



Buzzard Droppings



Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Christmas Party & Officer Elections



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President's Message — Mark Weeks

Hey Buzzards,
This morning I got my friendly reminder from our newsletter editor that it was, once again, time for my monthly input. What better place to go and reflect on the past year than out at the field. I will admit that the weather wasn't the best, but with the help of a propane heater and a

dry clubhouse there couldn't have been a nicer place.

I need to thank everyone in the entire club! Each of you bring something unique and special to the team. Through my time as a Buzzard I have had the pleasure to learn a little something from every-

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November 14th Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

President Mark Weeks called Meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

- 15 Members and 3 guests.
- President – Mark Weeks
- Vice President – Ron Swift
- Secretary – Steve Higgins
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Vince Bell
Minutes from October Meeting approval: Accepted: Approved

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

Mark wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard on the field

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Freeze-In 2024
We should have loads of fun at this 1st event for 2024. We'll have propane heaters and probably patches for those who brave the cold on January 6 at 10:00 am

2023 Club Officers and Contacts

President: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745

Secretary: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Vince Bell (425) 788-4831

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



one I've had contact with. Learning a new maneuver with a plane, participating in a tank battle, that it is OK to drive my RC truck slower than wide-open throttle, or that you can spend more money hopping up your crawler than you paid for it in the first place, (thanks, Leonard)!

Also, I want to say thank you to all that have helped get and keep the field and surroundings in shape. Many selfless volunteer hours were put into getting the water back so we could get the grass growing again. The car, crawler and tank areas are looking great, Brian. Thanks, Dart for getting the gravel to enlarge that parking area and to raise the area around the flight tables as this will help immensely keeping our feet dry in the upcoming wet weather.

During December's meeting we will be an-

nouncing who was elected to the 2024 Board as well as the Special Service Award. Please vote if you have not done so already. Also, at the December meeting we will be having our annual Christmas party with a gift exchange. Please come and join in the fun. Personally, I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity of serving as the Club President for the past 3 years. It surely has been a rewarding experience. I am looking forward to working with the new board members in keeping our club fantastic.

See ya at the field,
Mark Weeks



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improvements this year. Mark will cover more information in Old and New Business.

Vice President:

One of our goals this year was to improve our overall event participation. On average, we saw around 12 people at most events in 2023. It was asked about the RC Car event, and Mark said he will talk about that in the new business. Upcoming Events are the Christmas Party, and the Freeze-In. The Christmas Party is Dec 12th at 6:30pm.

Sandy has been working with a couple of the other wives to plan for the Christmas party. It would be nice if we could get the entire room for the party as last year, we were a bit cramped. We have set a \$25.00 Max on the gift exchange presents. There will be a member's table and a wife's table. If you bring a gift to exchange, you place the gift on the designated table and will get a raffle ticket. We will draw numbers for the order of gift selection. It was asked how many significant others would be at the party. Right now, there may be seven to eight wives at the party. The question was asked about desserts; Steve Higgins offered to bring Christmas-themed cupcakes. Mark Weeks said he would get something. If you want to bring desserts, please let Sandy (425-765-1546) know so she can plan for this. We will bring a boom-box for Xmas music to have in the background. The club is going to supply pizza and soda for the membership.

It was asked if there was anyone who wanted to be the CD for the Freeze-In. Ron also talked about propane. We will have three propane fire-pits, and the field manager will check to make sure the 4 propane containers are full for the Freeze-in. The Freeze-In is January 6th, 2024.

Secretary:

We currently have 51 members. There are still a couple who are in AMA trouble.

