



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, October 14th at 6:30 PM. The public is always welcome to join us!
Program: ???

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President's Message — Steve Higgins

Barnyard Buzzards,
Well, it's October 2025, and fall is here. Summer is quickly fading away, and if the weather forecasters are correct, we are in for a snowy, cold winter. Take care of those planes and battery packs in the coming months!
I haven't been out to the field due to some work and personal issues over

the past three weeks.
Some of you may have heard that on Sept 12th, my stepson was killed in a single-car accident. I helped raise him as my own since he was 5 years old. Mason was the kind of person who would brighten up a room with a great sense of humor, a
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September 9th Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

Mark Weeks called meeting to order @ 6:30pm
Introduction of Officers and Guests:
We had 10 Members and No Guests present

President – Steve Higgins,(absent)
Vice President – Jay Wellan, Secretary – Mark Weeks, Treasurer – Dart Sharp, Safety Officer – Michael Conniff
Mark filled in for Steve in his absence.
Minutes from the August meeting:
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The Turkey Buzzard

2025 Club Officers and Contacts

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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 |



smile that could melt your heart, and a zest for life. Mason's light burned bright for the time that he was on this earth. I say this because it's therapeutic for me; talking about his loss helps me deal with my family's loss. I want to thank everyone for their support in the past and in the future!

It's okay to have a guest at the field. When I say 'guest,' I mean that each member can bring one guest at a time to the field. The guest can only fly if they are AMA members; otherwise, they can buddy box with the sponsoring member. Only one guest can fly at a time if multiple guests from multiple members are present. Any damage caused by an accident involving a guest flyer is the responsibility of the guest and sponsoring member when the guest is flying. All guests must be signed in to the log book with their full name and AMA number.

When flying, please make sure that you stay within the flight box and avoid flying over the runway, unless you have made your intentions (E.g., Landing, Touch and go, etc.) known in advance. Please avoid any 3D or high-risk maneuvers directly over the runway; a simple servo or control horn failure could result in damage that you could be held responsible for. The flight line is close

to the parking area, so when flying over the runway, instead of the flight box area, there is a higher risk of damage if a failure or mistake occurs. We will be discussing the flight areas during the October meeting being held at Alf's pizza on Oct 14th at 6:30 pm.

Speaking of the meeting, we are getting into election season. If you are interested in serving on the board, now is the time to turn in your nominations. Being on the Board is a rewarding and sometimes challenging experience; having served as the Safety Officer, Secretary, and President of the Club for the last four years has been equally satisfying and has given me valuable insight into how these clubs operate. I'm not going to say that everything has been "Roses and Sunshine", but it has been fun to be a part of the club and volunteer some of my time to help out.

Well, that is enough rambling from me... Hope to see you all at the field or at the meeting!

Steve Higgins.



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Motion made, seconded and were approved with no corrections or changes

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

A couple of Reminders:

Safety:

While Michael is the Safety Officer, everyone is responsible for safety.

Starting larger (over 48-inch) combustion engines on tables to me is not a good idea. Too many things can go wrong when moving these larger planes from the table to the ground. A single slip or distraction could result in severe injury or death. Larger models should start with some restraint (strap/tail holder, etc.) and with you out of the prop arc.

We are getting better at signing in the logbook. Thank you very much!

We have noticed that some are not using the flight/pilot stations when flying. You MUST fly from the flight station. You need to be behind a pilot station, as when you are focused on your plane, another pilot could develop an issue and get pushed or crash into a pilot station guard. If you aren't

standing in the pilot station, there is a possibility they could hit you.

Please ensure that you pack out any garbage cups, etc. I collected a couple of fast-food cups over the past couple of weeks: Jimmy John's and McDonald's.

Smoking at the field: Smoking in the clubhouse or in the container is NOT allowed!

