



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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AMA Chapter 2953 **Barnyard Buzzards** Model Airplane Club Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Surprise Discussion



President's Message — Steve Higgins

On the 6th of January, we held our first event of the year, we had a pretty good turnout and it wasn't too cold, at least it wasn't as cold as it was the two weeks after the Freeze-In. Most of us managed to get in a few flights in between the raindrops so it was a good day.

On the 13th of February we have our meeting at Alfy's Pizza at 6:30 pm I hope to see you all there. We are going to attempt to show the new website. Let's hope that we can figure out what's going on with the TV.

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January 9th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM
President Steve introduced the club officers:

- President – Steve Higgins
- Vice President – Jay Wellan
- Secretary – Mark Weeks (Absent)
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

12 Club members were in attendance –We had 2 visitors, Rick and his son. They are looking to get into the hobby. Welcome!

No corrections to the Minutes as published. Motion to accept minutes as published were seconded and passed.

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2024 Club Officers and Contacts

President: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

Vice President: Jay Wellan (206)930-7933

Secretary: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

Treasurer: Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989

Safety Officer: Michael Conniff (206) 914-9270

Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



At the January meeting, we discussed and approved the 2024 event schedule. This is posted here:

<https://bbmac.club/2024-buzzards-event-schedule/>

This link is for the test site, Mark expects to have this done and live soon.

I hope to see you all out at the field or the club meetings

Steve.



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OFFICER REPORTS

President: Steve asked if Mark and Bryan would still tag-team as field manager and Mark still be the Web Master.

Vice President – Jay reported that the Freeze-In went great. Mark and Steve’s wives provided chili. Mark, also, cooked hotdogs. The food was great and really hit the spot and cut through the misty afternoon

Secretary – We have 51 members, and 22 who have paid for the 2024 year.

Treasurer – We are in good financial standing. AMA bills have been paid, and we still have money in the bank. A reminder that dues are due but there is a grace period until the end of the March meeting.

Safety Officer – Things are really going well on the safety front with no issues. Make sure that you are using your callouts and that they are heard. Michael shared an experience where another flyer did do the call out, but Michael was far enough away that he did not hear it clearly due to engine noise. It’s a good idea when you hear a call out you repeat it.

Field Manager – The power pole is up! We are waiting for an inspection from the Rangers to get PUD to hook up power. The Rangers are shooting for the end of the month. Once that is up, we must wait a bit to get power out to the clubhouse. There is some garbage in the container, and we are looking for volunteers to remove the boxes and trash/junk.

Newsletter Editor – Hard copies available, always interested in pics and articles. If you have anything to share, pictures and or articles, please send to Mark and Ron so they can get published in both newsletter and web page.

Webmaster – Please check out the BBMAC test website and provide some feedback, if you can. Is there anything that you would like to see?

OLD BUSINESS

Cub cadet needs some work. Volunteers still needed, Looks like a bearing block has frozen. Jason, Walt, and Mark have volunteered to fix. We still have a little time before it will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Event Schedule.

We have thinned out the 2024 Club Event Schedule:

The board has decided to recommend cancelling these four events:

- Family Picnic/Open House
- Combat Event
- Heli Event
- Warbirds over Camp Edwards.

These events haven’t been attended well in the last two years. In the future, the warbird, combat, and Heli events can be run as “Pop-Up” events. If interested in running one of these events, let Jay Wellan know, and it can be scheduled through the Forum on the new website. Hopefully, it’ll be live soon.

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See the new Scheduled Events on Page 5

- Car Race series will start 2nd Saturday in March and continue until October. More to come
- Umx-Ultrix and Full-Size Ultrix Pylon Racing will also be run as "Pop-Up" events. I will try to finish the rules and setups by the end of February.
- Events with the Asterisk next to the name are events where food will be provided.
- Club members will be able to camp at the field from September 1st of 2024 to September 8th. More to come as the time gets closer. We moved this up in the schedule to take advantage of better weather than last year and Labor Day weekend.
- We were asked to put together some detailed rules on car racing, so that if someone wanted to participate, they would know the rules and what is expected.
- Jay proposed getting some roll-out turf so planes with smaller wheels could take off much more easily. There was some lively discussion of the matter, and it was suggested

that we should investigate this going forward. Jay said that he would go ahead and get a roll of turf.

