



# Buzzard Droppings



Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Event Schedule...



Watts of Power!

### President's Message — Steve Higgins

Hello Buzzards!

Wow, It's January! Hopefully, the skies will clear, and the wind will be calm in 2024! I would like to thank everyone for the honor of serving as your Secretary for the last two years, and now I'm excited to serve as President,

When I joined the Barnyard Buzzards in 2019, finding a safe place to fly was always challenging. Not only did I find a great place to fly, but I also found a great group of people who share the same interests and are a blast to fly

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### December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Steve Higgins

Mark Weeks called them meeting to order @ 6:34 pm

Introduction of Officers and guests: 12 members, 1 New Member (Ryan Allen) and six guests.

Guests:

- Sandy DuVall (Ron Swift's wife)
- Sharon Beba (Ron Beba's wife)
- Chris Bell (Vince Bell's wife)
- Jenny (Rich Cooks's wife)

Linda (Walts Drechsler's wife)  
Denise (Bart Bixel's wife) Bart's wife.

Officers:

- President – Mark Weeks
- Vice President – Ron Swift
- Secretary – Steve Higgins
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Vince Bell

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### 2024 Club Officers and Contacts

President: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Secretary: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Safety Officer: Michael Conniff (206) 914-9270

Field Management: Mark Weeks & Volunteers (425) 328-5705

Vice President: Jay Wellan (206)930-7933

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



with! When you are out at the field, remember how lucky we are to have a place and so many great people to fly with!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please get in touch with me or anyone on the board, and we will do our best to address any concerns or questions you may have..

Mark Weeks is making some great progress working on the new website. I took a look at it this morning, and it looks great! If you want to look, here is the address <https://bbmac.club>. This is just a test site; once the new

site is ready, it will replace what is at [bbmac.net](http://bbmac.net). If you have any photos of interest, please share them with Mark or Ron, and we'll get them on the web or in the newsletters.

We have the Freeze In coming up on the 6th of January, I hope to see everyone out braving the cold and hopefully dry the first Saturday of the year!

I hope to see everyone at the field

-Steve Higgins



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Minutes from November meeting approval: Motion was made, 2nd and passed.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President:** Covered In old and new business.

**Vice President:** Ron went over the drinks/pizzas for the party meeting.

Sandy Duvall, Sharon Beba, and Chris Bell worked to arrange the room, pizzas, and treats for the Christmas Party. Thank You for your work!

We need to thank Alfys for letting us have our meetings there. So please be kind to them so we can keep using their space!

It looks like Jay Wellan will be the new Vice President. The Freeze-In is coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January starting at 10:00 am. We need to ensure we fill the propane canisters before the event. We will follow up with more information on the Freeze-In in the coming weeks. [Mark said Jay was aware...]

**Secretary:**

We currently have 49 members.

Two members were removed from the Barnyard Buzzards Roster.

One was removed at his request as some personal commitments have taken his free time. He asked if anyone would be willing to build his Assassin Wing for a fee. If anyone is interested in doing so, let me know and I'll put you in touch with him.

The other member was removed due to chronic AMA Membership issues and has not addressed

messages asking to bring his AMA membership current.

Two more members have recently fallen into AMA Membership trouble. They have been notified as of this morning.

Note that 17 members' AMA expire in December or January. Please ensure you update your AMA. If you do, a message to the club secretary informing them that you updated your AMA can be helpful.

**Treasurer:**

Dart is under the weather, so Brian Rightley filled in for him.

"We haven't spent much since the last meeting. "

**Safety Officer:**

Vince hasn't been out to the field for a while. We have had no reports of issues or injuries.

Keep in mind that your batteries do not like the cold weather. Keep them warm if you can. Make sure you allow for shorter flight times with the cooler batteries.

It was noted that the morning frost makes the roads a bit slippery, so drive carefully.

**Field Manager:**

With the past week's rain and flooding across the roads, it is incredibly wet the farther you get off the main field and runway.