If you are going to smoke make sure you are taking care of your waste. And pack it out. If you are smoking make sure that you are downwind from others, you place your butts in a trash can in your car, and you do not smoke in the clubhouse, that is no problem for me. Bryan R. talked to Ranger Dave regarding scout's rules regarding smoking. No smoking on Scout property is allowed. We are allowed to smoke on the area that we occupy. But we must remember to protect the area. No butts on the ground and NO SMOKING in the Clubhouse or the Container. We need to keep in mind that we use a flammable material to run the internal combustion engines.

Vaping is allowed but just be respectful of others. Smoking at the scouts camp is strictly forbidden, and will not be tolerated.

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Vice President:

September 6th was our Boats and Floats event. It went very well. We had a dozen members flying and boating.

Heli Day scheduled for the 20th has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We are looking for something else to fill in the date. Maybe a Warbirds day. The board will get together later this week and let you know.

Car Racing is on the 27th

Secretary: Mark reported that we currently have 56 members.

Treasurer: All bills are paid and we have money in the bank. It was brought up that we need to be working to increase our savings account in case we need to find another field. Dart commented that we should have \$1000.00 more in the bank at the end of the year than we did last year

Safety Officer:

No issues or near misses have been reported

Field Manager:

Projects still in need of attention:

- Build a bridge to access the north field using the tractor.
- Railroad ties have been purchased.
- There are still some flight tables needing repair.
- In-ground tail hold stations for starting combustion engines are still being worked on.

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.

Website:

Looking to install a member-only section. It would be a login area; some suggestions include a roster, Lost and Found, and a suggestion area. Putting these items on the shelf as not everyone wants these features

We need pictures from events or other relevant content for both the website and the newsletter. Please send them to Mark or Ron, and they will share them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barnyard Buzzards History Committee:

Nothing new reported

Dock Repair:

Back in the spring Mark and Bryan worked out a plan with Ranger Dave to get the dock into position, repaired, and make it safe for usage. It was decided that one section of the walkway was to be temporarily removed and in the fall we would finish repairing the dock. In the discussions that followed, Ron brought up that the slope going down to the lake is hard for

some to manage. Also there is a need to have a flat space by the lake, so we do not have to carry planes up and down the hillside. Due to shoreline issues and natural terrain it is not cost effective. Ron also was asking if we could change the dock so it would not move as much as it does while you are walking out and then are standing on the main floating section.

Flight Areas:

Looks like we have addressed most of the flying safety issues. We will be amending the field safety rules with a flight box diagram to be used when briefing new members. I expect that we will have this amended toward the end of the year.

Club Elections:

Time to start thinking about if you would like to volunteer to be on the board. There is a little bit of work involved, but not much.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safety stations are in the process of being repaired and replaced. We have moved to a wood picket design as it saves about 1/2 the cost of the PVC. PVC cost is due to the price of the fittings. Ron brought up that he believed that the safety fences were there to protect both people and planes and we should not go away from the net style of barrier.

The purpose of the safety fencing is to protect people from an out-of-control plane. The board made the decision that people's safety was the main reason to have the stations. Currently there are 5 new stations in place, with a couple more in the works. There are a couple more that are still in need of a second coat of paint. We could use a little help painting the new safety barriers.

ADJOURNMENT:

7:04pm





Safety Corner



By Michael Conniff

Greetings Barnyard Buzzards,

Well, October is here, and so is the change in temperature.

As temperatures drop, zip up that coat, pull on a hat and gloves and be mindful of how much time you're exposed to the elements, especially if you're an older adult or have an underlying cardiovascular condition.

Health experts warn extreme cold or even prolonged exposure to normal winter temperatures can affect the heart, the brain and other vital organs.

Now is the time to start preparing for the coming chill by putting the necessary items in your vehicle

just in case.

Pocket and shoe warmers are available by various means (Amazon or your hardware store) and easily stored in your glove box. Throw in a knit cap and gloves and you're on your way to keeping Jack Frost from nipping at your nose.

I haven't received any reports of injury or accident since my last newsletter posting.

