

# Crosswinds

Newsletter for SPARKS  
Spring Area Radio  
Kontrol Society



January 2015

## Message from the President - Terry Foote January 2015



SPARKS Members,

Hmmmm..... 2015. Where the heck did that slip in? Wasn't it just 2014? Well, 2015 is here so we might as well deal with it! As soon as this winter blast stuff is over with we might get a little flying done.

Still dealing (and reeling!) from the loss of my car. I'm gonna chalk this up as finding something suitable for gas mileage as well as plane hauling. Not really looking to break the bank but getting from A to B kinda important!

This column is coming to you after we've had our January meeting. Sorta doing things in reverse but anything we discussed at the meeting can be fine tuned here in my column.

It was good to see the room so full of members and guests. I dare say there is another Houston area club that has a meeting as large as ours! We'll look forward to large meetings and great flying and fellowship in 2015 for sure.

I'm pecking this out bright and early on Thursday morning after the meeting. After all the rain and cold and gray skies we've been experiencing lately, it's good to see this strange object in the sky.... Sunshine! This means I can see my shadow and there is only a little bit of crappy weather left this winter and we'll be able to start flying a lot more! (If it works for that Pennsylvania groundhog I suppose it can work for us!)

The last few evenings I have been helping to put away Christmas ornaments, lights and the tree. This little chore is what keeps me from getting at all my airplane stuff in the garage. Once all the storage lockers go back against the wall, I'll be pulling out all the stuff to take to the Georgetown swap meet. It seems I have a few club members that are curious enough about this swap meet that they are wanting to accompany me to it. I'm sensing that a good time will be had by all of us. If you are thinking that Georgetown, Garden Ridge (San Antonio) and Waxahatchie is a bit far for you to travel, our friends at Northwest R/C are

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### Sparks Flight Instruction

Contact our Chief Instructor, EJ Hunyadi, at 281-360-4229 to coordinate flight instruction. An alternate contact is our Assistant Chief Instructor, Gaither Simmons at 832-256-8820.

having their indoor swap meet in the next couple of months. This too will be a great opportunity for you to get rid of unwanted modeling stuff or just to go and socialize. (You might even pull off getting a great bargain also!)

We discussed our Nostalgia fly-in at the meeting. Got a few folks that are pretty excited about this event. I'll be filing for a sanction in the next few days and the tentative date will be Saturday May 9th. A lot of you are having the names of airplanes cross your lips that you've not thought of in years. In some instances, the spark of re-living the fun you had with a favorite plane from way back when is really making you want to dig out an old plan or just find one! I have a couple and I'm fired up about this

Well.... The sun is now creeping over the computer desk and I gotta go play work. We are in the process of filling all the holes in the merchandise at the shop after Christmas. New stuff is coming in. Come on down to Randy's and we'll fix you up with something. Christmas was good to us but you know you didn't get everything you wanted!

Fearless Leader, over and out!

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(This will be in each issue but you may want to print a copy for reference)

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## ***Reminders***



**Don't forget the Wednesday... February 4th Meeting,**

## **Valley Ranch Grill**

**Hwy 249 & Spring Cypress - 7 pm...**

**Come early and enjoy a meal with us.**

January 7, 2015

## SPARKS Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by our esteemed Club President, Terry Foote, at 7:09 pm.

Terry introduced guests:

Floyd Blackwell  
Jay Strimple

New members were introduced: None

The Secretary read the minutes from December, which were approved.

### Field Report

Dale Simcox: New signage was replaced. Gift cards were delivered. Gate status: Karl Marshall is ready for the installation.

### Financial Report

This section has been eliminated. The Treasurer's report is issued at the meeting. If you have a need to know, please call the Treasurer.

The bank account has not been moved as of today. The Treasurer requested that the membership renewal form be filled out. This was especially important for the emergency contact.

### Safety Report

None

### Old Business

Jimmy: No report on fundraiser this month.

Terry: Nostalgia fly in: Trying to get Horizon and Great Planes involved. Trying to get event coverage for pics and vids from Giant Scale News reporters. Available dates for May 9<sup>th</sup> is tentative. The event is for planes representing the '60s to '80s (not planes from that period).

Paul: Sprinkler has not yet been moved.

### New Business

Paver Bricks: Pam has information that needed to be transferred to new officers; Terry will retrieve this information. Bricks are planned for an expandable pad in front of the hangar.

