

"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

New Planes at the field



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

According to my calendar spring is here and summer should be right behind it. The weather has improved a little, with some calm and warm days. More people are getting out to the field on those days. With the days getting longer, and warmer things should improve. April is the last indoor meeting. In May we start meeting at the field on Saturdays. It is time to start thinking about field cleanup, and repairs. hope to see many members at this meeting.

Coming Events

1. Next meeting 2 April 7:00pm @ Wallen Club House
2. Cochiti Lake Opens 15 April for Float Flying

Field Vandalism

On March 21st we went to the field to fly and found that someone had crashed the gate to the field. There was no broken auto parts, nor were there any other damage to the property. You could see tracks where a large Truck/SUV had driven around the field then driven out. The storage container did not appear to be touched. It looks like they wanted to crash the gate for no apparent reason other than to cause mischief and damage. The members that were out there discussed calling the police but saw no benefit other than documenting the damage. Our AMA insurance doesn't cover vandalism and we are not independently insured for damage. We thought there was zero chance of the County Police finding the perpetrators as there was really no evidence. I contacted Jeff Barrows of Barrows Fencing who originally built the gate to get an estimate for repair. In the interim I have placed a steel cable on the post to enable locking of the gate.



Lock Bolt broken from gate



Lock & Lock Bolt broken from



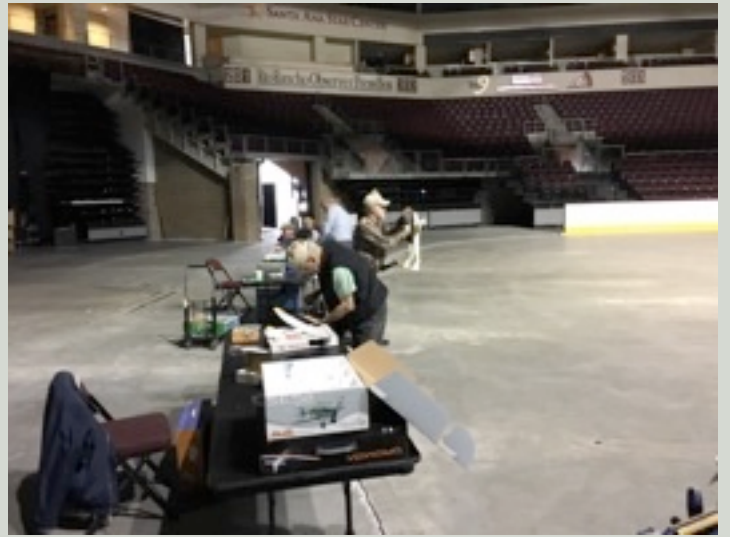
Spikes on gate were damaged



Gate bowed from Vandalism Damage



Temporary cable to lock gate



Indoor at the Star Center



Rudy and his Bravada



Indoor at the Star Center



Don landing a Gian Big Stik



Indoor at the Star Center

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 2018 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 19 members present

Minutes: Accepted as published. The Turbulator will no longer be sent via email. Don will send a notice that the Turbulator is available on the website. To download the turbulator from the website right click on the month you want to download and select download file.

Treasurers Report: Accepted as presented.

There was a discussion to become an affiliate of HeadsUp Hobby. This would entail starting a PayPal account, a new Business Account(with signature authority of the club officers) at our bank and putting a link on our website to the affiliate link at HeadsUp Hobby. Motion was accepted and voted unanimously.

There was also a discussion and motion to accept dues via PayPal. PayPal would receive 2.9% +.30 per transaction. Raising the price of the dues paid via Payal to approximately \$52.00. Motion voted down.

Field Report: The field has been windy and cold. not much flying has been accomplished.

Safety: The Club Safety officer suggested that if a plane is crashed on take off that the pilot bring the plane back to the pits to inspect for damage. It was also suggested that the pilot have another member perform a flight safety check on the plane if available.

Unfinished Business: There was a discussion of a lake fly-inn at Garry's Lake house before Memorial Day. Garry mentioned that if you commit to going that you need to follow through and go as he will purchase food etc. We will

determine the date of the fly at the April Meeting.

New Business: 1. There was a discussion to donate \$200 of club funds to the AMA. A motion was presented and approved for action by the club treasurer.

2. Bill Ryan our treasurer mentioned that the club is a non-profit and members and others can make donations to the club of either monies, useful items or will items.

3. The events center where we've had our Christmas Party is not going to be available for next years party. We are currently searching for another venue. Members made some good suggestions of the Aquatics Center, or Twisters. The Christmas Party Committee will start to investigate another venue.

Don gave an interesting presentation on the use of the Hanger 9 Receiver and Servo current meter (<https://www.horizonhobby.com/digital-servo-and-receiver-current-meter-han172>) to troubleshoot aircraft set-up issues and bad servos. Don had asked Stan to stock a couple meters. Cost of the meters is approximately \$40. Don also presented the use of a ESR(Estimated Series Resistance) meter to measure LiPo internal resistance and to measure battery capacity rating. Don explained how internal resistance degrades battery performance. Due to the cost of the meter Don carries his meter in his van so if you'd like to test some batteries see him at the field.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:45pm.

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Next Club Meeting

April 2nd 7:00pm at the Wallen Club House. 5545 Lilac Pl.