

July 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on July 7, 2009 at 6:35 P.M. at the Barnyard Buzzard's flying field in Monroe. 21 members were present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 4, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. There were no new guests. Doug Hoff, one of the founders of the club, was present. Ray Reinbold and Jeff Carey, who were guests at the June meeting, became our newest members. Welcome to the club Ray and Jeff!

Chet asked for a motion to accept the June minutes as presented in the July 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 & Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake thanked all those who participated in the First Fun Fly.

Vice President - Ron Rueter reminded the members of the first Combat event coming up Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 68 members. He also mentioned a conversation he had with Sandy regarding the newsletter. We're going to explore going paperless and emailing the link to access the newsletter via the Barnyard-Buzzards website. 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 hobby shops and other venues.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,741.31 in the bank.

Safety Officer - Vince reminded everyone the importance of constantly being attentive especially when in the pit area and in close proximity to airplanes either running or starting up. Stay away from the spinning prop. Just remember to be careful.

Field Manager - Jay Bell mentioned that the field is in good condition.

Webmaster - Ron Swift drew our attention to the plastic container hanging on the fence next to the road. Current copies of the Barnyard Buzzards newsletters are located in this container. Members can use these to hand out to those interested in the club.

Subsequent to Ron's comments, we took some time to recognize the winners of the builder's contest. Vince Bell distributed the plaques to the winners. See June's newsletter for the winners.

Old Business Lean-to proposal: Vice President Ron Rueter proposed the club construct a lean-to in the vicinity of the frequency board. The initial intent was to provide a place where pilots can get out of the rain for a few minutes until the weather clears up to fly again. Several other ideas were suggested as well. Visitors and guests would also be able to use the lean-to as a place to sit during events. The varied possible purposes lead to conversations as to what the actual conceptual design should be the location of the lean-to, and the impact to parking/visibility, as well as, obtaining permission from our landlord, Dale. The members engaged in a robust discussion regarding the lean-to. Ron R will come up with a few more options along with a feasibility study from which the members could then make a better decision. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Ron to continue to develop options.

New Business

Ron Swift mentioned that our club was invited to participate in an event coming up on August 1 at the Index Arts Festival in Snohomish County. The Buzzards were presented with an opportunity to set up a table at this event, a festival of arts. The club voted on accepting the invitation. Ron (425 788-6045) is looking for volunteers to assist him in manning the table from 9:30 - 3:00 PM and has 2 so far.

Announcements:

The Buzzard's Second Open House is coming up August 2 at 10:00 AM. Meeting locations came up as a topic of discussion. Several locations were identified. Until we determine if we can move into another location, the membership decided to continue at Alf's Pizza. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to proceed with this plan.

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

Evening Program

Turbine engines and airplanes. Kim Volz, Ron Swift, and Phil Nixon started up Ron's engine, which got everyone's attention. They then presented some of the inner workings of a turbine engine with handouts and a Q& A period. After this great introduction to turbines, the other two jet engines were fired up. Everyone had a chance to hold on to Kim's airplane as he ran up the engine. This allowed each

person to experience the power of the engine. Thank you Kim, Ron, and Phil for taking the time to share your knowledge and experiences with turbine powered aircraft. The AMA guidelines were also handed out so we could get an idea what it takes to get into the turbine powered models.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday August 4, 2009 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.