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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS R/C CLUB

Presidents Message

Hello LSK!

Mother Nature threw us a bit of a curveball this month. With flooding at the field, the club made a last-minute decision to hold our October meeting online. Fortunately, conditions improved quickly, and 13 members joined us virtually to take care of club business.

Despite all the rain, there's plenty happening at Lincoln Sky Knights as we head into the final stretch of our 2026 flying season.

We have a couple of great events coming up to close out the event season. One (Don Dickey) should already be in the books by the time you read this and The Halloween Fun Fly & Swap Meet are coming up to close out the year!

We're doing something new this year with the Halloween Fun Fly and adding a swap meet/garage sale to it. For \$10 you can take some parking lot space and sell your wares, trade with others and/or find something new.

Secretary's Report

Pres., Cliff called the meeting to order at 7:40pm with a quorum of members present. He asked for a motion and a second to accept the September minutes as written. Motion Approved!

Another Successful Fun Fly Season

Looking back at this year's events, our fun fly season has gone very well.

The "Warbirds Over Waverly" Fun Fly generated a profit of \$690.31, while the recent Float Fly finished about \$50 ahead despite some challenging weather.

The increased landing fee introduced this year also appears to be doing its job. Rather than losing money every time the club hosts an event, we're now in a much better position to cover our expenses while still providing a great day of flying and lunch for our participants.

Our raffles have also been a big help. Reaching out to Horizon Hobby and other manufacturers for donated prizes has worked better than expected and added another fun element to our events.

Float Fly Scheduling

Speaking of the Float Fly, the weather wasn't exactly cooperative this year.

When we put together next year's event calendar, we will consider switching the dates of the Float Fly and the Don Dickey R/C Fun Fly.

Moving the Float Fly later in the season might give us a better chance of having favorable pond conditions. Nothing has been decided yet, but it's something we'll consider when planning the 2027 schedule.

Don Dickey R/C Fun Fly

Our next event is the Don Dickey R/C Fun Fly, and this one promises to be something special.

The Dickey family is providing lunch from Hog Wild BBQ, including pulled pork sandwiches and all the fixings, FREE for everyone attending.

We'll also have a great raffle prize—an E-Flite Micro Bronco.

The Don Dickey event has developed into a special tradition for the club, and we're grateful that the Dickey family has become involved in helping us celebrate Don's memory each year.

Come out, enjoy some flying, have a great lunch and help us make it another memorable day at the field!

Membership Holding Strong

Lincoln Sky Knights currently has 134 members.

That includes:

103 full members

19 life members

8 associate members

4 restricted members

It's great to see the club maintaining such a strong membership as we near the end of another flying season.

Club Finances

The club's finances remain in good shape, with all current bills paid.

Our Certificate of Deposit recently matured after earning 3.5%, and John renewed it for another six months at 3.75%.

Automatic payments for recurring expenses, such as the restroom and dumpster, are also working well.

New Computers for Our Flight Simulators

Our clubhouse flight simulator computers have served us well, but they're getting old, cranky and increasingly ready for retirement.

The club discussed purchasing two newer refurbished computers to replace the existing simulator PCs. The expected cost is approximately \$300 each, and members approved moving forward with the purchase.

We've also applied for an Academy of Model Aeronautics TAG Grant of up to \$1,000 to help offset the cost of the computers and simulator software. That grant, if we win, will be awarded in early 2027.

Our simulators have become much more than something to use around the clubhouse. We've been taking them into the community for aviation outreach programs, allowing young people to experience R/C flying firsthand. Hopefully, our community involvement will help make a strong case for receiving the grant.

Lincoln North Star Aviation Program

One of our most exciting outreach opportunities is coming up at Lincoln North Star High School.

Thanks to a connection provided by Al's wife, the club has been invited to spend the day with students in North Star's Aviation Focus Program.

Cliff and Ric plan to bring flight simulators, demonstrate R/C aircraft and talk with students about the basics of model aviation. Weather and space permitting, we'll also conduct some outdoor flight demonstrations.

The program serves several classes of aviation students, making this an excellent opportunity to introduce young people who already have an interest in aviation to the R/C side of the hobby.

We hope this becomes an ongoing relationship between Lincoln Sky Knights and the North Star Aviation Focus Program.

Looking Ahead to Club Elections

It's also time to start thinking about club leadership for 2027.

Officer nominations and elections will be coming up at our next meeting. Most of the current executive committee has indicated a willingness to continue serving, while Secretary Bob has expressed interest in stepping aside.

Current Candidate Slate for November voting is:

President – Cliff Davis

Vice President – Al Lyman

Secretary – Shane Rakow

Treasurer – John Knopp

Safety Officer – Ron Miller

Membership Renewals Coming Soon

Watch your inbox after the Halloween Fun Fly.

We'll begin sending out 2027 membership renewal notices around the first of November, using a process similar to last year's renewals.

Getting renewals completed early helps us start the new year with an accurate membership roster.

Our Mowing Equipment Is Getting Tired

Our mowing crew has put the club's equipment through a lot of hard work over the past six years, and some of our riding equipment is beginning to show its age. While one mower is still performing well, the other two are experiencing more frequent problems.

We're not making any immediate purchases, but members are encouraged to keep their eyes open for good deals on used riding mowers or possible donated equipment.

And speaking of the grounds—the field looked remarkably good after the recent flooding. Thanks to everyone who got it mowed before the heavy rain arrived.

Once the water receded, the field came through looking great.

Celebrating Some Remarkable Flying Streaks

Here's something we probably haven't recognized enough. Several Lincoln Sky Knights members have been participating in the long-running challenge of making at least one flight every month—and some of those streaks are incredible.

