



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

Our next club meeting will be at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM. The public is always welcome to join us!

Program: New update to the Spectrum Ground Radios



Now Under Construction: Graupner Chili

President's Message — Steve Higgins

Well, it's March! Hopefully, the challenging weather we have seen over the past four to five weeks is over, and we can return to enjoying the field again. In March, we have our Night Fly (March 8th); I'm sure there will be people out at the field all day. Night Fly fun starts around 5:30 p.m.

The following Saturday (March 15th), we begin the 1/10 scale truck racing. This event is a practice/warmup day for the Car/Truck races, and no points will be scored. It allows you to get used to the layout track and event. Qualifying starts at

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February 11th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

Steve Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

13 Members were present and 0 guests

President — Steve Higgins
Vice President — Jay Wellan
Secretary — Mark Weeks
Treasurer— Dart harp
Safety Officer—Michael Conniff

Minutes from January: Approval:
A motion was made and passed to

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2025 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



noon, and heats begin around 1 p.m. I have asked Mark to repost the Car/Truck Rules on the website.

We have our club meeting at Alfys Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 pm. We will discuss upgrading your ground radios' firmware at the meeting since Spektrum released a new upgrade for their DX-style surface radios. This update is for one of the following Radios:

- iXSR 6-Channel with SR515 Receiver
- DX5 Pro 5-Channel Transmitter
- DX6 Rugged 6-Channel Transmitter
- DX6C 6-Channel Transmitter

We do have a WhatsApp Chat for the club; if you aren't on the list and wish to be on the list, please get in touch with me or anyone on the board, and we can get you into the chat group. At times, there can be a lot of messages, but it's a good way to stay updated.

I hope to see you all at the field or the meeting. Happy Flying, and let's hope we have a mild spring and a great summer!



Steve Higgins

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approve the minutes

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

Remember to pick up your trash. We need to be good stewards of our area by keeping everything cleaned up

Vice President:

Night Fly is March 8th starting around 5:30. The first car event will be on the 15th starting at 12:00 noon.

Secretary:

We currently have 47 members, 30 members have paid for 2025, 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 reminded everyone that dues are due, while we do give a grace period until the March meeting. Please pay up as soon as possible.

Safety Officer:

Michael reported that we had no accidents. He reminded us that we need to make sure our call-outs are heard. At the Freeze-In we had a member that was hanging out on the field while others were in the air. Please be respectful and hustle on and off the field.

Also Ken reminded every one that they should take the battery out of the plane while charging.

Field Manager:

The sign-up log has been moved to the front of the Club House, please sign in.

Some new items have been added to the clubhouse. We now have a microwave and a coffeepot. Please clean after each use. Also coming soon will be a mini fridge.

We have started a project list for 2025 a few of the items are: A bridge to cross the north end of the field. Re-layout of the car track, Purchase and install a new awning for the crawler area. Flight tables are in need of paint and repair.

If you have any ideas that you would like to accomplish and or handle, please let Mark know. The tank event is coming in June and we could use some items, a couple of bridges, (they can be shared with the crawler area). Building and or bunkers. If you find a small piece of culvert that would work great to hide in. Any questions give Jason a call.

Newsletter Editor:

If you have any pictures that you may have taken at 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 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:

BBMAC History Committee: Ron is still working on things and will report at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dart was awarded his trophy for the 2024 car racing season. Way to go Dart.

Steve is looking for ideas/suggestions on programming. If you are interested or are looking for something specific, please let him know.

PROGRAM:

Steve asked for any one that wished to share how they got into the hobby. Kenneth Hulick started in the 70's with radio stuff, repairing and it led into RC. He started RC with a "SPAM Can" and proceeded to a Top Flight Head Master, that led into Pilon racing.

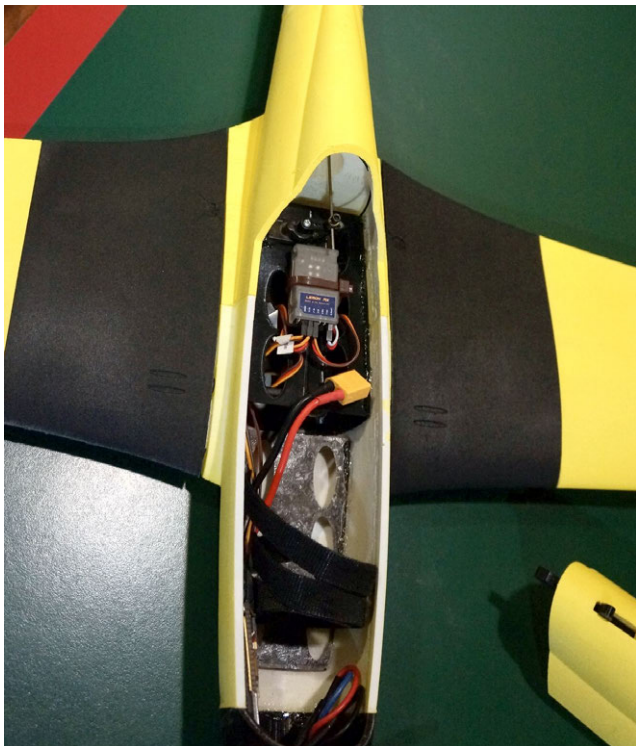
Ron Swift got his start repairing RC and ham radios and built and flew free flight planes. Jim Stewart started with everyone's favorite, a Cox PT19 control line.

