

THE CLANKING ARMOR

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

President's Message

Hello Skyknights!

We had a good meeting on 7-7-2023, with around 16 members. Nice rain, Didn't think it remembered how. Sadly we're losing some members: Steve Rogers is leaving in July, Craig Schroeder is leaving in August and Wilson Hardy is leaving in October. We will miss you guys a lot! We have a new facebook site! Sign up asap! We have made improvements on our group email sendings too. Thanks Larry H. for the "new" refrigerator! Thanks again to the mowing crew, the place looks great! Big thanks to the Wayne Nguyen family for the awesome lunch during the Fallen Pilots Fun Fly on 7/16/2023! Thanks to Marovic, Jonathon and KC for preparing food, grilling in a thunderstorm!! Umbrellas required! Thanks to John K. And Wayne N. And Cliff D. for burning holes in the skies with their jets!!! I'm Done. Thanks everyone for attending our events. It's time to consider stepping in to some elected and non elected positions to help OUR club. Time to contribute! Support our local Hobby Stores. Be Safe and have fun! KC

Secretary's Report

President Kevin Christensen called the July 2023 meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:32 pm. He did not waste any time and started in with a call to approve the minutes for the June 2023 LSK meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved and committed to the archives as being correct.

VP/CD Report

VP/CD Al Lyman was then called upon to give his report on the recent events and the upcoming gatherings as well. His first item was

that the Heli event went off perfectly and everyone loved the food and fun. Duane Syx, the event coordinator, was able to give an account of the event. There were 26 pilots from all across the country and with the popularity of the event it was assured a place on the calendar for next year. The Jet Jam fun fly is coming up on the 16th and will be open to all pilots and all aircraft. Bill Davis as an aside brought the need for runway sealing to the forefront. This will be brought up again in the next meeting. VP/CD Lyman thanked everyone that helped with the Heli event to make it such a resounding success.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Knopp was on hand to give his report about the financial well being of the LSK's coffers. Roughly \$4600 in checking and roughly \$2300 in the runway fund all funded by a membership that is floating around 93 members. This month three more members were added to the roster to bring the total for this year to 96. Not too bad. Property value has gone up from \$160,000 to \$180,000, and as a result the taxes have been increased as well. On a good note, Duane Syx brought in close to \$800 from the Heli event. Thanks, Mr. Syx, for the hard work you put into this. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. If there is a need for the actual account balance come to the meeting to hear the line-by-line report or ask for one from Treasurer Knopp.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety Officer Ron Miller gave the "all clear" report as there were no calls or issues this last month. Thank you to all the members working so hard to keep our flying site safe.

Old Business

Next on the docket was old business and maintenance. Colby Johnson will be able to get fertilizer for the grass runway and weed prevention chemicals. Jay Jordan was able to fix the clock and programming on the sprinklers. Thank you to both gentlemen and all the members that have put in their time on mowers and weed eaters to keep our flying site looking world class. The dues structure will be tabled until the next meeting. On a more somber note, the late Gordon Wisbey still has planes in his hanger for sale. Tom Wisbey is still selling all that he can to help the club. Tom's number is (402) 540-1047. He will answer a text message more readily than a call during work hours. Duane Syx is working on getting the LSK Facebook presence back up and going. Mr. Syx will have it going sometime in the next couple of months.

New Business

On to new business to keep the pace of the meeting going. There has been an issue with the GODADDY email account as there is a limit of 250 messages per month. To get unlimited emails, it will cost an additional \$6 per month. A motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed to pay the extra money for the unlimited email option. There is going to be a gap in the membership coming up soon. Craig Schroeder, Steve Rogers, and our club secretary Wilson Hardy are all moving away. Their offices will need to be filled before the September meeting. The last bid for attention during the business meeting was a motion to use the money from the Gordon Wisbey estate that has been donated to the LSK bank account to be directed toward the runway fund. The motion was unanimously passed after very short discussion.

Models of the Month

Model of the month was the awesome noisemaker, a horn of no comparison, presented by Steve Rogers to be

used in the event of a dumb thumb landing or any other noteworthy event where more noise would be appreciated.

Full Pitch Fest Helicopter Fun Fly Report

It was another great helicopter event again this year. There was a total of 25 pilots and lots of spectators this year. We had pilots from Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri this year.

There were a lot of great flights and the rain did not slow us down at all. There was a lot of night flying and one big crash into the pond. Good thing the water is low right now, because one brave individual walked into the pond to recover the helicopter. There will be lots of pictures on the club website soon.

All the pilots raved about the club and the facilities. A big thank you to everyone who put all of the work into making the field look great for the event. Also, thank you to John Knopp and his wife for the dinners on Friday and Saturday night. Everyone loved the food. Another big thank you to Al Lyman and his family for the great lunch food on Friday and Saturday.

Also another BIG Thank You to everyone that helped make it a great event. We raised \$800 for the club through landing fees, food and the raffle. Even though it was a helicopter event, we did have one pilot, David Hoskins, bring his turbine jet so that he could complete his AMA turbine waiver. He had some great flights with it.

All the pilots that attended are already looking forward to next year's event. We hope to keep growing the event and making it one of the premier Helicopter events in the Midwest.

- Duane Syx

Adjournment

President Christensen called the meeting "Done! Stick a fork in it!" at 8:11pm

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
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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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