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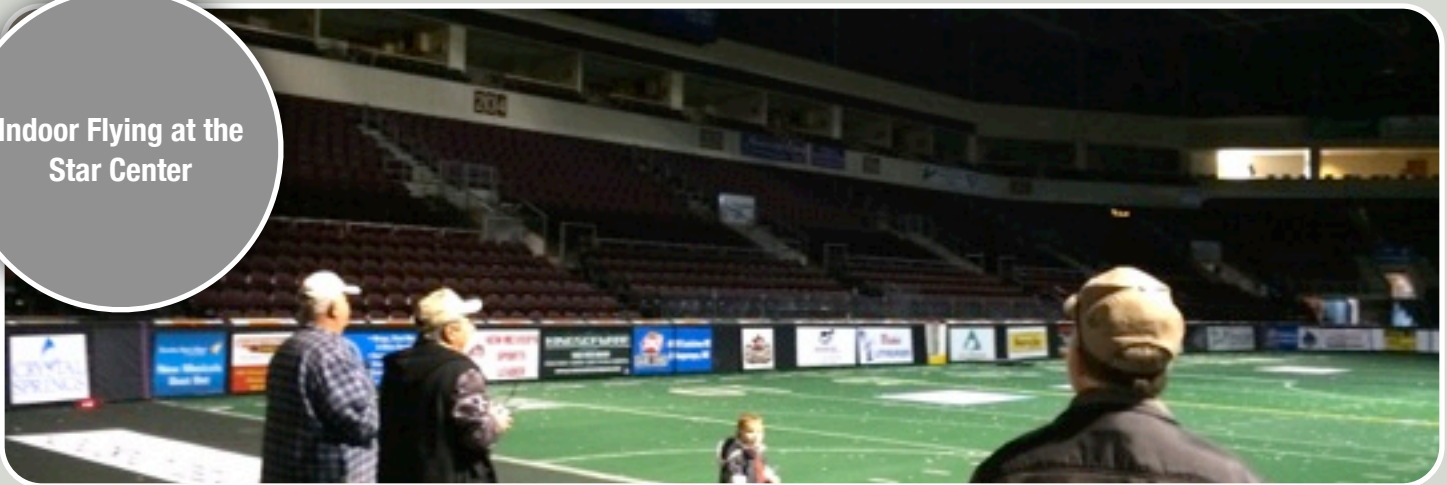
Newsletter
of the Rio Rancho
Radio Control
Flying Club
AMA Club #2770

WATERMAN FIELD

ELEVATION 5840 FEET

35° 17.2'N 106° 44.8'W

Indoor Flying at the
Star Center



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

Windy April, it is suppose to be April showers bring may flowers, not down here. We had much better flying weather in Feb than this month. I guess it will improve soon I hope. It was a good turnout at the Star Center this month with a lot of Quad Coptors showing up! Quads are a little different but a lot of fun, even I am getting to like them. The astro turf was on the floor that made things nice for those hard landings. May is the time to start the outdoor meetings so I hope less

wind and we can get in some flying as well.

See you all at the field.

Coming Events

1. Club meeting 6:00pm Monday May 5th at the field.
2. Maloof Swap Meet - Saturday May 3rd starting 8am.
3. Indoor Flying at the Star Center 12 May 9am til Noon

Gee Bee

Stan Johnson

Stan had a new Gee Bee which he showed at the last meeting.(See Minutes) He test flew it today(4/22/14) and sent the following information:

Flew the Gee Bee today. I had some concern over a slight twist in the wing which trimmed out OK. I also had some concern about the angle of incidence of the stab relative to the wing. That part did not work out OK.

That's the last time I will trust an ARF to have the correct angles built into it. The model had some strange things going on about the pitch axis. Dealing with that distracted me enough during the landing flair that I misjudged the position of the model relative to the asphalt of the runway. Long story short I set it down about 3 feet short of the runway. The big wheel pants dug into the sand flipping the model over. It was not really torn up too bad with the exception of the gear and wheel pants.

I know that if I would have taken it home I would have tried to fix the POS when it was not worth fixing. So I did something smart, at last. I took all of the good gear out of it and left the remains at the field. Life is too short to spend it flying Wonky airplanes. Properly set up the Gee Bee is not a bad ship. Just don't trust the Chinese to do it right.

Les Beason took it and told me he would try to sell the remains at a swap meet he's going to. Nice guy Les, if a little over optimistic.

On to better models.

