

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

We are deep into winter now, aren't we? Temps and winds give us a break once in a while to get a flight or two in. Keep watching for those weather windows and come on out.

Thank you to everyone who came out in some cold temps and ice for our January 2 nd club meeting. It feels like we got a lot accomplished with everyone's participation.

The auction team is hard at work planning for February 21 – please try and come out to clean out that garage (and why not buy a couple of new projects while you're at it?).

We're going to simplify the auction food menu this year so we can get things out faster to our hungry guests – coffee and donuts in the morning giving way to hot dogs, chips and soda or water for lunch.

Please make sure you are using the club website – www.lincolnskyknights.com – and particularly the events calendar. We're putting everything on that calendar, and you can subscribe to it on your phone or computer, so you never miss an event!

The south field camera is up and running – I hope everyone is enjoying it. Those 2 cameras along with our weather station (KNEWAVER40 on wunderground.com seem to have been a BIG hit so far.

Thanks to John Knopp and friends we have a slick new club logo! It's been updated on

our website and Facebook page. Talk with our treasurer if you want some decals.

We'd like to say a HUGE thanks to club member Mike Moritko for his donation to fund the electrical work on the outer 2 shade shelters. A sign recognizing his generous donation is on the way and will be hung on each shelter to remind us all to thank him when we plug in a charger out there!

Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped with hanging live cameras, field maintenance, painting, new pilot training, new logo design and everything in between – we don't do this for pay, we do it to make our club a better organization and leave things better than we found them!

Secretary's Report

New President Cliff called the meeting to order at precisely 7:30pm with 15 members present. He thanked all the members for showing up on such a bad weather day. He called for a motion and a second to accept the December minutes as written. Motion made and seconded. Done.

VP/CD Report

VP Al reported that 12 flyers signed up for the Jan 1 st Fun Fly and that we made \$135 between food and flying. Also, the Auction is coming up on 21 February at the Waverly Community Center. He added a new event, a Helicopter Fun Fly, Jun 4-7. Lastly, someone suggested a UMX Fun Fly be considered and Al said he would think about it. Wind would be a big factor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John reported that all Club bills were paid and we have cash in the bank. Please contact John if you want details.

Safety Officer's Report

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

Old Business

- (1) Cliff shared that the Board has decided to permanently table the idea of covering the 2 shipping containers due to cost and other factors.
- (2) Cliff reported that the Club has decided not to pursue the acquisition of Ric's brother-in-laws backhoe, mostly due to cost.
- (3) Ron brought up the subject (discussed last month) of adding gravel to the driveway and parking area. He said he could get the Club an estimate. The Club agreed so Ron will pursue it.
- (4) Cliff brought up the Club's participation in an event at Gateway Mall which was discussed last month. He has secured a date, 24 Jan 26, for the event. The Mall will provide tables. Location will be behind Scooters. We can enter the Mall at 9:00am and will be done at 2:00pm. Cliff needs at least one more volunteer so please call him if you want to help. We will take both the Club's simulators and will probably try to fly a couple of Vapors. We will also have static displays which several Club members volunteered to bring. Call Cliff for any details.
- (5) John brought in a box of LSK business cards which was discussed in December. Everybody took a few to hand out. Thanks John.
- (6) A new Club logo was discussed (from December's meeting) and John had a nice one on his phone that he passed around. Everyone agreed it looked great so the Club adopted it. Cliff will make the necessary changes to the website.

New Business

- (1) Cliff reported he has had some signs made for the Clubhouse and that they will be received in the next week to 10 days.
- (2) Discussion of a replacement Newsletter Editor for Joey came up. Joey is quite busy and isn't

always able to produce the Newsletter in a timely fashion. Ric volunteered to take his place.

(3) Someone brought up the subject of ordering Club shirts/sweatshirts. Ron said his son can open up an ordering place for those. Ron will contact his son to see if/when this can happen. Stay tuned.

Model of the Month

A new member, Max Goldberg, brought in the Model of the Month for our consumption. He purchased it at the Omahawks Auction in October for about \$40.00. He thinks it is an "New Era .40 Sport." It's powered by an OS Max .46 engine. He said the engine was bound up when he got it but a little heat and some oil freed it up and after fresh gas and a carb adjustment, it runs great.



Adjournment

With the nasty weather outside, everyone was chomping at the bit to get the heck out of the meeting so Cliff took the wise course and at 7:55pm, called for a motion and a second to adjourn. A supersonic motion and a lightspeed second came so we all thundered out.

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/>

Who to Call for Help

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<https://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

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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