the Buzzards attending the event. Thank you guys!

Old Business

Lean-to proposal: Note the comments mentioned above in VP Ron Rueter's report.

Meeting place for October through April: Chet confirmed reservations for our meeting at Alfy's in Monroe. We can still search for another location if we want to change. Meeting time will still be at 6:30 PM. The good news is Alfy's business has picked up. So they are staying open until 9 PM. This means we have a little leeway by not having to be out by 8:30 P.M.

New Business

No new business was mentioned.

Announcements

The Jets over Whidbey is scheduled for the last weekend of August: Friday the 28th through Sunday the 30th. Kim Volz mentioned that a typical day starts around 6:30 AM and goes to 4:30 PM.

Kim also mentioned the Whidbey Island Radio Control Society does charge a nominal parking fee something like a couple of bucks. This is a fun event to witness.

Barnyard Buzzard Merchandise - Sandy has done a remarkable job expanding her product line: mugs, "T" shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and jackets. She displayed a couple of her new safety colored hats. Contact Sandy for more information at 425-788-9824, or www.duvallsdazzlingdesigns.com .

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

The Northwest Model Hobby Expo: There was some conversation regarding the date, and level of commitment, of this event. The dates are February 12, 2010 through February 14, 2010. I think the Buzzards will still have a table for displaying club information as well as ones for the swap meet. Other than that, a proposal was made for the club not to become financially responsible for supporting the event.

Evening Program

The second club charity auction. If you have never attended one of these auctions, with Ron Swift as the auctioneer, you are missing out on some first class entertainment. Remember, though, the event is to raise money for charities. This is a worthy cause. As Rick Hanners mentioned in a recent email, some members donate cash just to support the charities. Thanks to all who participated in this successful event!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:40 ish PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday September 1, 2009 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.

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