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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. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope this message finds all well.

With a heavy heart I must say Doug Wilkinson will be greatly missed! His obituary will be available on 12-26-2021 on Lincoln Star Journal.

Next meeting on Jan. 7,2022 @ 7:30 PM.

We need to make our plan for help and attendance at the SAC Museum annual Indoor Fun Fly January 15th. 2022

Our Jan. 1st Fun Fly/Brunch will be a Hoot so let's all try to attend. Starts bright and squirrely!

We're establishing next year's Fun Flies. A new one Will be the Doug Wilkinson EDF Jet Fly.

We have a busy/fun year ahead of us so let's ALL pitch in-attend and Enjoy our great club and facility!

Please support our local RC Store and be safe! Thanks again, Kevin C.

Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order by President Kevin Christensen at 7:30 pm. Thirteen club members were in attendance.

Motion by Ron M., second by Bill D. to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2021, meeting as posted on the club website or in the newsletter. Motion carried. Wilson Hardy was unable to attend, but did advise of no report other than he will be unable to attend the meeting. Larry Haisch acted as recording secretary.

VP/CD Report

Al Lyman asked that members review last year's special events (check website) and let him know what events they would like to see in 2022. Currently we have the January 1,2022 freeze your ??? scheduled with a landing fee of \$5 with breakfast at 9am. All members are encouraged to attend even if they do not intend to fly. Al, Kevin, John K. will work on arrangements. The Helio event is scheduled for June 3-4 with Duane Syx handling the arrangements. The Night fly event will occur following the cub meeting of September 2022. For the Huckfest. Kevin will touch base with Tyler on organizing. If needed, Al will handle it.

Treasurer's Report

John Knopp reported a positive balance of \$8304. There were no new club members to report. Club 2022 dues received from renewing members prior to tonight have been 8 of 102. A motion by Al L. ,second by Bill D. to accept the report. The Motion was carried. Note: an email to members may be sent which among other things will contain a reminder that the dues may be paid via PayPal on the club web site, via mail or in person to John.

Safety Officer's Report

Ron Miller reported one incident. A wing tip rocket or projectile launched from a plane, struck an individual with no reported injuries. Ron will check into AMA policies /guidelines if this is a concern/violation. He will also replenish the field safety kit. The club thanks Ron and others who donated replacement fire extinguishers.

Old Business

The need for new mics for the sound system in advance of the May auction as previously raised by Ric Feldman was discussed. Not sure about the functionality of the sound system and the type of mics needed. Suggested touch base with Ric. Duane Syx has a couple mics, which we will check compatibility with the system. There may be a sound system that could be provided by the club. Midwest Sound, 2300 O street was mentioned as a place to check for mics etc. if needed. Tractor electrical issues continue. Per communication with John K., Al L. will check into the generator, etc. and hopefully see if he can solve it. If not, then back to previous consideration of converting to an alternator system. A couple small holes noted in spray foam coating on the club house roof have been sealed with expanding foam. Property identification posts at NE and SE corners have been painted the same color as the entry gate. Bill Davis with assistance from Larry changed the oil, cleaned air filters, stabilized the fuel in the two riding lawn mowers. The tractor will be serviced after electrical issues are solved, followed by the mower removal and the blade placed in prep for winter snow. The metal storage shed's missing soffits were replaced by Bill D. and Larry with assistance by Don Potts. Kevin C. will have the club house heating/ac system checked and serviced next spring. Bill D. advised that others, younger members, need to take over in 2022 the field maintenance- assist with grass trimming around the pits, runway mowing via riding lawn tractors, etc. Note: younger was defined by others as less than 65- lol. John K. indicated that if a specific day weekly could be

scheduled, he and possibly others could arrange their schedules accordingly. Thursday was selected, weather permitting. Kevin will see that the riding mower blades will be sharpened prior to the 2022 season. At present no need for additional members for the tractor operation. Kevin and Al will follow up with a source to obtain a second grass sweep to use when needed with the riding mowers. Bill D. recommended that mowing take place in a counterclockwise direction which will spread grass clippings more evenly, reduce grass clumping and some need to use a grass sweep. Previously Craig Schroder had been in contact with flying clubs in Loveland and Longmont Colorado to determine what they have been doing to attract new members, especially youth. They are reported to have good youth programs. He has also visited with leaders of the Omaha Hawks to see if the Sky Knight and Hawks could convince corporate HobbyTown to offer discounts to members of the clubs as membership incentives. There are beta flyer kits at cost of \$3-4 ea which may be used in attracting youth members. Club members who work with youth programs were mentioned as youth contact resources. Craig will continue to work on membership expansion. No updated report. Unable to attend. Per club discussion and agreement, the member indoor event fee for the fly events (6-8 pm, December 10, 17) at the Lincoln Sports Complex will be reduced to \$5/attendee/event. The fee to the club is \$50 for two hours. Going forward the Club will pay for any shortfall in the nightly attendance fee not adding to \$50. Thank you to Ron M. who personally covered the short fall for the last event. Ron Miller, Al L. and possibly Duane Syx will continue to check into the production of Lincoln Sky Knight decaled shirts of blended fabric that could be provided for sale to club members in various sizes of L, XL, XLL. Also check into production of sticker decals for placement on flying boxes or other items. Previously Duane Syx reported he had been working on a proposal for a RC car track at the flying club in Council Bluffs which has now closed. Would the Sky Knights be interested in a track which would attract youth and others as a means for creating additional interest in RC flying and membership, plus additional revenue. After

discussion with support of the idea, the club identified a location most favorable for a track. Just to the north of the shelter belt, east end. Likely less prone to surface water issues than the areas to the west of the UMX field and the utility camping hook ups. Was indicated that fill material if needed could not be brought in from outside due to the properties flood plain designation. Fill from the property could be used. Duane is to specifically locate the proposed track site, work up a proposal of costs to build a track, consider liability issues possibly not currently covered, costs to individuals to utilized such as required Sky Knight membership, how to operate i.e., Needs to consider what the cons may be and address in the proposal. Since he will be in Florida the next couple months, Duane will provide the club the requested information in as much detail as possible via electronic means.

New Business

Change October club action of holding the annual auction outdoors at the Club field in May of 2022. Motion by David R. second by Kevin. Motion carried. The auction will be held indoors at the Waverly center as in the past on March 5, 2022. If that date is not available then either 12, or 19 subject to availability. Kevin/Al will follow up ASAP.

Models of the Month

None per se but Lowell K. displayed an Apprentice which he had custom color repainted in a very striking color combo of green, white. Well done as to precision and detailing. Thanks for the presentation and comments on paint products used.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Models For Sale

In order to get your plane in this section, fill out [THIS](#) form

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://metrorcflying.com/>

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<http://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

2021 Event Schedule:

4/17 Jet Jam @ LSK Field
8/28 Don Neil Memorial @ LSK Field
9/4 Warbird Funfly @ LSK Field
9/18 Propeller Funfly @ LSK Field
10/2 Fall Funfly @ LSK Field
7/11 Don Dickey Memorial @ LSK Field
10/9 TBD @ LSK Field

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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