



TORKS TALK MARCH 2014

The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society Official Newsletter

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

Here’s your newsletter for March 2014..

PLEASE READ IT.

I will attempt to put this TORKS TALK Newsletter together each month.

If you can Read this,
THANK A TEACHER.

If you can Read this in ENGLISH,
THANK A SOLDIER.

If you prefer NOT to read it, that’s Okay.

Notes from February 4th Club Meeting:

Tom Solinski, TORKS 2014 President, opened our February 4th meeting by introducing himself and the three TORKS Officers at the table.

Due to the weather conditions, only 10 members and 1 Guest were in attendance.

Mark Grennan, TORKS Vice President, has removed all of the log sheets from the 2013 All Season Flyers Book.

George Burton gave TORKS treasury report. Our annual Lease with OKC Parks Department is **PAID**.

If you have questions, contact George Burton (405) 202-3409 or Ken Kehlet (405) 721-2782

Proof of AMA

NO AMA - NO FLYING – NO EXCUSES

AMA Insurance is **FREE** to anyone Under the age of 19 (YOUTH), and only \$58.00 /Yr for Open or \$48.00 /Yr for Senior Membership.

TORKS DUES: Jan 01 – Dec 31

The Price we Pay for our Beautiful R/C Flying Field in Oklahoma City.

TORKS DUES - AGAIN:

YOUTH: Under Age 19: **FREE** if living at the same address as a Current TORKS Member.

Otherwise DUES are \$15.00 /Yr.

OPEN: Age 20-65 = \$70.00 /Yr.

OPEN: Age OVER 65 = \$60.00 /Yr.

You may Pay your TORKS Dues to George Burton while at our Flying Field, at a monthly Club Meeting, or MAIL TO:

**TORKS
5830 NW Expressway Ste. 239
Oklahoma City, OK 73132**

Make Checks Payable to TORKS and be sure to **Include a copy of your current 2014 AMA Insurance Card.**

Please pay your AMA Dues and your TORKS Dues as soon as possible. ALL 2014 AMA paperwork is due back to the AMA by March 15, 2014.

A reminder to all R/C Pilots:

You MUST have your NAME, Address, Telephone Number and AMA Number ON or Inside your airplanes for AMA Insurance Reasons. An Address Return Label with your AMA Number written on

it will work just fine. If the wing is removable, put a sticker there too.

FEB. 04 CLUB MEETING DOOR PRIZES

**Ken Kehlet.....\$25.00 Gift Certificate
George Burton..... 1 gallon fuel
Gary Crews....., \$10.00 Gift Certificate
Mark Grennan,, \$10.00 Gift Certificate**

INTRO PILOTS:

An AMA Member that has their AMA Card registered as a “Intro Pilot” can help a NON AMA Member with: Basic Transmitter functions, 1st flight orientation, and Flying instruction at our TORKS R/C Field. The NON AMA person’s INSURANCE, is covered by the AMA member that has a current Intro Pilot Card.

Thursday evenings 4:30 –Dark

FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSON & R/C Flight Training:

APRIL 03 through SEPTEMBER 25

INTRO PILOTS :

Gary Crews	AMA 633762
Jim Davis	AMA 787026
John K Every	AMA 963318
Mike Finnigan	AMA 78962
Brian Freeland	AMA 853417
Mark Grennan	AMA 953575
Ken Kehlet	AMA 1528
Tom Solinski	AMA 8026
Ryan Witchey	AMA 608493
Fred Wettengel	AMA 632925

Using the pit area as a take off and landing area is a BIG NO NO.

Remember Safety comes in a can.
I can, you can, and we can.

At TORKS R/C Field:



Doug Alderman's new T-6A & DLE 20



Gary Springer and his Electric 3D Model



Paul Keiser's new EXTRA & big Gasser



Gary Springer and his MUCH BIGGER ELECTRIC



Carson Mc Cachren with his new Aeroworks model



Mike Finnigan and his Super Tiji EP



Jim Davis and his Big OS FG 36 Gas
Powered Bi-plane

**Here's what TORKS Field looked like
in March 2007**



Within 5 short years, the Cedar Trees and heavy undergrowth have spread almost 500 feet North and 300 feet to the East.

What's Happening NOW.....

If you look towards the South East section of our field, you may notice that the Cedar Trees are being pulled out, chopped up, cleaned up and hauled off by OK City employees.

Please direct all comments to:

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Dead Center in the photo, is what is left of that BIG, TALL Cedar that held Larry Hardin's model captive for a several months.

