

December 2009 Meeting Minutes

The December Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting is the yearly family night at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. This is a night Barnyard Buzzard members bring members of their family to enjoy food and fellowship. President Chet Blake called the meeting to order on December 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M. There were 30 members present. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 5, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe.

President Chet Blake thanked everyone for showing up. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. Ron Swift introduced John Foglesong who manages the yearly Northwest Model Hobby Expo. The 2010 show is planned for February 12 - 14.

Outside the normal meeting business, tonight's major event was the election of the 2010 officers.

Chet asked for a motion to accept the November minutes as presented in the December newsletter. A motion to accept was made, seconded, voted on, and accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

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 reported Dale provided several more names of individuals who might have potential fields for us to check into. Dale's Christmas tree farm is in full swing selling Christmas trees. Dale mentioned his concern with vehicles speeding down the road. This is just a reminder to be careful and mindful of others when driving to and from the field.

Chet also mentioned talking with Dale about Art Greonovegg who has the farm about half way down SR 203 from Monroe to Duvall. No word yet from Art as he has not gotten back to Chet. VP - Ron Rueter reported someone responded to one of the advertisements for a possible new field location to rent. This location is several miles east, down Ben Howard Road. The owner is apparently willing to give it a go. The flying area is smaller than our current field. Ron was soliciting pilots with hand launch type airplanes to check out how the area would be for flying.

The other location is about four miles north of the current Snohomish Radio Aero Club (SRAC) field. The owner has 16 tree free acres and

inquired as to how much the Buzzards were willing to pay. After the initial contact the owner has not called back.

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

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,271.03 in the bank. There are 6 individuals who have entered into the builder's contest.

Safety Officer - Vince commented this year was a good year in that we maintained safe handling and operating of our airplanes. Keep up the good work and slow down traveling to and from the field.

Old Business

Chet and Rick presented Children's Hospital with a \$1,200.00 check. Goodwill efforts of this nature are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your contributions!

Freeze-In event date change. The original date was Saturday January 2, 2010. There was some conversation stating this might be too close to New Year's Day to expect a good turnout. A motion was made to move the Freeze-In to the following weekend, Sunday 1/10/2010. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. There was one nay the rest aye's. The optional date was the original date of 1/2/2010. [editorial: If something happens on 1/10 to where the event is cancelled, how do you go back in time to hold the event on 1/2/10?]

New Business

Dick Ovrud suggested the possibility of combining our club with the Evergreen Radio Modelers Association (ERMA). Apparently there might be a sight on Smith Island that the Tulalip tribe owns which could work for ERMA and our club. Dick was offering this as a possible lead to pursue.

Election of officers for 2010

President Chet Blake turned our attention to the election of officers for 2010. Secretary Vaughan Houger read the names of those nominated associated with the corresponding office. The nominations were as follows:

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award - Scott Curtis, Chet Blake, Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

A motion was made to close nominations. This was seconded, voted on, and the members unanimously agreed to close nominations. Ballots were passed out. Members voted. Ballots were collected. Outgoing VP Ron Rueter tallied up the results.

Election results:

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award - Chet Blake

Congratulations to all who participated and to our 2010 board.

Announcements

Ron Rueter reviewed how the blog in Yahoo was working for members. Not all of the members had been added. Ron was going to resend the BBMAC group to those who had not already become members..

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.

2010 Freeze-In: Saturday January 10th , 2010

A motion was made to conclude the meeting. It was seconded, voted on and carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday January 5, 2010 at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary