



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, November 12^h at 6:30 PM.**

The public is invited as always!

Program: Something for Everyone!



President's Message – Steve Higgins

Happy November, Buzzards! The weather in the last few weeks reminded me that we are heading into winter! Due to the poor weather, I have taken the time to finish and work on a few new projects. A month ago, I turned on my 3D Printer to help out a club member,

and it's been pretty much running 24/7 since printing some parts for 3D-printed planes. I finished a few aircraft from Planeprint.com, the Eagle (<https://www.planeprint.com/product-page/eagle>), Rise (<https://www.planeprint.com/rise>), and Rise

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October 8th Meeting Minutes – Mark Weeks

Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

16 Members were present and zero guests

- President – Steve Higgins
- Vice President – Jay Wellan (Work Trip)
- Secretary – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer – Dart Sharp
- Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

Request for Approval of Minutes from September

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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



Nano (<https://www.planeprint.com/product-page/rise-nano>). I also printed the KMI Screamer (<https://cults3d.com/:1485170>), which Kevin Hipert designed himself as a pylon racer! I'm hoping for some decent weather soon so I can maiden these out at the field! If they survive the maiden flight, I'll bring them to the upcoming meeting on the 12th of November.

Speaking of the meeting, we will continue accepting nominations for the Buzzards board and the Buzzards Special Service Award. We will also discuss our club's Christmas party to be held on the 10th of December. The Barnyard Buzzards will provide soda/water and pizza for you and your better half or guest at the party. We will have a voluntary gift exchange, and if you are interested in bringing a dessert, please contact Jay Wellan and let him know what you intend to bring. Lastly, If you plan to attend the

December 10th meeting, please email jay@baxair.com letting him know if you plan to attend and if you have a plus one so we can ensure we have ordered enough pizzas/drinks for everyone at the meeting. I hope to see everyone at the field or our upcoming meeting. Stay safe as we get into the holiday season! That is enough rambling for me!

Steve Higgins



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Motion Made; Seconded; & Approved

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

Looks like more are using the sign-in sheet, this good. The sign-in sheet is important so we know who to talk to if concerns/problems arise. Thank You! And keep it up!

I personally picked up two empty water bottles out at the field on Saturday. Not sure if this is us, but make sure you pick up after yourself. We don't have trash bins out at the field because it'll just attract wildlife, so please pick up your trash.

Vice President:

Boats and Floats #2. Good event, lots of cool stuff not many airplanes, but lots of Boats (Power and Sail) and rumor has it there was a submarine as well. Dart was able to get his ROV figured out (by reading the directions), and was able to take some videos. Race 6 of the Car Racing: Lots of good racing! Glider Event #2. There were 11 fliers and one visitor. Not a whole lot of lift for those of us flying Radians, but the balsa birds did very well! I was happy to see so many out for the 2nd glider event of the year! Mike Bradshaw from the Arlington Eagles flew in the event as our guest. Jim Stewart took first place, Mike Bradshaw took second and Bryan Reightley took third. There was just a couple of points difference between 1st and 3rd. Great job

guys

Secretary:

We currently have 48 members and no one is in AMA default.

Treasurer:

Dart reported that all bills submitted have been paid, and we have money in the bank still. He also presented a proposed budget to the membership. **Motion made, seconded and approved that we accept the budget as presented by Dart.** If you have any question regarding the budget get in contact with him. In the next month the board will get together and set the dues and finalize the budget for 2025.

Safety Officer:

Michael reported that he has not heard of any safety issues. And he wanted to remind everyone to use callouts when you are on the field. Remember we are an aging population and some of our hearing is not what it used to be so SPEAK UP! Steve reported that he had a very close call with a battery. "I put a 3S 2200MA on the charger, after about 20 mins he heard a "Pop" almost like the sound a two-liter bottle would make after squeezing it. He couldn't figure out what the issue was until looking at the charger. It had shut off due to the over-temperature feature. When I opened the BattBox the battery had swollen up and was very hot. What had happened is the balance board connection had already been damaged

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from a battery screw up, and he had not paid attention to what connection was plugged into the balance plug. He had even marked this connection not to be used. He said, "My lesson... I should have replaced the balance board a long time ago. I shouldn't have been using it, but the Battery Temperature sensors, and maybe the BattBox saved me from a potential fire. "

Field Manager:

We now have power in the clubhouse, thanks to Len, Brian, and Michael for digging the ditch and running pipe. • The North side of the road has been really wet all year. Mike and I went looking for the culvert ends. They could not be found so we dug a temp ditch to allow the water to drain. In 3 days, the water level on the north side of the road has dropped nearly 2 feet. • Proposal to build Railroad bridge over the creek. Need to talk to Rangers • Car track has been cleaned up, the old car and trailer have been moved to a new location. Area scraping will happen as soon as possible. • Crawler area has been re-worked. It still is a work in progress, but Brian and Len have a plan. If you have any ideas, please feel free to chime in. • Len helped me get the tractor back running so it's back to mowing as weather and time allows. • Mike Crews finished cutting the brush both south and east. It has really opened the visual area. THANKS • And Thanks to everyone who has helped this year with field maintenance and special projects.

Newsletter Editor: Ron passed out hard copies of the newsletter to those who wanted it. 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.

Website Manager:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron brought up the Club historian proposal again. If you would like to be part of the team please let a board member know. Ron has volunteered to be on the committee. Mark will send out a message asking for a couple more volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Animals at the field, make sure that you are leashing your pets, and please make sure to pick up any waste. There have been reports by several members at the field of dog poop that has not been picked up.

What's App: Over the past two years we have been using Verizon+ text channel to communicate between membership. There were about 14 to 15 people on this text channel. Verizon has discontinued that application. We are considering moving this over to WattsApp. This app is nice because it's a messaging application and does not send and receive via SMS. Another reason for this is using this application would be beneficial to sending messages to the entire club. There at times seems to be a disconnect from some emails sent from the club Secretary. Mark will send info out soon. Steve and Mark are more than willing. to help anyone who wishes to join this list To enable this app – download, install, and setup the application. Another reason for this is using this application would be beneficial to sending messages to the entire club. Since the application is tied to your phone number, messages would go directly to your phone. This would allow any member to directly contact another member as well. The one issue that I can see is every member would have the phone number of every other member in the club, in the past we have not passed out contact lists because of someone using this list to sell items. If you are on this list any use of this contact information for non-club activities will be frowned upon and could result in removal from the group or club expulsion.

The 2024 Board is current working a proposal to share with the 2025 board, for the 2025 event schedule. We are getting complaints as to the number of events we have. Some are saying we have too many events. To respond to this, we would like to limit events to one weekend day per month + car racing on a day that does not conflict with that event. IMO we need to be careful going too far with this, events do draw membership, and these events also allow prospective members to fly at the field to see what it's like. Not having events eventually causes club membership to dwindle due to lack of engagement. So, with that, if you have events, you that you like or dislike, please

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talk with a board member and let your opinion be known before we make our recommendations to the incoming 2025 board. **[Or voice concerns during a club meeting!]** In the coming few weeks we will be sending out a survey on the events.

Board Nominations: President: Steve Higgins, Vice President: Jay Wellen, Treasurer: Dart Sharp, Secretary: Mark Weeks, Safety Officer: Michael Conniff

Special Service Award: *Michael Conniff:* Anytime something is needed at the field Michael has been on it without question and without fail.

Mike Crews: Within a week of rejoining, Mike brought out some heavy equipment and cleared the brush all the way to the stream,. This is beneficial to the club as it helps with water evaporation and makes getting downed models out there much

easier.

