



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, May 14th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Always a Surprise!



SKY Remote ID of Drones

President's Message — Steve Higgins

Hello Barnyard Buzzards,
April is over.

Sure enough, as soon as I praised the weather in March, I jinxed us as it came to the weather, at least for us weekend flyers! Last month was another busy month for the Barnyard Buzzards. I want to

thank everyone who helped with the setup and manning of the club booth at the NW Model Hobby Expo. The Hobby Expo is getting busier and busier. It's nice to see it bounce back from the Covid closures. I spent about 6 hours in the

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April 9th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins called the meeting to order @ 6:31pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

13 members and 3 guests in attendance.

President – Steve Higgins
Vice President – Jay Wellan

Secretary – Mark Weeks
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Michael Conniff
Minutes from the March meeting have been approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

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2024 Club Officers and Contacts

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club booth over Friday and Saturday, and it was busy talking to people considering joining Buzzards.

This past weekend, we had our yearly spring work party. Ten of us were in not-so-good (Rain/Wind) conditions. We finished most of the "To-do" list, at least the things we could work on in the weather that we had. I want to thank everyone who had the spare time to help and Jay for cooking!

On April 20th, we had our first scored Car Race event. We had 12 racers split into two divisions based on qualifying times. The track timing system worked well, Mark and Michael have the timing system figured out. If you want to see the results from the April 20 event, go to www.bbmac.club and click on the 2024 event schedule at the bottom of the main page. This will take you to the events page, if you scroll down the list and click on the "Car-Truck Racing Season" link this will take you to the results

page. The day was a blast, especially the last race, where there is nothing like dodging spun-out cars for ten laps!

We have a busy few months ahead. At the May 14th meeting, we will be holding the Builders Contest. Make sure you bring out your new builds for all to see! May 18th is the Glider Event. Hopefully, we can get more warmth in the air and have some thermals to fly on. On May 31, we will be having our first overnight camping of the year at the field; please make sure that if you plan on camping overnight, you RSVP so we know how many will be out there and assign you a spot. Well, that is enough rambling for me! I hope to see you all at the field!

Steve



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in old/new business

Vice President

• March 30th we had our crawler event. The contest directors were Brian and Len Douma and they put on a great event. Len's wife and mother-in-law provided lunch and it was fantastic. NO one left hungry!

• The Hobby Expo is this coming weekend and we are looking for help manning the club's booth.

• April 20th is the Car race series starting at noon.

• April 27th is our spring work party. There is something for every one to do. Please help out.

Secretary

Currently we have 39 paid members. Memberships cards are out. I will be giving it a couple of weeks and then we will mail them.

Treasurer

All bills are paid and finances are in good shape.

Safety Officer

Nothing new to report. We did have a couple of planes that have crashed so always keep your eyes open.

Field Manager

• We are still waiting for PUD to energize the

powerline- We will update you when Bryan returns from vacation.

- I will be spreading fertilizer and lime this week.
- Mowing List... Please sign up if you can.
- The gate combination has been changed, so you should have received an email about it a few weeks ago.
- Please ensure you are policing your trash. Jason picked up some of the trash left from the night fly. Thanks, Jason!

Newsletter Editor

If you have any pictures that you may have taken in the field, please send them to Ron Swift or 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.

OLD BUSINESS

The Cub Mower has been repaired... Thank You, Jason Milsom

Planning for the April Work Party:

Some of the items that we are looking to do are:

- Finish setting up the awnings.

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- Install the new awning up at the track.
- Organize the container
- Weed-wack the general area, entry area, parking hill, and upper parking/Crawler area
- Treat weeds in the parking area (Torch/Weed Spray)
- Repair flight tables and stations

NW Model Hobby Expo

Volunteers to man the booth?

Sandy reported for Ron who could not attend the meeting:

She is looking for Volunteers to help setup and teardown the Expo. Setup will start on Thursday afternoon and Friday the Expo starts. She reported that there were new vendors this year and the swap tables are filling up quickly.

We also need volunteers to man the club booth. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Thanks for your help!

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason has already started posting some adverts for the Tank Event on June 1st.

Summertime Field Meetings:

We had a discussion about having the meetings at the club field during the summer months and a motion was made. The motion was defeated.

We will continue to have our club meetings at Alfys Pizza on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

PROGRAM

Trust Testing, and FAA News

Steve shared information regarding the TRUST testing and FAA rules regarding flying and marking your models. Also shared were the websites, including Drone Zone where you can register your remote ID module. Mark will add links to the website.

