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

Presidents Message

Hello LSK!

We had a good turnout for the August meeting (we made quorum!) and did some flying before and after the meeting.

As we head deeper into fun fly season, please remember to come on out and support your club.

We had to make a tough decision to increase the fun fly fees to stay ahead of food costs. We're still at the low end of what other clubs in the region are charging and we'll try to stay at that level moving forward.

We've done some new things on the payment front – both John Knopp and Cliff Davis have a PayPal point-of-sale app installed on their phones. So, if you want to buy a soda/water, or pay your fun fly fees, or even club dues in person, John or Cliff can let you pay via PayPal, Apple Pay, Tap to pay or Venmo right there. We can even email or text you a receipt if you want one! All of this comes free with our PayPal account which will help to make things easier.

Our next fun fly will be the Don Neill on August 16. We have a great raffle prize, so please come on out and buy a few tickets.

It's been either boiling hot or pouring down rain most days, hasn't it? We've managed to squeeze in a few good flying days here and there – seems like we need to start handing out sweatbands with LSK logos on them to keep the sweat out of our eyes while flying!

Have fun and fingers crossed for cooler weather to come.

With several events still ahead of us, there's plenty happening at Lincoln Sky Knights.

Be sure to support the upcoming fun flies, share our events with friends and family, and lend a hand when you can. Whether you're flying, volunteering, helping maintain the field or simply spending an afternoon at the clubhouse, it's the involvement of our members that keeps the club going strong.

See you at the field!

1. Call to Order

The August 7th meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights was called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Cliff Davis. There was plenty to discuss this month, including recent events, upcoming fun flies, some

changes to event fees, improvements around the field, and a new addition planned for our Halloween Fun Fly.

The meeting started with a thank-you to everyone who continues to help maintain the club grounds. Cliff provided lunch for the grounds crew, and Al Lyman thanked him on behalf of the group.

Keeping our field looking good takes a lot of work throughout the flying season, and we appreciate everyone who gives their time to mowing, trimming, maintaining equipment, and tackling the many other jobs around the property.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were voted on and approved

3. Officer and Committee Reports

VP/CD Report

Al thanks Cliff for the grounds crew lunch.

Recent Fun Fly Results

Our recent events produced some mixed results.

The club received \$1,000 from the helicopter event and the 72nd Anniversary Fun Fly brought in approximately \$700. The anniversary event also benefited from some excellent raffle prizes donated by Horizon Hobby, which helped make the raffle a success.

Unfortunately, the Jet Jam didn't fare nearly as well financially. While we had a respectable number of pilots attend, the event did not generate enough revenue to cover the pilot and food expenses.

That prompted a larger discussion about how we operate our fun flies and what other clubs throughout the region are charging.

New Fun Fly Pricing

After reviewing landing fees at other regional clubs, the board has updated our fun fly pricing.

Going forward, the landing fee for pilots will be **\$20, which includes lunch and a drink.**

Spectators who would like lunch will pay **\$10, which also includes lunch and a drink.** Spectators who are simply coming out to watch remain **FREE.**

Food costs have increased considerably, and the club also needs to do a better job of making sure event fees are collected consistently.

To help with that, we'll begin using colored wristbands at events. A supply of wristbands was purchased during the meeting, giving us an inexpensive and easy way to identify participants who have paid.

We've also made paying easier. The club can now accept electronic payments through PayPal Tap to Pay. If you don't have cash, you'll be able to use Apple Pay, Google Pay, a credit/debit card or other supported electronic payment methods.

Treasurer Report

John provided the following financial and membership report; balances for checking, savings, runway fund, and CD were reported, and all bills paid. Property Taxes were also paid this month.

Our membership continues to remain strong, with **133 members currently on the roster.**

The current membership includes 102 full members, 19 life members, 8 associate members and 4 restricted members.