PROGRAM:

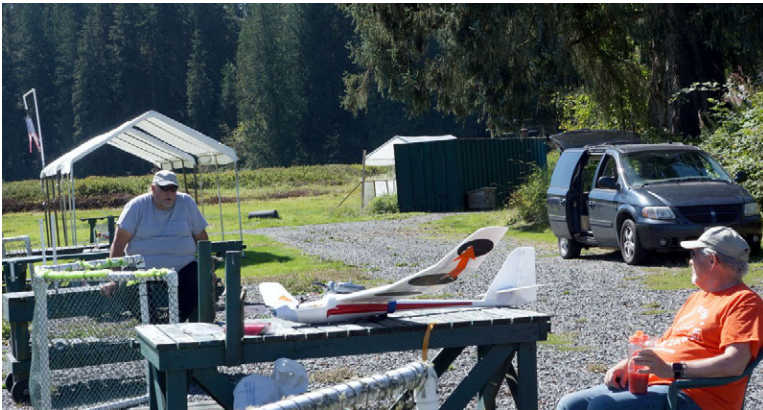
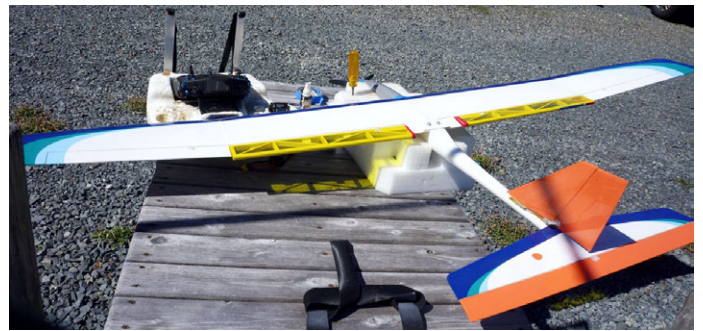
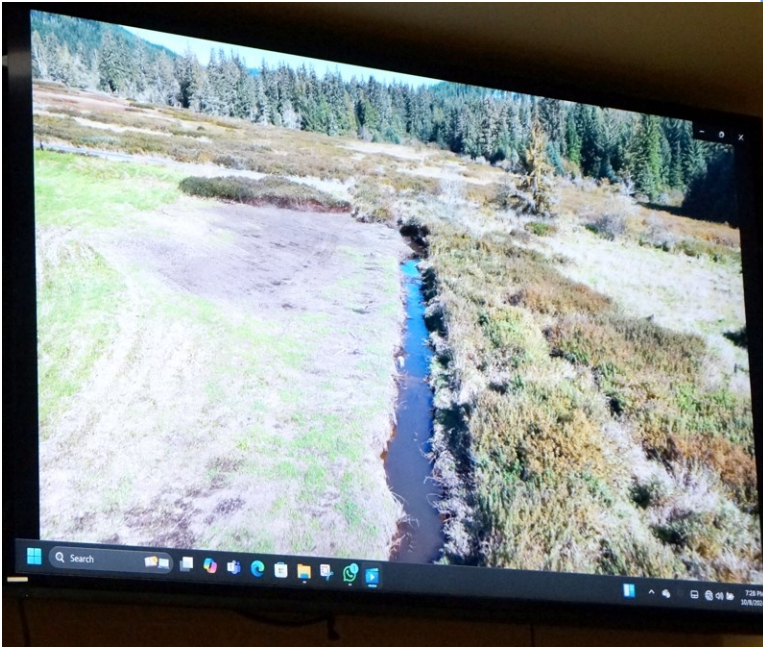
DJI Neo From Mark and Dart. Mark brought his new DJI Neo to share with the club. It's 187grams, so it does not need registration with the FAA. While some call it a fancy selfie stick it is still a pretty fun little quad that can do a lot with the small package. Mark will post a couple of videos in the next few days

Announcements: Ron reminded the club that the fall swap meeting is coming up at the end of the month 26th and 27th. He can use help setting up and tearing down the tables. Please contact him with any questions.



ADJOURNMENT:

7:33pm





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,
The holiday season is upon us.

I want to start by wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

This is the time of year where some forego the field and concentrate on our projects at home. Be it a "honey do" list or a pet project we've desired starting, continuing or completing. Maybe a model or two that need repairs or modifications.

Most likely, we'll need to be using tools to complete these tasks.

