

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!

First off, I want to acknowledge Kevins many years of leadership as president. We all appreciate what Kevin has done as we navigated the rebuild from a tornado, we've grown our membership and we're much more active as a club! Thanks Kevin.

I'm honored to be the incoming president – I'm looking forward to listening to everyone's ideas and working together to make the club even better for everyone.

I've been in this hobby for over 35 years now. I've seen and flown at many clubs over the years, and I can tell you from first-hand experience we have one of the finest fields in the nation.

We've done a great job making it easier to join our club in the past couple of years. The whole application process and payment of dues can now be done from the website...no more paper applications (unless you want to use one) and dues can be paid by PayPal online.

Expanding our fun fly events to include Hobby Town and the family of the late Don Dickey was great, wasn't it? We'll keep that momentum going in 2026 and beyond with everyone's help and we'll continue to look for ways to expand our fun fly schedule – that dang Holmes Lake Float fly is my white whale! We all know it's hard to cut through the noise of our busy world and share our passion

for model aviation but if we work together, we can do just that. We're starting that with more frequent communication on Facebook and through emails from the club. We want everyone to know about our events calendar, live field camera(s) and weather station...spread the word! I've got some ideas, big and small, that I really believe are good for our hobby and our club, but above all there are two things that should guide us as a club – we want to grow and we want to make it easy to be a part of our hobby. Let's continue to work together and find more ways to reach out and share this engaging, rewarding and challenging hobby with our friends and neighbors in our community.
Thanks,
Cliff

Secretary's Report

Pres Kevin called his LAST meeting to order promptly at 7:30pm with 15 members present. He asked for a motion and a 2 nd to accept the November minutes as written. Motion made and seconded. Approved.

VP/CD Report

VP Al reported that not much was going on.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John reported that all bills were paid and cash was on hand. A motion was made and seconded to accept John's report. Approved. He said club membership renewals were coming in like crazy. Good news.

Safety Officer's Report

Ron, again, reported no safety issues. More good news.

Old Business

(1) Cliff reported that paid membership for 2026 is currently up to 45. He will send out email reminders every weekend throughout December reminding those members who have not paid that dues are due. He has created an automated system of emailing only those who have not paid.

New Business

(1) VP Al reported that the tentative 2026 event schedule is as follows:

Jan 1 = New Years Day Fun Fly

Feb 21 = Club Auction

Jun 28 = Hobby Town Fun Fly

Jul 12 = Jet Jam Fun Fly

Aug 16 = Don Neil Fun Fly

Sep 6 = Warbird Fun Fly

Sep 13 = Float Fun Fly

Oct 4 = Don Dickey Fun Fly

Oct 25 = Halloween Fun Fly

These dates are NOT set in stone but it would be wise to update your calendars now.

(2) Cliff reported that Indoor Flying is off and running. Ron Miller has the gym at CVA set up for Sundays from 2:30-5:00pm. Cliff has talked to Spikes and arranged a schedule where we can fly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:00pm, starting 9 December. Cost for either is only \$5.00. Last Sunday we set up a folding table to serve as an aircraft carrier and practiced

landing Vapors on it. Great fun.

(3) Treasurer John reported that (you won't believe this) we FINALLY have IRS Tax Exempt Status. He has been working diligently on this for several months and it's finally a reality. Great job John!

(4) Cliff talked about working with Gatewall Mall to host a 1-day event to publicize our Club. The Mall would provide tables and we could set up a couple of flight simulators and perhaps "carefully" fly a couple of Vapors. We could also set up some static displays with our larger airplanes, helo's and a jet or two. The group thought this was a good idea and asked Cliff to

pursue it. We are talking about a Saturday in Jan or Feb. He will need 5 or 6 volunteers to pull it off. Please call Cliff if you would like to help out.

(5) Kevin called for a big THANK YOU to Cliff for all his hard work on getting our live feed video and our weather station set up. Everyone agreed with a big round of applause.

(6) Ric proposed the club purchase a second video camera and associated equipment to cover the south side of the clubhouse. Cliff said it would cost approximately \$750.00 with no increase in our monthly internet fees. A motion was made and seconded. Carried. Ric also asked if Cliff would research the possibility of an interior camera for the clubhouse.

(7) Ric brought up the fact that his brother-in-law had a backhoe with 1260 hours for sale. Just an item for the club to think over.

(8) Ric talked about the cover over the two storage containers that was proposed a few meetings ago. He brought us up to speed on the aspects of the project and the cost. It will be further discussed at the January meeting.

(9) John brought up the logo flags/signs/posters that were discussed at a previous meeting. The LSK logo was an item of discussion. John had two examples of a new logo. Cliff showed several ideas on his computer using AI. Item tabled for the January meeting.

(10) Bob brought up the idea of the club buying business cards with our location and meeting

times so we could carry them around and hand them out as appropriate. John said he has a source that can make them. Motion was made and seconded to proceed. Done.

Adjournment

After a long-ish meeting, Pres Kevin finally called for a motion to adjourn. Motion came quickly and was seconded even quicker at 8:26pm. See you next year.

Model of the Month

There is a story here. You might think that Ron Miller is presenting the model of the month. Not so, he is showing an airplane donated to the club (with lots of accessories) by Mick Streff (employed at Speedway Motors). Many thanks to Mick for the donation!



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://metrorcfclying.com/>

Who to Call for Help

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2026 Event Schedule:
1 Jan – First Flight Fun Fly
21 Feb – Club Auction
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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