



TORKS TALK NEWSLETTER July 2015

The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society

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

The July meeting was held on the 7th of July 2015. **Next Meeting will be August 4, 2015.**

Old Business: Several time in the last few weeks, the locks on the gate and equipment locker have been left with the combination set. If you open one of these locks, please spin the dials to scramble the combination. Last year we had problems with this.

The Weather Station is still located at Mark's house, but may be accessed at: <http://torks.ws> See the screenshot on page 4.

New Business: The runway is getting several large cracks, and is in need of some repair. A motion was made to study the problem and suggest courses of action, as well as getting estimates on the cost of repairs.

Boone mentioned that the voltage on the charging system was falling to the point his and other chargers were resetting. The ammeter on the system was burned out and bypassed so we were unable to determine how large of a load is being placed on the system with multiple chargers in use. The ammeter has since been replaced, and we are studying options to increase the system capacity, or mitigate the lack of capacity.

A Burger Burn and Fun Fly was held on Saturday, July 18th, and we had a larger than usual turnout. A good time was had by all.

According to the AMA we have 113 members, the largest of any of the local chartered clubs.

Treasurer's Report: George Reported that we have a combined balance of \$11, 410.00

Training Report: We have been having good turnout on Thursday nights for training, and have signed up several new members as a result.

Gary's Intro Student Pilots: Dee French (age 81) 23 Jul 15, 1st flight!
Ben Griswold 23 Jul 15, 2nd flight.
Ben Griswold (age 75) 16 Jul 15, 1st flight!

Model of the Month: There was no Model of the month for July.

Safety: Before every aircraft's first flight, always have a second pilot confirm correct control surface operation. We've had a rash of errors over the past couple of months.

Pilots are reminded to be proactive in keeping their aircraft from overflying the pilot stations, pit area, spectators and parking lot. Initiate corrective maneuvers early.

Also, become familiar with local first aid and emergency services: (1) first aid kit in the frequency panel box, (2) fire department west on perimeter road, (3) Emergency room at Deaconess hospital, south on Portland, 2 miles from TORKS field.

Upcoming events: August 15th - National Model Aviation Day – The TORKS is sponsoring a Burger Burn and Exhibition Fun Fly with all proceeds benefitting the Wounded Warrior Program. This event is open to the public.

Please see: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/nmad.aspx>.

After the event, please go to the above url and take a short survey, so that the club gets credit for the event.

September 19, 2015, Burger Burn and fun fly.

October 17, 2015, fall break, equipment winterization, as needed maintenance, lunch and flying.

Below is the data from the weather station at about 6:57pm July 27, 2015

Your five day flying forecast is:

Tuesday morning will be a **** (4) star day to fly.

Tuesday afternoon will be a *** (3) star day to fly.

Wednesday morning will be a ***** (5) star day to fly.

Wednesday afternoon will be a *** (3) star day to fly.

Thursday morning will be a *** (3) star day to fly.

Thursday afternoon will be a **** (3) star day to fly.

Friday morning will be a **** (4) star day to fly.

Friday afternoon will be a *** (3) star day to fly.

Saturday morning will be a **** (4) star day to fly.

Saturday afternoon will be a ***** (4) star day to fly.

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For information on flying at the TORKS RC Air Field please go to TORKS.org.

Don't Forget the August Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 NW 36th and the Lake Hefner Parkway overpass.