

October 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club meeting to order on October 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. There were 24 members present. The meeting was conducted at Alfys Pizza in Monroe. The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at Alfys Pizza in Monroe

Chet asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No visitors or new guests were present.

Chet introduced the club officers. Most were present.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Brian Illston (absent)

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

Chet read the letter from the Veterans Association thanking the Barnyard Buzzards for the \$1,000.00 and the outing on September 14,

2008. The guests really enjoyed themselves. (I think everyone attending had a great time as well.)

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported we have 69 members including 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the bank account has more than \$5,000.00, which does not include the money designated for charity donations. Financially the club is in good shape.

Safety Officer - Vince reminded us that we, as a collective group, are doing a good job staying safe. Make sure to keep it that way.

Field Manager - Ron Rueter mentioned possible repairs to the lawn mower. He located a mechanic on Camano Island who made a preliminary assessment. The range is about \$60 to replace the head gasket, to \$1,200 - 1,300 to replace the block. Ron stated he would be willing to contribute his labor in dismantling the engine. Kevin Craft offered his machining expertise should the engine need some heavy duty work.

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, but we need to get it going again.

Pilot training - About the same as last month: There are 6 individuals in training, 2 inactive and 2 MIA (no one has heard from for a while)

Sound Management - Same report as last month: A sound reading was taken on the lawn mower. The results were 94 db without the blades engaged 107 db with blades engaged. Now all we need to do is add some wings... The AMA recommendation is 90 dBa. Most of our airplane engines average around 92 or 93 which is good for protecting our hearing.

Website - Ron Swift...Ron suggested that anyone undertaking a building (airplane of course) project has the opportunity to gain some visibility through our web site. Begin to take pictures along the journey and document what you do. Then, send the pictures and information in to Ron. Some significant amount of time has passed since we've updated our pictures on the web.

Old Business

Charities - We still need to distribute the \$1,000 to Hopelink and \$1,000 to Children's Hospital. Sandy is going to work this with her connection at Hopelink.

Regarding the September 14th Open House Theme - "Old-Timer's" Day, several visitors mentioned hearing about the Buzzards. It is great that word is getting out and people recognize us and what we are about. This was a successful event.

Shed security - A member mentioned concern about the security of the club shed. Some discussion centered on installing an alarm. Then, we would need to notify the neighbors around the field that we did have an alarm installed. In case the alarm would be set off, one of the neighbors would notify one of us. The decision was to leave the shed in its current state.

Resurrecting involvement with Cub Scouts and Scouts - Ron Swift has been in conversation with the Mayor of Duvall exploring the possibility of re-engaging with the Scouts. Ron will follow-up and let us know the status of this community effort. Fred Hanquet mentioned being in contact with another group of individuals as well with no recent response.

New Business

Chet brought up the 2009 Northwest Model Hobby Expo to be held February 6-8. This event will be held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. Discussion took place about how many tables to try to get and a plan for manning the tables. The proposal was to have four tables: two for the swap meet two for the club booth for promo materials and displays. The club will try to secure a more centralized location rather than on the side toward the back of the building. Currently, we do not know what the cost will be for tables or booth.

A motion was made to proceed with being involved in the Expo and securing booth/tables. The ensuing discussion did highlight the need for members to commit to supporting this event. The majority of members enthusiastically agreed to support. The motion was seconded and passed. There will be a sign up sheet available at the next meeting for those interested in supporting the booth and swap tables.

Sandy still has some really cool hats, shirts, and sweatshirts. They have the club logo and sell for \$18-\$20. Sweatshirts are around \$25. Jackets are \$80+. Of course one has to add tax...

Ron suggested we think about having a "Freeze-In" event in January. Think about what that means and if you want to participate.

Builder's Contest

Tonight kicked off the annual builder's competition. The fee is \$10 per plane to enter. There was some discussion regarding the categories: Stick built, kit, and Almost Ready to Fly (ARF). These seemed to be the general categories. At first glance, the availability of kits seems to be diminishing and more ARFs are on the market than ever before. The prices of ARF kits have become very competitive with buying a kit with plans, wood and hardware. None-the-less, if you are interested in participating contact our treasurer Rick Hanners and surrender your \$10 dollars.

Judges - Several people volunteered to be judges for the builder's contest at its conclusion. Fred Hanquet, Jay Wellan, Rick Hanners, and Vince Bell will be the judges. Thanks guys!

Chet explored the idea of revising our prizes. He proposed having plaques made with a picture: one for first place, one for second place, and one for third place. The motion was made, seconded, and passed. Now, we have to come up with a design....

Nominations for 2009 Club Officers

Chet opened the floor for club officer nominations beginning with President. The current nominations are as follows:

President - Chet Blake

Vice-President - Marvin Walden & Ron Rueter

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Nominations for the Dave Weber "Special Service Award" are as follows:

Fred Hanquet

Jim Reynolds

Ron Rueter

Jim Wallis

Monthly Program for October

Ron Swift addressed the topic of engine repair and maintenance. He presented several "live" examples of fine, and not so fine, engine specimens. Ron also directed our attention to the wealth of information available on the web.

Ron clearly articulated the process for removing and replacing engine bearings. Examples of engine parts were passed around so everyone could see, first hand, the difference between old worn parts, cleaned up parts and shiny new parts. He described the process for dismantling the engine and proposed a method for accounting for all of the pieces using a high tech card board lid. Included in the demonstration was a display of relevant tools one needs to successfully accomplish the transformation.

Ron did a great job with this presentation. Thank you Ron!

The meeting was officially adjourned at precisely 8:28 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday November 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at Alf's in Monroe.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary