

# "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

Damage at Waterman  
Field



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### "Da Prez Sez"

The Avg January Temp highs 46 and winds 7.8 depending on topography in good old Abq. So I've resigned myself to my low tech formula:  $X=Y/Z*7.5$  then minus 33%. Or better said "SIMULATOR", FIX, BUILD and DREAM of that warm Spring Day's Great Flight that keeps me coming back! I know many of you have projects in various degrees of completion. Bring it or pictures to the February meeting so we can live vicariously, waiting for a day or two of a break in the weather or indoor day at the "Star". In the meantime, don't forget an email to the FAA in support of the AMA's work on behalf of our hobby. See you at the meeting! Doug.

## Coming Events

1. Next meeting 7:00pm February 3rd @ Wallen Shop 5515 Lilac Pl
2. Next indoor event at the Star Center Monday February 10th, 0900
3. Field Key Exchange at the February Club Meeting

## Field Vandalized

Doug and I spent a good part of today at the field.

Ted Guy called me this morning to say the gate was open and he was unable to find the lock. I went out with Doug to the field to investigate. The gate was bent and the locking mechanism along with the lock was gone. It looks like some entrepreneurs decided to get into the field. It appears they drove over the cable, did some donuts around the field, tried to get into the shed, then hooked a wench to the gate to pull it apart so they could get out. The steel block holding the the lock was ripped off the gate, we were unable to find the lock or the block and the gate is severely bent. We need to replace the lock and decided that we hadn't re-keyed ever and leaving members never return their keys so we will purchase new locks and keys. I will have the new keys at the next club meeting. We will also have to get the gate repaired.

Currently the gate is locked with a lock and chain. The key is the same one as before as we took the lock from the shed. The shed has a new locked that Doug had at home. Doug and I are the only ones with keys to the shed until we get the new locks/keys.

Hopefully, we can get the locksmith to get us the new locks and 40ish keys sometime this week. Doug and I also filed a police report with the County Sheriffs Dept. Bill Ryan went to the Locksmith, purchased replacement locks and new keys. I will be at the next club meeting to change your keys to the new set.

### Latest developments

The 30th of January the locks were changed and the keys in your possession will no longer open any of our locks at the field. If you can not be at the next meeting give me a call or email and you can drop by my place or the field for a key swap.

The gate is currently locked with a heavy chain. I have contacted the Fencing Company that built the gate and they will be out next week to make repairs. We are also investigating installing a camera of some type to get these vandals on film to hold them accountable. If you have ideas to help prevent future vandalism please come to the February meeting to discuss them.



Gate Damage



Looks like a Wench was used to pull the gate inward



Where the Locking device was welded to the Gate

# MINUTES

## Minutes from the January 2020 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with 12 members present.

**Minutes** were accepted as published.

Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Membership Report: 32-2020 Members.

**Field Report:** 1. Its been cold out there.  
2. Garry made the motion that we should consider extending the runway at both ends with Crusher Fine. The motion was tabled until Spring.

**Safety:** The Club Safety Officer reminded everyone that when working on their planes over the winter to keep safety in mind and remove the props to prevent inadvertent injury.

**Unfinished Business:** 1. There was a discussion on the Christmas Party. The membership was pleased with the Party, Door Prizes and Venue. It was expressed that the food and service was good. Doug recommends that we book the Hong Kong Buffet again for next years party. The discussion was tabled until spring or early summer.

**New Business:** Doug has scheduled a number of events for the club in the coming year. Doug discussed each event. Highlights are Family Day, Night Flys and Pancake breakfast at the field. The full schedule of events can be viewed a this link [club calendar](#) or the club calendar link on the [clubs website](#).

The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

There was a raffle after the meeting for a \$25 Olive Garden gift certificate. There was a \$1 donation per ticket. The Gift Certificate was won by Ken Carpenter.

Stan Johnson also cleaned his workshop and brought a large assortment of parts, plans, chargers and parts. He had them out for the club to take as they saw fit. A special thanks to Stan for taking the initiative to spread the wealth!!!



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### Next Club Meeting

February 3rd, 7:00pm at Garry Wallens' Shop @ 5545 Lilac Place