



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, March 12th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Always A Surprise!



President's Message — Steve Higgins

Hello Barnyard Buzzards! February is behind us. I know the weather will get better. It just can't happen soon enough as we get closer to springtime. Haven't flown much in the past few weeks due to the quality of the weekend weather!

We have a pretty busy month coming up.
Race Day #1 RC Car Racing on March 9th (12pm),
The Night Fly on the 16th of March (6 pm),
Crawler Climb on the 30th of March (10 am).

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February 13th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

13 members and 1 guest, Doug Hoff.

- President – Steve Higgins
- Vice President – Jay Wellen
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

Minutes from January meeting approval: Paul Dibble questioned the wording regarding *cancelled vs. not yet scheduled* regarding events that still need to be added to the event schedule. January's meeting minutes will be changed to reflect "

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2024 Club Officers and Contacts

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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



We have been busy in the field; thanks, guys, for all your hard work; you know who you are! Over the past couple of weekends, we have reconfigured the car track and gate entrance.

The gate entrance was reconfigured to allow for easier entry and exit to the field, especially for club members with larger vehicles. A nice bonus is that you can see the Barnyard Buzzards sign when the gate is closed as you round the corner at the top of the hill.

On the weekend of the February 24th they also put some work into the car track. They have laid out the car track that removed most of the "Dead" space and makes more space for racing. This also opened up about 150+ square feet of space for the tank area.

Michael and I ran a few laps on the 24th; it's much more room and a bit faster, so this summer's car racing should be fun!

During last month's business meeting, the

membership discussed and approved buying a race time kit for when we run our monthly car races. This was purchased, and we have started to set it up. Below is a picture of the timing loop gate:

This gate is set up on wheels so we can open and close it when not in use. The sensor system will be attached to the underside of the swinging gate for ease of installation. Two Faux walls open up to allow the gate to open or close. For those interested in racing, the club does have sensors for sale; Michael will have the timing sensors for purchase (\$30.00) at the next business meeting, and we can order more if there is more demand for these sensors as we go forward.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 6:30 pm; as usual, the meeting will be held in one of the banquet rooms at Alfys Pizza in Monroe. I hope to see you all there!



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Not yet Scheduled" with changes noted, the motion to accept was approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President:

Jay reminded everyone that the Night Fly will be held on March 16th Event's official start time will be 6:00 pm.

Secretary:

Mark reported that we currently have 51 members, 26 whom have already paid. He also reminded everyone that dues must be paid by the end of March's meeting

Treasurer:

Dart reported that we are currently in good shape and all bills are paid.

Field Manager:

Mark reported that the power pole permit was

approved and we are waiting for PUD to come to hook things up. Thanks to Michael for dumping some of the cardboard from the container. He asked for volunteers of a couple of guys to take on the task of organizing the container. We are also looking for a couple of hardwood cabinets for the clubhouse. Uppers preferably. Also reported that the power inverter to charge the container batteries had died. Steve has already replaced it with a spare we had onsite.

Newsletter Editor:

Ron had hard copies for those who wanted one. He also asked for photos and stories if you have them.

Website Editor:

New website is up and running. BBMAC.NET should be redirected early next week. Both BBMAC.Club and BBMAC.NET will get you to the same place.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Car Racing Rules:

Mark passed out a copy of the proposed rules. Dart made a motion for the club to purchase a timer system from "Track Mate" for \$550.00 to be used for the Truck/Car race track to assist in making the event better. There was a second and discussion followed. Questions asked were how to handle the transponders and costs involved. The club will purchase the starter set and sell the transponders for \$30.00 each to those who want to enter the event. This will help recoup some of the costs. Mark will rewrite the rules to include the timer system, but for the 1st event that will be on March 9th we will run a score event as we did last year.

Website:

Steve was able to get the TV screen and shared the new BBMAC website. We went through the layout and asked for comments or ideas. Mark will start the process of combining the web addresses so when you go to BBMAC.NET or BBMAC.CLUB it will take you to the new website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning For the April Work Party:

Some of the items that we are looking to do

are:

- Setting up the awnings
- Organize the container
- Weed-wack the general area: Entry area, Parking hill and upper parking/ Crawler area
- Repair flight tables and stations
- Change gate configuration allowing larger vehicles to have better access.

With the website going live soon, the mowing schedule will be updated there. It's live now. Ken asked if it would be ok for him to do some testing with his jet engines No Flying just testing. After some discussion he will notify Bryan or Mark so they can give the Rangers a heads up as the Engines are loud. Ken has agreed to give some notice so we can send something to membership in case they would like to come watch.

Program: None

Sharing: Nothing tonight

ADJOURNMENT:
7:19pm





RC Track Redo & Upgrade





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

March has arrived. And with it comes warmer weather, nicer conditions, and events starting up.

We're getting antsy as the outlook is brighter to head out to the field.

This means that it's time to check your equipment out. Check your batteries to see how they've faired over the winter break.

Especially those Spektrum Smart batteries. The self discharging batteries. If you find a dead Spektrum, as I have, there are YouTubes on how to resurrect them. It doesn't always work, however, it's worth a try.

Make sure to do this in an area where you are not going to damage anything in case of the battery igniting. I set up on a an outdoor table.

Use a battery bag if you have them. Accidents happen.

Also, look over your battery connectors, ser-

vos and linkage.

Lubricate what needs lubricating, check all of your fasteners and use Locktite when appropriate.

We spend a lot of money on this hobby, and it is always disappointing when a step is missed, a part comes loose, or a servo is reversed and you are taking the "walk of shame."

As of this writing, no injuries, mishaps or safety concerns have been reported.

As always, if you see something that concerns you, reach out to me.

Have fun, fly safe,
Michael Conniff
Safety Officer



Excavator, Crawler, & Climber





Well Groomed Flying Field!





2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
January 6 th 2024	Freeze-In	A great way to start the New Year. Get our and Fly
March 16 th	Night Fly	A great event to light up the sky
March 30 th	Crawler Climb	Brian and Len are working hard to have a fun and challenging event. Planned skill levels for all
April 12 th – 14 th	NW Hobby Expo	Club Booth, Swap tables and a great time to meet and greet
April 27 th	Spring Work Party	Time to give the field a boost and make a few new improvements
May 7 th	Builders Contest	Been building over the winter? Show off your skills. Held at the Buzzards Meeting
May 18 th	Gliders	Come join us for a day of catching thermals
June 8 th	Boats n Floats	Our first chance at the lake. Boats, Floats, and even subs are welcome.
June 22 nd	Tanks	Jason puts on a fantastic event don't miss this one.
July 13 th	Annual Charity Auction	Let's raise money for the club's charity
July 27 th	Fun Fly	Annual Fun Fly, Super Fun Events planned
September 1-7	Buzzards Camp	Not spending enough time at the field? Here's your chance.
Sept 7 th	Night Fly #2	Need to light up the sky again!
September 21 st	Boats n Floats #2	We get a 2 nd chance at the lake again
October 5 th	Gliders #2	Thermals will be harder to find, so a more challenging event for sure.
November 12 th	Rebuilders Contest	Did you have a mishap this past year and were able to rebuild? Show us your skills (Meeting Night)
December 10 th	Christmas Party	Christmas party and gift exchange. Meeting night after elections
March – October	Car-Truck Racing Season	A short course racing series on the 2 nd Saturday of each month. 12:00 start time

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.



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 _____



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, March 12th at 6:30 PM at the Alfy's 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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Program: Surprise Discussion



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