

"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



Santa Fe Float Fly



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Da Prez Sez"

Greetings RRRCC members. Another month has sped by, and what a month.. Very nice float flies with great hotdogs as always and some excellent days at the field. Don has flown for a movie, Gary just removed a bunch of weeds at the field and the BUGS are still crazy annoying! September brings Night Flying again as well as more float flies. Don't miss out on some really nice days.

Coming Events

1. Next Meeting Saturday the 7th of September
2. October opens Club Officer Nominations
3. HeadsUp Hobby Closes
4. 14 September Club Nite Fly
5. 5-8 Sept. Scale Fly-In @ Maloof Field

Santa Fe Float Fly

Don McClelland

On Saturday, August 17th a few of the club member ventured to Cochiti Lake to attend the Santa Fe Float Fly. The float fly is a very well run event by the Club in Santa Fe. This year there were between 50 and 60 Fliers attending the event. The club charges a \$5.00 landing fee which includes lunch. Lunch this year was Brats, sauerkraut and all the fix-ins. There was plenty to eat. Our member included, Ken French, Doug Williams, Rudy, Both of our new 10yr students, Gage, Nikko and their families. Gage had floats on his Apprentice trainer and I got to get some training time off the water with the floats. We stayed till between 1:30 and 2:00pm when the wind went from 0 to about 30 mph scattering the canopies and planes all over. All in all a very successful float fly and a job well done by the Santa Fe Club. Looking forward to attending next years event !!



Jo(Gages Mom) Gage, Don, Rudys wife Adrain and Rudy watching Gage fly at the Santa Fe Float Fly

Club Float Flies

Don McClelland

Through the summer approximately every 2 weeks the club has been going to Cochiti Lake on Thursdays to fly from the lake. This is a great opportunity to add variety to your flying and hone your flying skills. One of the beauties of float flying is that if you have trouble landing the whole lake becomes your landing strip. Keep your plane level, pointed into the wind, decrease power and land anywhere on the water! How do you get started in float flying? First there are many models that come with floats. Hobby King's Tundra is a great float flier, as is the E-Flite Timber, Turbo Timber, and Maule M-7. All of the above models come with floats in the box so you can fly off the runway or quickly change to floats and fly at the lake. Another good float flier is the Apprentice. You can buy the float kit for it and now you're on the water. There is a float article on the club website in the members area that Stan Johnson provided on how to convert any airplane to a float flier, what size floats, and how to install them correctly. There are also a number of flying boats on the market like the Hobby King Albatross(Military) HobbyKing Skipper, Dragon Fly, Balsa USA's North Star. The difference between float planes and flying boats is that the flying boats are not usually quickly converted to wheels, it at all. If you have questions on float planes contact Doug, Reggie, Ken Carpenter or me.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the August 2018 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1000am

Minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurers Report: Accepted as presented.

Membership Report: 40 Members.

Field Report: No Items noted Field read for flying.

Safety: No issues noted. Keep up the good work flying from the Pilots boxes and remember to communicate between pilots.

Unfinished Business: 1. HeadsUp Hobbies is closing at the end of August. The owner of HeadsUp has decided to retire at the ripe old age of 64. HeadsUp gave the club 5% of monthly sales when going to their website from our club site link. The good deals and fine service provided by HeadsUp Hobbies will be missed.

2. Don gave a review of what has been happening with Radio Control in the movie that he has been working with. He's headed to the Bonanza Creek movie ranch to finish up filming. The movie is titled "Half Brothers"

and Don will keep us informed on when its released.

3. The club Nite Fly went very well. Tom Maier did an excellent job getting and setting up the food, Don was our Chef for the evening. Everyone appeared to have a great time. We have another Nite fly scheduled for the 14th of September.

4. Santa Fe Float Fly is scheduled for the 17th and 18th of August

New Business: 1. Club Float Fly at Cochiti Lake on 8 August.

2. Sept 5-7 is the Scale Classic at Maloof Field.

3. 14 Sept is the next Club Nite Fly.

4. 18 August is National Model Aviation Day. There was a discussion as the Santa Fe Float Fly and Model Aviation day conflicted so it was decided that the club would support Model Aviation Day by having as many members come out and fly on Sunday the 18th.

The Meeting adjourned at 1035

Turbulator:

Editor Don McClelland

We are always looking for articles, pictures and your input!

For comments, or suggestions

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Next Club Meeting

September 7th 10:00am at
Waterman Field .