



**AMA Charter 1648 Oklahoma City, OK IMAA Chapter 544**

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

## **TORKS TALK**

The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society Official Newsletter ]

**February 2013**

### **Upcoming Monthly Meeting**

The next TORKS club meeting will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Will Rogers Garden Center -- at the corner of NW 36<sup>th</sup> and the Lake Hefner Overpass.

### **From our February Meeting**

President Gary Crews opened the meeting. Gary remarked that meetings with the Oklahoma City Water Trust and the OKC Parks Department went well. No major

changes were required of TORKS. Some relatively minor changes were approved to include better reporting of club plans and activities to the Parks and Water departments. Leasing cost per month will not change. The lease and permit agreement is good for 10 years -- until early March 2023.

It was reported that about a dozen flyers showed up for the "Frosty Fingers Fly-in" on January 1, 2013.

Tom Solinski reported that building of the Harding School entry for the Speedfest RC pylon race was proceeding well. Tom requested that any pilots who have experience with pylon racing or who are interested in assisting at Harding School please contact him at 840-9577.

Tom also reported that new pilot training will again be held on Thursday evenings starting on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

TORKS members were saddened to learn that member Dick Stimson had passed away in early 2013. Members extended condolences to Dick's family and expressed a desire to be of assistance as needed.

### **TORKS Model of the Month Entries, February 2013**

Below is Tom Solinski with his beautifully finished British Supermarine Spitfire.



And here is Mark Grennan with his GPS equipped Quadcopter. Mark has spent two years in the construction, programming and trimming of this unusual aircraft. The copter has a sonar sensor which detects the distance to the ground and can

maintain a fixed vertical distance from the ground or on-ground obstacles in flight.



Below, Ken Kehlet shows club members "The Real Thing" airplane. Ken's plane won Model of the Month for February, 2013.



Originally designed in 1972 as a fun-flyer, The Real Thing has recently been re-introduced by Hobby People. Great nostalgic model.

## **Additional Planned RC Club Events for 2013**

### **MARCH**

WestSide R/C Flyers - Yukon, OK - (Electric Pylon Racing - 1st Practice - March 30)

### **APRIL**

WestSide R/C Flyers - Yukon, OK - (Tax Day Fun-Fly - April 13)•OSU UAFS - Stillwater, OK (OSU SpeedFest III - April 19 - 21)

OKC R/C Flyers - OKC - (1st Annual R/C SwapMeet - April 20)

Stillwater R/C Flyers - Stillwater, OK - (3rd Annual Heli Fun-Fly - April 26 - 28)

### **MAY**

Tulsa Glue Dobbers - Tulsa, OK - (TGD's Jumbo Fun-Fly - May 4)

OKRC Cloud Busters - Fairland, OK - (Spring Fun-Fly - May 11)

MVAA - Yukon, OK - (9th Annual Warbirds Over Oklahoma - May 17 - 19)

### **JUNE**

OK Sooner Squadron - Guthrie, OK - (28th Annual Jumbo Fun-Fly - June 1 - 2)

Bartlesville Falcons - Bartlesville / Copan, OK - (Annual BigBird Fun-Fly - June 15 - 16)

N.W. Oklahoma R/C Flyers - Mooreland, OK - (14th Annual Fun-Fly - Aug 31 - Sept 1)

### **SEPT**

N.W. Oklahoma R/C Flyers - Mooreland, OK - (14th Annual Fun-Fly - Sept 1)

Tulsa Glue Dobbers - Tulsa, OK - (4th Annual Warbirds Over Tulsa - Sept 6 - 7)

Collective R/C Club - OKC - (5th Annual Heli Fun-Fly - Sept 6 - 8)

GOOFS R/C Club - Ponca City, OK - (All Size Fun-Fly - Sept 14 - 15)

### **NOV**

MVAA - Yukon, OK - (2nd Military/Pre-1950 Vintage Scale Fun-Fly - Nov 16)

Final note: If anyone desires to make a contribution to the newsletter, please feel free to make your submission via email or regular mail. My email address is [jlgraham47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlgraham47@sbcglobal.net). My US mail address is 3025 N. Utah, OKC, 73107. I can't t promise to print each and every article I receive but I can certainly respond to each writer individually.

Until next month -- Have fun and fly safely!

Respectfully,

John Graham, Secretary