Use the safety system we have in place and the Buddy System.

Use the radios when you can. Just note the radios were not plugged into the charging docks correctly. A few weeks ago, they were all dead. Please ensure you get the radio to sit correctly in the cradle and the radio is turned off; otherwise, they do not charge properly.

Cub Cadet needs some work. Volunteers? It looks like a bearing block has frozen.

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**Newsletter Editor:**

Ron brought Copies of the newsletter. If you have pictures, send them to Ron Swift or Mark Weeks.

If you have time, please go to BBMAC.Club, this is the new website test location. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Mark Weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Buzzards Club Officer and Special Service Award Election Winners:

- President:** Steve Higgins
- Vice President:** Jay Wellen
- Secretary:** Mark Weeks
- Treasurer:** Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer:** Michael Conniff

**Special Service Award:**

Brian Douma

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Temp power pole installation:* Michael, Brian, and Mark installed the box.

*The yard light* has arrived and needs installation, along with some wrap-ups.

Then the Rangers will approve and get PUD to come out and activate.

*The awnings* are down. Thank you, Jason and Michael.

*Still working on Web page updates:* Check it out and drop me an e-mail as to what you like and do not like. Also, is there anything you would like to see?

Thanks to Kevin for offering to help me with some of the more challenging parts I have not figured out yet.

*Freeze-In* arrangements are all taken care of. We will send more information in the coming weeks.

Jay Wellan is having surgery today, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Word has it that he's planning on flying on Saturday, if the weather is good!

For this year, Mark Weeks proposes that we get a gift for the Rangers' help. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and discussed. The motion was voted on and passed to buy two \$100.00 gift cards as a gift for all their help this year.

Mark Weeks thanked Ron Swift and Vince Bell for working as club officers in 2023.

Mark also thanked everyone for all their hard work to improve the field and keep the club a fun place.

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Jason brought an SE5A Micro Aces Small scale RC plane.

It is made of foam and was impressive. He plans to build and fly it at the Freeze-In in January.

Kit website: <https://microaces.myshopify.com/en-us>

**PROGRAM: Club Christmas Party**

Again, thank you to Sandy DuVall, Sharon Beba and Chris Bell for helping to organize the party!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 7:10 pm





# 2023 Christmas Party





# 2024 Barnyard Buzzards Freeze-In





# Upcoming Events

Most events will be starting at 10:00 am at our club field (see page 9) for a map. More details will be sent before each event thru email and our club website <https://bbmac.net> The events and dates will be decided during this coming meeting. Come on out to help with the choices and time.

Our club meetings and events are open to everyone. Please join us if you're interested in radio control flying and learning and/or teaching is of interest to you. Lots of new technology has changed our hobby in many ways and can be intimidating. We have members with experience with U control, rc aircraft, drone, rc boats, r/c cars and more. Come on out and join us.

## Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Hello Buzzards.

Let me start by saying thank you for the honor of being your safety officer.

I'd also like to give my thanks to Vince Bell, our outgoing safety officer.

Thank you, Vince, for your time and consideration for our club.

I hope to perform my duties to your satisfaction.

I hope you all will bear with me as I learn the ropes in communicating safe practices in using remote control vehicles.

For my first topic, I want to touch base on communication.

Let's make sure to vocalize our intentions at all aspects of flying. From warning others of your intention, for entering and departing the runway, to your intentions on landing and from which direction.

In the event that you are having problems, voice your concern so others are aware. This may be out of control take offs or landing due to equipment failure, a gust of wind tossing your plane off course, or just dumb thumbs.

Everyone makes mistakes, I've had my share.

It's what you do to prevent possible harm to others.

If you see a safety issue that needs to be addressed or want to report an accident, please reach out to me.

Have fun, Fly safe!

