

September 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on September 1, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at Barnyard Buzzards- flying field in Monroe.

He welcomed the 23 members, who were present to the last meeting at our current field. The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 6, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza along Rt 2 in Monroe.

President Chet Blake made the usual opening salutations, welcoming everyone. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. There were no new guests.

Chet asked for a motion to accept the August minutes as presented in the September newsletter. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and voted on. The minutes were accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Ron Rueter

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake presented the highlights of the last 30 days beginning with the Combat event held Sunday August 9th. Three individuals participated. Consequently, there were three place winners: Jack Peel - 1st, Dean Appell - 2nd, and Tom Fixel 3rd. Nice job guys!

A couple of weekends ago (August 23rd) was the second Fun Fly of the season. This attracted about 10 pilots. Ron Swift reported that the winners were as follows: Jack - 1st, Randy - 2nd, and Ray - 3rd. Ron went on to report the winners of the field box competition. In the heavy category Ron Swift took 1st, Dick in 2nd, and Jack 3rd. In the lightweight category Ray Ackenhauser took 1st, Randy Turner 2nd, and Dean Appell 3rd. These are some well prepared guys. If you come to the field needing to repair or correct something on your airplane, it is great if one of these guys are around.

The Barnyard Buzzards Newsletter is now available on-line. The move away from mailing out hard copies toward providing the newsletter electronically allows the club to save money in postage. State of the field. Chet briefly recapped the meeting the board had with Dale, our current land owner. An email was subsequently sent to the club members highlighting the content of that meeting. Thanks to Rick Hanners for constructing this message and Chet Blake for sending it out. There are several options the club board is investigating. The

word is out to all club members to be on the lookout for any possible field locations. The club's shed and field equipment storage was a concern. Dale, our current landowner, is willing to let these things remain while we look for another field. Maintaining our current field is a good way for perspective landowners to see what a field looks like.

Vice President - Ron Rueter talked about the magazine, RC Report, which is now available on-line at www.rcreport.net. One can view the current copy on-line free. If you want to be able to download a PDF copy the subscription rate is \$24.95. If you want access to past copies in the archives the rate is \$29.95.

Ron commented on the two potential field sites on the Davison property. Ron thought the piece of land south of the penitentiary was a better location than the one located in the Fryelands area. The Fryelands area is closer in proximity to other clubs. Steve Davison was checking with Snohomish County regarding any requirements pertaining to a having a model airplane club on a piece of property.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 70 members. As a reminder the club is moving to direct members- attention to the barnyard-buzzards website to read the current and past newsletters. 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 Remote Control Hobbies store in Woodinville and other venues.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,613.17 in the bank. This amount does not include the \$1,0433.55 collected for charity. Rick mentioned what the club might be able to afford moving to a new field site. He said we could live with spending about \$1,500.00 annually with the current member dues rate of \$60.00 per person. At the conclusion of 2010 we could re-evaluate how well we did and decide if we needed to raise dues, or not.

Safety Officer - Vince suggested that when the club does move it will take some time before the safety barriers are in place, so be safe. Sometimes one should consider using safety goggles when operating a running plane in new un-refined locations. The prop can stir up stuff and fling it into your face. Vince also reminded us that one of his students is wheel chair bound and to be considerate. This includes providing table space close to where he parks. If you so desire, you can help Ray carry his plane, etc., to the table. Also, just be aware of where he is.

Field Manager - Jay Bell mentioned the port-a-potties have recently been serviced. While we are still flying at this field, it is important to maintain our mowing schedule.

Old Business

The lean-to proposal and striping the field activity are tabled for now. The December club meeting and Christmas Family Pizza at Alfys will remain the same this year.

New Business

Ron Swift presented the motion to have the Barnyard Buzzards take on the responsibility for set-up and tear-down for the February 2010 Northwest Model Hobby Expo in Monroe. Included in this event would be managing the indoor Fun Fly. Any donations received would go to the club. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. Ron Swift suggested the idea of another annual Freeze-In to be the first Saturday in January 2010 (January 5, 2010). The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Ron Swift offered the idea to investigate an auction in cooperation with a couple of other clubs in the area. Individuals could bring their planes, building materials, etc., to auction. The proceeds would go to the individual whose item was sold. The timeframe would be sometime during the Spring 2010. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Announcements

Kim Volz thanked all who showed up for the Jets over Whidbey conducted the last weekend of August: Friday the 28th through Sunday the 30th. Some commented how much they enjoyed the experience of witnessing first had the preparation and flying of these expensive, but cool models.

Barnyard Buzzard Merchandise - Sandy has done a remarkable job expanding her product line: mugs, -T- shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and jackets. She also has taken on the job of making up the trophy plaques

we present to winners of events. Contact Sandy for more information at 425-788-9824, or www.duvallsdazzlingdesigns.com .

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

The Northwest Model Hobby Expo: The dates are February 12, 2010 through February 14, 2010.

Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers will be hosting a Scale Masters National Championship September 9 through 13th. For more information go to the following web site. www.redappleflyers.org/Events.html

Evening Program

Brian Taylor presented his covering techniques and lessons using Sig Koverall fabric. This is a light weight polyester based fabric that shrinks with heat. Check out some more information regarding this phenomenal material www.sigmf.com/IndexText/SIGKV001.html.

Thank you Brian for sharing your experiences with covering.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:55ish PM. The next meeting is Tuesday October 6, 2009 at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger, BBMAC Secretary.