



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, September 10th at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Always a Surprise!



Fall Swap 10/26&10/27

President's Message — Steve Higgins

Happy September, Buzzards! With the end of the summer and flying season quickly approaching, it's time to take advantage of the good weather and get out to the field! As I write this, I'm looking at the weather forecast for the next ten days; no rain is in sight. Hopefully, this holds through the next ten days.

We have a busy September coming up. Here is a list of upcoming club activities during the month. From the 1st of September to the 7th, you do have the opportunity to camp out at the field. If you plan on camping out at the field, please let Mark Weeks or Michael Conniff

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August 13 Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins called meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.
Introduction of Officers and Guests: 11 members & 2 guests in attendance
Guests: Ronald Swenson and Rich stopped by and set up a time to check out the field.
President – Steve Higgins
Vice President – Jay Wellan
Secretary – Mark Weeks

Treasurer – Dart Sharp on vacation
Safety Officer – Michael Conniff
Minutes from July's meeting approval: Motion to approve was passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Steve thanked Ron Swift for putting on the auction. When Steve talked to his wife about the event

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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



know. We must let the Rangers know that people will be camping and approximately how many will be out at the field.

On the 7th of September, we have our second Night Fly of the year. Hopefully, the weather will hold out for us this time; the last two have been pretty wet.

On September 10th, we have our monthly club meeting at Alfys Pizza in Monroe. This meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. I will not attend because I must go to Anaheim for work that week. Either Mark or Jay will help manage the meeting. On the 14th of September, we have our sixth car/truck race of the season. Drivers and overall competition are improving, and there is much less crashing than we did a couple of years ago. If you aren't racing, still come on out. It's a fun watch, and we always need help with corner marshaling when accidents occur. Remember, when you are at the field enjoying your day, always remember that your safety and the safety of the general membership are the number one things we should all strive

for. Make sure you are making your callouts when flying, and it's just as vital for you to confirm those callouts so everyone knows what is happening at any given time.

When someone crashes and goes to retrieve a downed model, make sure you have a walking pole and your cell phone or radio for communication. There were questions as to the radio health and availability of walking poles; these have been confirmed as available and charged for your use. To make recovery easier, having someone with a drone to spot the downed model is also very nice, making finding your aircraft much more manageable than wandering around the field.

Well, that is enough rambling for me. I hope to see you all out at the field. Stay safe, and I hope you have a good Labor Day holiday weekend.

Steve Higgins



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she said he should have donated his extra stuff. He also thanked Dean for his being the contest director for the Fun Fly. It was a great event with the highlight being the egg carry. Only 2 eggs survived the flights. Paul Dibble was also thanked for running the Heli event. We had 6 participants this year with a couple of guys who had not done the event before, (Jason and Dean). No crashes or equipment failures this year. Steve also thanked Paul for not participating so he could claim 1st place again, and he is not claiming he has a dynasty going now.

Vice President: Jay reported on the past events also, and reminded that our campout is coming up Sept 1st to 7th. If you are planning on camping at the field let Mark know, so he can let the scouts know how many will be there.

Secretary: 46 members, Don Bailey is back in town for a year long stint with Boeing, so he has rejoined our ranks.

Treasurer: Mark reported for Dart. All bills paid to date.

Safety Officer: No injuries to damage to report. Ron Swift brought up a couple of concerns: When using call-outs make sure you are heard and please reply when you do hear a call-out. He also stated that there are no walking sticks to

use when traveling off field to retrieve downed aircraft. Mark and Michael will check it out and report back. Also remember to use the Walkie-Talkie's while out retrieving.

Field Manager: Mark is asking for volunteers to help with the mowing. Please sign-up for a spot. If you need help, let him know and he will guide you through the process. Mark has set up a tentative plan to mow the outer field on Friday the 16th. With our tractor being out of service, he contacted the scouts and they have lent us their mower to use. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the blocked culvert on the North side of the road. Mark and Michael still are working on installing the yard light. Should be done soon. We are planning on getting the conduit finished between the power pole and the club house in September. We may need to rent a piece of equipment to do it.

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.

Web 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

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stores for the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

No open items

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made to purchase the conduit and fittings to complete the run from the power pole to the clubhouse has an estimated price \$500.00 to \$700.00. Motion made, seconded and was approved.

Asked if anyone would like to be in a committee to help source clay soil for the car track.

Paul reported on the Heli event, Steve 1st, Michael 2nd, and Jay took 3rd. He said that the event went great.

Announcements:

NONE

PROGRAM:

Spektrum Updates: Steve shared a couple of videos dealing with the new Spektrum Transmitter and receiver updates. The NX series transmitters have had a major upgrade, and there are a lot of new features in the upgrades. The links are below and will be added to the website, in the builder's corner area. Spektrum Update pages. <https://www.horizonhobby.com/blog-article-plus-firmware-update.html>

WiFi Update of NX <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUUcy9t8jRw>

Cabled Update of NX <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tenbg7L6Guk> How to update Spektrum Receivers <https://youtube.com/watch?v=mQPyrjs8Gfg>



ADJURNMENT: 7:00pm

2024 Heli Funfly Results From Paul Dibble

On Aug 10th, the club held its annual Heli FunFly, and we had a record number of heli pilots participate including two newcomers to the event. The event tests the pilots' skills in various forms with 6 total events / maneuvers. The scoring was close among the 6 participating pilots with less than 14 total points separating the top 4 spots.

Results of the event are as follows:

First	Steve	481 pts
Second	Michael	478 pts
Third	Jay	468 pts
	Dart	467 pts
	Jason	450 pts
	Dean	345 pts

Jason and Dean are both first time entrants to this event and did a great job navigating their helicopters thru the series of challenges. Dean had to depart early so was unable to participate in the final event and missed the group photo.





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

From Dart Sharp:

Hello, everyone, and welcome to September. As we get closer to the fall flying season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being safe and courteous all summer long. It is a simple thing to be safe while we enjoy our model airplane activities, by being aware of our surroundings, planning ahead, observing the field rules, and being considerate of our fellow modelers. All of you are doing a great job! You make my job easy! Thanks! Remember that there are places where airplanes should not be flown, such as behind the flight stations, over the car track, and low passes over the road (unless executing a landing from the north). Also, be conscious of the trees to the east.

They are only 800 feet away, and you want to stay high up if you think you may be that far out. Keep your landing pattern in close to the runway and you should be fine. Looking forward to some good flying out at the field in the coming fall months with the rest of you! Fly safe and fly a lot! Dart.

One more thing:
Please keep calling out your plans for flight while at the line "and" just as important, respond that you've heard it.

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



2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
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.



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, September 10th at 6:30 PM at the Alfie'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, September 10th starting at 6:30 pm at Alf's Pizza in Monroe

Program: Super Surprise Discussion



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EXPO!
Fall Swap Meet
Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27
Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm & Sunday: 9 am - 4 pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Display Hall 500
14405 179th Ave. SE, Monroe WA 98272

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Buyers & Sellers WANTED!

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