

January 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:04 P.M., Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Alfy's Pizza with 26 members present.

President's Report

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. None were present.

Fred passed around a sign up sheet for working the tables at the Northwest Model Expo on February 9th and 10th at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This is an important event for the Club for the reasons that: #1, we show our neighbors and friends that we're local. #2, we create a rapport with the local community and fellow modelers, #3, last year we received 3 new members to the club. #4 The best. BARGAINS ? ? ? Come on out and have fun chit chatting, swapping crash stories, building bragging rights, whatever, come on out, help and have fun! Support the Hobby we all love and enjoy!

Fred's phone # is 425.891.3145 and email is fhanquet@gmail.com .

Meal Info Update (Yes, flying is allowed)

There will be a January BBQ !! Fred announced that there will be a January 26th BBQ at 12 o'clock high... (February 2nd rain date).
Burger, chips and drink....\$3.00

The Open House and Fun Fly events will have meals as usual of Hamburgers, Chips and Soda.

The Combat Events will have Fred's secret Briquette, Chips and Soda \$6.00

Another BBMAC breakfast will be in August this year. Last year was great!

Fred introduced the current club officers:

President - Fred Hanquet

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Chet Blake

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

A motion was requested by Fred, made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as published in the monthly newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Fred once again thanked everyone for the support and good wishes he's received.

Officer Reports

Vice President - Brian Illston presented a calendar with dates of 2 Fun Fly Events, 2 Combat Events and 2 Open Houses. Jim Reynolds has once again graciously offered to assist as Judge at the Fun Fly Events.

Brian and Fred talked about more people getting involved and mentoring from Ron Swift and Scott Curtis, so they can stand in when the pros aren't available.

Ron Swift also suggested a Safety Check at the Open Houses and all events to ensure safety. Possibly have a safety stand or check out before the aircraft goes skyward. Vince agreed to make sure this happened.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we have 69 members including 2 family and 2 Junior members.

We have tables at the Northwest Model Expo at the Evergreen Fairgrounds on February 9 (open to the public from 9 am to 5 P.M.) and the Sunday 10th from 9 am to 3 P.M.. The Club will pay the cost of all the tables that Ron Swift secured. Rick has the contact information that Ron submitted to the club.

The Builder's Contest is in process. It's never too late to make an entry. Judging will be May 6, 2008 at the during the meeting at our Club Field.

Club dues are due! Membership dues **MUST** be paid by the end of the business meeting March 4, 2008 in order to avoid paying the \$100 initiation plus dues. The current membership renewal is still \$60 for 2008.

Chet will have new membership cards made up for the March meeting. Those members not in attendance will have them mailed, so please be sure that Chet has your current address.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th at Alfy's.

A flyer was passed around about Baron Flying Club even March 1st in Spokane.

You now **MUST** have 2008 AMA card or membership verification to fly at our field.

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net . If you are not receiving Chet's announcements via email and would like to have the latest notices and reminders, please email him so he can have an accurate email address.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$5802.90 and dues are coming in. We should be in position to take on a new field if the opportunity comes along.

Rick will have the proposed budget at the February meeting. Static displays are welcome at the Open Houses and Events to show the Club member's projects in building, aircraft and their type of flying.

2008 dues can be paid at anytime. As mentioned by Chet, final date for dues will be at the end of business at the March 4th meeting.

Safety Officer - Vince reported that everything seems to be going well.

We should probably have a statement about an airplane checkout on the application. Just remember, we're a Club to help everyone, not condemn.

With all the winter building going on, be careful in the shop. Use good safety sense there, also. Getting out of the shop with that new plane healthy and all extremities intact adds to the enjoyment !

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, Fred will pursue more after he loses the neck brace and becomes more mobile.

Pilot training - Rick reported that 6 members are in training.

Sound Management - No new readings or report. The idea of the Club buying Rick's sound meter or buying one of our own came up. It's a good idea to have one and do regular readings. Ron Swift also has one. Fred will explore more options.

Field Improvements - Ron Rueter said that everything is looking good. He has a totally filled mowing list for this year and he'll send out email reminders "just in case". Thanks to all who signed up for a week.

Field spring clean up possibly April 19th or 26th. A suggestion came up about having a fall clean up also. More info to come....

Old Business

A brochure was brought last meeting about a steel container to replace the Club Shed. It would probably run around \$2000 and have to be wind proof via. hold downs or anchors. Ron Rueter and others feel that for a fraction of that price, we can make what we have about as secure as anything else then have that money towards the new field or Club necessities. Plus the container will float!

Dick Ovrud brought up the fact that a Club he's associated with over the mountain has one and the vandals simply brought a torch and burned the door hasps off. Marymoor RC has one that the same thing happened to and they lost a \$6000 mower.

The idea was tabled for a future meeting.

New Business

That strange looking pattern Dale has at the field is in preparation of growing Canola. It's an experimental crop. If it doesn't take well, he'll rotate crops to something else.

Fred commented that in talking to Dale, Dale said he loves us being there. Fred got the impression that we'll be there a while, with markets down, economy struggling, high dollar sales aren't that likely.

Sandy Duvall is taking orders for hats, shirts, sweat shirts, T shirts. The Club logo is looking GREAT on apparel.

Announcements

'Da da ta daaaa'

Special Service Award.... The award was presented to Fred Hanquet for his exceptional service and dedication to the Club.

Fred will now have to dust the coveted Dave Weber Special Service Trophy for the next year and received a great looking plaque to commemorate the occasion. He also received the plaque commemorating his award for 2007, that is his to keep

Congratulations Fred!

Program

The program was SOLID GOLD..... well, some gold anyway. Jim Ostbye and Fred talked about their 'other' hobby of gold prospecting and panning. Fred brought quite an array of pans, miners sleuths and gizmos to make the hobby fun and hopefully 'prosperous'. The real eye catcher was the shiny button gold that Fred brought along with some panning finds he's gotten. Fred has delved into this whole heartedly and totally enjoying it while on the road to recuperation. (HmMMM..... wonder if he'll ever want to look "up" again ? ? ? ? ?)

Unfortunately, Fred ran short of time and we got run out due to our arranged meeting hours. We're happy to see that Fred showed such enthusiasm for this and put on a great show and display. NICE JOB FRED !!

Adjournment 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary.