

# 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*

## **President's Message**

Hello SkyKnights!

The heat is on! Last hot days of summer, I pray. I counted 17 members at the August meeting. Was a good meeting. Improvements at airfield include: New led light at RV pole light @ Wilson H. New led lights at east deck over both walk in doors @ Larry H. All lights installed under the skillful attention of Jay Jordan! Additional weed spraying at the pond and the North building @ Larry H. (there he is again) and Bill D. The mowing crew continues to provide a great looking facility! I think some compensation is due to the non officer members that invest 3-4 hours weekly. This needs to be discussed at the September meeting. Thanks gentlemen!! The August 6<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly was mostly a success. Mother Nature didn't cooperate again. Big thank you once again to Karen and John Knopp for a great noon meal! She's a busy lady, especially with raising John! Please attend the Don Neill Memorial Fun Fly on August 27<sup>th</sup>. When you arrive, remember to register and pay the necessary dues. Thanks everyone. Be safe. Have Fun. Support our local Hobby Shops! KC

## **Secretary's Report**

Sixteen members of the Lincoln Sky Knights R/C club were present on August 4th, 2023 to hear the call to order called out by Kevin Christensen, current LSK club president at 7:32pm. President Christensen's first item on the list was to ask for approval of the minutes for the July 2023 LSK meeting. Upon approval by the members present and with no corrections to the posted minutes, this bit of information was relegated to the archives.

## **VP/CD Report**

VP/CD Al Lyman was called on to update everyone on the exciting events coming up. Most important on the list was that next Sunday's 12 o'clock meal will be provided by none other than Karen Knopp at the LSK field! Also there will be a fun fly held on the same day and location. The 27th is the Don Neill scale event and will still be open to other not so scale planes. On the report of things past VP/CD Lyman said the JET Jam event had terrible wind, but the food was wonderful and a great addition to the day. Once again, a huge "Thank You" goes out to Wayne Nguyen's wife and family for providing the meal. For all the other events look to the club website.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Knopp reported on where the finances are for the club; Savings somewhere around \$4000, Checking about \$7200, and the best news the runway fund is up to \$2375. For exact figures and a property evaluation for taxes contact Treasurer Knopp for a full breakdown. There were no questions and the Treasurer's report was accepted and archived.

## **Safety Officer's Report**

There was no Safety Officer's report this month. There was a reminder to take water with you if you must brave the wilds of the corn. One other issue that is becoming a safety concern again is: "DON'T stand on the runway to fly your plane! Use the pilot stands!"

## **Business Meeting**

Business meeting asides included a pre-business meeting discussion on "Signing in" before fun fly events. Ric Feldman had a

great suggestion with the use of wristbands for those pilots that have paid and signed in for the events. VP/CD Lyman was all on board with that idea and will be purchasing wristbands for the upcoming events. Mike High was an addition to the club at this meeting and gave a good account of his interests and how he became driven to be involved in the LSK club. In one word...” grandson.” Congratulations Mike and welcome to the club feel free to bring your grandson and make him a part of this sport too. In the pause for breath during this breakneck speed meeting, someone suggested that we start the business meeting so with a good heave-ho President Christensen pulled up the old business. First item was past conversations on the membership application proportion of cost. To make this clear, the proportion of cost is only for new members. Any past member that has not made the deadline for dues by January 1st will still be held responsible for the full cost for the year. Currently the dues are \$100 for the year. The prorated costs will be installed as such: January through June - \$100, July through December - \$50 and once again past members are still \$100 for the full year with no proration. Item number two happened to be during new business and it contained concerns for the grass mowing height in the heat and the use of the mower. The heated discussion amounted to one idea. If you are not on the mowing crew do NOT run the mower! The discussion went so far as to pull a motion out of Duane Syx to put the key in a lock box only to be accessed by the mowing crew. His motion was voted on and passed. The reason behind this was that the grass runway can NOT be scalped in the heat. So even though it may be longer that some pilots care for the other option is that the grass will die and leave a rough and spotty runway which is harder to take off and land on then a runway that has a little longer grass. The third and last item of importance once again contained a little of old business but a whole pile of new business. With the abdication of Secretary Wilson Hardy, the office must be filled. The best option to fill this position looks to be Duane Syx as he is eminently qualified to fulfill all the responsibilities and requirements asked of

this office. Thank you, Secretary Syx, for taking this on. Secretary Syx will also be taking on the responsibility for the club Nonprofit status with the Nebraska Secretary of State and be the contact person for the AMA home office. The fourth item of business is the current status of the lake's FRIA. For those that have not been watching the news each flying field has to be registered with the Federal government. The application for the LSK FRIA permit went in on time several months ago. There has been a confirmation email received stating that the application was correct and is being processed. There has not been an email saying what the current status is as of August 4th, 2023.

### **Models of the Month**

Model-of-the-Month was a beautiful 1960's u-control GeeBee with a Mecoy .19 for power and it looked resplendent in its Yellow and Black racing trim. This blast from the past was brought in by Rich Kuenning and as of now it still hasn't been test flown, but it sure looks the part.



### **Other**

After the business meeting was a great addition to the meeting and it was story time with President Christensen telling about his time at Oshkosh and his plans to attend next year. Stop him sometime and get the full story. Next up was Brad Pankoke and his story about a ride with Harry Bahr in his P51D. Both are worth hearing first hand so feel free to ask these gentlemen about their experiences

### **Adjournment**

8:13 came all too soon and the meeting was called to a close by President Christensen on one more chapter of the Lincoln Sky Knight r/c club.



## **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 on the web about local events and activities  
<http://metrorcflfying.com/>

**Who to call for help:**

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**2023 Event Schedule:**

04/01 - LSK Auction @ Waverly Community Center  
05/25-05/28 - Festival of the Giants 3D Fun Fly  
06/08-06/11 - Full Pitch Fest Helicopters Fun Fly  
07/16 - Fallen Pilots Jet Jam Fun Fly  
08/06 - Electric Fun Fly  
08/27 - Don Neill Memorial Scale Fun Fly  
09/24 - Warbirds Over Waverly Fun Fly  
10/08 - Don Dickey Memorial Fun Fly  
10/29 - Halloween Fun Fly

**Please remember:**

*If you are the last person leaving the field, Day or evening, Please be sure that the clubhouse and the gate are locked!!!*

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