

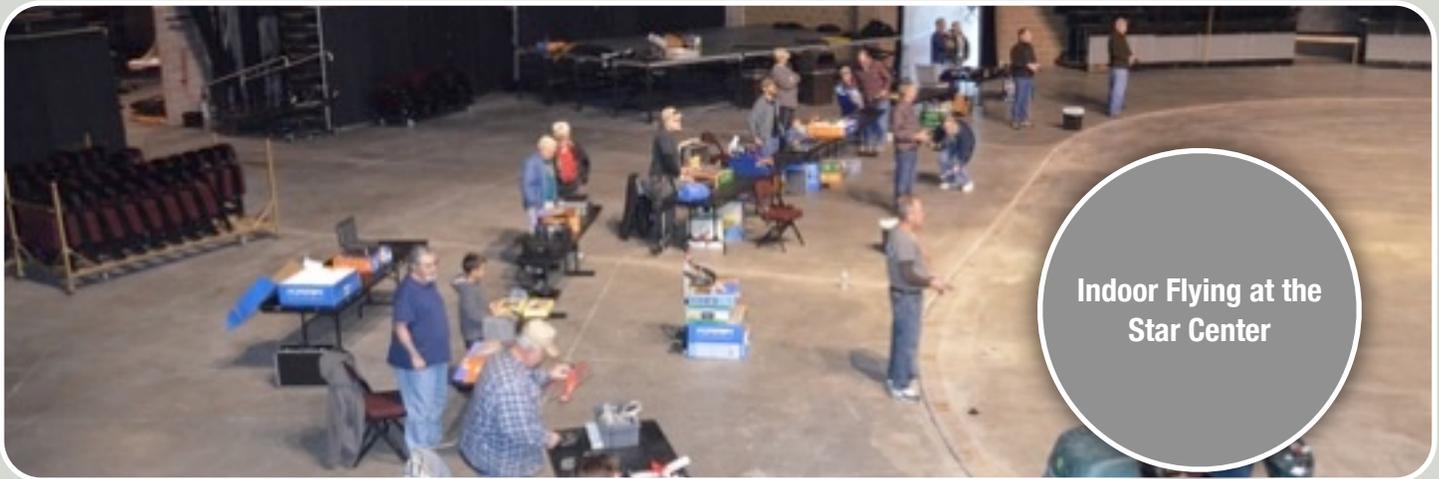
"TURBULATOR"

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

Holidays over and it is back from the East were it was a warm Christmas then a cold New Year. It looks like things around here have been quiet with the snow, cold, and wind. It was a real treat to come back to some indoor flying, on a weekend. It was good to see so many, young and old enjoying the flying rather than working or going to school (around 22 members enjoyed the morning).

Thanks again Vic. With days getting a little longer, and warmer I am sure flying will get better soon.

Coming Events

1. Next Meeting 1 Feb 2016 @ 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House
2. Tuesday Feb 16th is Rio Rancho RC Flyers Appreciation Day at Hobby-Proz 15% off parts, 10% off everything else (radios, kits, electronics,) stuff that normally doesn't get discounted
3. Indoor Flying @ Star Center 15 Feb(Presidents Day) from 0900-Noon

Man cautions about lithium ion batteries after drone battery explodes while charging

from KOB TV4 Albuquerque

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s4028010.shtml#.Vqev7scniig>

It's a fun gadget, but are the batteries in toy drones potential death traps? A New Mexico man says his drone's battery lit up the kitchen when it exploded this week.

The lithium ion batteries that power drones and hover boards have caused a lot of concern after some have caught on fire.

"Oh that's interesting, got a missing part right there," said Otto Anderson, tinkering with his drone on Monday.

If it can fly, chances are Anderson loves it. His Peralta home is filled with carefully-crafted remote control aircraft.

"She's a good bird," he said, pointing to a parrot named Tony who lounges nearby.

His home is packed with passion for flight, which is why getting a drone sounded so cool.

"Saw them on the tube and I thought, 'man they'd be a lot of fun,' so I snagged one," said Anderson.

For \$400, Anderson was well on his way to working out amateur drone-ing kinks.

But when he left the thing on a charger to juice up on Sunday, he almost lost everything. The drone's lithium ion battery exploded on Anderson's kitchen counter.

"And all of a sudden there was sparks and flames and things shooting all over the place," he said. "Particles of flaming pieces of the battery [were] all over the countertop."

Anderson had only just walked inside the house from running errands moments before the explosions.

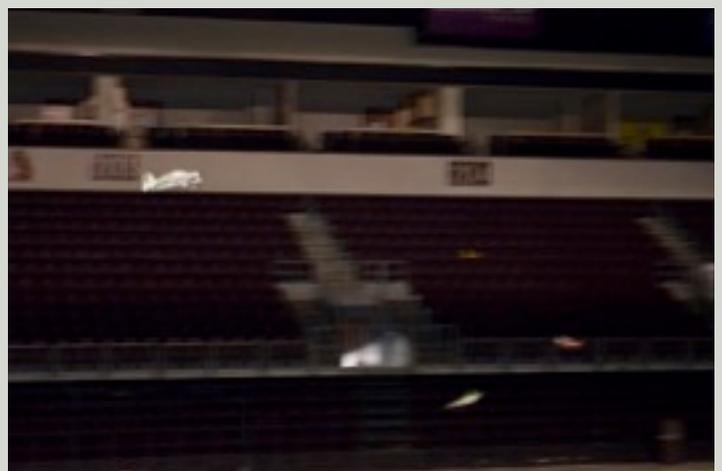
"Would have surely caught these wooden cabinets on fire and then, 'pft,' it'd be gone," he said.

Anderson said he'd heard about exploding batteries in some new technology, just never imagined it would happen to him.

It's a problem so prevalent, retailers are already developing products to help prevent explosions. Some companies are developing Kevlar bags to keep batteries inside while they're charging.

Anderson plans to get one -- and never charge unattended.

"I would caution people about charging these lithium ion batteries," he said. "If you feel any heat in them it's a danger point."



Indoor Flying at the Star

Special thanks to Vic Holtgrewe for getting us set-up at the Star Center for Indoor Flying. We had 22 members come out for indoor fun.



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the January 2016 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 14 members present.

The minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurers report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: Not much going on at the field due to the inclement weather. The field has been snow covered for the better part of a month. When the field thaws we will probably need to repair cracks.

Safety: No issues noted.

Unfinished Business: 1. Comments on the party have been very positive. Members attending the party had a very good time. The club purchased a gift certificate for dinner for the Wallens in appreciation for opening their home for the party.

2. 2016 Dues are payable to our new treasurer Bill Ryan. The By-Laws require members to pay their dues by the March meeting or they will be removed from the roster. *(there are 35 paid members for 2016).*

New Business: 1. ADO park in Albuquerque has been closed to RC Flying. Greg Ruleman has taken the lead in working with the city to rectify this. *(Update emails have been sent to our club members as they are received)*

2. There was a long discussion on the new FAA requirements for pilot registration. The AMA is formulating a plan of action. There is also 1 law suit (Non AMA). The bottom line is no one is happy about this ruling and it is a personal decision whether

or not you register with the FAA.

3. Bill Ryan has new Club Decals in 2 sizes. Large for \$2.00, and small for \$1.00. They are in various colors so see Bill before your favorite color sells out!

4. The club decided to have a Swap meeting at the March meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 7:45pm.



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Next Club Meeting

February 1st 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House. 5545 Lilac Pl.