Plans are in the works to raise the pilot stations to get away from water puddles.

ROTC: Meetings will continue to be held at Valley Ranch BBQ. Next fly in to be scheduled soon. Monday or Thursday nights are best, according to an informal poll.

Jimmy brought up the topic of club goals. Several were presented for thought: Runway, clubhouse slab, sidewalk, tree removal.

### Program None

### Model of the Month

Dale Simcox: Stick RTC ARF.  
Mark Hunt: ARF pattern bi-plane.  
Winner was Mark Hunt.

### Name Tag Raffle

Person drawn was not present. \$15 rolled over.

### Gift Certificate Raffle

Gift Certificates to Randy's Hobbies Shop were raffled. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

C. Paul Gallagher,  
Secretary

Please support our local RC Shops...  
they are vital to our hobby.

Many special thanks to Randy Ritch of Randy's Hobbies  
for his continued support of SPARKS

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# SPARKS New Member Application - Feb 1st, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ **AMA#:** \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: Fixed Wing \_\_\_ Helicopter \_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_ TX / Rx Channels: 2.4MHz \_\_\_ 72 MHz \_\_\_ Years in Hobby: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature if Junior membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type	Yearly dues	Initiation Fee <u>For new members only</u>
Full Membership: Adult—Outdoor & Indoor Adult - Indoor Only	\$150.00 30.00	\$50 None
2nd Adult in family or full time student over 19	50.00	None
Temporary Membership 6 month time period (Outdoor & Indoor) (see notes below)	1/2 of full membership yearly dues—\$75	\$25
Junior (Under 19) - Outdoor & Indoor	45.00	None
Junior (With adult member) - Outdoor & Indoor	15.00	None

**Regular Membership:** The applicant is required to be an AMA member and follow all club and AMA rules. The AMA's phone is 1-800-435-9262 and web address is <http://modelaircraft.org>. A member will be required to participate in work days (typically 2-3 per year). Member will also be able to hold office and vote.

**Temporary Membership:** The applicant is required to be an AMA member and follow all club and AMA rules. See AMA information above. Membership is valid for six months from date of application. Member must pay 1/2 of full membership dues and 1/2 of initiation fee to join club as temporary member (please see rates above under temporary membership) and pay the remainder of both dues and initiation fee to become a full member. A member will be required to participate in work days but will not be able to hold office or vote.

**Junior Membership:** The applicant is classified as a Junior for AMA purposes (19 yrs and under) and must be an AMA member. A junior who joins with an adult does not pay an initiation fee and pays lower annual dues. Juniors are expected to perform workday duties commensurate with their age. Member will not be able to hold office or vote.

Payments: Mail: Make checks payable to: SPARKS, Inc. and mail to P.O. Box 1361, Tomball TX 77377-1361, bring to monthly club meeting, or drop off to Terry Foote (Club President) at Randy's Hobbies.

For additional information contact our Treasurer, Randy Shewmaker at (281) 300-2899 or via email at [treasurer@sparksrc.com](mailto:treasurer@sparksrc.com) or visit our website at <http://www.sparksrc.com>.

# SPARKS Member Renewal Form - Feb 1st, 2015 - Jan 31, 2016

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: Fixed Wing \_\_\_ Rotary \_\_\_ (Check one or both)      Tx Rx Channels: 2.4MHz \_\_\_ 72 MHz \_\_\_ (Check one or both)

Power Preference: Glow \_\_\_ Electric \_\_\_ (Check one or both)      Volunteer as Instructor: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a replacement name tag? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type	Yearly dues
<b>Full Membership:</b>	
Adult—Outdoor & Indoor	\$150.00
Adult - Indoor Only	\$30.00
<b>2nd Adult</b> in family or full time student over 19	\$50.00
<b>Temporary Membership:</b> 6 month time period (Outdoor & Indoor) - may become a full member by paying the remaining 50% of dues.	1/2 of full membership yearly dues—\$75
<b>Junior</b> (Under 19) - Outdoor & Indoor	\$45.00
<b>Junior</b> (With adult member) - Outdoor & Indoor	\$15.00

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If you have questions contact your Treasurer, Randy Shewmaker at [treasurer@sparksrc.com](mailto:treasurer@sparksrc.com) or visit our website at <http://www.sparksrc.com>.

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