



# 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, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

**The public is invited as always!**

**Program: Always a Surprise!**



## President's Message — Steve Higgins

Hello Buzzards!  
The spring of 2024 has been challenging, at least for the week-end flyers. Hopefully, it will start to dry out a bit, and we will have a warm, dry-flying summer. My fingers are crossed.  
As I write this, I am charging some batteries and preparing my tank for

this Saturday's tank event. It looks like we have a few folks camping, and we may even have 3 to 5 visitors for the event this weekend.  
*Our Glider (May 18th) event was a success. Despite the uncooperative weather, we managed to get in all rounds before the rain broke up*

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## April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President, Steve Higgins called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm.  
Introduction of Officers and Guests:  
We had 13 members and 0 guests in attendance.  
President – Steve Higgins  
Vice President – Jay Wellan  
Secretary – Mark Weeks  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Michael Conniff – On vacation

Minutes from the **April** meeting were approved as posted.

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### President

Contents covered in old and new business.

#### Vice President

Jay reported on the car event, it went very well.

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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**



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the fun. Brian R, Mark W, and Michael C were the top three pilots for the event. Ron Beba came out and BBQ'd burgers and dogs for everyone and we all had a great time. If you see Brian R, Jay W, and Ron B, please thank them for putting on such a great event.

You may have noticed that the power line is now connected to the pole. There are outlet plugs in the box. Just a reminder - if you plug an extension cord into the box, ensure it's not too long and doesn't draw too much amperage; too long of a cable with too much current pull can cause an overcurrent and damage to your

cord, and may possibly prematurely trip the breakers in the box.

We are looking for volunteers to mow. If you have a chance during the week, please sign up for mowing. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA4A828A2FE3-47418055-2024#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA4A828A2FE3-47418055-2024#/) Any help is appreciated.

Thank you!  
Steve Higgins



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Also, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be our spring glider event. Make sure you can attend as it is always a good time.

**Secretary**

Currently we have 43 paid members.

**Treasurer**

All bills are paid and finances are in good shape

**Safety Officer**

Nothing new to report. There was one mishap with a maiden flight but no damage occurred to anything or body except the plane itself. Just a reminder to do a good preflight and maybe even have someone watch over your shoulder to double check.

**Field Manager**

PUD has energized the powerline. We now have power to the pole.

We ask that you are mindful and do not use cords that are too long or use too light of gauge wire. A good rule of thumb would be a 12 or 10 gauge cord for 150 feet. This should allow most chargers or other small equipment to work without any issues

I will be spreading fertilizer and seed this week.

Asking for help with the mowing. It's an easy task, please sign up if you can.

We started the process of mowing the overfly area.

We need to take it slow as the area still has some wet areas.

We are looking for a laptop to use at the car track.

Steve has lent the club one of his older machines. Jason said he might have a line on one also.

**Newsletter Editor**

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

**Web Editor**

The website is up and running; the forum area is starting to get a little traction. Please post. If you have any issues, please let me know. As always, we can use pictures and stories for the site.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Buzzards "Honey Do" List**

Finish Setting up the awnings.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron Swift made a motion to get a plant for Rick Weber who recently had surgery and is now home and recovering. We wish him well. Motion was seconded and passed.

Steve brought up an idea that we do a foam group build. Flight test and others have some good plans that would be good for this. Looking at the fall timeframe. More to come.

**PROGRAM**

Builders contest. Jim Stewart brought a foam board plane as a **Show & Tell** that he found plans for on You-Tube. He did a great job upsizing 4 times.

He then made a motion that Kevin should also be included in the contest as he typically shows up at the field with 2 to 6 3D printed planes he is designing and building. It was unanimously decided that Kevin should be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jim, then took 2nd place.





# Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Well, the weather is definitely getting better. The field is looking good. The glider event went well. I believe one glider was lost.

No injuries were reported as of this writing. Let's keep it up.

As we move into summer, we're going to be enjoying more activity and comradery at the field.

Seeing familiar faces and even some new ones. We get into conversations while getting our gear out and planes and other items set up.

I noticed that while I am doing these things and talking, I sometimes get distracted from routines that I normally have no issue performing.

This is the time when I need to be more diligent in being attentive to my procedures. I fly electric, so control surfaces testing, battery minding, motor testing, and motor cut-offs are paramount for me to be diligent with.

Please stop and take the time to double-check

your equipment before launching or taking off.

I have noticed a few people are relaxing a little bit on field protocols for launching and retrieving planes.

Please shout (out loud if necessary) your intentions. And if you're present, confirm that you heard the call out. It doesn't matter if a person calls out if nobody hears it.

Also, move behind a safety fence after taking off (launching) your plane.

As always,  
Have fun, fly safe,  
Michael Conniff  
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## Hey guys!

We need your help. July 16<sup>th</sup> is our **Annual Club Charity Auction** held at our field, which is located at 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA. We need items to auction to make things interesting and to raise funds for our charity, Sky Valley Food Bank. We invite other clubs and guests to the auction as it opens up a better opportunity for distributing the donated items. With your help as a donor and auction winner, the purpose of the auction is fulfilled. And so, we need your help. The auction is lots of fun and we have hots, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, cookies, beverages and more! We will have areas for personal items you wish to auction – no commission is charged. We will have another area for items donated with proceeds going to the club specifically. The third area (hopefully the largest area) will be items with the proceeds going specifically to our charity. This is a Chinese style auction – the owner has the right to refuse the final bid. Sometimes the owner will arrange a sale after the auction is over, if their item didn't sell during the actual auction. Funding of auction items is between the owner and auction winner for the personal items. For those items donated for the charity, the club will accept cash or checks. Ron Swift, – Thank you in advance.



# Night Fly





# TANKS



# Glider Competition Event



First Place



Second Place



Third Place



# 2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
June 1st	Tanks	Jason puts on a fantastic event don't miss this one.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Boats n Floats	Our first chance at the lake. Boats, Floats, and even subs are welcome.
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Charity Auction	Let's raise money for the club's charity
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Flv	Annual Fun Flv. Super Fun Events planned
August 10th	Heli Event	Annual Heli event. Come show off your skills
September 1-7	Buzzards Camp	Not spending enough time at the field? Here's your chance.
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Night Fly #2	Need to light up the sky again!
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Boats n Floats #2	We get a 2 <sup>nd</sup> chance at the lake again
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gliders #2	Thermals will be harder to find, so a more challenging event for sure.
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rebuilders Contest	Did you have a mishap this past year and were able to rebuild? Show us your skills (Meeting Night)
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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



# Photos For Fun

Photos are from 2002 when I first took on the task of Barnyard Buzzards Newsletter Editor... Enjoy. Ron Swift





# 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 \_\_\_\_\_





# 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, June 11<sup>th</sup> 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, June 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm**

**Program: Surprise Discussion**



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