



TORKS TALK JULY 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**

Our JUNE, TORKS Monthly meeting, started with Tom Solinski, TORKS President, telling long stories about his Shortest R/C Flights, and spectacular Crashes. Tom then asked each member to describe their personal experiences.

Mark Grennan, Vice president, said that all of the Mowing equipment is in good running order. One Rider Mower may need a new battery.

Club Treasurer, George Burton said that TORKS have about 9K in our Flying Field Improvement fund.

Secretary, Ken Kehlet, said our TORKS TALK Newsletter was e-mailed and hard copies sent out prior to the June 3rd Club Meeting.

Shade Tree Discussion

We are in need of One (1) or maybe two (2) Shade trees for the Spectator Area to replace two that froze out and died during the last harsh winters.

The Original Fruitless Mulberry trees (7) were purchased and planted in the Pit and Spectator area by Charles Monnet and Larry Barnes some 30 years ago. TORKS members brought water from home and kept them going the first year.

George has talked with someone that can transport and plant large trees. They suggest we wait until Fall or early next year for planting any type of trees. Enough said about new trees.

OLD BUSINESS:

The FAA /AMA Rule changing the distance between Full Scale Airports and R/C Flying Fields.

Drone Regulation Part I: Model Aircraft

In 1981, the FAA set rules for hobby aircraft in an advisory circular. The rules were simple and lasted all the way through 2012:

1981 FAA Rules:

1. Be safe and don't annoy people.
2. Don't fly over 400 feet.
3. Contact ATC if you are within 3 miles of an airport.

(TORKS and Wiley Post Airport have had this COMMON SENSE agreement for over 30 Years)

The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 finally changed the 3 mile distance.

When Congress started to get serious about regulating unmanned aircraft, there was concern in the hobby community that remote control toys would be a casualty of the rush to ban drones. Fortunately, the FAA MRA 2012 explicitly dealt with this concern. A specific category of hobby aircraft were exempted from the rest of the FAA's regulations as long as those aircraft meet these requirements:

1. It must be "flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft".
2. It must have "hobby or recreational" purposes.
3. It must weigh less than 55 lbs.
4. It must not endanger manned aircraft.
5. It must have the permission of ATC if flown within 5 miles of an airport.
6. It must be "operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization".

If you want to fly with added video capabilities, commonly referred to as First Person Video (FPV), you should also read the AMA's FPV Rules. If you need more information on this subject, please contact the Academy of Model Aeronautics

And Now the Confusion Starts;

Here is the latest AMA Press Release:

Mark Johnston, AMA VP District VIII,
Albuquerque, NM 87109
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<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/FAAInterpretiveRule.pdf>

And the National Parks Service Director wants to BAN all unmanned aircraft (Drones) from all 401 National Parks.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20140622/NEWS07/306220084/Drones-over-national-parks>

It's NOT Over and it may continue for years.

NEW BUSINESS:

TORKS Web Page Discussion

Mark Grennan has volunteered to look at our TORKS Web Page and see if some changes or improvements may be needed.

Burger Burn & Go Fly JULY 12th

Mark your calendar, SATURDAY 12, JULY for another FUN FLY & FAMILY FEED.

TORKS will purchase the Meats, Buns, Sodas and water.

Members are asked to bring something to the table. Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Mayo, Tater Chips, ICE, Cookies, Cake, etc. & a BAG of ICE.

MODEL AVATION DAY AUGUST 16th

This day was set by our AMA and they asked Chartered clubs to have some sort of event.

K. Kehlet signed up TORKS as having a flying day with Demonstration Flying for the Spectators. TORKS is the only club in the Oklahoma City area that has registered an event for this Special Day.

The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society (TORKS)

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Club Number: : 1648

Event description: :
Flight Demonstrations

Think about making this a special “Edgewater Appreciation Day” and invite the residents of the Edgewater community, (Houses straight South Of Our Flying Field) to a Cook-Out with Free Hot Dogs / Burgers and such for the spectators.

Maybe we can talk some of our “Super” Pilots into performing (Aircraft and Helicopters) for our fine Neighbors that live so close to our flying field.

SHOW & TELL at CLUB MEETING

Larry Barnes North American, P-51B “Shangri La” model was displayed at the June TORKS Meeting. Larry said Charles Monett built it in 1992. Larry finished it, flew it, and now the **Shangri La** has been **DONATED** to The Oklahoma Museum of Flying at Wiley Post Airport.



Larry's model is now hanging next to the New fabrication of a Full Size P-51C that is being constructed at the Museum. So far, the Butler Crew has built FIVE (5) NEW P-51 Aircraft.

OKLAHOMA MUSEUM of FLYING

On June 07, 2014, Ken Kehlet met with Warren Dunlevy, his Wife and two Grandchildren. We took a tour of the Museum located at Wiley Post Airport.



70 Year old, 1944 B-25D Bomber

The Museum folks have just Finished restoring a North American B-25D Mitchel Bomber. After 16 month of restoration, it flew for the first time on JUNE 9, 2014.

The museum is the home of Miss America a P-51 D Reno Racing Aircraft. Also a T-28 for rebuild, a L-39 Russian Jet and a 1913 WW 1 German replica.





SUPER RABBIT is a masterpiece of WW II engineering.

TOM JONES R/C FLYING FIELD DRIVEWAY HAS BEEN RESURFACED

If you have been to our flying field in the last few weeks, maybe you have noticed how smooth our TORKS driveway is now that George Burton and Ralph Hines, have filled in all the ruts and leveled out that 25 ton pile of gravel.

Per TORKS Lease with the City of Oklahoma City, TORKS Members do ALL the property Maintenance. Contact Mark Grennan to Volunteer your services. (405) 343-9332

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TORKS Secretary 2014

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New Gravel on the old rutted driveway, Thanks to George and Ralph.



Ken Kehlet's Modified SIG Kadet Senior



Jesse Scott TORKS Safety Officer



Brian Freeland "Relaxed"



Mark Grennan's NextStar on Landing approach



Stan Denton "More Relaxed"



George Burton is a real Cut-Up



James Elkins and his Camera Airplane



George's Extra 300 that he is building