

"TURBULATOR"

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



PRESIDENTS CORNER
"Da Prez Sez"

May has come and gone, it was not the best month for flying with cool temps. and windy days. March and April this year were much nicer with warmer temps and less wind. We went float flying at Cochiti a couple of times and managed to connect with some real nice weather. I am looking forward to Family Day to get together with new and old members that we don't see too often at the flying field with lots of room for flying, or just relaxing the field is a good place to get away from it all.

Coming Events

1. Next Meeting Saturday 6 June @ 10am at Waterman Field
2. Indoor Flying at the Star on 15 June 2015 @ 0900
3. Float flying season is on !! Don will email when we're going to Cochiti Lake

Some RC flying Do's

If you're new to the hobby, do choose a suitable aircraft i.e. a model suited to your current flying experience, not the one that looks the best in the shop but you won't be able to control. Following the advice throughout this website should give you the right idea.

Do select your flying site carefully, and always check to see whether flying an rc aircraft is permitted in the area that you want to fly.

- Do check whether any kind of liability insurance is needed (it usually is for club flying). If your aircraft damages property or, even worse, people, then you could be in for a multi-figure damages claim. Yikes!

- Do search out any local clubs in your area. If you don't want to join, at least talk with members about flying outside of their space; frequency control is a serious issue and can't be ignored.

- Do be very aware of proximity to houses, roads, schools etc. and keep as far away as possible. The larger and clearer the open space for radio control flying, the better.

- Do try and carry out some kind of frequency check before you fly, especially if it's a popular place for rc models of any kind.

- Do carry out those essential pre-flight checks and, very importantly, the range check.

- Do respect that not everyone likes rc models! Noisy airplanes should be flown at rc flying club fields or well away from the public ears.

- Do be very aware of your radio gear battery levels at all times. A drop in charge after lots of flying will result in the aircraft going out of range, and out of control. Very bad in a public place.

- Do write your name and phone number somewhere on the aircraft (or use an address label). RC airplanes have been known to fly off by themselves, or get stuck up trees or lost in corn fields, and the finder has more reason to return it if there is contact information - and even more so if there's an offer of a reward.

- Do fly within your skill limitations. We all need to push the envelope a bit, that's how we progress, but pushing it too hard too fast can have nasty results.

Always use common sense (Hard to find these days), keep it safe, be sensible and responsible - but have fun!

Some RC flying Don'ts

- Don't fly where flying isn't permitted.
- Don't fly too close to built-up areas or roads, or anywhere where you could be a nuisance to the public.
- Don't fly in an area with lots of trees, pylons, posts, power lines and other obstacles.
- Don't fly close to people who are out trying to enjoy the sunshine. Or anyone at anytime, for that matter.
- Don't fly over or close to animals, wild or domestic.
- Don't try and fly beyond your capabilities eg try advanced aerobatic maneuvers without mastering the basics first.
- Don't fly over your head and behind you - it's the quickest way of getting completely disoriented and confused with what the aircraft is doing. A truly horrid feeling when it happens, believe me!
- Don't fly the aircraft too far away - it doesn't take long for an rc airplane or helicopter to become a tiny dot in the distance, and you have no idea of what the aircraft is doing, which way up it is etc. Again, a sure way for disorientation to kick in.
- Don't fly on very windy days if your aircraft isn't designed with wind in mind. Different R/C aircraft can handle different strength winds, but for a basic electric park flyer a wind of 5mph could be too much. No wind or a gentle breeze is ideal.
- Don't turn on your transmitter if you see other modelers around. Check which frequency they are using first.
- Don't forget your pre-flight checks and range check.
- Don't fly if you are in any doubt about your aircraft or your situation. Wait for another day instead, or choose a safer area.

Thanks to all who showed up and worked at the field working party. This was the largest group we've had ever, and they made quick work of what we had to do. Good Job!!!!

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Month 2015 Club Meeting

The meeting was Called to order at 7:00pm with 19 Members present.

Minutes accepted as Published.

Treasurers Report: Accepted as presented.

Membership Report. The club has 48 Members with one new member at the meeting.

Field Report: 1. Field working party went very well.

We had the largest member participation and got all the work finished.

2. Trenches still need work. Garry proposed letting his friend dig them with a back hoe, plan was unanimously approved.

Safety: Continue to fly in the boxes when there are multiple planes in the air use spotters.

Unfinished Business: Family Day is scheduled for Saturday 30 May. Don will notify club and make arrangements for Burgers & Dogs.

New Business: 1. Tom May was a new member at the meeting. Welcome aboard.

2. We will venture to Cochiti on Thursday meet at Alsops on 528 @ 0800, Don will email the club.

3. Vic has arranged the next indoor fly at the Star Center for 11 May 2015.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:40pm The next meeting will be at the field.

Raffle Results:

1. Mike Wells
2. Ken French
3. Steve Shaffer

Stan Johnson spoke on the latest developments in Aircraft Electrics. He spoke in power/weight ratios, motors, Esc/Speed Controls, batteries and Chargers. A very informative talk from the local expert. A great job !!!



Work crew at the Field

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Next Club Meeting

June 6th 10:00am at the Waterman Field.