SHOW and TELL

Jim Stewart shared his foamy 3D plane. He found plans on the internet and increased the size 4 times. It really looks nice and he says it flies really good too.

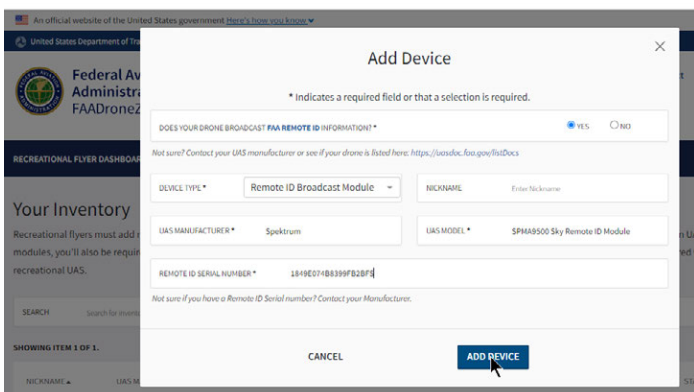
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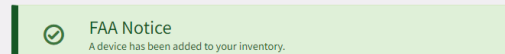


Remote Identification of Drones

A SKY device from Spectrum was ordered from AMAIN and came with instructions to register the module. Thanks Steve for the presentation! The registration for the device was pretty straight forward. I have a few other non FRIA fields I fly from, so the module is necessary when flying from them. Editor - Ron Swift



Recreational flyers must add manufacturer and model information for all UAS over 0.55 pounds that they own...



SEARCH Search for inventory

SHOWING ITEMS 1 - 2 OF 2 TOTAL ITEMS.

NICKNAME	UAS MANUFACTURER	UAS MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER	REMOTE ID	DEVICE TYPE	STATUS	ACTIONS
SIG	Rascal110			No	Homebuilt UAS	Active	⋮
	Spektrum	SPMA9500 Sky Remot...	1849E074B8399FB2BF5	Yes	Remote ID Broadcast ...	Active	⋮





Safety Corner



By Michael
Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

May is here.

Temperatures are on the rise. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, but we all know that it's like the toss of a coin. Nothing is certain. Fingers crossed, right?

Due to my mothers passing, I am going to post our Safety Rules for flying and boating as we will be having another "boats and floats" prior to our June meeting.

As always, if you've experienced a mishap or noticed a safety concern, reach out to me and let me know.

Have fun, fly safe,
Michael Conniff
Safety Officer

FIELD AND SAFETY RULES

Any full club member shall have the authority to enforce the rules herein.

If a member deliberately refuses to comply with a specific safety rule, the facts should be reported to any club officer. The incident shall then become club business and be open for discussion and any appropriate corrective action if/as deemed necessary at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. (Refer to Section 6 of the club by-laws for more details.)

The Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and below listed safety rules and regulations shall apply to all flying activity at the field, including but not limited to fixed wing aircraft, gliders, multi rotor, and helicopters. The rules/regulations are divided into three categories; operational, flying and Boat-Float.

For safety's sake, don't be bashful.

All safety rules apply at all Barnyard Buzzard facilities.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE AS TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING, OR DON'T UNDERSTAND THE

RULES,
ASK ANY MEMBER IN THE PIT AREA FOR
ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE.

Common sense and courtesy shall prevail at all times.

OPERATIONAL

1. All members and guests who operate aircraft at the field must be a member in good standing with the AMA and have in their possession a valid membership card.

2. All members and guest flyers will sign the flying log

3. All members are responsible for their guests.

4. Operation of model aircraft is limited to members in good standing and invited guests. Any and all guests must be accompanied by a club member and fully understand the field and safety rules provided to them by the member.

- Individuals may only fly free as a guest a maximum of three (3) times.

- Members are limited to one (1) guest per day.

- No more than one (1) guest in the air at a time.

- All guests will be required to sign the guest list and provide the information requested.

- (Sponsoring member and both of their AMA numbers).

5. Sponsor must remain with guest while guest is flying.

6. A muffler is required on all engines greater than .074 cu. in. displacement. REV A Last Edited 1-12-2020

7. All pilots NOT using 2.4 GHz transmitters will ensure that the current channel number is on the frequency board and is not in use. No transmitter may be turned on unless the operator has placed his/her AMA card in the appropriate frequency slot. All transmitters should be identified with an appropriate frequency flag and channel numbers.) Frequency Control is considered to be in operation at all times at the field.



8. All members are expected to keep the flying and parking areas clean and free of litter.

9. There shall be no running or horseplay in the pit or runway areas. Small children and/or animals shall not be allowed in the pit areas. All pets that present a nuisance to the safe operation of aircraft shall be leashed or confined.