Treasurer:

Money is good. All bills are paid. We then went over the 2024 Budget. The annual nonprofit report with the state was submitted. The Donation check for the food bank was given to Ron so he could take it to the Sky Valley Food Bank. The 2024 Budget was reviewed. We also went over itemized expenses in 2023. We spent a good amount of funds on field improvements. Some costs have gone up over time. Questions: Food expenses clumped to 6 events throughout the year. Some events, like boats and floats, are complex due to not having the BBQ and other items like we would have at the field. The plan is to designate five events to have food ahead of time. The sixth event with food is the Christmas party budget. What was the insurance cost? This is the AMA club insurance that we are required to have. A few months ago, we investigated secondary insurance, which was much more expensive than expected. The new board will look at the events' schedule in December. If you want to do an event, please talk to a board member, or when the newly revamped website

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is online, it will make scheduling events on short notice easier. In 2011-2013, due to the field construction and moving field the dues were \$100.00. In 2014 dues were dropped to \$90.00 With looking at the higher expenses and the projects in the pipeline the board proposed that dues are upped to: Full Member \$100.00; Student \$30.00; and Family \$50.00 A motion was made and seconded. After a very short discussion a vote on the motion was held passed 14-2 in approval to raise the dues for the 2024 year.

Safety Officer:

Vince hasn't been out to the field in a while. He hasn't seen anyone getting hurt. It's wet and cold, but everyone is staying safe.

Field Manager:

The field is wet off the runway... the field is getting soggy. With that said, the field is greening up and filling in. One more mow in December we should be good until spring, where we will continue to overseed and fertilize to improve the condition of the field. Dart got a semi-free load of gravel and topped off the clubhouse gravel. Dart said it worked out great, he backed in, dumped the rock and called Brian Douma... when he got back Brian had had shoveled the gravel into the clubhouse.

Newsletter Editor:

Ron handed out printed copies of the newsletter... as usual, Ron has done an excellent job with the newsletter. If you take pictures, please send them to Ron or Mark so we can keep the newsletter going and entertaining. If you post them on Facebook Ron does use them when there is space or a shortage of content.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations for December Elections:

- President: Steve Higgins
 - Vice President: Jay Wellen
 - Secretary: Mark Weeks
 - Treasurer: Dart Sharp
 - Safety Officer: Michael Conniff
 - Special Service Award: Michael Conniff, Brian Douma, Mark Weeks, Dart Sharp
- Dart Sharp was Nominated at the November 14th Meeting.

Voting will be active on Wednesday. You can do a write-in vote for club officers. Three ways to vote: There will be online voting, and a message will be sent out on Wednesday the 15th. You can email your votes to the en-

tire board or vote at the December meeting. If you want to vote by email, send a message to steve@surette.com, or call Steve, and he will give you the contact information for the entire board if you don't have it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Car Race Report: 1st Dart, 2nd Jay, 3rd Jason and Mark. Mark presented Dart with a Trophy with his name on it. We had a decent turnout for this and will do it again next year. Temp power pole installation. Hopefully, Michael and Mark can get things installed on Saturday. (Weather permitting). Once the pole is done, the Rangers will get with the county and get the process moving. It was asked how long it'll take depending on the county. The awnings need to come down. It's starting to get windy. Michael and Jason volunteered to take them down later this week, so we pull them down when dry.

New web page being designed. Mark Weeks is working on a new web page design.

Please let Mark know if you have any ideas about what you want to be included. I am considering including a blog or messaging area and a meet-up area like "I am going to the field on Monday around 10. Bringing planes and a crawler." There is a temporary URL. BBMAC.club. Mark is still adding to it, but look and feel free to make suggestions or comments to Mark. The plan is to put in 2 years of information and archive the rest.

Steve asked if there was anyone there that is interested in Pylon Racing. Kevin, Jay, and I purchased some 15-foot-tall pylon flags. We were out there a couple of weeks ago flying UMX Ultrix from Horizon Hobby and had a lot of fun. Next year, once we get rules and safety guidelines outlined, we may have some pylon racing, much like the monthly car racing. We will probably have 2-3 classes; I worry about the higher speed classes that we may need to adapt some safety rules to keep everyone safe.

PROGRAM: Was the budget and Officer Nominations

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:15pm.





Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net>

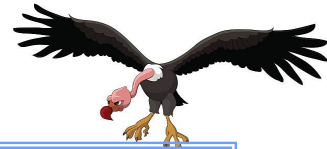
Event	Date	Time
Annual Christmas Party	December 12	6:30PM
Freeze-In 2024	January 6 2024	10:00 AM

Our club meetings and events are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, rc cars and more. Come on out and join us.