PROGRAM:

Website Preview (postponed due to TV Issues)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.





Photos For Fun





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.

Proposed Date	Event	Information
January 6th 2024	Annual Freeze-In	A Great way to start the New Year. Get out and Fly
April 12th – 14th	NW Hobby Expo	At the Fairgrounds im Monroe! Club Booth, Swap tables and a great time to meet and greet.
April 27th	Spring Work Party	Time to give the field boost and make a few new improvements
May 7th	Builders Contest	Been building over the winter show off you skills. Held at the Buzzards Meeting
May 18th	Gliders	Come join us for a day of catching thermals. High-Start, Electrogliders and more!
June 8th	Boats-n-Floats	Out first chance at the lake. Boats, Floats, and even Subs are welcome.
June 22nd	Tanks	Jason puts on a fantastic event don't miss this one.
July 13th	Annual Charity Auction	Lets raise money for the club's charity.
July 27th	Fun Fly	Annual Fun Fly, Super Fun Events planned
September 1-8th	Buzzards Camp	Not spending enough time at the field? Here is your chance.
September 7th	Night Fly #2	Need to light up the sky again!
September 21st	Boats-n-Floats #2	We get a second chance at the lake.
October 5th	Gliders #2	Thermals will be harder to find, so a more challenging event for sure.
November 12th	Rebuilders Contest	Did you have a mishap this past year and were able to rebuild? Show your skills! (Meeting Night)
December 10th	Christmas Party	Christmas party and gift exchange. Meeting night after elections
March – October	Car/Truck Racing Season	A short course racing series on the 2nd Saturday each month. 12:00 Start time.





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

Deciding on topics to talk about has its pitfalls. There are so many things that our hobby demands for a safe environment.

Last month, I wrote about communicating your intentions on the field and how other members on the flight line should respond so that the pilot knows that he has been heard. During our "Freeze-In" event, I was involved in a near miss (hit?).

This caused me to think that it might be a good idea to touch base on this subject a little further.

I was flying in the area in front of me over the runway. Another flyer had called out that he was landing. I did not hear him because at the same time as him calling out, a vehicle was leaving. The noise from the vehicle muted out his voice. I'm pleased to say that it turned out okay as both of us saw the imminent crash and avoided it.



If you hear someone call out and notice another flyer not paying attention to that call out or not replying, please add your voice to help ensure a safe flying experience. Some of our pilots do have some hearing impairment so a little help would be great.

Safe flying involves everyone being aware of what others are doing. Not just what you are doing. Let's work together to keep accidents and injuries from happening.

I am not aware of any injuries or aircraft mishaps. If you experience or witness a mishap or, worse, an injury, please reach out to me at my number posted in this newsletter.

Have fun, fly safe!





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)

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

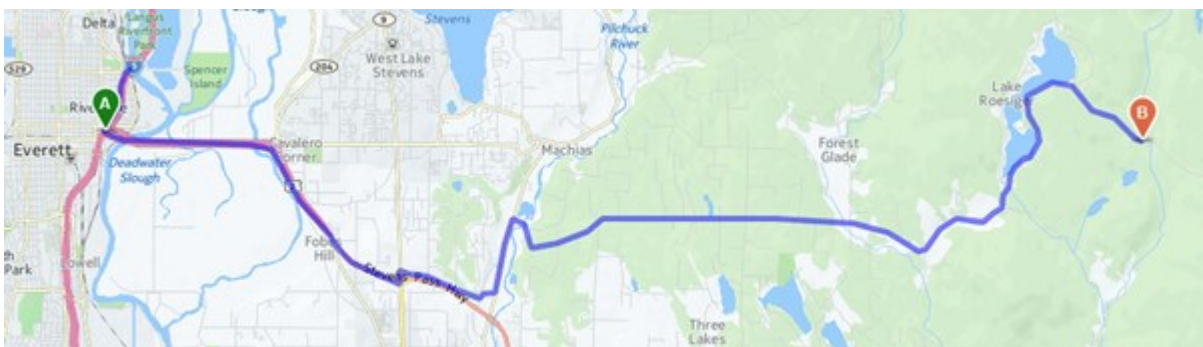
A dirt 1/10 scale short course track and a tank battle area are also at our field.

[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....



Upcoming Club Meeting
Our next club meeting is Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 PM at the Alfys Pizza in Monroe, WA

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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