



Buzzard Droppings



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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our **next club meeting** will be **at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, October 8^h at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!



Fall Swap 10/26 & 10/27
Lots of RC Bargains & more

President's Message — Steve Higgins

Barnyard Buzzards,

I hate to sound like the local newscasters, but WOW! It's October! I can't believe another month has passed, and we are sliding in to fall!

If you haven't been out to the

field in the last few weeks, there have been some significant changes. I want to thank Mike C, who recently rejoined the Buzzards. He brought some heavy equipment in a couple of weeks ago and finished what Mark W started, clearing the brush to the creek's edge. This has

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September 10 Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30pm Introduction of Officers and Guests:

10 Members and no guests were in attendance

- President – Steve Higgins (Not Present Work Trip)
- Vice President – Jay Wellan (Absent)

- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Michael Conniff (Absent)

Minutes from August Approval: Motion made to approve, and Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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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



made a considerable difference in the amount of water out there. In the future, if we can keep the brush this low, that swampy area will be allowed to dry out a bit and make it easier to get downed models.

Just a reminder on a couple of upcoming events:

Oct 5th- Glider Event #2 10AM

Oct 8th- Club Meeting Alf's Pizza 6:30 PM

Oct 12th-Car Racing #7 12PM

Oct 26th & 27th Expo Fall Swap Meet

<https://www.expofallswap.com/index.php>

During the October and November meetings, we will be taking nominations for the 2025 Board. Please come to these meetings so we can take nominations for those interested in helping manage the club business. It can be challenging at times, but it is also fun, as it forces you to meet

and get to know all of our club members!

That said, I would like to thank the current Barnyard Buzzards board. It has been a pleasure serving with you!

As usual, that's enough of my rambling. I hope to see you all at the field or the club meetings, and I wish you all a great October!

Steve Higgins

Barnyard Buzzards Club President



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President: Mark reported for Steve sign in sheet... I first want to say I need to get better at this, but we need to use the sign in sheet. So please don't forget to use the sign in sheet.

Looks like the fire extinguisher out of the clubhouse is missing, either it walked or was used. The consensus is that it was stolen along with the yard light.

Vice President: Mark reported for Jay.

The Campout week was a big success. Dart and Michael stayed the whole week and Mark stayed about half, his work getting in the way. The Night fly capped off the week with pretty good attendance, with about 10 people attending. A great light show!

Upcoming events in September are car racing 9/14 qualifying starting at 11:00 and racing at 12:00.

Boats and Floats will be 9/21 at Lake Hughs.

Glider event 2 will be October 5th at 10:00am

Secretary:

47 members – Mike Crew and Don Bailey joined since last meeting

Treasurer:

All bills are paid, and funds are in good shape.

Safety Officer: Mark reported for Michael.

North End of the field on the other side of the road is very wet... Mark shared the story of Michael heading out north of the road to help retrieve a fellow pilot's plane. He did know that things were still pretty wet,

but he missed the fact that there was the creek that had been covered by long grass. While Dart was following overhead with his drone, Michael seemed to drop out of sight when he did, in fact, find the creek and went for a swim. It really showed why we have safety procedures in place.

1. Buddy System.
2. Take a pole with you.
3. Use Walkie Talkies.

Remember to use your call outs and acknowledgements especially make sure you are heard when landing or on the field. Use flight stations and no sitting in a chair on the grass while flying. It is very hard to see you when you are sitting out of sight.

Field Manager:

The light is installed!

We need some people to sign up to help with the mowing. Please sign up. The grass is starting to grow fast again with the cooler and damper weather.

We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help unclog the culvert leading to the North field area.

We plan to get the power ditch dug and the conduit installed in September-early October.

New member Mike Crews has offered and is in the process of working on removing more brush starting on the south end of the field and working his way North and East.

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What a transformation the brush hogging has made. He is extending what Brian and Mark did a couple of weeks ago. You have to check it out.

Working with Len to do a couple of cleanup projects (car track, Tank Area, Crawlers)
Stay-tuned

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/or in the newsletter.