Safety Corner



By Vince Bell



Here it is December already, what happened to summer? It seems as though it was just yesterday that we were talking about flying in the summer heat and using allergy medications and the effect they have on your ability to control an RC aircraft. Now the heat is a thing of the past, we need to pay attention to the colder weather and the over-the-counter cold and flu medications. They have some of the same stuff in them that the allergy medications have in them. So let us not harp on this... just be aware they can have the same effect as the allergy meds have on our coordination and judgment.

Instead, there is a thing called Wind Chill. You say "I don't fly in winter with the wind blowing because it is too cold"! That may be true, however there is a chart called Wind Chill Chart (WCC)-- Funny how that works. The WCC tells us if it is 35° F and the wind is blowing 10mph it will feel like 27° F. OK that's not too bad, however your fingers will get really cold in a 10 minute flight assuming no protection (gloves).

I personally find it hard to fly while wearing gloves. Thin silk gloves work very well you can get them at most any Military surplus store or at least you could a few years back. The Air Force issued them as glove liners. Maybe there is something available at REI or ski shops. You guys tell me if you know of something that you have tried and like.

OK back to the Wind Chill Chart. Let's say it is real cold and nice clear day, of course, you have to go flying. Let's say it's 10°F and you reach back to

adjust the high speed needle valve or keep your batteries warm and wind from the prop is 60 MPH. This is going to be downright uncomfortable the WCC indicates -19°F and you have about 10 minutes before frostbite sets in. Remember to dress in layers, wear gloves, wear a hat (65% of body heat is lost from your head) as the head is where the major heat is lost, especially if you lost your fur! So wear a hat and wear shoes that will keep your feet warm and most importantly dry. By the way, if you wander off Mark's path and bridge and fall into one of the many streams that we have available in the field that we fly over getting yourself wet, your body core temperature will take a nose dive. Hopefully you brought a change of clothes this time! You'll wish that all you had to think about is the WCC above when you get some exposed skin in the prop blast or high gusty wind.

Next subject: Who has the right-of-way???? Every kid knows Santa has the right of way! That should also include us older kids.

You can find many HEAT LOSS Charts on the WEB. Pick one that you like....

UNTIL NEXT TIME,
BE SAFE, BE COURTEOUS

Vince Bell, Safety Officer





Photos For Fun

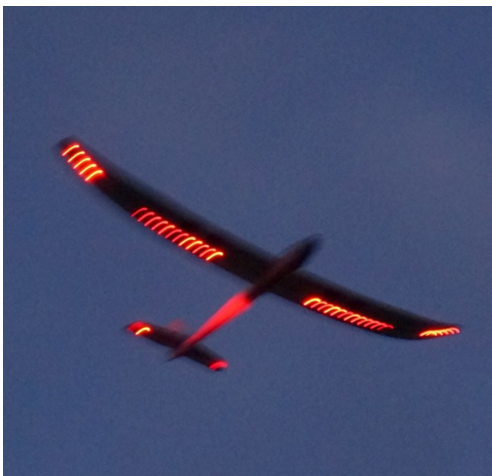


VP Ron Swift presents our donation to the Monroe Sky Valley Food Bank



Dart is presented a trophy for 1st place in the heli event







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Camp Edward and the Hanner's Memorial Field are located north of Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek Road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

If you go the left as shown by MapQuest, make sure you take the **next right** to stay on Woods Creek Road. Then stay to the **left** at the intersection where Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road, **be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop**.

Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, **be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop**. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going. Turn right at the "T" intersection at Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, staying on South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



Upcoming Club Meeting
Our next club meeting is Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe, WA
And Xmas Party with Gift Xchange

Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer all members free lessons to learn how to build models and to fly them. If you should have any questions about the club, flight instruction or membership requirements, call any of the club officers or the instructors. We have a safety checklist available.

Current Flight Instructors:

- Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





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Program: Annual Christmas Party and Elections



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