

October 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. 19 members were present. The next meeting will be on November 9, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. There were no guests or visitors present. He made sure to thank all who attended.

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officer's reports.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

Vice President - Jim Reynolds commented that events were done for the year. He also reminded everyone about the annual "Freeze-In" scheduled for January 8th.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners was absent. Chet reported that the Buzzards have around \$5,500.00 in the bank.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 63.

Safety Officer - Vince stated that everyone is doing pretty good.

Field Manager - Jay was absent. Chet commented that the time is near to think about moving the mowers. However, with the warm and wet weather we've been having, the grass is still growing, which requires us to continue mowing, at least for a while longer.

A reminder was made to not overfill the mower engines with oil! A member commented that a couple of times when checking the oil level, oil was all the way up the dip stick to the top. When checking the oil, make sure the mower is level and add only enough oil as indicated by the "full" mark on the dip stick. The entire club, not to mention the mower engine, really appreciates your due diligence in this matter.

Newsletter - Ron Swift mentioned he is preparing the web site to accept videos. Secretary's edit: Now we can all witness those astral, or less than stellar, flying moments.

Old Business

The Valley Food Bank was very appreciative to receive our donations. These donations help to keep food stocked. During the economic downturn the food bank has struggled to maintain adequate supplies. What we've done is to help to ensure some of the food items are on the shelves. Thanks Buzzards for all you do!

Ron Swift did have plaques for Chet to hand out to the winners of the combat and fun fly events. Chet congratulated the winners who were present and handed out the appropriate plaques.

New Business

Sound issues at the field. Over the course of a couple of years it seems the noise our airplanes produce has generated interesting conversations among us and with a specific neighbor. A lively conversation ensued regarding how best to manage our perceived issue. The club did not agree on what is the actual problem, which makes it difficult to solve. However, the club did decide to continue monitoring sound through taking engine sound readings (of course the engine has to be running) and recording those in a log. At least in this way, we show we're doing what we can and have a record.

We, as club members, do desire to be good neighbors. We do work with various youth organizations, namely the Boy Scouts, to encourage interest in the R/C airplane hobby.

In other new business Brian Taylor's wife proposed an idea for our annual Christmas pizza dinner at Alfy's (December 14th). She recommended the wives provide dessert and bring a "white elephant" gift for a gift exchange. She is organizing this effort. However, each of you Buzzards, can also communicate with your wife about the proposal.

Nominations for 2011 Club Officers

Chet announced the official start of club officer nominations for 2011. The following nominations were made:

President - Brian Reightley

Vice Pres - Jim Reynolds

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasure - Rick Haners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award - Chet Blake

Announcements

Congratulations to John Rennert for soloing today (Oct, 12). Chet suggested we start recognizing our members who solo by providing them a plaque.

Remember to visit the Barnyard Buzzard website for information.
Event Calendar

Presentation/Program

Ron Rueter had a really cool charger that he wanted to show and tell. The path to getting to the charger was listening to him describe, "What you need to know," about batteries. Ron constructed an excellent and easy to follow presentation. We can all benefit from there valuable insights. Thank you Ron!

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at Alfy's in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425) 788-6045.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.