



## TORKS TALK NEWSLETTER October, 2015

The Oklahoma Radio Control Society

AMA Charter 1648   Oklahoma City   IMAA Chapter 544   Web Site: <http://www.torks.org>

<b>President</b> Mark Grennan (405) 343-9332 <a href="mailto:mark@grennan.com">mark@grennan.com</a>	<b>Vice President</b> Mike Finnigan	<b>Secretary</b> Paul Petitt (405)879-9895 <a href="mailto:prpetitt@cox.net">prpetitt@cox.net</a>	<b>Treasurer</b> George Burton (405) 202-3409 <a href="mailto:g.burton@sbcglobal.net">g.burton@sbcglobal.net</a>	<b>Safety Officer</b> Gary Crews (405) 245-3424 <a href="mailto:crewsgw@cox.net">crewsgw@cox.net</a>
--	--	--	---	---

**TORKS Club meetings: The first Tuesday of each month at the Will Rogers Garden Center  
3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> and the Lake Hefner Parkway overpass. Meeting Time: 7:30 to 9:00pm**

The November meeting was held on the 3rd of November 2015. **Next Meeting will be December 1, 2015.**

The meeting was called to order, officers introduced and members introduced themselves. The president thanked all those who attended, and we had a better than average turnout. As the summer season winds down and daylight saving time has ended, our training program on Thursday evenings is over for the year. Mike Finnigan was thanked for all the work he put into mowing the field and maintaining the equipment this year. Mark also thanked Mike Scanlon for his efforts in getting our runway repaired. Mike really stepped up, and we should have the runway repaired by early next year.

Under Old Business, the board met last month, and assessed the need for the club to become a 501c3 entity. This required several steps, including updating our Oklahoma nonprofit corporate status, applying for Federal and State Employer Identification Number (EIN), and applying for the 501c3 status. We have also hired an accountant to ensure that we submit all the required reports and documents. After approving the steps to become a 501c3 entity, a special meeting was called for the 24<sup>th</sup> of October during the Burger Burn on that date. Club members were briefed on the earlier board meeting and the offer from Markwell Paving to donate the materials, and all but \$4,000.00 of the labor to repair our runway, taxiways and pad. Members were then asked to waive the 7:30 pm meeting time on a one-time basis. That motion was made, seconded and passed by a show of hands vote. Next, a motion was made and seconded to approve paying the \$4000.00 for runway repairs. Mark elected to poll the

member present for a yes or no vote. All the members present voted to approve the expenditure.

New Business,

The secretary reported on the AMAs change to its dues structure. Previously all memberships expired at the end of the calendar year. Now the membership will be good for 12 months from the date purchased. The AMA reported that only 49% of new members were renewing under the old plan and hope this will help with new member retention. The club has no plans to change its current structure.

The treasurer reported a total of \$10,742.00 in the club treasury at the time of the meeting.

The Club membership is now at 102 members.

Nominations for 2016 officers,

Mark Grennan was nominated for another term as president.

Steve Rowell was nominated for vice president.

Rebecca Tate was nominated for secretary.

And George Burton was nominated to serve his 7<sup>th</sup> term as treasurer.

Following the call for nominations, a motion was made to award George Burton an Honorary Life Membership to recognize all the effort he has put into the club. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

We also discussed getting the Yazoo Mower serviced and the starter mower repaired.

Steve Mayes found two awning shops that could supply wind curtains for the pavilion.

There will be a meeting at the John Marshall High School Cafeteria on December 12, 2015 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to discuss the future of South Lake Hefner. The Meeting will be hosted by Mass Architects on behalf of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust, and will include a survey. Please plan to attend.

Model of the Month was awarded to Dr. Charles Monnet for a really nice Sopwith Camel assembled from a Balsa USA kit.



The TORKS Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Golden Corral on the Northwest Expressway from 6:30 pm until ?. Below is one of the raffle prizes.

