

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

TORKS MEETINGS FOR 2020		
January 7th	February 4th	March 3rd
April 7th	May 5th	June 2nd
July 7th	August 4th	September 1st
October 6th	November 3rd	December 1st

NOTE: As of December 30th, 2019 Britton Road is done and open in both directions!

MEETING MINUTES of December 3rd, 2019: The meeting was convened at 7:30pm with 16 members and guests present.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: It has been a Great FUN year, please keep having fun!

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: We will be buying some cold patch for the blacktop runway and replacing the "Lock the gate." when you leave sign.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sincerely apologize for not completing and distributing the November newsletter, life just got in the way. And a new job will prevent me from being the secretary in 2020, so I withdraw my nomination.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Petty Cash:	\$101
Checking:	\$3126
Field Improvement:	\$4010
Totals:	\$7023.48

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT : It was overall a good year, no one reported needing stitches. Not in our field rules or by-laws but it is a good idea to try to follow; when out on the flight line call out your intentions; i.e. 'taxing out', 'taking the runway', 'takeing off', 'Landing', etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Party will be Thursday December 12th at the Golden Corral Buffet

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NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS: All but the Secretary were unanimously re-elected (well actually George Burton was the only new vote), J.B. Sims has volunteered to be the secretary for the upcoming year

Mark's email of 1/2/2020:

Bad news.

The FAA is creating drama in the RC industry again with a new proposal.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

The quick read is, they want commercial UAVs to fly with a Remote ID (RID) transmitter. They will give you three options.

Option 1 Transmits ID message via radio frequency *as well as via the internet*. In addition, you would have to pay a subscription fee to use the Remote ID USS. It does allow for flight without RID method by using a "session", as of now, I don't know how this would be done.

This may be OK for Type 107 commercial flyers.

Option 2 allows drones to operate on a "limited remote ID UAS" basis where the operator holds the transmitter. This limits to flight to 400' from the operator (FAA uses the term ground station). I don't know of any Transmitters that have this capability.

Option 3 Allow you to fly without RID equipment within the boundaries of an "FAA-recognized identification area" or (FRIA). Meaning AMA clubs like TORKS. This would bring an end to hobbyists wanting to fly around a park or in their neighborhoods with craft greater than 50 grams.

What this does to you and our hobby is making the TORKS field even more important. And it brings pressure on us to maintain our relationship with the City and the Airport.

GOOD NEWS

We have a signed agreement with the Willy Post airport and the manager said to us (Garry Crews and myself) *"You guy are good. We have never had a problem with you. Just keep doing what you're doing and you're good forever."*

We will need to make sure we maintain a good relationship with OKC. These kinds of government things may help the City understand why a place like TORKS is important. When people understand these rules they will be looking for a place to fly. That said, the City may or may not want to compete with us. Do they have an agreement with Tinker for Backster Field? Does anyone know?

Let's talk more Tuesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Club meeting Tuesday 1/7/2020

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MODEL OF THE MONTH DESCRIPTIONS:



Mark with under FAA limit legal DJI mini video Quad. JB Sims with his new Buster

CHRISTMAS PARTY!



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NEW YEARS DAY FUN FLY.

NOT A FROZEN FINGER EVENT THIS YEAR IT WAS IN THE 50'S BUT WINDS WERE BLOWING 24 TO 36 MPH!



Note Mark's Timber over his left shoulder. See a video on the TORKS FB page

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An EDITORIAL: Thank you for allowing me to be the Secretary for the past year. I apologize that life got in the way in getting the newsletter out a couple of times. Hopefully J.B. will knock it out of the park in 2020!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to share a thought. On New Years, as I was driving off from our not so frozen fingers New Years Day fun fly, it hit me pretty solid that I am proud to be a part of the **FANTASTIC TEAM** the **TORKS** have become in our accomplishments this year. Please keep up the good work and cooperation and kindness.

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