



TORKS TALK NEWSLETTER December, 2015

The Oklahoma Radio Control Society

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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: 7:30 to 9:00pm**

The December meeting was held on the 1st of December 2015. **Next Meeting will be January 5, 2016.**

The meeting was attended by 16 members and guests.

Old Business: Runway Repairs: Markwell Paving will repave the runway sometime this month or next. Most of the preparation is complete.

The Yazoo mower was taken to a repair shop for professional service, and to get the starter working properly. The cost will be about \$642.00, however; the starter problems were caused by a bad switch rather than the starter or drive assembly.

The other two mowers need service (oil and filter changes. Blades? and lube), and the Vice President reported that the Craftsman is leaking fuel when sitting.

George reported that the club treasury has \$10,752.00 as of the meeting.

The IRS has approved the clubs 501(c)(3) status. We are designated a 509(a)(2) organization, which is a private foundation rather than a public charity (the difference is in how we raise funds, since our income is mainly from dues)

Election of 2016 Officers: President: Mark Grennan
 Vice President: Steve Rowell
 Secretary: Becky Tate
 Treasurer: George Burton

Gary Crews volunteered to serve as safety officer and lead instructor for 2016, and was so appointed.

Safety: Recently, there was a midair collision at the field where one of the pilots was on the flight line and the other was not. This would have been averted had both pilots been aware of the others aircraft. Unless flying a rotary wing aircraft at the north end, all pilots should fly from the flight line on one of the four stations.



Model of the Month: Ken Kehlet won Model of the month with a scratch built model inspired by an older model called the Prairie Bird.

The Club finished out the year with over 100 members.

TORKS Christmas Party: Ken and Chris Kehlet hosted the 25th Annual Christmas Party on December 10, 2015. The Party was held at the Golden Corral on the Northwest Highway, and was attended by 31 Ladies, 44 Men and 8 Children.



Ken Kehlet was presented with a 2015 AMA Carl Goldberg Vital People Award in recognition of his ongoing support of TORKS and model aviation. Here his wife is reading the citation.

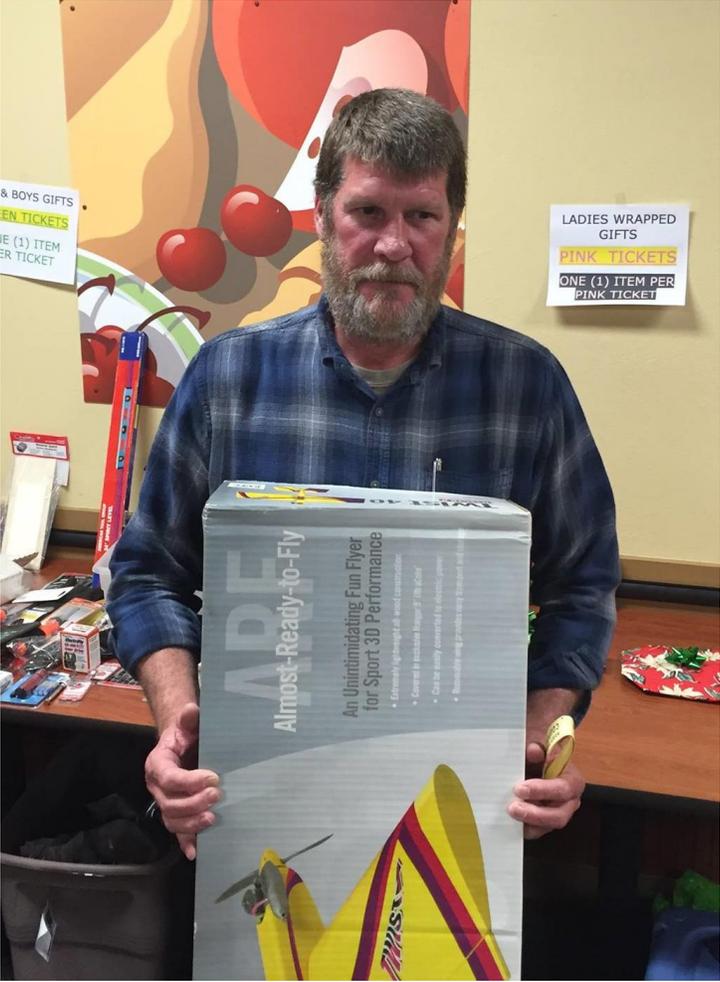
The Kyosho Calmato electric powered Aircraft was won by new member Harold Deitz.



The Funtana EP was won by Jeff Walraven.



The Twist ARF was won by Doug Alderman.



The Twist ARF and Katana EP were donated by 2016 Vice President Steve Rowell. Thanks Steve!

Upcoming events: **January 1st 2015** – Annual Hot Chocolate Fly in at the field. Starting about 10:30 am. I hope to see many members at our first event of the year.