Stan



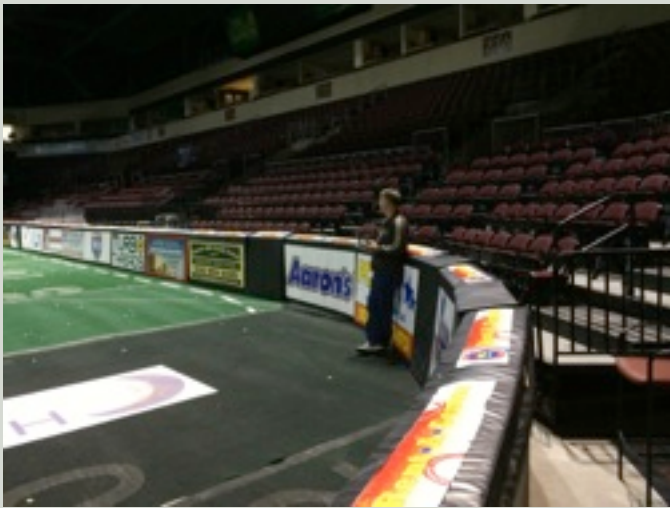
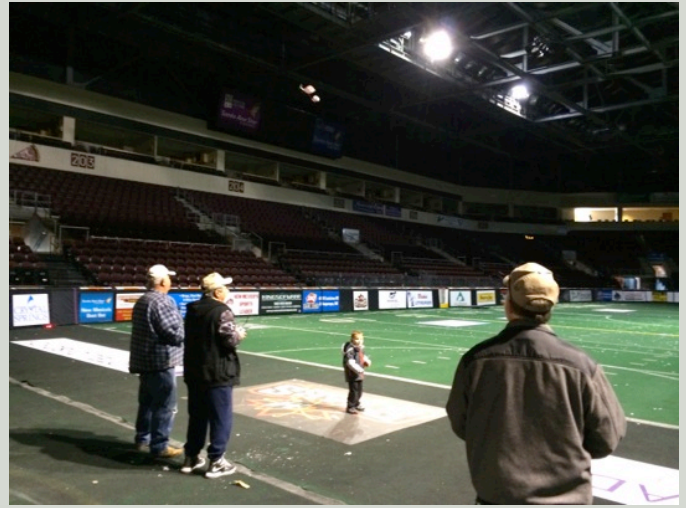
Final words on the demise of the GeeBee

by Stan Johnson

On reflection, after playing the flight over and over in my mind, I've come to the conclusion that the case was largely pilot error. Regardless of the models idiosyncrasies. I should have enlisted the help of a spotter and not try to salvage what was a less than perfect approach. I also could have waited for a day with out a cross wind. All of which had some bearing on the out come of the test hop.



Pictures from the last indoor fly. The next indoor event is scheduled for 12 May.



The Whack-A-Mole crack crew was at the field and repaired the N/S Runway Crack.



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the April 2014 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with 10 members present.

The Minutes were accepted as published.

The treasurers report was unavailable.

Field Report: The field has been windy and weedy. There will be a work party on Saturday the 12th to clear weeds and clean the ditch along the roadway. (Note: During the field clean up it was noted that the field was broken into by a truck that drove over the cable by the road. Both 55 gallon drum trash cans were stolen.)

Safety: No Issues Noted

Unfinished Business: The clubs' annual Family Day is scheduled for the 1st Saturday in June(7th.)

New Business: It was discussed that lock on our gate has been the same lock since we opened the field. It was brought up that we have had club member come and go and it may be time to change the lock. Members discussed that there haven't been any unauthorized personnel flying and thought that it was unnecessary to change the lock at this time. The discussion was concluded.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

There was no raffle held at this meeting.

Stan Johnson showed is 1.20 sized Gee Bee Model. He had a 26cc gas motor powering the plane. It had not been test flown and Stan was completing the detailing. The model was a Composite Model Products kit. Stan explained the kit was not very high quality

and there were quite a number of modifications, and engineering changes to get the model together. Pictures are below.



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Next Club Meeting

May 5th, 6:00pm at Waterman Field. (Don't forget chairs)

SPRING SWAP MEET

ANd BaKe Sale

Saturday May 3th, 2014

At the George Maloof Memorial Flying Field

Starting at 8 AM



Buyers – arrive early for the best selections and bargains

Sellers - bring your own tables – no fee

Gather up all of your unused engines, kits, airplanes etc. and bring them to the swap meet.

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