

# 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. I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. I was looking at the Lancaster county Covid-19 Risk Dial. Updated 2/16/2021. At that time we were at a 3. 0-1.5=low.

1.5-5=moderate. 5-8.5=high.

8.5-10=severe. We appear to be heading in the right direction but still can't congregate in the clubhouse for the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30. So we'll be doing a Zoom once again! The Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with around 15-16 online. A spirited discussion on many topics took place. We ended around 9:pm. I'd say we're getting our money's worth. Thanks to all who joined in. Another Big Atta Boy to our Editor Ryan Olson! The kid keeps coming through!

Speaking of Atta Boys, 4 members got together in a Zoom setting and created our new Skynights Website! Special thanks to Cliff Davis – Ryan Olson – John Knopp & Ric Feldman. Also thanking Mark Brassil who will be the Webmaster. More techy things to come I'm sure!

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> indoor fly was a Hoot! 12 pilots and 0 mid airs! A record setting night! (2) 2 point baskets were made! With an abundance of vital information being exchanged. Everyone come join us!

Treasurer John informed me we have 45 paid 2021 members. If you're late please contact John and complete that requirement!

Thanks and remember to be safe and play fair!

## **Secretary's Report**

The meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights charter club number 405 was called to order via zoom meeting at 7:35 with 16 members online. Newsletter editor Ryan Olson hosted the Zoom meeting for President Kevin Christensen. President Christensen started the meeting off with a call for approval or corrections for the January meeting. Upon approval with no corrections, the minutes were added to the club archives.

## **VP/CD Report**

President Christensen called on VP/CD Al Lyman to give his report for the upcoming events. VP/CD Lyman said that the dates for the Don Neill scale event and all the fun fly events will be adjusted to what is going on with the MetroRC calendar. The dates will be set by the next meeting. Tyler Brown will be working on the "Huckfest" event for this year as well. The SAC indoor event had roughly 40 pilots and 4 from LSK. It was a good time. Al also said that he will not be able to be a CD until next year, but that he will be able to take the test then he can CD. In the meantime, he will be able to coordinate the events.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Knopp gave his report on the financial well being of the club assets and bank balance. Since December there has been \$3000 in deposits and one new member. All other bills and outstanding debts are up to date.

## **Safety Officer's Report**

Safety officer Brad Pankoke was not able to attend so in his stead President Christensen brought up the recurring issue of pilots standing outside of the pilot stations when flying their planes. Remember to announce and ask the other active pilots when you are performing a take off or landing. Make sure all other active pilots know and acknowledge your announcement. Also announce and ask active pilots your intent to cross the runway and do the same for when you return from across the flight line.

## **Old Business**

Old Business started out with a complaint that the website was still down. President Christensen said he would talk to Chris Stanscheck about it. Ryan Olson offered to set up a new site that would make the loss of the old one not be an issue. Ryan also agreed to teach anyone that was willing to work on the site. (our new website is [lincolnskyknights.com](http://lincolnskyknights.com)) John Knopp said that as soon as the website is up then the renewing members can use paypal again to pay their dues. At this point the items on Old Business kind of disjointed and hit several topics. John also said that the tractor is up and running and ready to be used. Bill Davis asked about the All-Season Flyer's chart and wondered if the flights during the indoor season off site from the LSK Field counted as monthly flights to complete the requirements for the monthly check off. The clarification is that indoor flights do count toward the completion of the required monthly flights. Next Bill brought up the need to get the mower, trimmers, and gas out of the clubhouse before there is an accident and we lose the clubhouse. A discussion of whether to build onto the clubhouse or to put a shipping container onsite to act as a fireproof secure shed to put the mower in. No decision was made at this point and the discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Ron Miller said he would take care of it. Secretary Wilson Hardy brought up a request to be reimbursed for the cost of submitting the biennial nonprofit report and for the cost of submitting the Charter request to the AMA. A motion was made and seconded, a vote to reimburse Secretary Hardy for the \$143 was passed. Jason Reger was

interested in what happened with the Dirt R/C car/truck race track. He said it would take a full-time guy to manage it and the club would still have to have people using it join the LSK Club as full members. ONce again, this item was tabled until the next meeting. Rick Feldmen brought up that the cracks in the runway have been sealed and that the club has the materials to do more if need be. John Knopp has the tools as well. Ron Miller brought up that he had a quote of \$5500 to redo the whole thing. The runway discussion was tabled until the next meeting. The discussion of what to do with the East/West runway was again brought to life. The end of the discussion was not to make an East/West runway at the north end of the field as it would complicate the pilot station and flight line requirements. It would be better to widen the grass runway until an aerodrome layout was completed to enable pilots to land and take off closer to the wind direction. Bill Davis said that he could get a motor grader to do the dirt work if Randy (neighbor to the west) could disc up the area that needs to be leveled and graded. President Christensen said that he would be able to get in touch with the neighbor to see what could be done to till and reseed the area that needs to be worked to increase the runway width.

## **New Business**

Next up was New business and that started a completely new discussion on club improvements and maintenance. It was brought up that the cable along the west edge of the property needs to be fixed. Dave Reiber said that the south end needs to be re-anchored and then the rest of the cable could be stretched up to its original position. President Christensen brought up the need for more members being involved with club events. The December meeting was brought up and it was decided that the December meeting this year will be held as a regular meeting and hopefully more members will be able to attend. On a closing note the printed roster for this year will be updated and printed out and posted in the clubhouse. To comply with the requests for privacy, an email will be sent out before the roster is posted. If you have issues with your information being on display you will be asked to reply to the email. If you don't reply it will

be taken as a “yes post my information” and you will be added to the posted club roster.

## **New Members**

One new member was added to the club this month, Dave Rickman. Last month an associate member was added as well, Ayden Hornburg. Welcome gentlemen and we hope to see you out flying soon.

## **Models of the Month**

There were no models of the month this month.

## **Other**

Our new website is out! ([lincolnskyknights.com](http://lincolnskyknights.com))

I highly recommend that you go to the new website and subscribe to get emails.

Why?

More professional content

More frequent updates

Unsubscribe at any time you want. Thanks!

Scan the QR code below to enter website



## **Adjournment**

The meeting was called to a close at 9:00 PM

Wishing you happy flying,  
--Ryan Olson

# Models For Sale

There are no models for sale this month

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 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/>

**Who to call for help:**

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<http://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

2021 Event Schedule:

*The event schedule has not yet been  
determined*

**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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