Website Editor:

We need pictures from the events or just about anything else on both the Web site and the Newsletter. Please send it to Mark or Ron, and they will share it.

OLD BUSINESS:

No open items

NEW BUSINESS:

Hard to believe but next month nominations start for club officers. If you are interested contact one of the current board members or you can sing out at October's meeting.

There will be a survey coming out soon regarding next year's event schedule. Start thinking about what events you liked and disliked. Should be lots

of discussion in the next month's meeting. Porta potties are scheduled to be cleaned this coming Thursday the 12th. Motion to place pavers at flight station locations so during wet weather you will have a dry place to stand. The cost should be around \$100.00. Ron made motion to start with 4 pads to start and see how things go. Edges will be beveled so mowing will not be an issue. Motion passed. Ron brought up the idea of having a club historian, to keep the club's history alive. This will be an appointed position. If interested contact a board member.

PROGRAM:

Rich Cook purchased Avios (PNF) Super Tucano w/Retracts, Flaps & LED Lights EPO 1600mm from Hobby King. Really nice-looking plane. He stated that it does not come with directions, and you need to download them. When he was in the process, he noticed a STL file, and it was for a wedge to help with front wheel gear placement. Thanks for sharing

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made and passed 7:20 pm





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,
As of this writing, no reports of injuries have been made.

Once again, I am borrowing a post from a previous safety officer (presently our President).

Thank you, Steve.

Steve writes:

Well, It's October, and I'm afraid to be "Captain Obvious" but I need to point out that Summer is over! Soon field conditions are to be wet, muddy, with a hint of cold . If you need to go recover a plane, make sure you dress appropriately for the weather and stay warm out there!

Some of us use propane heaters at the field, make sure your gas canisters are good to go, Just be sure you let the heaters cool before you put them into your vehicle and before you drive down the road.

Lithium batteries do not like the cold. They will lose capacity.

Make certain that you accommodate for at least a little loss of capacity and a bit shorter flight times. I usually put a few batteries in an insulated backpack with a couple of heat packs to warm them up prior to

flying.

Also, it's a good idea to keep a copy of your AMA number, FAA Recreational Registration number, and your TRUST Certificate with you when you fly. I tape them on the inside of my battery box. This way I always have them when I'm at the field.

On another note:

If you're starting up the engine on your large-scale airplane and you aren't able to use a flight station with wing restraints, it is imperative that you tether the plane or have another person hold it so as to stop it from advancing while you're standing in front of your plane's prop. Also, be sure to have your transmitter at the ready for throttle adjustments.

I can't tell you how many times I was lucky to not have been "bit" by a simple act of being inattentive while adjusting my engine.

Do not get complacent while adjusting your engine by having your hand near the arc of the prop or standing in front of the model!.

As always,
Have fun, fly safe, Michael Conniff



2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
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





Site Improvements / Workparty

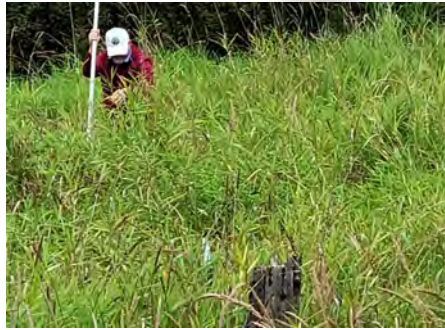


NIGHT FLY





Recovery Fun ?



BOATS & FLOATS



The 2024 Fall Boats n Floats was a huge success this year. While there were a couple of planes flying, boats seemed to dominate the day. Of course, speed boats were out churning up the lake, while some slower boats also made an appearance. Brian R., Dart and Don all had their sailboats out. Jason never disappoints in what he brings out. This year it was a LARGE Russian Sub, Way cool. Dart had to try out his new OAV. It was pretty cool to see everything.



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



Upcoming Club Meeting

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, October 8th 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:





Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th starting at 6:30 pm at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe



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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

RC Swap Meet
Buyers & Sellers WANTED!