10. Automobiles shall be parked in the designated area only. No personal vehicles shall be driven onto the flying field.

11. Spectators are welcome, but must remain behind the flight stations.

12. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are strictly forbidden at the flying field. This shall include all members, guests and spectators.

13. All models must comply with the Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code.

14. If any 72 MHz aircraft is "shot down" as a result of a transmitter being turned on, the individual responsible for turning on the transmitter shall be financially liable for the "shot down" aircraft provided the pilot of the airborne aircraft is flying by the rules, (i.e.- he/she has their AMA card as the first card for that frequency).

15. FPV (First Person View) flying must be done in strict accordance with the AMA rules governing FPV aircraft. AMA Document #550

16. Flying Turbine powered aircraft is not allowed. Non-Flying demonstrations of Turbine engines/airframes is allowed with proper restraint of the engine/airframe so as to not cause any damage to property or people.

17. Any flyer not complying with the Field and Safety Rules may be subject to loss of privileges at the sites.

(Refer to Section 6 of the club By-Laws for more details.)

FLYING

All new members must complete a safety flight check prior to solo flying. This check off flight must be verified by a non-sponsoring soloed member.

No student pilots may fly at the field at any time unless accompanied by a Club qualified pilot/instructor. REV A Last Edited 1-12-2020

Pilots shall not stand on the runway while flying, with exception to hand launch type aircraft, and/or, testing a new model, but only when the runway is clear.

4. Pilots are urged to use pilot station. It is recommended that pilots have spotters.

5. NO aircraft is to be flown over or behind the pit and spectator areas. High speed low passes and touch-and-go landings shall be conducted in such a manner as to prevent a potential hazard to other flyers and spectators.

6. Pilots must communicate their intentions to their fellow pilots by calling out. Good communication is more than a courtesy, it promotes safety, (i.e., "take off," "landing," "dead-stick," etc.)

7. There shall be no flying or action that will endanger any spectator or club member. Flying over or between the pit and parking area, and high-speed maneuvers in the direction of /or over the pilot stations / flight line are strictly prohibited.

8. There shall be no taxiing of aircraft behind pilot stations.

9. All hand launched aircraft shall be launched from the runway side of the pilot stations or perpendicular to the last pilot station.

10. All engine run-up operations shall also be accomplished with the airplane facing toward the runway. Pilots must ensure that no person is standing in line with the prop arc.

11. Any pilot may declare an emergency (including a dead stick). Once declared, he/she has the right-of way over all other aircraft under power. There shall be no take-offs or landings until the declared emergency has been terminated.

12. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way except as noted in an emergency situation. Pilots should announce landing intentions if others are flying.

13. No more than four (4) airplanes shall be airborne at the same time, in addition to special glider area.

A maximum of three (3) is recommended. Gliders and quads flying outside the normal flight box are exempt.

BOATING & FLOATING

1. No RC activities are permitted while boater or swimmers are utilizing the lake.

2. Any use of the 72 MHz frequencies by aircraft should be only after the flying field notice to block 72 MHz use has been posted on the frequency board. 72 MHz transmitters should be marked with channel numbers as a minimum (per AMA Safety Rules).



- 3. Surface vehicles should be limited to 75 MHz or 2.4 GHz. REV A Last Edited 1-12-2020
- 4. Notice of boat and float events must be given to scout management.
- 5. Safety (flotation) devices of appropriate specs must be available at all times while using the lake facilities.
- 6. First Aid Supplies will be available at the lake.
- 7. A rescue craft should be available for res-

- cuing vehicles .
- 8. No more than three (3) airplanes shall be airborne at the same time at the lake facility

[These rules are posted on our website <https://BBMAC.Club>]



2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
May 14 th	Builders Contest	Been building over the winter? Show off your skills. Hets 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.

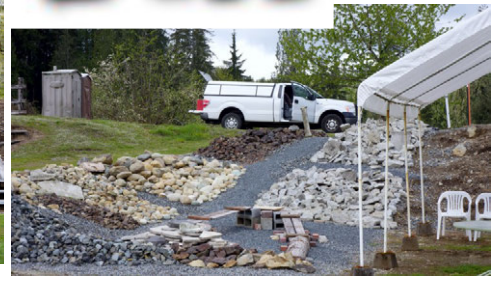


Buzzards Work Party





Photos For Fun







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, May 14th at 6:30 PM at the Alf'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, May 14th starting at 6:30 pm

Program: Surprise Discussion



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