

# **TORKS TALK NEWSLETTER**

End of Year 2014

Report from the December meeting:

Elections for Club Officers were held, your 2015 officers are:

President: Mark Grennan

Vice President: Paul Keiser

Secretary: Paul Petitt

Treasurer: George Burton

The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 11, 2014, and was hosted by Chris and Ken Kehlet. The Party was attended by about 68 People, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Chris and Ken have been hosting this event for over 20 years now and deserve a huge thanks. See some photos following the business section.

If you have not already done so, Please renew your AMA and Club memberships, both expire at midnight New Years Eve.

There will be a Hot Chocolate Fun Fly at Tom Jones Memorial Field starting about 9:30 Am on New Years Day. All are welcome.

Outgoing President Tom Solinski has included some comments which are attached on the next page:

Finally, the reason for an end of year newsletter is to synch the meeting month to the news letter. The January Newsletter will include the January meeting.

Presidents Thoughts for the January newsletter

Hello everyone! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president in 2014. I know you all will join with me in giving Mark all of our support for the upcoming year.

A couple of thoughts to close out my term.

#### 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.

One rule imposed on us by an outside interest is the requirement from the AMA Safety Code is:

***A.2.(f) Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.)***

I recently had a email exchange with a fellow OKC kayaker who had found one of our RC planes on the shoreline of the lake. We couldn't locate the owner because there wasn't any identification on the plane. Please, in order for your AMA insurance to protect YOU and to protect the TORKS as a club you MUST have at LEAST your AMA number in or on your airplane. And it will help to get your expensive equipment back to you.

Next time you're at the field walk up to someone you don't know and say Hi! Make a new friend that day.

Thanks again, have fun, see you at the field. Tom

# Christmas Party Photos



The Door Prizes.



Members enjoying Dinner.



Gary Crews is the proud new owner of the Sopwith Camel

Finally I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and wish you a Happy and Prosperous 2015.