

TORKS TALK

FEBRUARY 2017

Welcome to The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society (TORKS)

Are you a current A.M.A. Member?

Have you paid your TORKS Dues?

Come to TORKS Club Meeting March 07, 2017, Pay your Dues, and get your new TORKS Membership Card and you will be on the AMA Registration for 2017.

Or; contact George Burton @ (405) 202-3409 and make arrangements to Pay your Dues and sign "The Tom Jones Operations and Safety Regulations".

ALL of the Locks have been changed to a new combination number.

**If you are the last one leaving the flying field,
CLOSE AND LOCK THE GATE.**

Next TORKS Meeting March 07, 2017 - 7:30 pm. At the Will Rogers Senior Center near the Tennis courts.

TORKS February 2017 Club Meeting

February TORKS Meeting

We only had 19 TORKS Members and 2 Guests at the February 2017 Club meeting.

George gave FREE Door Prize Tickets to all attendants for a chance to win a Mike's Models \$10.00 Gift certificate.

Winners were: David Polhemus, Bill Dove, Bill Lott, and Willard Eshbaugh.



Model of the Month AWARD (2) They both Won



\$10.00 Gift Certificates



Jim Davis and Warren Dunlevy each with a Mini Bell R/C Model .049 Power

Control Line Flyers at TORKS Flying Field



Robert Sisson with his C/L Stunt



John Washam's wife Laurie, is learning U Control and she love's it.



13 Year old Goldi Sisson showing how to fly U Control

R/C Area



Before and After Compiled by George Burton



With the nice flying weather we have experienced lots of spectators coming to watch our R/C and Control Line flying. We have also had our share of problems; Such as **UNSUPERVISID Adults and Kids** running out onto the flying field. Yes, it has happened too many times and it **MUST STOP !**

A few weeks ago, a father had a 3 year old boy wandering in the R/C pit area near one of my models. I walked over and asked if the father would like to have a photograph of him and his boy with my airplane. (To get him off of the flight line)

He said yes, and the boy ran over to my model and **kicked** the wing. The father ran, grabbed the kid and held him, the kid managed to get away and run. I picked up my model just as the kid tried to kick it again. The father caught his kid again.

I asked if they were here with one of the members. He said “No” So I asked him to take his boy out of the pit area and over behind the Spectator area fence. With the kid kicking and screaming, the father carried his kid to their car and they left.

Mike Scanlon has experienced Kid problems while flying a few weeks ago. I have also seen it in the Control Line Circle.

Please! All club members be aware that every Parent and Grand Parent has a child that is perfect. They do not need to be corrected by any outsiders, so let's try to correct the Parent.

Visitor's playground with Bleachers, is located behind the 6 foot fence in the spectator/picnic area.

If they want to watch Control Line, they should be in the parking lot behind the 4 foot fence at the North end of the

parking lot, or to the far WEST area of the Control Line Circle.

Remember, club members are Responsible for the Safety and Control of Spectators at all times!

Progress is very slow on the Revisions to The Tom Jones Flying Field Operations and Safety Regulations. This will NOT change TORKS Bi-Laws, just an addition to our Flying Site Safety Rules and Regulations to include the Control Line Flyers.

In the meantime, our CURRENT 03/24/08 TOM JONES MEMORIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS REGULATIONS are still in effect as well as The AMA Safety Code is in effect at all times.

Mike Scanlon has been building and improving on his design of the individual RC Pilot stations. The New Runway and Pilot Stations are a welcome improvement at our Tom Jones Flying Field.

Yes, we are planning some Fun Fly's and at least 3 Burger Burns for 2017. Plan on the 1st Saturday following the official TORKS monthly club meeting.

Next Club Meeting is MARCH 07. We should be planning to have a Service Check and Clean-Up of Mowing Equipment. A date needs to be set for Field Clean-up. Branches trimmed, rocks thrown back into the parking lot, cigarette butts, Entry Sign painting, Etc.

SAFETY

Please pick up any BROKEN Prop blades and fill in the divits. Control lines can get caught in the divits and Prop Blades get picked up by the lawn mower blades and sharp pieces get thrown everywhere.

Soap Box Comments:

The Night of February 20, President's Day, the Field Entry Gate was left OPEN. We were lucky this time, no one drove in and tore up our flying field with a four wheeler like they did last year. Last one to leave the field, LOCK THE GATE !!

Note: Next TORKS Meeting MARCH 07, - 7:30 pm. At the Will Rogers Senior Center near the Tennis courts



Gary Larson at one of the Starting Tables

NOTE: Gary Larson's model in one of the STARTING STANDS. At full power, with NO Tail TIE-DOWN, the Tail lifted, the Prop struck the wood surface and shattered.

Ken has installed a large Bungee cord on each station that can be used to prevent the tail from lifting. **NOW Corrected!!**



And, if you have any contributions to our TORKS TALK Newsletter, please send photos and comments to:

Ken Kehlet kbkopy2@att.net

Hopefully this will include a short note from our President and Vice President.

TORKS ID BADGES

There are 37 TORKS Badges in the box in the Frequency cabinet that have not been picked up by TORKS Members.

Get yours NOW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**TORKS FUN FLY/BURGER BURN
scheduled for April 08**

OKC Flyers Indoor Free Flight Society.

Exchange Avenue Baptist Church

1312 S Pennsylvania Ave OKC, OK.

Indoor Flying Schedule 9:00 am - 4:00.

March 18, April 15, & May 20 Contact Tom Solinski 405) 414-6947 for more Info.

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Check this out!!

Letter to Mark Grennan February 20, 2017

Dear TORKS governing body,

I'd like to quickly thank your organization as a whole, and specifically thank a young member who was out flying earlier this week.

On Monday I was driving my 90-year-old grandmother around Lake Hefner for an afternoon outing away from her assisted living facility. I live in Maine and am not able to see her very often; and, as her mobility is very limited, I sometimes struggle to find fun things we can do together. I saw the sign for your field and thought we might stop in to see if anyone was flying.

One young man was there, (for the life of me I can't remember his name, even though he introduced himself) and I said hello from the window of our car. He immediately, graciously offered to take one of his planes up for a personal show. He allowed us to get into a comfortable place to watch, and then gave us a quite a fantastic demonstration both in the air, and then on the ground, explaining some of the introductory tidbits about the hobby. He did so with excellent manners and a warm spirit.

My grandmother was absolutely delighted, and was able to smile at an experience she had never had before, even after 90 years of life. I will forever remember that afternoon, both for the simple joy it brought us, and for the kindness of your member in delivering it so willingly.

If the rest of y'all are anything like that young man, it must be a great group you have. He certainly is a good representative. If it helps, he was flying an old British Spitfire with a 1-meter wingspan.

From a grateful grandson,
Alex Greenlee

P.S., if you can identify him from the description I have provided, please pass along my gratitude.

Alexander Greenlee

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