

"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



Reggie and Robin
with Reggie's new
Ultimate Bipe



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

The Monday flying at the Star Center was a fun day for all, with many club members taking advantage of the MLK holiday, and a chance for many to fly some of the new drones, a good time was had by all. The last week of January and the first week of February finally gave some of us a break from this winters cold, windy, and wet weather. With longer days coming fast now things should get much better. see U all at the Monday

meeting.

Coming Events

1. Club Meeting 6 Feb @ 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House
2. February indoor events at the Star Center 13 & 20 Feb from 0900-1200

Electrified Hobbies

by Don McClelland

There is a new Hobby Shop in Rio Rancho called Electrified Hobbies. The shop is located on Southern Blvd in the shopping center where Joe's Pasta House. The shop is the first shop to the right of the old Albertsons store. In its current configuration the shop is specialized on the FPV Drone market. The grand opening was the 14th of January. The grand opening featured Shaun Taylor who is the current FPV Drone racing World Champion. Shaun and 3 of his friends gave a couple demonstrations of the racing drones in the parking lot behind the shop. This was the 1st time I had seen the racing drones and boy were they fast. The area they were flying in was approximately 150' by 100'. The acceleration and speed was very impressive. I'd guesstimate that the drones were running between 80 and 90mph. You couldn't follow a single drone but had to watch the field. The drones sounded like little formula 1 race cars. All in all a very impressive demo. Currently, Electrified Hobbies carries all the parts to be competitive in drone racing. Matt the owner is a Motor Officer(Motorcycle) with the Rio Rancho Police Department. He is at the shop on Mondays and Tuesdays. He's a very friendly guy and is willing to pass his knowledge of drone racing on, all you have to do is ask. I've been to the shop a couple times and had very good conversations with Matt. Matt is currently waiting for approval from both Great Planes(Tower) and Horizon to carry their lines of products in his shop. He is also in lite to carry products from HobbyKing. Matt has told me that if you can buy something on the internet you can buy it from Electrified Hobbies for the same price or less. Matt flies drones and isn't familiar with planes but would like our help in what to stock his shop with. He's going to have a suggestion box on the counter so we can get him to carry the products that we'd need or like to see in the shop. Please take the time to visit Matt, see whats there and let him know what you'd like to see in the store.



Electrified Hobbies Store Front



Matt



Flying FPV Drones on Opening Day

Proposed By-Laws Change

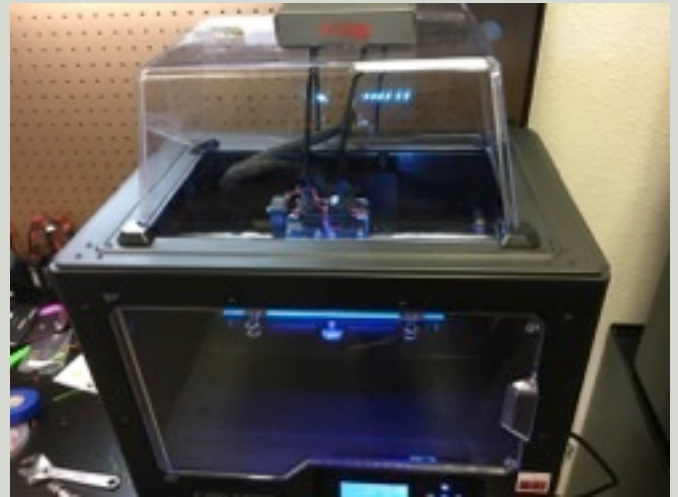
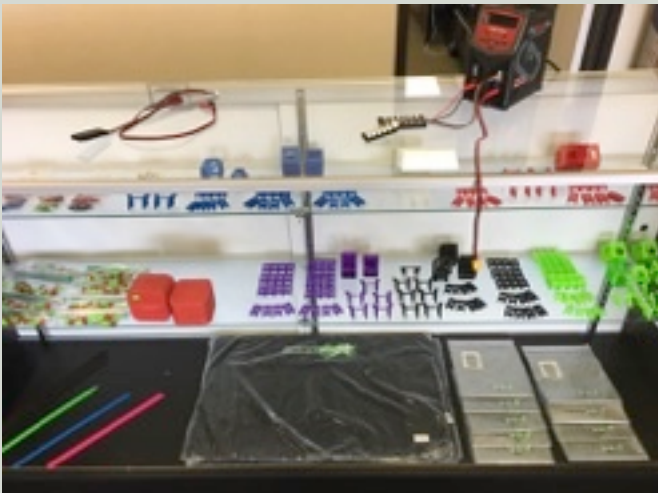
The current By-Laws Section III B states:

B. Dues are payable on or before the January meeting. If the dues of a member are not paid by the March meeting, membership of such member shall be deemed to have been terminated by reason of such non-payment. If satisfactory explanation is presented to the Executive Committee of the reasons for non-payment, upon tender of the full amount, the Executive Committee may in its discretion reinstate such person to membership.”

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This change allows a member that has not renewed their membership to be removed from the roster after the January meeting. It also makes the Treasurers and Secretaries job easier as they would stop sending reminders out to delinquent members and the Roster can be finalized in January vice March cutting our renewal period from 6 months to 3 months.



3D Printer at Electrified Hobbies



Drones & Parts at Electrified Hobbies



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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the January 2017 Club Meeting

Meeting Called to order: at 7:00pm,

Minutes: Accepted as Published.

Treasurers Report: Accepted as Presented.

Membership Report: 31 paid member for 2017
Field Report: There has been very little flying due to the cold weather and high winds.

Safety: No Safety issues due to minimal flying.

Unfinished Business: Installation of a steel shipping container was put on hold. Garry proposed building a storage building. Don went to the tax office to see the ramifications of a permanent structure on the field taxes. The assessor stated that they couldn't make a determination on the cost of taxes until the structure was determined and plans were submitted to them for assessment. The final tax assessment would happen after the structure was built and they evaluated it. The Steel Storage structure would not affect the taxes as it is considered a temporary structure vice a permanent structure. The club is waiting Garry to present his proposal for the structure.

New Business: Don proposed a change to the club By-Laws that would move the dates for club

renewals to the 1st meeting in January. Currently we collect dues from October to the 1st meeting in March, which is a 6 month period. Members that have not renewed are then removed from the roster. One down side to this is that the AMA expects the club to renew our charter by March which includes a roster update. Frequently, we do not have the information due to our current renewal policy. The proposal would shorten the dues collection period to 3 months October to the 1st meeting in January. Unpaid members would be removed from the roster and mailing lists at the 1st meeting in January. (The By-Law change is in this issue for review.) The membership approved the concept of the change and gave approval to proceed with the By-Laws change. (Out by-laws require all changes be emailed to the membership then voted on by the membership at the meeting following the emailing)

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Turbulator:

Editor Don McClelland

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Next Club Meeting

February 6th 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House. 5545 Lilac Pl.