Recent additions to the roster discussed at the meeting included Nick Meisenberg, Andrew Lethco, Raul Lopez and Ryan Hearst.

It's great to see continued interest in the club and the hobby!

Safety Officer Report

Ron reported no major safety issues this month.

One encouraging trend is that turbine and jet pilots have been proactive about keeping fire extinguishers close to their aircraft while operating at the field. That's a great practice and one we certainly appreciate.

Members were also reminded of the importance of maintaining safe separation between different flying activities.

Al and Jay recently removed the light pole near the UMX/Heli flying area. This provides a much clearer area for helicopter operations when fixed-wing aircraft are operating from the main runway and should make simultaneous operations safer.

Thanks to Al and Jay for getting that project completed.

4. Old Business

There was quite a bit of discussion about soda and water at the clubhouse.

Unfortunately, the amount of money being collected hasn't been keeping pace with the amount of product being used. Members have donated numerous cases of water, and the club would like to continue making inexpensive drinks available without having to install a vending machine.

After hearing about the expense and maintenance involved with vending machines from life member Wilson Hardy, the group decided that probably isn't the best solution.

Instead, we'll try a simpler approach. A locking money box will be installed, and members are asked to please remember to pay when taking soda or water.

With electronic payment now available as well, there are more ways than ever to make sure the club gets reimbursed for what is being used.

Members discussed some areas around the storage containers where standing water has become an issue following the unusually wet weather.

Several possible solutions were discussed, including bringing in additional gravel. After some discussion, the club decided to table the gravel project for now and see how conditions develop.

Ron is also getting information about potentially raising some concrete in areas where water collects. Because of the potential cost, any work would be brought back to the membership for consideration before moving forward.

5. New Business

Our next big event is the **Don Neill R/C Fun Fly on August 16.**

Members are encouraged to help us get the word out. Share the event on Facebook, invite your friends and family, and encourage anyone interested in R/C aviation to come see what Lincoln Sky Knights is all about.

We'd love to see another big crowd at the field!

We'll also have another great raffle prize. FMS donated an **Arrows T-33**, which will be raffled during the event.

The club has been reaching out to manufacturers for event support, and those efforts have produced some excellent raffle prizes. A big thank-you goes to the companies that have supported Lincoln Sky Knights and our events.

Lincoln Sky Knights has been invited to participate in a **Girls in Aviation event at Duncan Aviation** in September.

The plan is to bring our simulator setup and, space permitting, some static aircraft displays to introduce young people to model aviation.

Members interested in volunteering should contact Cliff for additional information.

Opportunities like this are a great way for the club to introduce the hobby to the next generation of aviation enthusiasts.

Something New for the Halloween Fun Fly!

Members discussed bringing back a swap-meet-style event at the field, but with a much simpler format than the club's traditional auction.

The idea received plenty of support, and members voted to add it to the **Halloween Fun Fly**.

Instead of the club organizing and running an auction, sellers will be responsible for their own merchandise. Participants will be able to reserve a **10-by-10-foot selling area for \$10** and bring their own tables, canopy, truck setup or whatever works best for displaying their R/C treasures.

Anyone who also wants to fly will pay the normal fun fly landing fee.

We're still working on a catchy name for the event, so if you've got a good one, let Cliff know!

The goal is to make this a relaxed club get-together where members and visitors can buy, sell and trade airplanes, helicopters, electronics, parts and all the other treasures that somehow seem to accumulate in our workshops.

It should make an already fun Halloween event even better.

Model of the Month

We wrapped up the evening with Model of the Month and a look at a unique **Kittywake**.

The aircraft started as essentially a box of parts and received several modifications during the build,

including enlarged control surfaces, a water rudder and a larger canopy.

After some discussion about its flying characteristics and a few good stories about getting it into the air, it was a fitting way to finish another lively club meeting.



Adjournment

With no additional business raised, the meeting concluded with a unanimous vote to adjourn.

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 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/>

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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 — Jot 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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