Dart also started with the Cox control line at a local school. On one occasion the had a plane get away and skip between a couple of houses.

There were many great stories shared. Thanks to all those who shared.

Show and Tell:

Steve shared his Dos Houndu 3D printed plane. IT will fly very fast estimated at 160 mph. And it only took 60 hours of printing and assembly time.



Steve's Dos Houndu was clocked at 120 mph! It is a 3D printed model based on Kevin Hippert's design. Kevin's is reputed to have been clocked at 160 mph.



Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

Weather has been improving and so it is natural to start thinking of going back out to get some air time. I can't wait, but first, I'll need to take care of winter clean up and spring prep.

I'd like to take the time to remind the club members that our personal safety and the safety of our fellow members is our very first consideration. Safety also involves our models and equipment according to the AMA.

We made it through last year without any injuries. That in itself was a fantastic feat considering what we're dealing with. Sharp spinny things, explosive batteries, projectiles. You get the drift.

Let's make an effort to keep this trend going throughout 2025 and beyond.

Make sure that your equipment is in good order. That you've checked all control surface di-

rections.

Make sure to call out your intentions as it pertains to launching your aircraft. And if you're present at flight line and you can hear when someone calls out? Acknowledge that you've heard them. Don't be shy!

And definitely call out your intention to retrieve your aircraft from the runway.

We have been doing a good job so far. If you need to, please take a moment and read our club rules for proper flightline etiquette.

It's a nice day and I've got yard work to do.

As always,
Have fun, fly safe!

Michael Conniff
Safety Officer





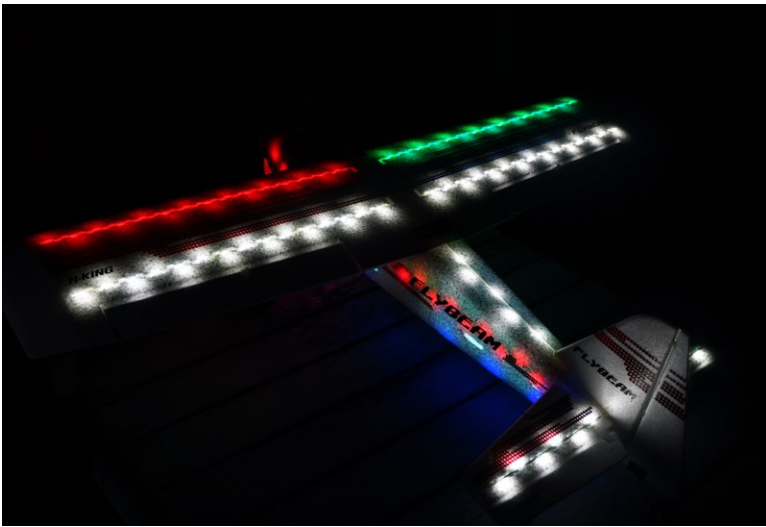
Photos for Fun





More Fun Photos

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2025 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 _____



2025 Buzzards Event Schedule

Date of Event	Event Name
Saturday, January 18, 2025	Freeze-in
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Night Fly 1
Saturday, March 15, 2025	Car Racing 1
April 11, 12, & 13, 2025	Expo
Saturday, April 19, 2025	Car Racing 2
Saturday, April 26, 2025	Annual Charity Auction
Saturday, May 10, 2025	Car Racing 3
Saturday, May 17, 2025	Spring Gliders
Saturday, June 7, 2025	Tanks
Saturday, June 14, 2025	Boats and Floats 1
Saturday, June 28, 2025	Car Racing 4
Saturday, July 12, 2025	Crawlers
Saturday, July 19, 2025	Car Racing 5
Saturday, July 26, 2025	Fun Fly
Saturday, August 16, 2025	Car Racing 6
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Night Fly 2
August 28 thru September 1	Camp Week
Friday, September 6, 2024	Boats and Floats 2
Saturday, September 20, 2025	Heil
Saturday, September 27, 2025	Car Racing 7
Saturday, October 11, 2025	Fall Gliders
Saturday, October 18, 2025	Car Racing 8
Saturday, October 25, 2025	Pattern Flying
Saturday, November 1, 2025	Car Racing 9
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	Christmas Party
Saturday, January 3, 2026	Freeze In 2026

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.club> 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.



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, **March 11^h** 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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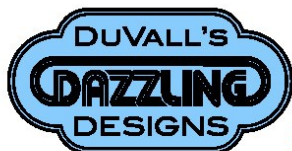
2025 NW Model Hobby Expo

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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