Sad News.....

Lester Berry's Wife Linda, died February 04, 2014 from a massive Heart Attack. There is a big emptiness in the Berry home. Our prayers go out to Lester and his son Les.

Future Events.....

**March 15 --TORKS COOK OUT
(Providing there is NO BURN BAN)
Call Mark Grennan for details..
(405) 343-9332**

**March 17th - Celebrated as
Saint Patrick's Day**

March 22 Edmond Swap Meet
Highpointe Church 6810 NW 122nd, Oklahoma
City 73142. Cost: \$10 Table Rental,
405-315-2209
www.okcrcflyers.org
charlestrice@sbcglobal.net

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OPERATIONS & REGULATIONS**

PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone! First, I ask all of you to forgive me for taking a bit of time to ramp up to my TORKS presidential duties. So here goes:

I hope to use a little piece of the newsletter to share with you some thoughts that come out of our meeting and things I may observe at the field.

CLUB RULES

If life were perfect TORKS would only have two rules: #1 HAVE FUN! #2 When in doubt see rule #1!. However, I work for the FAA and I'm a retired USAF Officer so I know how to live under lots, and lots and lots of rules. I really, really don't want to live under lots of rules at TORKS. I'm really proud of this club in that we only have ONE page of rules out of our 53-YEARS of being a club. And most of those rules are to please outside interests, not to enforce compliance within the club. That's a good thing. So let's look at the basis of the rules that do affect the club members, that rule is the "golden rule": Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I seriously doubt that any of you would want one of your fellow club members to be a jerk to you, right? So, why would you come to TORKS, a place where we go to have fun, and be a jerk to all the people around you? I know of no one in this club would intentionally do that. But, in the excitement of having fun we will occasionally get wrapped up in our fun and we might just end up LOOKING like a jerk to the people around us. We are ALL guilty of having done that.

OK, the following are GOOD IDEAS, ones that friends use around friends to keep them as friends THESE ARE NOT TORKS RULES! In full-scale aviation the plane in the air has priority over the plane on the ground. Why? Because the plane and pilot on the ground are SAFE; the one in the air has the potential to crash and hurt someone. The one on the ground has more time to think before he risks his life and plane in the air. In the same way we RC flyers who are waiting to take off are the ones in control of the safety of the runway. Think for a minute, what do you actually see when you are flying your airplane? That's right the answer is...your airplane and not much else. The vast majority of us are concentrating on our planes with such intent that we rarely hear or see anything going on around us. That is why there is ONE RULE to call out "ON THE FIELD" and "ALL CLEAR" when retrieving a plane off the flying field so that the other pilots know you are out there and you don't become something for their planes to run into. Likewise, if you are concentrating on landing you cannot see a plane that has rolled onto the runway until it's too late or nearly too late to avoid landing on it. But the pilot who is taxiing out CAN stop; take a moment to look, see that there is no one landing and then roll out on the runway without looking like a jerk to the one who is landing. So, please as a courtesy to your fellow TORKS members try to remember to stop, look and wait for landing planes before you take off. On the other hand if you are the flying pilot, it might be a good idea on a busy day to shout out your intentions if you are aiming for the runway. "LANDING" or "LOW PASS" or "TOUCH AND GO" might be good reminders to that excited guy taxiing out that he should stop, look and wait until your airplane is out of the way.

Oh...and...when you do roll that airplane out on the runway remember to use the upwind half of the runway. I.e. start your take-off roll at the mid-point of the runway and end your take off at the far end of the runway, that way your plane is past the last pilot station when it lifts off so you don't endanger your fellow pilots if you lose control.

Thank you, have fun, see you at the field. **Tom**

TOM JONES MEMORIAL RADIO CONTROL FLYING FIELD FLIGHT OPERATIONS REGULATIONS

REVISED DECEMBER 2002
Previous edition JUNE 2000

NOTE Changes from previous edition are underlined.

