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TORKS Chapter 625



From the President's Hangar

by Dave Agee

Well another flying season is coming to an end. As most of you know this will be our last newsletter for 2008. Our next meeting will be the end of January back at the Police Station in Grove City. As is my custom I will ask each of you what you liked about 2008, what you disliked about 2008, and what you would like to do for 2009, so we can begin the process of planning for next years flying season.

Looking back on 2008, by all measures this has been a good year for TORKS. We have continued to make improvements to our facility, our Flying field has never looked better, we hosted 4 excellent events, pattern, scale, jet, EDF, attendance at our monthly meetings have increased significantly, we have had wonderful member activities including the pig-roast/fun-fly and our monthly meeting enhancements such as luncheons and door prizes, up to and including a scale ARF, and our membership has continued to grow.

I certainly hope you all like have enjoyed your experience this year. If you have, let your officers and event organizers know. They have worked hard for you this year. If you have any suggestions for next year write them down and bring them up at the January meeting.

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NOISE!!!!!!

As discussed at our last meeting, aircraft noise reduction must be addressed in the coming year. I will be working with a special task force of volunteers before our Jan. meeting to put together an action plan to address noise issues with our aircraft in 2009. If anyone has any additional thoughts on this issue or would like to join the committee let me know!

INDOOR FLYING SEASON ON HOLD!!

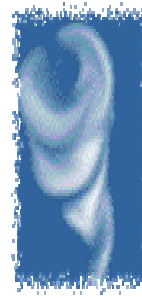
As most of you know by now, the golf dome was destroyed by the remnants of hurricane IKE as it roared through Columbus. The original plan was to have it replaced sometime in December, however insurance and other issues have put Dome replacement on **Hold**.

This of course delayed the JR Indoor Electric Fest and the start of the indoor season, and now it may not happen at all! Hopefully, everything will get ironed out and we will at least have a partial indoor season. I don't know about all of you but I really look forward to indoor flying in the winter.

Editor

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Keep em' Flying!!



Meeting Minutes

October 26th

Members present at Meeting: 38

Treasures Report: This year we will not break even on cash, however we did make more than anticipated on the E-jets event. We did spend more than budgeted due to the addition of electric power sources. If you would like to know the details, please contact Dave Swaddling or Dave Agee.

Probationary members voted to regular member status: Rick Hartford Ron Kummer

Orientation Committee: Mark "Smooth Flyer" Taylor soloed last week Congratulations Mark!!!

Site Retention: We will be setting up a committee to go over and pursue the recent "noise complaints" made by a couple of our neighbors. If you have a "loud" airplane and would like to test the DB readings, Bob Lewis will let us borrow his db meter for this purpose. Contact Tim Haller if you wish to use it. 614-989-6895

E-Jets: Wow, the event is over and we are looking forward to having a bigger and better event next year!!!! We made almost double than what we anticipated. We owe a big thanks to **Terry Nitsch, and Kevin Patrilla**, and all of the other committee members / club members who helped make this event run smoothly. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication as it was much appreciated.

Field Marshal: N/A - none Appointed.

Safety Committee: Please be aware when tuning and or starting your engines. We had a Surpass 70 throw a prop the other day and went clear across the tarmac, fortunately it did not come in contact with anyone.

Program 4 Kids: This event was unfortunately canceled due to lack of transportation for the kids. Hopefully we can look forward to having this event next year. We owe **Bill Murray** a big " THANK YOU " for heading this up, and for all the effort he put into organizing the event. These are the kind of events that really put our hobby into perspective, and help promote it.

On a couple side notes: There have been a lot of people that have asked about winter flying. Please do not let the cold keep you away, there are a handful of us that take advantage of that " white stuff " . If you have not had the opportunity to fly off of snow, you do not know what you have been missing. Flying off of snow is an absolute blast, and really adds to the hobby.

For those members whom may not know, I will be resigning as Secretary come the last meeting in March. If you think you would like to run in March please call me and I can go over any details you may like to know. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to be in the Executive Committee for several years now, but it is time for me to enjoy the hobby. Matt

Editorial

By Terry Nitsch

Let's work on field retention this winter.

As everyone should know by now, we had our first two noise complaints from the neighbors this fall. Both stated they enjoyed watching the planes fly, just didn't like the noise. We have been fortunate enough to have had an influx of new members with many new and different models, most being of the giant scale variety. Not saying that these models are the specific problem, but they are certainly a contributor. I believe everyone needs to be aware of this situation and do our part to reduce noise pollution at the neighbor's houses. This can be accomplished by altering our flying styles slightly, and taking advantage of the latest technologies in noise reduction.

Many of us are building new models this winter, and will be making decisions on power plants and muffler systems. There is a distinct difference in the noise levels between the canister muffled models and the straight stack variety. Also propeller selection can make a big difference. I believe nobody wants to have noise restrictions at our field. We have a committee that is working on taking DB readings for the various models, but once the aircraft is airborne, it's the frequency that makes the noise offensive most of the time. So DB readings are not the whole story. I am concerned that if these complaints become the formal variety, we will be forced to severely restrict the noise or loose the field all together.

So let's take advantage of this building season and fix the problem before we don't have a choice in the matter. We will not be having a Turbine Jet Scramble next year. This event upset a neighbor when a model flew out over his back yard. Our focus will be on the E-Jets event, which is MUCH quieter and fits better into the footprint of our facility. We all need to be aware and do our parts keep the neighbors happy. If we allow them to solve the problem for us, we will not be happy with the results.

Terry

Editors Note

Me... The Editor

I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a **Merry Christmas!**
The next Newsletter will be in January before the meeting of the 25th at the Grove City Police Station!

Remember if you need to burn Nitro, Amps, or whatever propulsion excites you, get out to the field!! Cold weather never really stops the addiction of flying.....Does it? Just bring a Thermos of coffee or hot chocolate and let 'er rip! Just remember.....a wet tongue *will* stick to the flag pole!

Next Club Meeting:

January 25th 2009 2 PM Grove City Police Station