



# 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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AMA Chapter 2953

**Barnyard Buzzards**  
Model Airplane Club

**Our next club meeting will be at Alfy's Pizza on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The public is always welcome to join us!**

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Hello Barnyard Buzzards!  
What a month of April! Not only did we attend the NWModel Hobby Expo, but we also experienced fairly good weather (except for the wind) for most of the month. If you haven't been out to the field lately, you should make time to come out. The runway looks great; Mark Weeks has put a lot of

work into getting the runway back into shape. He has fertilized and seeded it over the past couple of weeks, so this summer it should be in excellent shape. I want to thank Mark, Michael, Dart, Leonard, and Brian for all the work they have put into various projects over the past

*(Continued on page 2)***April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks**

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

**Introduction of Officers and Guests:**

There were 15 Members and 3 Guests present. Guests were Doug Hoff, Sandy Duvall and Sharon Beba

President — Steve Higgins  
Vice President — Jay Wellan  
Secretary — Mark Weeks (Out for Medical)  
Treasurer — Dart Sharp  
Safety Officer — Michael Conniff

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few months. Michael and Mark have been mowing for the last few weeks. If you have time to help out, you can sign up for mowing on the club website, [bbmac.net](http://bbmac.net). Here is a link to the Mowing signups. <https://bbmac.club/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2025-mowing-cal.png>

The NW Model Hobby Expo was a success, and Saturday was extremely busy. At one point, I counted at least 20 people either talking with us in the booth or watching or running a crawler in the crawler area. I want to thank all the members who staffed the booth at the expo; your help in manning the booth is greatly appreciated and will help us increase our membership. I would like to specifically thank Len, Brian, and Michael for volunteering to make the crawler area once we found out that the Mini Z guys had cancelled. They put together a challenging course in a very short period. The crawler area was a huge hit and extremely popular at the show. I would also like to thank Michael, Rod, and Mark for their assistance with setting up and tearing down the show booth.

May will bring a return to some normalcy for the club. We have only two scheduled events coming

for May.

On May 10th, we will have our second truck race. You can find the rules for this here: <https://bbmac.club/2025-truck-race-rules/>. Last week, we recorded Heats 1A and 1B, as well as the final heat. We have posted raw videos to the Buzzards Facebook Group, and those videos have also been shared in the WhatsApp Open Chat Group. The Final heat is always fun to watch because it's pure chaos, especially at the start of the race.

On May 17th, we will host the Spring Glider Event, open to all AMA members with gliders; most are flying Radians, but some are still flying balsa gliders. This event is a fun time. Usually, we see 8-12 pilots at this event, and in the end, it's a fun time for all.

Our next club meeting is on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Alfie's Pizza in Monroe. I hope to see everyone there!

Happy Flying! **Steve Higgins**.



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Minutes from Feb Approval: Motion made, seconded and Approved.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:**

**Vice President:**

March Event Recap: Night Fly: Car Race Practice Event: Both events went great! Hobby Expo will be held from the 11th through the 13th of April. April 19th - First scored car race 11 am Qualifying starts 12pm racing. April 26th - Club Charity Auction

**Secretary:**

: We have 42 paid members, 39 full members, 2 Family Members and 1 Student. Please welcome New Member Brad Cole to the Buzzards.

**Treasurer:**

All Bills are paid,

**Safety Officer:**

No accidents to report. Remember to use your callouts while on the field and or at a flight station.

**Field Manager:**

Here are a few things that we need to get done or at least scheduled. Any questions please contact Mark Fertilize and oversee the field. Should happen early next week. Paint Flight station tables - still green or change to brown? Install awnings Re-

place flagging on the road Install Timing station and awning over car track. The new gate code is in place. All members should have received current an email with the latest code. If you didn't, let Mark know now.

**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. Web: We need pictures from events or anything else for both the website and the Newsletter. Please send them to Mark or Ron, and they will share them.

**Website Manager:**

No News?

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Barnyard Buzzards History Committee: Nothing new to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ron and Sandy reported on the NW Model Hobby Expo, There will be no on grounds parking. You must park in the main lot or the yellow lot. Satur-

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# BUZZARD'S Charity Auction



Thanks for all the donations and the winning bids we made \$161 this year. With the gift matching program at the Sky Valley Food Bank, the donation managed to raise d \$322!





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day there will be a \$5.00 parking fee to park in the main lot. There will be some access to deliver and retrieve purchases from the swap meet. NWMHE is April 11th through the 13th. Fridays are 12 to 6, Saturdays are 9 to 6, and Sundays are 9 to 4 p.m. We are still looking for volunteers to work our club booth. The Model Z racers cancelled, so Len Duma. volunteered to assemble a crawler display. Sandy and Ron moved our booth so we could monitor the crawler activities. Bring your crawler or small indoor plane/heli, and you can fly in the cage or play with your crawler while doing booth duty! Don Bailey brought up that in any of our events we should looking into a mini swap

## PROGRAM:

None!

## Sharing:

Jim Stewart, shared his CA storage and usage tips. He used pipettes to assist in getting CA to where you need it. Keeping it in the fridge also helps it last longer

## Show and Tell

Rich Cook, Rich 3d Printed a super nice Super Tucano from Plane-Print. He said it took roughly 170 print hours but it was well worth it. We all can't wait to see it fly .







# BUZZARDS BOOTH @ NWMHE



Thanks to all the guys who helped with the booth and the indoor flying and crawling activities. We received quite a few positive comments from our guests about the booth , the simulators and photos. Quite the club and a good showing of the many activities we hold at the club field throughout the year.





# BUZZARD'S Charity Auction







# Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

As of this writing, no injuries have been reported. That, in and of itself, is a fantastic statement to be able to make.

Let's keep up the good work and stay vigilant in taking the precautions for a safe flying environment.

I'll be away from the field for the entire month of May. Please feel free to contact me to report any problems or safety concerns that you may

feel need to be addressed.

I can be reached at: 206-914-9270 or [mykul812@gmail.com](mailto:mykul812@gmail.com) if you prefer.

As always,

Have fun, fly safe

Michael Conniff

Safety Officer



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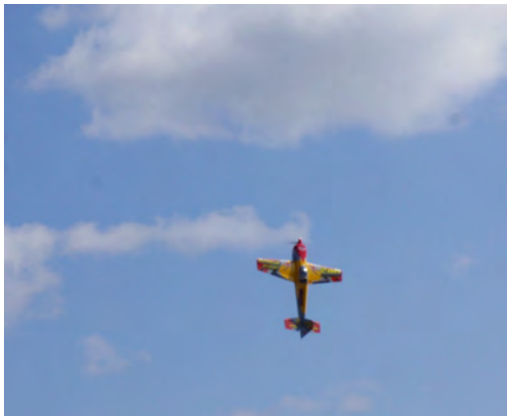








# Photos For Fun







## 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)

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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 11](#)) 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



### Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting



#### Upcoming Club Meeting

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, **May 13<sup>th</sup> 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







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