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



Wind chill calculator:

[https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?x=266&y=105&site=sew&zmx=&zmy=&map_x=266&map_y=105)

[x=266&y=105&site=sew&zmx=&zmy=&map_x=266&map_y=105](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?x=266&y=105&site=sew&zmx=&zmy=&map_x=266&map_y=105)

The wind chill temperature is how cold people (and animals) feel while outside. Wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the combination of wind and cold, according to the [National Weather Service](#).

2025 Buzzards Event Schedule

Date of Event	Event Name
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 events are open to AMA active members. Come on our and join the fun . . .

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.



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).

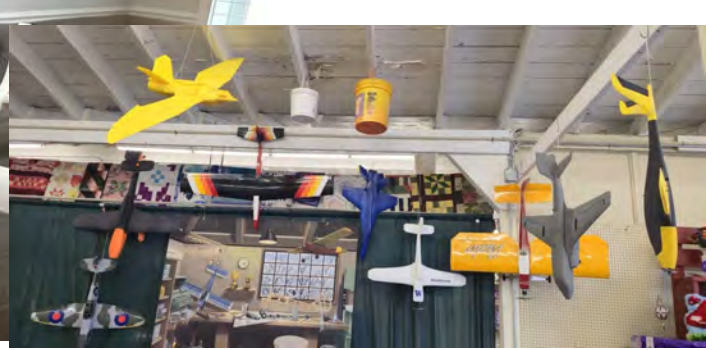
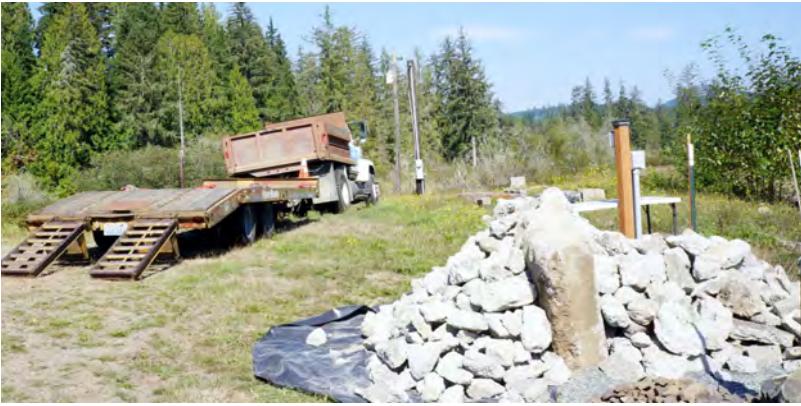
In consideration of my use of the flying club activities, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the 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 _____



Photos For Fun







Extracted from our By-Laws: Getting info about our club officials and the upcoming voting.

Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Safety Officer/Field Marshall

Note: these should be separate officer positions section 5 to be listed as follows:
5: Field Marshall
6. Safety Officer
I make a motion to change our By-Laws accordingly [Ron Swift]

Section 2. APPOINTED POSITIONS

1. Newsletter Editor
2. Special Committees

The offices of President and Vice President shall be held for no longer than three consecutive years by any one person.

No person may hold more than one elected office.

Eligible members may only apply/run for or accept one nomination for the Executive Board.

The term of the elected officers will be from January 1 to December 31. Nominations for officers will open at the October meeting.

Nominations for the Executive Officers and Special Service award will end at the adjournment of the November Meeting.

Each member will be sent an email with the nominated members and a link to on-line voting access.

There are 3 ways to vote, via email, on-line and in person:

Email: You may send all current Board members your votes, which must be sent by the deadline of midnight, the Sunday before the December Meeting.

On-Line: This is done using an on-line link and must be submitted by the deadline of midnight the Sunday before the December Meeting.

In-Person: Voting in person is done at the December meeting.

All votes will be tallied at the December meeting and results will be communicated as soon as possible. Prospective officers must have been an active member in good standing for 12 consecutive months prior to nomination. Nominations will open in October and elections will be held in December.





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, **October 14th 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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at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe



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Program:

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EXPO!
Fall Swap Meet
Friday, October 25 & Saturday, October 26
Bargains Both Days 9am - 6pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Display Hall 500
14405 179th Ave. SE, Monroe WA 98272

RC Swap Meet

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