



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

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Barnyard Buzzards

Model Airplane Club

Monroe, Washington

Our next club meeting will be **at Alfys Pizza on Tuesday, December 10^h at 6:30 PM. Also, Our Annual Xmas Party!**
The public is always to join us!

Program: Christmas Holiday Gift Exchange



XMAS Party December 10th
At Alphy's Pizza 6:30 PM

President's Message – Steve Higgins

Hello Barnyard Buzzards!

Wow, it's December; I'll never get used to how time flies now-days! I hope you survived the "Bomb Cyclone" without too much damage. If you have been out to the field in the past few weeks,

you'll see some of the damage. The scout camp has canceled all of their events for the rest of the month due to the extent of damage they suffered and the massive cleanup necessary to clean up the fallen trees and the downed power

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November 12th Meeting Minutes – Mark Weeks

President Steve Higgins Called Meeting to Order 6:30.

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

11 Members were present and 1 guest, Sandy Duvall

President – Steve Higgins
Vice President – Jay Wellan

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

Minutes from October: Approval:
The text has been added to the treasurer's report.

Motion made, seconded and ap-

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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



lines.

On Tuesday, December 10, we have our final club meeting and Christmas party at Alf's Pizzeria. We will start at 6:30 P.m., have a short meeting, and then have some time to socialize a bit. The Barnyard Buzzards will provide pizzas and soda; if you would like an adult beverage or salad, you will need to supply that yourself. If you plan on attending, please let Jay Wellen or any board member know so we can ensure we pre-order enough pizzas for everyone.

A few weeks ago, we started voting for the 2025 Board and the 2024 Special Service award. Mark has sent out emails with ballots. If you haven't had a chance to vote online, you will be able to vote at the meeting on December 10th.

Well, that is enough for me. I hope everyone has a great holiday season, and I hope to see

you at the club's Christmas party!

Steve Higgins



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proved that we accept the budget as presented by

Dart. . A motion was made and passed to add this text to October meeting minutes. Then the minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Reminder: Please be sure to log in. It looks like some are signing the log and thank you. Please keep it up. Also remember to pick up your trash. We need to be good stewards of our area.

Vice President: There were no events to report on since the last meeting. But we did have an impromptu crawler crawl to try out the area that Len and Brian have been working on. With about 6 members attending, pretty fun area. Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for our next meeting night, December 10th.

We will have our annual gift exchange for those who wish to participate. It is a \$25.00 gift exchange and will have both a men's table and a women's table.

The Rangers will be invited to attend as well as spouses and significant others.

Ron has volunteered to bring some music to play in the background.

And January 4th we will have the Annual Freeze-in. We can hope for freezing weather and maybe a little snow to fly off, but no matter what it will be a good time.

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

Treasurer: Mark reported for Dart and he reported that all bills submitted have been paid, and we have money in the bank still.

Safety Officer: Michael reported that he has not heard of any safety issues. There were a couple of hand launches that went awry so remember to always be aware of your surroundings.

Field Manager:

- The crawler area has had a few modifications, thanks to Len and Brian
- It's time to take down the remaining awnings. We will try Saturday, depending on the weather.
- The club house had been cleaned out putting wagons and hoses, ladders away in the container.
- Mark wanted to remind everyone that Electric Heaters are NOT allowed in the clubhouse. Propane heaters are allowed
- If you are the last to leave, please check the power box in the clubhouse and make sure that the breakers are turned off before you leave.
- Also, when charging batteries, you must use a charging bag in the clubhouse.

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Bags are in the cabinet, please return when you are done.

- Ron brought up the idea of having a fire/smoke detector added to the clubhouse. The board will investigate adding a battery powered smoke detector.
- This coming weekend the water to the field will be turned off and drained for the winter.

Newsletter Editor:

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

Website Editor:

We need pictures from 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:

A message was sent to the membership asking for volunteers to work with Ron as Club Historians. Ron Beba and Doug Hoff have agreed to help. If you are interested, please let Ron or a board member know. The What's App is active and works well. If you would like to join the group, please let Mark, or Steve know, and they can help get you started.

The Board is currently working on a proposal to share with the incoming board, for next year's event schedule. Mark sent out a survey and we received 22 responses. The board will take those into consideration when setting next year's event schedule. After the events have been chosen Jay will contact the Contest directors and make sure there are no conflicts. The goal is to not have the doubling up of events as we

had last year.

Board Nominations for 2025:

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

Special Service Award:

Ron Swift asked if we could award co-winners. It is possible and will be discussed at the December meeting after voting has occurred.

