

"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



Our Field from Tom
Maiers Drone



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

Happy Holidays to all. I hope everyone that could took advantage of the great October weather. Things change fast in New Mexico and November was a good indicator of things to come. With luck maybe Vic. can get us some time at the Star Center, during the cooler days. Christmas party Sat see U all then.



Coming Events

1. Christmas Party & Meeting 3 Dec @ The Sleep Center 1009 Golf Course Rd.
2. Election of Officers at the Club Meeting.
3. 2017 Dues are payable to Bill Ryan

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Election of Club Officers

The Election of our Club officers in accordance with our By-Laws starts with opening of nominations at the October meeting with a final club vote at the December meeting. I'd like to take a few minutes to explain the duties and responsibilities of each officer.

The President: He is responsible to guide the club in a positive direction. to promote both the Club and the Sport of Radio Control. He is also responsible for the moral of the club. He is the face of the club for any and all media and club events.

Vice President: He is the #2 man in the club. He supports the president in the advancement of the club goals. He also handles the Presidents job in the event the president is out of town or unable to fulfill his responsibilities.

Treasurer: The treasurer handles the money side of the club. He makes recommendations on when to raise or lower dues. He maintains any paperwork that is financially oriented like Tax exempt status and bank account etc. He pays the clubs bills from the club account. He makes a monthly statement to the club at each meeting.

Secretary: The secretary takes care of the club paperwork. He files the club charter with the AMA annually, he is the club contact for the AMA. He develops and maintains the club applications and club roster.(In our club the roster responsibility is shared with the Treasurer) The Secretary documents the monthly meeting. In our club the secretary is also responsible for the monthly newsletter, and developing and maintaining the club Website.

The four officers make up the clubs executive counsel and are empowered to make decisions

on behalf of the club, both policy wise and financially. All four Officer positions are voted on annually but he club membership.

There are 2 club positions that are assigned by the Club president these are the Field Marshal and Safety Officer.

The Field Marshal is responsible for maintaining the club flying filed. All repairs, painting and other maintenance are his responsibility. This doesn't mean he has to perform the work but he is responsible for coordinating these activities or bring attention to them at a club meeting and organizing a working party of club members.

Safety Officer: Responsible to maintain a safe flying environment. He enforces club, AMA and common sense safety guidelines. This is the only non-elected position to have the power to prevent a person from flying and to ask them to leave the field(All club officers have this power). He can also recommend the removal of a person from the club. All of his recommendations are based on the safety behavior of the club member in question.

You can see from the above descriptions that the club management(officers and appointees) have quite a few responsibilities. When you consider a person for one of these positions they need to have the mindset and abilities to perform the job. They also must perform. The quality of the club officers are reflected in the attitude of the club. Good officers have the club doing activities and every one in the club has a good time. Poor club officers result in a bad club experience and eventual demise of the club.

The fate of the club is the responsibility of the club membership. Who they nominate for office and who gets voted into office.

From the field



Steve Shaffer's Giant Stik



Robin and Don with 1.2m Prometheus BiPlane

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2016 Club Meeting

The meeting started @ 7:00pm with 18 Members present.

The Minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Membership Report: 52 2016 Members

8 Paid 2017 Members

Field Report: Remaining crack repairs have been deferred until the spring and warmer weather.

Safety Reported: No Issues noted. Safety issues should be reported to the Safety Officer Tom

Maier.

Unfinished Business: 1. The Club Christmas Party is scheduled for 3 December at the Sleep Center 1st floor on Golf Course Rd. The entrance is on the back side of the building. The doors will open @ 5:00pm and dinner will start at 6:00pm with the club meeting starting after dinner. We will have the annual White Elephant gift exchange(Limit of \$10/gift). Each person participating must bring a gift.

2. Field Storage Container: Final plans were being made for the Storage Container for the field and it was brought up that some members didn't see a need to put the container at the field.

It was suggested that we could build a brick facilities building at the field that would fill the need. The Storage Container has been tabled. The club is now waiting for the design, and costs of the facilities building.

New Business: 1. Nominations for club officers> The current officers have been re-nominated for office. Vic Holtgrewe(Vice President) declined the nomination. Reggie Card was then nominated as Vice President. Current nominations are as follows:

President: Ken French

Vice President: Reggie Card

Treasurer: Bill Ryan

Secretary: Don McClelland

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer for any of the Officer positions you can do so at the December meeting or by emailing any Club Officer of your intention. Most of our current officers have been in place for a number of years and new blood is always welcome.

2. Andy Wilson had some VHS-C tapes of [Old Rhinebeck](#) Airshow. Garry will convert them to disc for club viewing.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:53

Turbulator:

Editor Don McClelland

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Next Club Meeting

December 3rd 6:00pm at the Sleep Center 1009 Golf Course Rd