

THE CLANKING ARMOR

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AMA CLUB # 405

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

Presidents Message

Hello LSK members. It was a productive meeting on the 3rd. I counted 15 pilots attending, thanks to everyone that showed up.

Paramotor pilot Steve had his power pack on display and his presentation was excellent with a robust discussion with the group, thanks Steve, I'm sure we'll see you and Grant in flight soon!

The tractor repairs and improvements made are complete. Thanks again to John K.-Ric F.- and Jay Jordan for all your dedication. Members be sure to thank them, they saved our Club a lot of \$!

Club dues for 2026 were approved to remain the same. Lets get our personal membership dues paid nlt than January please, Thank you.

Nominations for Officers and support positions were finalized and will be voted on at the November meeting, so your attendance is appreciated.

The Don Dickey FunFly was a big hit! Big thanks to Dons' daughters Linda and Michelle for all their preparation of the excellent catered meal. I think they had at least 16/17 family members attend! LSK Pilots attending probably matched that number. It was fun to see everyone enjoying good food and fellowship with a lot of wind for everyone.

Big thanks to all that flew that day!

John K. Provided the model of the month, a sweet Grand Tundra V2! Another tempting model to get, Thanks John.

OK- thanks everyone- be safe and be healthy!

Please attend the Heli Funfly on Oct. 12th & the Halloween Funfly on Oct. 19th! KC out!

Secretary's Report

LSK Meeting notes October 3, 2025

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 on the dot

We will discuss officer nomination and dues at the end of the meeting.

Motion made by Al, 2 nd by Ric to accept minutes of previous meeting.

VP/CD Report

No report

Treasurer's Report

Good turnout for September fun fly. John provided information about NE foods which we had at the last meeting, provided by Karen Knopp.

Treasurer – checking and savings balanced provided.

\$3900 electrical for shelters

\$1209 tractor repairs.

All bills paid and updated.

Thank you Mike M. for a great donation to help with the cost of the electrical run to shelters Motion to approve and 2 nd for treasurer report acceptance.

New member Chuck Birnley, 133 members on roster

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer – no issues to report. On a roll of good safety and no concerns.

Old Business

John reports federal tax exempt status continues – a form was sent with addtl. Info requested which John provided. More wait while government shut down.

Paramotor Steve – visited meeting to show off paramotor backpack motor. Thanked us for inviting him and volunteered to shoot another drone following video at the Oct 26 fun fly. Apologized for not being able to do a demo flight, his max is 5mph. He wears a 185cc 20hp motor, wing hooked to carabiners, and when wing inflates, he starts a run and takeoff. He is a foot launch pilot, but many use trikes. Great fun to fly without cockpit, some enjoy aerobatics, he prefers low and slow. Backup parachute is included on backpack w/ motor in case of trouble.

Steve has flown his paramotor in many different locations. Gusts in NE make it difficult to fly when windy, a steady calm wind is best.

He tests balance and comfort of his rig by hanging it from rafters in his garage and sitting in it.

Flys a 125cm (about 49") prop.

There are approx. 4 active sites and 15 pilots in the area.

Frame and motor are about \$7,000, wings approx. \$4000, reserve chute \$700...12 to

13k for equipment, lessons \$2,000 to \$3,000...

Burns about 3 liters of gas per flight, generally about an hour in the air. More efficient motors can fly 5 hours.

Has flown at Oshkosh at 400' in a very specific pattern. No instruments necessary,

Some use smart phone/watch altimeters.

Generally, about an hour setup and pre-flight to fly. Can be faster, but inspection takes time.

Can support larger pilots with larger wings.

Generally flying 1-2 hours before sunset when winds are calm.

Most paramotor pilots do not use aviation radios.

He was happy to bring the motor out to show off.

Kevin thanked Mike and Ric for the donation and the logistics of organizing the electrical upgrade bringing power to the new shade shelters.

Kevin thanked John, Ric and Jay on tractor repair efforts. Ric indicated new blades are on, deck height readjusted and corrected. Cuts a lot better now. Ric will also be adding a tachometer to the instrument panel at a later time. Runs very well – huge difference.

New Business

Ron has CVA secured for indoor flying, Sundays 3-5:30 \$5 each. Starting November or when weather turns.

Calvert rec center meeting Tuesday to discuss flying indoors at Calvert Rec.

Indoor soccer field was contacted by Kevin, no response yet. Spikes is available, no schedule yet.

Weather balloon program – Ric is keeping in contact. NWS is operating again in Omaha, so balloon launches are no longer needed.

Club dues for 2026 – John moved, Cliff 2nd to have dues remain unchanged. Motion carried.

Cliff Davis nominated at president.

Ric as VP – declined the nomination due to VP/CD responsibilities.

Bob – nominated as treasurer.

John nominated and accepted as treasurer.

Ron – nominated as safety officer.

Jay and Kevin, Deland and Shane will continue to mow.

Mark – will continue with webmaster

Joey T – will continue as newsletter editor

Model of the Month

Model of the Month – John Knopp brought in new Grand Tundra 2 . Metal landing gear and suspension, bigger than original Tundra, lights/rubber tires. Good battery tray with spring loaded quick release. Includes 2 batter hatch covers and a float kit is sold separately.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm



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.

ALL PILOTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT A.M.A. CARD.

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 violations. 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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<https://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

2025 Event Schedule:

1 Jan – First Flight Fun Fly

8 Feb – Club Auction

April 8-10 – field closed, drone amplified field rental

June 5-8 – Heli Fun Fly

June 29 – HobbyTown Fun Fly

July 13 – Jet Jam

Aug 16 – Don Neill Fun Fly

Sept 7 – Warbirds Fun Fly

Sept 21 – Float Fun Fly

Oct 5 – Don Dickey Fun Fly

Oct 11 – Halloween Heli Fun Fly

Oct 26 – Halloween Fun Fly

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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