Reading back issues of the newsletter, I found that previous Safety Officers have addressed the need for care in using tools to work on projects. Razor knives were the common theme on these posts. So, here is my take on this subject:

Be mindful of what you're doing and which tools you're using to complete whichever task you're attempting.

Being in construction most of my life, I've learned (sometimes the hard way) just how important it is to plan ahead.

How important it is to use the correct tool for

the job.

Also, how important it is to research the correct procedure for doing something unfamiliar. Yay, YouTube.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Moving objects, sharp objects, impact tools, cutting tools all require our full attention. Loose clothing or long hair (not really an issue for most) can be caught up in rotating devices. I've personally witnessed a coworker get his hair caught in a drill. Not a pretty site to see.

Don't let yourself get distracted while attempting tasks, no matter how menial they might seem to be.

Nobody wants to be laid up due to injury when it can be avoided.

I hope this finds you happy and healthy.

No injuries have been reported this past month.

As always,

Have fun, fly safe

Michael Conniff

Safety Officer



2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

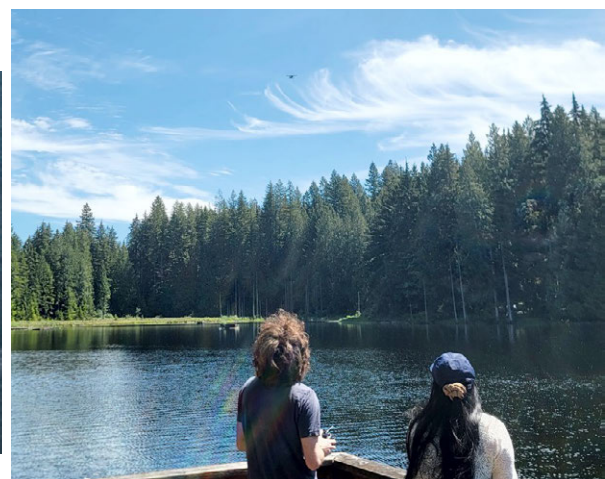
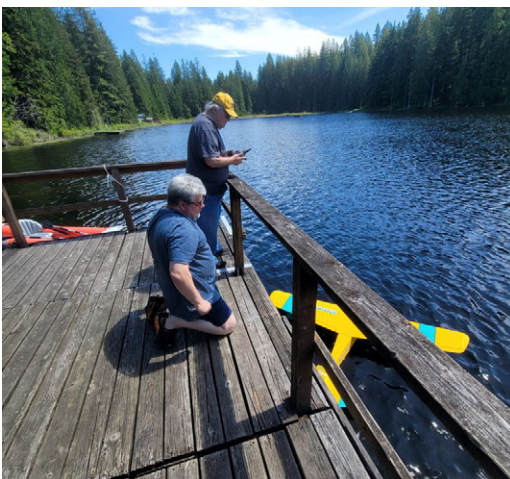
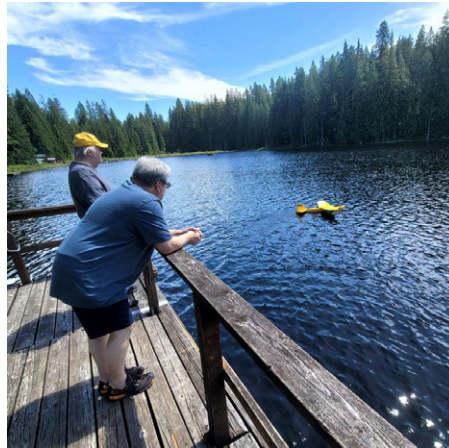
Event Date	Event	Information
November 12 th	Rebuilders Contest	Did you have a mishap this past year and were able to rebuild? Show us your skills (Meeting Night)
December 10 th	Christmas Party	Christmas party and gift exchange. Meeting night after elections

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





Sailplanes & More





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, November 12th 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, November 12th starting at 6:30 pm at Alfys Pizza in Monroe



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2025 NW Model Hobby Expo

Our 2025 event begins on April 11th weekend.
Friday, April 11 12:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 12 9:00am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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