



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, June 10th at 6:30 PM. The public is always welcome to join us!

Program:**President's Message — Steve Higgins**

Hello Barnyard Buzzards!

I hope you all had a great May. The last couple of weeks flying out at the field had been great, except the number of small bugs biting and flying around your face when you are trying to fly is a challenge at best!

We have a busy next few months

peppered with events and some work that needs to be done at the field.

As for the work, we do need help in mowing the field and various maintenance jobs around the field. This year, we didn't schedule a work party, but it may be something we schedule shortly to quickly

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May 13th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

Steve Higgins called our business meeting to order @ 6:30pm

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

There were 12 Members and no Guests present.

President – Steve Higgins

Vice President – Jay Wellan

Secretary – Mark Weeks

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

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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



and efficiently address some of the maintenance needed at the field. If you wish to help, please get in touch with Mark Weeks, and he will be able to assist you in getting started on the projects that need to be completed. Many of these projects have been posted in our monthly meeting minutes over the last few months. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Now for the Fun! We have three upcoming events this month. On June 7th, we will be hosting our Tanks event, starting at 10:00 a.m. Jason will be directing this event as in the past years, bring out your tanks, and Jason always has some extraordinary mini events throughout the day.

On June 14th, starting at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting our first boats and floats event of the year. Bring out your Boats and Planes with Floats for the day! This event is held at Lake Piggot near the field, and you will receive directions from Mark

once we get closer to the date.

On June 28th, we will hold our third race of the 2025 truck racing season... It's been very popular, and we have had 14 drives participate this year. Mark Weeks is the director of these events. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mark. If you are interested, you can find race scoring here: <https://bbmac.club/2024-buzzards-car-truck-racing-series/>

Well, that is enough rambling for me. I hope to see you all at the flying field or the upcoming club meeting on June 10th at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30pm.

Happy Flying!



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Safety Officer – Michael Conniff - Absent

Minutes from April meeting - Motion to accept was made, seconded, and minutes were approved

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Thanks to those who helped at the Hobby Expo. The crawler area was a hit. We had a lot of people stopping by our booth.

Vice President:

The car races are going good, scores and standings are posted on the club website. Our next event will be the Spring gliders, Saturday the 17th. Bryan Reightley is the Contest Director and he has a great event planned. Pilots meeting is at 9:30am and the event starts at 10:00am
June 7th is scheduled for the Tank event and Jason always puts on a great event. He is asking for a little help getting the area prepped (Proposed date it 5/31/25)

Secretary:

We have 49 paid members.

Members that have rejoined are Jerod Trenchard, and Brad Cole. New Members are Alex Vazquez, Richard Stine, Tim Hoke, Wyatt Berne and Rob Kruithof. Please welcome them to the Buzzards.

Treasurer:

All Bills are paid.

Safety Officer:

We had one minor incident with a glider. Everyone is OK but it is just a reminder to be careful. Watch for loose clothing and neck straps and transmitters hanging around your necks. Also make sure that you have a throttle cut programed, and use it every time. Remember to use your callouts while on the field and or at a flight station.

Field Manager:

Mowing is going well, but we are still looking for volunteers to help. Signup form in on the website. If you have questions contact Mark.

The car-track awning is the only one left to put up. Please help on Saturday some time after the Glider event.

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The Lake Hughs dock is in need of repair before we have the Boats and Floats event Mark will send out a few dates. Please sign up

Paint flight station tables – Need repairing and repainting. ?

With the power installed in the clubhouse and members using the power to charge batteries we need to add a couple of outlets. Ron Swift and Ron Beba have offered to install a couple of more outlets.

We need a couple more water hoses or hard pipe to run water to the car track area. If you would like to help or have old hoses please drop them off.

Replace flagging on the road

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

Website:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Barnyard Buzzards History Committee: Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Dibble has announced that he is moving to Idaho and will be dropping out of the Club. Paul will be missed, He nominated Dart to take over as the contest director for the Heli event.

