



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, April 9th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Always A Surprise!



President's Message — Steve Higgins

Happy Spring, Buzzards! The weather in the last few weeks has been fantastic; if you haven't had a chance to get out to the field, getting out helps knock off that Pacific Northwest winter rust.

March was a busy month! We had our first night fly of the year, and a few days ago, Len and Brian

Douma put on the crawler event; it was lots of fun and a bit slower pace than most of our events! We had a much lower turnout on the night flight than expected. I am convinced that many folks decided to do other things since it was the first 60+ weekend day of the year.

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March 12th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30pm
-Introduction of Officers and Guests: 14 Members and zero guests in attendance
President – Steve Higgins
Vice President – Jay Wellan
Secretary – Mark Weeks
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

Minutes from February meeting approval: Motion to approve - was passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:
Vice President:
Car Racing- first event went very

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2024 Club Officers and Contacts

President: Steve Higgins (206) 790-5840

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Webmaster: Mark Weeks (425) 328-5705

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

Newsletter Editor: Ron Swift (425) 765-6745



Going forward, we will have a busy schedule until October. Next up is the NW Hobby Expo at the Monroe Fairgrounds, which will be held on April 12-14th. We have the first live RC car races on the 20th of April (Noon), and on the 27th of April, we have the Spring work party.

For the weekend of April 12th—14th, any help will be appreciated by those who would like to work the booth at the expo; we can discuss this during the meeting on April 9th. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The weekend of the 20th, we have the first official heats for the RC car racing season! Mark and Michael have figured out the timing system and it is working well. We have more timing sensors left, please come out on the 20th or talk to Michael Conniff to buy one. I've noticed quite a few members at the track getting their cars set up for the summer racing season.

The weekend of the 27th we will have the spring work party. Any time you have to volunteer

to spend a couple of hours out at the field getting the field cleaned up and ready for the 2024 summer flying season will be appreciated by all. One of the things I had on the list was fixing the cadet mower. I would like to thank Jason M for getting this mower repaired.

Well, that is enough rambling for me. I hope to see you all at the field. Stay safe!



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well despite the rain. The timer system worked but still needs a little tinkering.

Night Fly- Saturday the 16th, starting at 6:00pm, BBQ will start around 5:00. The weather looks to be great so make sure you get out and attend even if you do not fly.

Crawler event - March 30th 10:00am

Secretary:

37 Paid as of meeting.

Treasurer:

Dues are due by the end of this meeting if you want to avoid a late fee/penalty. All bills paid to date.

Safety Officer:

No injuries to damage to report. Stay safe.

Field Manager:

Still waiting for PUD to energize the powerline. Two awnings have been installed, and two more to go. They will be installed on Saturday

before the Night Fly.

Although the mowing signup list is on the web, we can't mow when wet. Mark will be applying fertilizer next week and overseeding the week after. The gate has been relocated.

The Car Track has been cleaned and reconfigured.

The gate Code will be Reset on Saturday; email to follow up on its change.

Newsletter Editor:

If you have any pictures that you may have taken in the field, please send them to Ron Swift and Mark Weeks, and we will get them on the website and in the newsletter.

Website Editor:

The website is up and running; if you want an area added to the forum, let me know. As always, we can use pictures and stores for the site.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Planning for the April Work Party:

Some of the items that we are looking to do are:
 Setting up the awnings (2 done, 2 left to install)
 Organize the Container
 Weed-Wack the general area. Entry area, Parking hill, and upper parking/Crawler area
 Repair Flight Tables and Stations (need drier weather first)
 Change gate configuration, allowing larger vehicles to have better access.
 To follow up: Turbine engine testing:
 Yes, we can only test turbines, and there is no flying. Please let a board member know in advance so we can inform the rangers beforehand.

NEW BUSINESS:

Camping at the field for the June 1st Tank Event: Overnight on the 31st, no overnight on the first of June unless we have a member on site.
 Paul Dibble motioned to add the Heli event for August 10th at 10:00 am. Motion passed. Will be added to event calendar.
 Bryan Reightley brought up that he found a card showing that 10 years ago in May we

started developing our field and that we were flying off the runway in September. FAA had reset March 16th as the official remote ID date. Rumor has it that is has been extended again. If you fly at our field no ID required as we have a FRIA in place.

PROGRAM:

No program tonight

ADJOURNMENT:

7:00pm



**North West
 MODEL HOBBY** **EXPO!**

April 12 thru April 14, 2024

Everreen Fairarounds - Monroe. WA

Make sure you stop by the club booth during the NW Model Hobby Expo. We will have the Real Flight Simulator, newsletters, events list and more to share. It is fun to see what the other clubs are doing, too!
 We do have a full event calendar with many Radio Control events including the glider event, fun fly, night fly, club auction and more.
 See you there!



Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Spring has sprung. With the season comes more field activity. One of the occurrences with more people is distraction. Paying attention to what you're doing while in conversation with fellow flyers is paramount for an injury free day. Stay mindful of your propeller. An injury from a blade strike is quite often a trip to an ER. We are located quite a distance from any such place. My search shows Monroe as the closest location to our field. That would be a long, painful drive. Always remember to do what you can to prevent getting bit by your prop. My recommendations? Do any of these that fit your scenario. Unplug your motor, Take your prop off, Set up a motor cut-off switch on your transmitter,

Or just be mindful of the arc of the prop if your task requires a turning prop. Mark the ends of the propeller with red or other noticeable color.

Never reach across the prop for any reason. Walk around. It's worth it.

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
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Excavator, Crawler, & Climber









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, April 9th 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





Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9th starting at 6:30 pm

Program: Surprise Discussion



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