



# 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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## Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Always a Surprise!



2024 Auction—Done!

### President's Message — Steve Higgins

Hello Barnyard Buzzards!

Wow! It's August, summer is just about half over, and just around the corner we will be dealing with the fall cool-off and the return of the rains. I'm just hoping for a bit of Indian summer so we can keep flying in good weather.

We held our yearly fun fly event on the 27th of July. This year, we did a few different things; as usual, it was a lot of fun. If you get a chance, come out to these events as they are a lot of fun, and you get to meet club members and get to know other club members.

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### June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins is on Vacation,  
Secretary, Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30 pm  
Introduction of Officers and Guests:  
Members : 8  
Guests : Doug Hoff

President – Steve Higgins- Absent  
Vice President – Jay Wellan

Secretary – Mark Weeks  
Treasurer – Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer – Michael Conniff  
Minutes from June meeting approval: Approved

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President::**  
Nothing to report

### 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



Car racing is becoming more competitive as people start to nail down their setups. I'm looking forward to the next few months of racing. Upcoming (10th of August), we have the Heli event. This is usually a skills event where you maneuver your heli through several different challenges. Last year, everyone else crashed or had mechanical issues, so I ended up winning! I'm looking forward to defending my title

this year. Well, that is enough rambling from me; I hope to see all of you take advantage of the excellent weather and our beautiful flying site!

Steve Higgins.



**Vice President:**

July 13th, Charity Auction was discussed, proceeds will go to the club's charity the Sky Valley Food Bank.

The monthly car event will start after the Auction and lunch.

July 27th we will be holding our annual Fun Fly. This event is always a lot of fun. Jay asked if Ron could forward him some of the past documentation for events. [Ron did send these]

**Secretary:**

Mark reported that we have a total of 45 paid members. Left over membership cards will be mailed out this week.

**Treasurer:**

Dart reported that all bills are paid.

**Safety Officer:**

Michael reported that there has been no injuries or mishaps. Great job guys. We talked about storing LIPO's in a hot car and the risk of fire due to excessive heat.

**Field Manager:**

Outer field area mowing was started and Mark has broken his tractor. Parts have been located and he will get it back and running in the near future.

If you are mowing and using the gas please let a board member know.

Security light can be installed. Mark and Michael have agreed to install.

Any help with spraying the weeds around the flight stations and parking area would be greatly appreciated. There is weed killer in the container.

The field could use a dose of water in the early morning or evenings if you can make it out to the field.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Ron passed out hard copies of the most current newsletter

**Website 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 or in the newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No open items to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**PROGRAM:**

No Program this month

**Announcements:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:45 pm.





# Barnyard Buzzards Annual Charity Auction

Well, the Barnyard Buzzards Annual Charity Auction was not as well attended as past years. We ended up with less than \$200 as our donation this year. I think everyone who attended had a good time and some walked away with some nice radio control goodies. Thank you to everyone who helped out, donated stuff, and bid on the items!





# Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

It's warm out there. And humid as well.

Safety doesn't just mean taking care of your equipment, it means taking care of yourself as well.

Case in point:

I had an eye-opening circumstance happen to me at the Fun Fly in July.

I lost control of my plane (this never happens, right?) and was then prompted to do the walk of shame.

I located my plane with my drone out east of the field, on our side of the road, but beyond the creek. So, I drove my vehicle out to where a semi visible trail is and started my excursion. I was unaware of the uneven terrain and high grass that I would need to traipse over. Not only was it a physically demanding chore to high step over the tall grass, but the uneven foot-steps had me falling frequently. Add to that, the grass kept grasping my shoes causing my shoe to come off. Fortunately, Brian D was pinpointing my plane with his drone so I knew I was going in the right direction.

After many stops for breath, I made it to my plane. Here are the issues I feel need addressing.

- 1: I was not wearing appropriate footwear. I had boots in my truck but neglected to wear them. This might have saved unnecessary exertion.
- 2: I left without a walkie talkie radio and communication with a member at the field. I could have called on my cell but as we know, cell service is spotty out there. Sure, there was a drone watching but Brian only had so much battery and had left me before I retrieved my plane due to his

low battery.

I didn't need help but if something had happened, sprained ankle, etc. I would have been hoping for cell service in a questionable area.

- 3: I did not bring any fluids out with me. It was very warm and by the time I reached my plane, I was physically spent. The trip back to my truck was just as bad only now I'm carrying a plane. Trying to keep my plane in good condition while keeping my footing. I was fortunate enough to have not damaged my plane.

I've always felt as if I am somewhat in shape, but this adventure made me realize that there are limits to my endurance.

I guess what I'm trying to impart to you is that it is wise to take into consideration all aspects of the challenge ahead before attempting the challenge.

In this time of year with temperatures in the mid 80s, it's important to consider the amount of energy you are expending and the possibility of heat stroke or heat exhaustion.

I know that the experience opened my eyes to the dangers of being unprepared even in something as seemingly simple as a walk through tall grass.

There are many articles on understanding the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke available on the internet.

As always,  
Have fun, fly safe  
Michael Conniff  
Safety Officer



## Heat Stroke & Heat Exhaustion—some details

Symptoms include hot, dry, red skin, a rapid pulse, a body temperature of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, loss of alertness, confusion, unconsciousness or coma, and rapid and shallow breathing. Heat stroke, also known as sunstroke, is considered an emergency, so the health department says you need to act fast.

If you are with someone experiencing heat stroke, you should call 911 immediately, and while you are waiting for help to arrive, you should bring the person to a cool place and cool them down using a cool bath or sponges, fans and air conditioning; or wrap ice packs in cloth and place them on the person's neck, wrists, ankles and armpits; or remove the person's clothing and wrap them in cool, wet sheets.

Heat exhaustion is marked by cold, pale, clammy skin, as well as heavy sweating, fainting, vomiting, dizziness, headache, nausea and weakness.



# FUNFLY!





# 2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
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 aircraft, drone, rc boats, r/c cars and more. Come on out and join us.





# 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, August 13<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, August 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm**

**Program: Another Surprise Discussion**



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