Michael Conniff  
Safety Officer





# 2024 Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

FAA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ FCC License: \_\_\_\_\_

RC Frequencies:  2.4 GHz  72 MHz  50 MHz  5.8 GHz  27 MHz Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Modeling Experience (including other current and previous club memberships)  
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Primary Interest / Skills: (please check all that apply. Thank you!)  
 Building  Flying  Electronics  Covering  Painting  Experimental  
 Teaching  Event/Contest Director  Contest Judge  Want to learn  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Flying/Modeling Types:  
 Sport Flying  Pattern  3D  Quads  Helicopters  Competing in Events  
 Gliders  Crawlers  Excavators  Tanks  Boats  Sea Planes  
 Submarines  Scale  Glider Tug/Hi Start  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Full Membership is \$100.00 a year. Additional Family Member is \$50.00. Student Membership is \$30.00. Dues are due by the end of the March club meeting. Send your check, application form, and copy of your AMA membership to:  
Mark Weeks (Club secretary)  
3302 Lake Drive  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258  
Mark@weeksnetwork.org  
Thank you for your interest in RC!

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the AMA and club safety rules, By-Laws, and regulations governing club flying and regulated activities. I will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities in the Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC).

In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the flying/modeling site, which is for bodily injury, illness or death, or for property damage. Caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA Card Verified By \_\_\_\_\_



# Mark's Work on Our New Website



## Welcome to BBMAC

Model Airplane Club

### Some of what we do

While we are an RC Airplane Club we do so much more!



#### RC Flying Field

Our grass runway is over 60 feet wide and a 450 feet long. With an ample flying area. And the scenery can't be beat



#### Trucks and Tanks

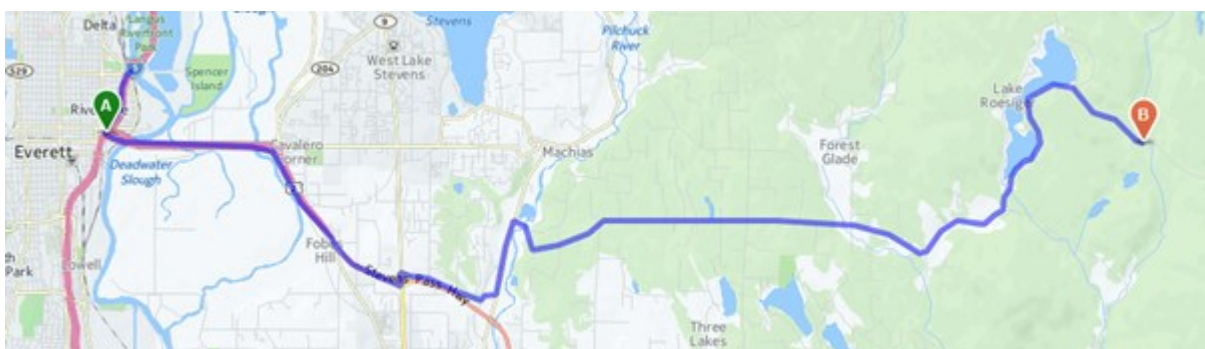
A dirt 1/10 scale short course track and a tank battle area are also at our field.

[READ MORE](#)

#### RC Crawlers

We are developing a 1/10 scale crawler area for those days when the wind makes it hard to fly.

[READ MORE](#)







# 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Camp Edward and the Hanner's Memorial Field are located north of Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek Road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

**If you go the left as shown by MapQuest**, make sure you take the next right to stay on Woods Creek Road. Then stay to the left at the intersection where Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop.

Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going. Turn right at the "T" intersection at Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, staying on South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesiger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see our club sign and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the right. It seems complicated, but once you come out, you'll see it is an easy drive....



## Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting



**Upcoming Club Meeting**  
Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe, WA  
**A plan for our event schedule.**

# Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer all members free lessons to learn how to build models and to fly them. If you should have any questions about the club, flight instruction or membership requirements, call any of the club officers or the instructors. We have a safety checklist available.

**Current Flight Instructors:**  
Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989  
Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808





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**Program: Events Planning**



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