

"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



Tundra flies between pilots at Cochiti Lake



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

It looks like summer is starting to leave us. It was breakfast at Twisters, as there was no flying at the field due to a cold strong East wind. Cochiti will be closing on October 15th for the winter, so anyone who wants to float fly should try and make it on the 29th. we might not make another trip up there. In Oct. we start meeting indoors at Garry's newly renovated work

shop, hope to see U all there.

Coming Events

1. Meeting is Monday 3 Oct @ 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House
2. Nominations for Club Officers opens at the Oct Meeting.
3. Club dues for 2017 are payable to Bill Ryan. Dues remain @ \$50/Yr

RC flying Do's and Don'ts

- some basic safety tips

The R/C flying Do's and Don'ts listed below are just some basic tips that should keep your flying experiences as safe and enjoyable as possible.

They're not set in stone but go along the lines of general common sense. RC flying is a great hobby and will give you heaps of fun, but all rc pilots need to fly responsibly - or we all get a bad name!

Of course accidents can and do happen, but as the British Model Flying Association puts it... "Safe flying is no accident".

So please bear these R/C flying Do's and Don'ts in mind when you're at the field with your R/C airplane, and you'll have a much better day.

Some R/C 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 R/C 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 R/C models of any kind.

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

Do respect that not everyone likes R/C models! Noisy airplanes should be flown at R/C 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, 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 rc 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.

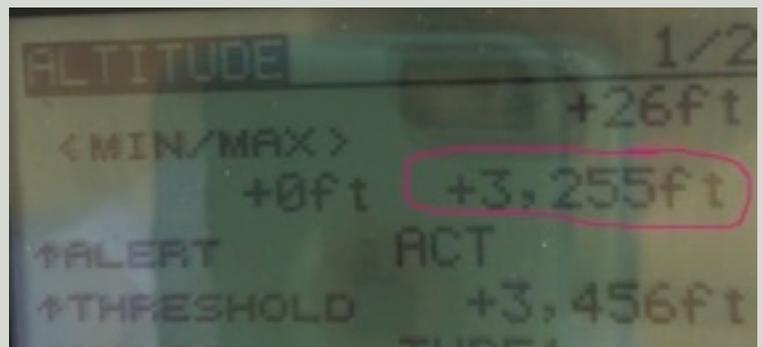
Don't turn on your transmitter if you see other modellers around. Check which frequency they are using first.

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.

The above rc flying Do's and Don'ts relate to flying in public places. Again, common sense should dictate how you fly anyway. If you're flying at a club field you should already have the club rules to hand, so obey those at all times!

If you've inadvertently discovered some interesting Do's and Don'ts while out flying your rc airplane, please let me know via the contact page and the information may well appear in the lists above.



Ken Carpenter sets height record for our field with a height of 3255ft

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the September 2016 Club Meeting

The Meeting started at 10:00am with 13 members present.

The Minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Membership Report: 52 Members

Field Report: Garry is getting the materials to finish the field crack repairs.

Safety: No Safety Issues noted. Continue flying in the pilots boxes, using spotters. Remember no spectators past the white railing and no running engines on the people side of the kill line.

Unfinished business: Ken French and Ken Carpenter are still working the details of the storage container for the field.

New Business: 1. Next meeting will be our first indoor meeting.

2. Start 2017 Dues collection at the October meeting.

3. Nomination of Club Officers starts at the October meeting.

4. The club is a 501C7 Non-Profit and any

donations to the club are tax deductible. Bill Ryan has the paperwork and can answer questions.

6. George Bliss is leaving the club and is moving to Phoenix Az. George is a past president and has been a club member for many years.

7. Next Cochiti Lake float fly will be Sept 29. Don will remind tthe membership via email prior to the event. The lake closes Oct 15 and there are not many more opportunities left this year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am



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Next Club Meeting

October 3rd 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House. 5545 Lilac Pl.