REQUIREMENTS

1. To fly at the Tom Jones Memorial R/C Field:
 - a) All flyers, members and guests, must have read and signed this agreement for the current calendar year.
 - b) T.O.R.K.S. members must have in their possession both their current AMA membership card and their current T.O.R.K.S. membership card.
 - c) Visitors and Local Non-Members. A VISITOR is not a resident of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, and is attending a school or conducting temporary business in the Oklahoma City area for less than 8 weeks. A VISITOR may fly at our field for FREE providing
 - 1) They must have their current AMA membership card with them. And 2) they are in the presence of a "Host" TORKS member. The VISITOR may not fly without a host present. A Local Non Member (LNM) is a resident of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area who chooses not to join TORKS or any other metro area club. The LNM may fly if they have their current AMA membership card or proof of model aircraft flying insurance (such as add on to home owners insurance etc. = \$1,000,000.00) in their possession and have paid a \$5.00 per day flying fee. This fee does not apply towards club membership. Members of other Metro area clubs may fly at special events such as fun flies or an occasional infrequent visit (less than 4 times a year) without having to pay the \$5.00 fee.
 - d) Student flyers may fly up to 60 days with an AMA approved INTRO PILOT while awaiting acceptance of their AMA membership.
2. All flyers will abide by all AMA, Federal, State, and Municipal laws.

SAFETY

1. All AMA safety rules are in effect and are to be followed at all times.
2. Each transmitter utilizing 50-72 mHz must be equipped with a correct radio frequency identification number in accordance with the AMA Radio Control Utilization Plan.
3. No transmitter will be turned on until the flyers current club membership card or a guest card (guests may use their AMA card) has been placed in the appropriate 50-72 mHz channel number on the frequency board and the correct frequency pin has been attached to the transmitter. Channel 20 (72.190) is not allowed. Members using 900 mHz or 2.4 GHz shall identify themselves to other flyers.
4. Models should be started pointed towards the runway or in a direction that will minimize windblast and thrown propeller hazards to spectators and other modelers.
5. All models shall be started on the ground and remain east of the safety markers located in the ground just east of the tables.
6. All flyers are required to operate their aircraft in a safe manner at all times. Reckless or unsafe flying will not be allowed.
7. Inexperienced flyers shall be supervised at all times by an experienced club member.
8. Alcoholic beverages and their consumption are forbidden at the flying field.
9. No person will take a position on or near the runway in a manner that would be obstructive or hazardous to themselves or other persons that are flying model aircraft.
10. Flyers retrieving a "dead stick" model off of the flying field will call out clearly "ON THE FIELD" when entering the air operations area, and call out "ALL CLEAR" when safely behind the no fly line.
11. No aircraft shall be flown over the parking lot, spectator area, or pit area.
12. All persons using these facilities for the purpose of flying R/C aircraft are responsible for the safety and control of spectators at all times.

OPERATIONS

1. There will be no flying or engine run ups before 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings.
2. All two-cycle & 4 Cycle engines .15 cu in and larger are required to be equipped with the proper muffler.
3. All flyers will use the four flight stations that are placed just to the west of the north-south runway. No more than four aircraft in the traffic pattern at any one time.
4. All take offs and landings will be into the direction of the prevailing wind. **Take off shall start on the upwind side of the runway midpoint line to aid in protecting the other pilots.**
5. Traffic patterns are flown to the east of the north-south runway, and north of the east-west sod runway.
6. All flight operations will remain:
 - a) East of the safety fence in front of the pilot stations.
 - b) North of the fence at the north end of the parking lot
 - c) North of the jogging/ bicycle trails along S. Lake Hefner Drive.
 - d) All low-level (high-speed, hot-dog, show-off) flybys will be flown east of the east edge of the runway over the grass (not over the runway!) to facilitate safe take off and landings.
7. Landing aircraft have runway priority. DEAD STICK or EMERGENCY landing aircraft have IMMEDIATE priority.
8. At the end of a flight all aircraft will come to a complete stop and the engine shut down at the line east of the pits.
9. Helicopter flyers will use the grassy area in the northwest corner of the field that is bound by the safety fence on the north end of the parking lot for startup, hovering, low level, and auto-rotation practice operations. All other rotary wing flying will be in accordance with the same rules as fixed wing aircraft.

COURTESY

1. If two or more members are sharing the same frequency it is up to those members to agree to an equitable sharing of the frequency pin (i.e. fly one 15-minute flight and let the other guy(s) have the pin).
2. All flyers are obligated to keep the field and pit areas clean and clear of litter and debris. **TAKE HOME WHAT YOU BRING!**

T.O.R.K.S. MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

I have received, read and understand the rules pertaining to the Tom Jones Memorial R/C Flying Field and I agree to abide by these rules to the best of my ability.

SIGNED _____

AMA # _____

DATE _____

FIRST COPY FOR TORKS RECORDS SECOND COPY TO MEMBER.

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