



# 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, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The public is always welcome to join us!**

**Program: ???**



## President's Message — Steve Higgins

Well, it's August! I hope all you Barnyard Buzzards are having a great summer flying season!

Last week we held our "Fun Fly", Dean was the CD for the event and did a great job! We hosted events such as the Balloon Bust, Carrier Landing, Egg Scramble, and an acrobatics challenge. There were eight pilots, and we

had a good couple of hours of fun.

We've had some safety concerns toward the end of last month and the beginning of July. We have addressed those concerns and are exploring ways to enhance safety in the field. We are working on a flight zone map and

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## July 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The Meeting was called order at 6:31

Vice President – Jay Wellan

### Introduction of Officers and Guests:

Secretary – Mark Weeks

There were 11 Members and 0 Guests present .

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

President – Steve Higgins

Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

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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



collaborating with club members to understand better where we can fly and when. Flying safely is everyone's responsibility, so if you see something that violates the safety rules, please address it with the pilot after their flight. If you are being spoken to about a safety issue, please take the criticism as constructive.

August Schedule:

- August 9th Work Party (9-10 am Start Time)**
- August 12 Meeting at Alfys Pizza (Monroe), 6:30 p.m.**
- August 16 Car/Truck Races 11 am Qualifying Starts.**
- August 23rd Night Fly 5 pm**
- August 23rd thru September 1st. Camping Week (Please RSVP with Mark Weeks).**

We do need some maintenance to be done, and the August 9th Work party is where we will accomplish some of that. These generally last 2-4 hours, depending on the number of people available, and this is where we will complete a significant portion of the yearly maintenance. Please let Mark Weeks know if you plan to attend and what, if any, tools are required for the work.

So with that, I'm going to stop rambling, and I hope to see everyone out at the field!

Happy Flying!



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Steve asked if everyone had read the meeting minutes from June and then asked to approve as posted. The June meeting minutes were approved as posted.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **President:**

Flight box safety email that was sent to be discussed under new business.

### **Vice President:**

Next events:

July 12th Len and Brian will be the CD's for the Crawlers Event

July 19th Truck Racing

July 26th Fun Fly - Dean Appell to CD the event

### **Secretary:**

We currently have 53 members.

### **Treasurer:**

All bills are paid.

### **Safety Officer:**

We did have a mishap. But We are very proud of

how everyone at the field reacted. Michael and Mark Presented the details: While Mark was starting his gas Edge 540 he inadvertently placed his hand in the wrong spot and it collided with the prop. Once it was called out that there had been an accident, the field stopped flying and everyone jumped in to get it handled. First aid kits seemed to come out of the woodwork. In the end Mark's injuries were fairly minor, no stitches needed just some butterfly bandages and dressings were needed. He will lose a fingernail and he will be sore for a few days but it could have been much worse. Robert brought up how some of the other clubs have a starting area for large planes and we will be looking into it and how it could be implemented.

### **Field Manager:**

Outlets – Michael, Ron Swift and Ron Beba have added separated the outlets, Nice Job guys!

### **Newsletter Editor:**

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

### **Webpage Editor:**

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Mark is looking to add a members only page to the web. It would be a sign-in area, in this area he is looking to add a Club roster (you will be able to opt out) A lost and found section and more as items come up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The outlets a done thanks again to Ron, Ron and Michael.

**NEW BUSINESS: Flight area Commentary /Discussion.**

Monday, Steve sent out a message regarding safe flying practices. While the message may have perceived as harsh safety must always come first!! Steve has a map in works to visually show the fly areas. We are working on printing larger and in color maps to be placed at the field.

One area that HAS to stop is the flying over the flight stations and pits. 3D/aerobatic maneuvers must be performed off the runway to the east. Low passes, touch and go's and practice landing flights are allowed for all planes as long as callouts are made. Remember we are all stewards of the field and surroundings, if you see something that is not safe SAY SOMETHING. Any questions please let one of the Board members know.

**PROGRAM:**

None this month

**ADJOURNMENT:**

7:36



*Safety Corner* 

By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,  
I have been busy painting my house. So, once again, I borrow from a former Safety Officer.  
Thank you Vince.

Safety Corner July 2010

**SAFETY FIRST**

**NOT SAFETY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**NOT SAFETY WHEN I FEEL**

**LIKE IT**

**NOT SAFETY WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT**

**SAFETY FIRST ALL THE TIME**

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS





# Photos For Fun





# CRAWLERS Cont'd

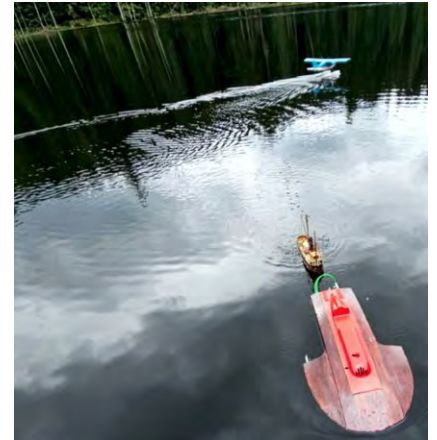


# CAR & TRUCK RACES





# BOATS & FLOATS EVENT





# 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

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Event Name</b>
<b>Saturday, August 16, 2025</b>	<b>Car Racing 6</b>
<b>Saturday, August 23, 2025</b>	<b>Night Fly 2</b>
<b>August 28 thru September 1</b>	<b>Camp Week</b>
<b>Friday, September 6, 2024</b>	<b>Boats and Floats 2</b>
<b>Saturday, September 20, 2025</b>	<b>Heil</b>
<b>Saturday, September 27, 2025</b>	<b>Car Racing 7</b>
<b>Saturday, October 11, 2025</b>	<b>Fall Gliders</b>
<b>Saturday, October 18, 2025</b>	<b>Car Racing 8</b>
<b>Saturday, October 25, 2025</b>	<b>Pattern Flying</b>
<b>Saturday, November 1, 2025</b>	<b>Car Racing 9</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 9, 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
<b>Saturday, January 3, 2026</b>	<b>Freeze In 2026</b>
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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



**Upcoming Club Meeting**  
Our next club meeting is Tuesday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 check-list available.

### Current Flight Instructors:

Dart Sharp (425) 923-6989





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