- Michael Conniff:
- Mike Crews:

Voting will start 11/13/2024 and will end at the December's meeting. If you vote by email or the website votes are due Sunday at midnight before the meeting. The link and ballot will be sent to all current full paid members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas party: The club will provide pizza, sodas, and desert for all those who attend. Beer and salad bar are on you. If you would like to bring a dessert, please let Jay know. It would be nice if you were planning on attending to let Jay Wellen know that you are coming and how many guests you will have. As stated there will be a gift exchange and tickets will be given for drawing names.

PROGRAM:

Rebuilders contest. There were no entries.

Announcements Steve shared his 3D printed eagle Videos are on out on our Facebook page. Very nice... Steve can't wait to see it fly again.



ADJOURNMENT:

7:20 pm





Freeze-in

Our 17th annual Freeze-In is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2025 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We will have a heaters at the Yep, you still have time to customize a model and test it before the event!

What does the creative modeler do to get ready for the event one might ask!

Model Madness:

- More than one LIPO battery and charger
- Batteries do not last as long in cold weather, so judge your e-flights accordingly
- Yep, we probably will not have snow, but who knows?
- You might want to bring some lighter fluid to start the nitro engines Naptha has a lower vapor pressure and squirting some into the carb or into the fuel line will help start the engines. This works with the big gasser engines, too!
- Sometimes the cooling fins on the engine cylinder need to be covered to keep the heat in the engine. Old baby socks, etc. have been used for this.

Apparel:

Caution! Be extra careful with loose clothing around spinning propellers and ducted fan inlets!

- Gloves
- Hat
- Scarf
- Sunglasses (snow blindness isn't fun!)
- Boots
- Change of dry clothes

Comfy things:

- Thermos of a warm beverage
- Cups to share the above beverage
- A chair
- Camera to prove you did it!
- Hand warmers
- Blanket
- Cell phone
- More than one model





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

It's cold out there! It's time to take the extra steps to prepare yourself and your equipment for the lower temps.

Frostbite comes on quickly. Having a warmer in your pocket can help reduce finger pain when temperatures turn frigid. Pay attention to the forecasts and either purchase the necessary items to hold off the biting cold or bring cold weather gear if you have them.

Amazon has both warming packs for fingers and warming insoles for shoes. I wish I had the shoe type when I worked construction back in the day.

The newsletter archives have many articles regarding your equipment and batteries during the cold weather.

I would recommend perusing our online club newsletters from the past to remind you of what previous safety officers have presented.

Here is just one article on frostbite:

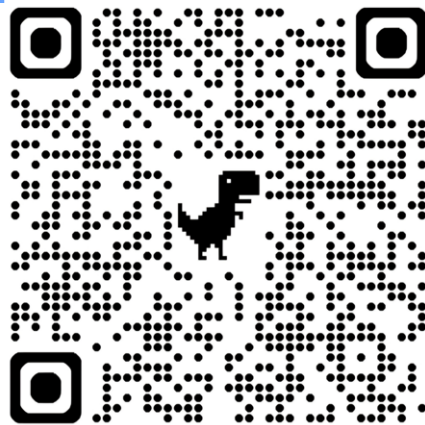
[https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/frostbite/#:~:text=Frostbite%20is%20damage%20to%20skin,%2D0.55C%20\(31F\).](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/frostbite/#:~:text=Frostbite%20is%20damage%20to%20skin,%2D0.55C%20(31F).)

See the QR code for those who want to use your camera/cellphone to visit the site.

As of this writing, no accidents or injuries have been reported to me.

As always,
Have fun, fly safe!

Michael Conniff
Safety Officer



2024 Buzzards Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Information
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





P.O. Box 724, 233 Sky River Parkway, Monroe, WA 98272

November 13, 2024

Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club
c/o Ron Swift and Sandy DuVall
16325 315th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98019

Dear Friends at Barnyard Buzzards:

Here's to YOU...the founder of the feast! Your gift allows us to purchase the extra holiday food that will make Thanksgiving a real celebration for struggling families in our area. This meal will bring nourishment for the body and soul during their difficult time. Thank you for caring!

The number of people we are serving at the Food Bank remains consistently high. Every week, more than 250 families come to our market, and we see new families coming in every week. Your generosity is what makes this possible! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the Food Bank! **We are so thankful for YOU!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>
11/13/2024	\$120.00	10/08/2024	1212

Gratefully,

Matthew Campbell
Executive Director

Carla Stewart
Administrative Director

Please keep this letter for your income tax records. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation. 91-1186822

Thanks to you, we will be able to feed more than 400 families this Thanksgiving! We're grateful for your long-standing support!

Carla



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, December 10th 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





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Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10^h starting at 6:30 pm at Alfys Pizza in Monroe



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PO Box 1591
Duvall, WA 98019
Program: Christmas Holiday Gift Exchange**

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