

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! Happy Holidays Everyone! A good meeting on December 6th, 13 members by my count. Thanks to all who attended! Big thanks to all the already elected Officers and appointed members that agreed to stay on with their Club duties for 2025. Especially since there was only 1 member to fill 1 of our 2 vacancies. Thank you Bob Mcculough for stepping up and will be our new Secretary. We still need someone to volunteer to be our 2025 Newsletter Editor!!! The 2025 Funfly schedule was offered up by VPCD Al L. If anyone sees or knows of a conflict let us know asap because we'll vote on it at the January 2025 meeting on the 3rd. Thanks Al. The auction will take place February 8th, 2025 at the Waverly Community Center, so be ready to help and attend! The Clubhouse repair on the outside is complete. Interior work is to be completed by our members: ceiling grid and interior painting. Exterior painting is due upon better weather. Storage containers roof project is in the works too. More research/investigation into the possible communication tower on our property is necessary and I know will be discussed at great length. Will see all of you on the morning of January 1st. Will be food and fun and a warm furnace running, So c'mon out whether you're flying or not!

Our December indoor flying events, 2 so far haven't been well attended. Those few that have flown had

Big Fun so where are you guys? We're flying on Saturday the 21st, 9:pm to midnight and the 30th, 11:am-2:pm at the Lincoln Sports Foundation soccer field. We're getting January dates scheduled for Mondays and Saturdays plus scheduling is in the works for the gymnasium at College View Academy, 5:30pm_7:30pm. On Saturdays too.

That's all folks!

Please look at our website and FB for information!!!

Secretary's Report

The LSK monthly meeting of 6 Dec 2024 was called to order by President Christensen at 7:33pm. 12 members were in attendance. 1 new prospective member, Nicholas Veys, attended. The minutes for November 2024 were approved with minor corrections by President Christensen.

VP/CD Report

Vice President Lyman reported that last month's Fun Fly wasn't well attended.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Knopp couldn't attend. President Christensen gave a club financial report in his absence which was approved by membership. If you wish further treasurer information, please contact John Knopp.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety Officer Miller had no report this month other than he said it was a good year in that the club didn't have many personal injuries.

Old Business

Next up on the docket was the Old Business portion of the meeting.

- (1) Time to pay dues for 2025.
- (2) Sheds are paid for from the storm damage.
- (3) Some roof issues still need to be settled. That will happen next week.
- (4) Construction crew is done and gone.
- (5) Indoor flying – 30 Dec, 11:00a-2:00p & 21 Dec, 9:00p-Midnight at the Indoor Soccer Complex. We have to pay \$50.00 per session so we need 10 flyers. Please come. 4 dates for Jan 25 have been requested, waiting for confirmation. Also, Ron M has scheduled indoor flying on Sat, 21 Dec, 5:30p – 7:30p. Update your calendars!

New Business

Next up was the New Business portion of the meeting.

- (1) Discussion on insulating the ceiling (started by Pres Christensen) as long as it's being replaced. Decided not to pursue.
- (2) Discussion (started by VP Lyman) about sprucing up the inside of the clubhouse, i.e. painting the walls, getting rid of stuff that hasn't been used in years, etc. It was agreed to do it.
- (3) Voting for 2025 Club Officers:
 - (a) Bob McCollough volunteered to be Secretary, so he was voted in to the Nominations.
 - (b) All existing Club Officers ran unopposed.
 - (c) Motion was made and seconded to elect said Officers for another year, Approved.
- (4) There is still a need for a volunteer for the position of Newsletter Editor. Please step up and help the club by doing this job.
- (5) VP Lyman presented the list of 2025 Activities, as follows:

1 Jan = Fun Fly for all the "crazies" in the club
8 Feb = Annual club Auction
5-8 Jun = Heli Fun Fly
13 Jul = Jet Jam
27 Jul = HobbyTown Fun Fly
17 Aug = Don Neil Fun Fly
7 Sep = Warbird Fun Fly
21 Sep – Club Fun Fly (will need to pick theme)
5 Oct = Don Dickey Fun Fly
12 Oct = Halloween Heli Fun Fly
26 Oct = Club Halloween Fun Fly

Please update your calendars for these events.

- (6) The Club Executive Committee will be voted on in January 2025.
- (7) The Club received a letter inquiring about leasing (50-year lease) some of the Club's acreage for the installation of a Cell Tower. There were many Pro's and Con's brought up during the discussion, which was lengthy. On the Plus side, monthly income of \$700-\$1000 was a strong incentive. On the Minus side, the possibility of interfering with flying frequencies, possible unhealthy exposure to radiated wavelengths, danger of falling ice and just the presence of the tower itself to flyers. The discussion was tabled for the present.

(there are pictures of the letter attached at the end of the newsletter)

Model of the Month

There was no model of the month this month.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Members present approved it and the meeting ended at 8:53 PM.

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RE: Vertical Bridge Tower Site

November 10, 2024

Dear Lincoln Sky Knights Radio:

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of my client, Vertical Bridge. Vertical Bridge, in partnership with Verizon Wireless, is interested in improving cellular service in vicinity of your property near Waverly, NE. I obtained your information from the County GIS website as it appears you own land in the area that I am searching for placement of a tower site.

I appreciate this proposal may seem at odds with the activity you are conducting on the property but maybe there is placement on the lot that could be a win-win. I dd enjoy watching some of your members/patrons do some flying when driving through the area last week.

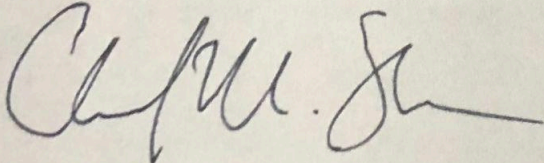
At this time I am simply trying to connect with people that are willing to discuss this proposal further. I am based in Urbandale, Iowa, and I am happy to meet in person or talk over the phone.

Below are the highlights of my client's needs and the basic structure of a lease arrangement:

- The tower is currently proposed to be a self-support tower and initially designed to be 195 feet tall.
- The desired ground space is one hundred feet by one hundred feet. Vertical Bridge will typically only fence in a percentage of this lease area. Most of the fenced in compounds are fifty feet by fifty feet.
- Vertical Bridge will need to construct an access road to the tower site. This is typically a 12-foot-wide gravel drive.
- Verizon will need to bring in power and fiber optics to the lease area. Both utilities will typically follow the access driveway and can be installed either overhead or underground.
- Vertical Bridge is looking for a long-term lease agreement. The standard lease is written as a 50-year deal.
- The standard rental rate is \$700 per month for the ground space and access route to the tower site.
- Vertical Bridge would conduct a formal survey to define the lease area and the access and utility routes to the tower site. The survey would be attached to the lease as an exhibit.
- Construction of the site is slated for 2027.

Thank you for your time and look forward to speaking with you if you have any interest.

Regards,



Chad M. Skinner

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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

John Knopp 402-890-2486
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<https://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

2024 Event Schedule:

01/01 - New Year Fun Fly
02/03 - LSK Auction
06/06-09 - Helicopter Fun Fly
07/14 - Jet Jam
08/11 - Don Neill Memorial Fun Fly
09/22 - Warbird Fun Fly
10/05-06 - Helicopter Halloween Fun Fly
10/13 - Don Dickey Memorial Fly
10/27 - 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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