

TORKS TALK

January 2019

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Club meetings are held the **First Tuesday** of every month at the Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W Britton Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73120. Doors open at 7:00 and meetings start promptly at 7:30 pm.

TORKS MEETINGS FOR 2019		
January 1st	February 4th	March 5th
April 2nd	May 7th	June 4th
July 2nd	August 6th	September 3rd
October 1st	November 5th	December 3rd

MEETING MINUTES OF January 1, 2019

The meeting was held at the field in conjunction with our New Years Day frozen finger fun fly. The meeting began at 11:00 at the field in Gary Crews' RV. There were 10 members and guests present.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

All the board members were in attendance.

The main subject of the meeting was expenses for the coming year.

It was concluded the mowers should be the first item of concern as all of them need repair.

The meeting was closed just before noon.

NOTE: the New Years Fun Fly was a success with lots of people in attendance and a few flyers! The temp was in the 20s.

SAFETY: The officers voted to retain Gary Crews as the safety officer for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ALL SEASON FLYER:** The following members have earned All Season Flyer patches:

George Burton	H Jay Hardesty	Carson McCachem
Gary Crews	Robert Horn	Mike Scanlen
Bill Dove	Ken Kehlet	John Washam
Mark Grennan	Steve Meyer	Laurie Washam

- **FAA Drone Registration Renewal:** Please check your FAA SUAS (Drone) certificate. I noticed that mine was supposed to expire 1/19/19, when I went to the FAA site to renew, the one they had listed and sent me now expires on 12/12/20. It appears that the year the requirement was ruled improper, reset the expiration dates. To check on yours the CORRECT FAA website is: www.faa.gov/uas

MODEL OF THE MONTH Advanced Category: None this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Club meeting Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 **NOTE:** As of this date 1/13/19, Britton Road **WESTBOUND** is blocked for construction from Village Drive to May Avenue. This runs to just east of the church. So be aware of closures, which may change between now and the meeting date.



The ðmeetingö



Sadly this young man lost his Viper jet due to a battery failure in the EXTREME cold.



Our President all bundled up in the cold



Trying to reprogram the transmitter in the cold. Didn't work.



Low participation on the C/L circle that day



Happy Landings in the New Year..

TOM JONES MEMORIAL RADIO CONTROL FLYING FIELD FLIGHT OPERATIONS REGULATIONS

A. 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 and FAA sUAS registration card with them, and
 2. They are in the presence of a Host TORKS member. The VISITOR may not fly without a host present.
 3. 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 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, including having a FAA sSmall UAS Certificate of Registration.

B. SAFETY

1. All AMA safety rules are in effect and are to be followed at all times.
2. Each transmitter utilizing 50672 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 and 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.

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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 or Control Line (C/L) aircraft are responsible for the safety and control of spectators at all times.
13. Control line flyers must use wrist straps to prevent fly a ways.

C. OPERATIONS

1. There will be no flying or engine run ups before 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings.
2. All 2-cycle & 4-Cycle engines .15 cu in and larger are required to be equipped with the proper muffler.
3. RC 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. Control line and helicopter flyers will use the circle in the northwest corner of the field that is bound by the safety fence on the north end of the parking lot
5. 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.
6. Traffic patterns are flown to the east of the north-south runway, and north of the east-west sod runway.
7. 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 takeoff and landings.
8. Landing aircraft have runway priority. DEAD STICK or EMERGENCY landing aircraft have IMMEDIATE priority.
9. 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.
10. Helicopter hovering, low level, and auto-rotation practice will be performed over the Control line / helicopter area. All other rotary wing flying will be in accordance with the same rules as fixed wing aircraft.
11. All C/L pilots will use a safety thong as required by AMA codes.
12. C/L control systems should be pull tested prior to its maiden flight or after any significant repairs.

D. 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 _____