The money from our club charity auction was donated to the Sky Valley Food Bank. They responded with a nice thank you note, the Note and Photo of Ron giving the check can be found on the club's website.

The rules for the pattern event were handed out. They will be posted on the website also along with the glider rules for the May event.

Show & Tell:

Brad Cole shared his Carl Goldberg Chipmunk. He did a great job building it and we all can't wait to see him fly it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made, seconded and approved at 7:08pm





TANKS



BUZZARD'S Charity Auction



SKY VALLEY
FOOD BANK

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

May 6, 2025

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


Dear Friends at Barnyard Buzzards:


Thank you for GIVING BIG for your hungry neighbors! Because of you, families will have food on their tables this week. Because of you, children won't go to bed hungry tonight. Because of you, people going through tough times will feel like someone cares. Your kindness and generosity brings health and hope to your struggling neighbors.

More than **200 new families** have come to the Food Bank for the first time this year. People are hurting, and your help is what keeps them going! We are grateful for YOU, and so are the hundreds of families who are receiving food because of your generosity! Thank you again for GIVING BIG!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>
05/06/2025	\$156.00	05/06/2025	5433-- <u>GiveBIG Match</u>

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

Thank you for giving BIG again this year, and for your many years of support! You are making a difference for a lot of hungry families!

Carla



Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

6 months in and it's looking to start to get warm. At the time of this writing, I'm visiting family in mid Illinois. The temperature here is 80s and 90s. And humid.

High daytime temperatures can negatively impact LiPo (Lithium Polymer) batteries, potentially leading to decreased capacity, increased internal resistance, accelerated aging, and even a risk of thermal runaway. Here's a more detailed explanation:

Negative Effects of High Temperatures

Reduced Capacity:

LiPo batteries may hold less charge at high temperatures, meaning shorter flight times or operating durations.

Increased Internal Resistance:

Heat increases the internal resistance of the battery, leading to voltage drops and reduced power output during discharge.

Accelerated Aging:

High temperatures speed up chemical reactions within the battery, causing faster degradation and a shorter overall lifespan.

Risk of Thermal Runaway:

Exposing LiPo batteries to excessive heat can lead to thermal runaway, where the battery rapidly overheats and potentially catches fire or explodes.

Temperature Guidelines for LiPo Batteries:

Storage:

Store LiPo batteries in a cool, dry place between 20 C and 25 C (68 F to 77 F) to maintain capacity and prevent degradation.

Operating:

Operating temperatures should ideally be within the manufacturer's specified range (often between -20 C to 60 C or -4 F to 140 F), but it's best to avoid extreme temperatures.

Charging:

Charge LiPo batteries at room temperature (below 35 C or 95 F), using the manufacturer's recommended charger and ensuring the battery temperature does not exceed 45 C (113 F) during charging.

Discharging:

Discharge LiPo batteries within the recommended temperature range, which is typically 45 C or 113 F.

Preventing Issues in Hot Weather-

Avoid Direct Sunlight:

Do not leave LiPo batteries under direct sunlight, as this can cause them to overheat.

Cool Storage:

Store LiPo batteries in a cool, shaded place when not in use.

Proper Handling:

Be careful when handling LiPo batteries, especially during charging and discharging, to avoid overheating.

Always use a charging bag while charging LiPo batteries. There are bags in the clubhouse for use while at the field.

As always,
Have fun, fly safe
Michael Conniff
Safety Officer



IMPORTANT!!! READ MANUAL in its entirety before use.

Take extra precautions when handling Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries, as they require different safety measures compared to NiMH or NiCd batteries!

Failure to follow these instructions can result in severe permanent damage to battery, cause serious personal injury, or lead to a fire.

More info:

<https://power.tenergy.com/lipo-safety-warnings/>



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)

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, 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
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, **June 10th 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 check-list available.

Current Flight Instructors:

Dart Sharp	(425) 923-6989
Paul Dibble	(425) 359-1808





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Duvall, WA 98019

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