Rich Kuning has reportedly accumulated more than 500 consecutive months of flying!

Bill Davis has also accumulated an impressive streak spanning hundreds of consecutive months.

Think about what that means: Nebraska winters, summer heat, wind, rain and everything else Mother Nature can throw at an R/C pilot—and somehow finding a day to get that monthly flight in.

We're going to start doing a better job of recognizing these accomplishments in the newsletter.

If you've never participated in the monthly flying challenge, maybe it's time to start your own streak!

Girls In Aviation Day

The Girls in Aviation Day, held at Duncan Aviation, was a huge success. It had a large attendance by many young women.

They had a lot to see there. Besides the many booths, they had passports that were stamped by each booth they attended. The completed passports were turned in, and several winners were drawn for some pretty nice prizes, including free complimentary flights in a Cessna 172 and 182.

LSK was invited. Cliff and Ric set up a booth with static displays and Flight SIM's. They go try out their skills at flying RC models. It was really well received, and we had a lot of smiling faces from the young girls that were able to master the skill. Most Did! Lots of Fun for all. Even the parents were excited to see them fly.

Safety Report

Despite the unusual weather conditions, there were no safety issues or concerns reported this month. Thanks to everyone for continuing to operate safely and looking out for one another at the field.

Model of the Month

Al Lyman had a great 3D printed airplane to show off – powered by a 4 bladed pusher prop. He has a few more

ready to go, if you want one reach out to Al and he can set you up.



Wrapping Up the 2026 Season

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of another flying season.

Between our fun flies, community outreach events, field improvements, growing relationships with local aviation programs and the countless ordinary days spent flying with friends, 2026 has been a busy year for Lincoln Sky Knights.

We still have some flying left to do, including the Don Dickey R/C Fun Fly and our Halloween Fun Fly and Swap Meet, so don't put those airplanes away yet.

Thanks to everyone who flies, volunteers, mows, cooks, organizes events, brings out guests, donates supplies and simply shows up to enjoy the hobby.

See you at the field!

Adjournment

Cliff accepted a motion and a second to adjourn at 8:01p. Motion Approved!

LSK FIELD RULES

1. The AMA SAFETY CODE must be followed at all times.
2. All pilots must be current members of the Lincoln Sky Knights R/C club, or their guests, and have a current AMA card.

Guest pilots are allowed to fly three non-contest dates per calendar year if a current Lincoln Sky Knight member is present and they must have a current AMA card.

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3. All aircraft with fuel burning engines larger than .051 must have a functional muffler system.
4. Frequency Control Procedure for radios other than 2.4: After determining that your frequency is not in use, take your radio from the impound (if used) and place your current AMA and LSK card or a photocopy of them on the frequency control board. Do this by raising the tag corresponding to your frequency number and pinning it to the cable above your pin. At completion of flight, remove your pin from the tag and place your radio back in the impound (if used), making sure the switch is off.
5. Pilots must use one of the six flying stations and remain behind the safety barrier while flying. Pilots are allowed to stand behind the plane on the runway, only during take-off, if they feel it is necessary. NOTIFY OTHER PILOTS when you are taking off, landing, going onto the runway, or if you are in a dead stick or other emergency situation.

6. NO FLYING over the pits, spectators, or parking area at any time! WARNING!!! This rule is strictly enforced!

7. All flying is to be done to the East of the asphalt runway (or West of the camping hookups for heli and park flyers) and do not fly within the field boundaries; that is the runway, except for take-off, landing and practice approaches.

KNOW AND OBEY THE DIRECTION OF THE PATTERN.

8. No smoking in the pit area.
9. All aircraft and field boxes (when not in use) must be kept in the pit area. No spectators, children or pets in the pit area without escort.
10. Aircraft must be restrained while starting and running.
Taxiing only East of the red safety line.
Walkways between the runways and pilots' stations must remain clear.
11. Do not start engines in the pits. Engines must be started in the designated starting area.
12. Discharge of firearms is prohibited on club property!!!
13. Please, remember to be courteous to both your fellow pilot and the club field!

THE AMA SAFETY CODE AND CLUB RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES! THESE RULES ARE IN PLACE FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF OTHER PILOTS, SPECTATORS, AND PROPERTY.

Every club member is a Safety Officer. Please do your part. If you see a rule violation, politely confront the pilot. It is your responsibility as an AMA and LSK club member to inform offending pilots of a rule violation. Politely explain to the pilot the rule and how they violated it. Most pilots want to fly safely and obey the rules; however, if the pilot continues to violate the rule, you may file a formal complaint. Contact a club officer for information on filing a formal complaint. We take safety very seriously. Repeat rule violations or filing false formal complaints may result in the loss of flying privileges and/or club expulsion.

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For information about local events and activities
<http://metrorcflying.com/>

Who to Call for Help

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2026 Event Schedule:

1 Jan — First Flight Fun Fly
21 Feb — Club Auction
June 4-7 — Midwest Heli Fun Fly
June 28 — HobbyTown Fun Fly
July 12 — **Jet Jam**
Aug 16 — Don Neill Fun Fly
Sept 6 — Warbirds Fun Fly
Sept 13 — Float Fun Fly
Oct 4 — Don Dickey Fun Fly
Oct 25 — Halloween Fun Fly

Be sure and subscribe to the events calendar on our club website:
<https://lincolnskyknights.com/events-calendar>

Please Remember:

If you are the last one leaving the field for the night, please make sure the clubhouse and gate are locked!!!

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