

# 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 guess the rest of 2023 will be calm?

We should have fulfilled the high winds yearly obligation by now! Big thanks to all in attendance at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Club meeting. 19 members by my count, almost ran out of fingers and toes! Good discussions and exchange of information. I think if all pilots apply safe and responsible behavior then things remain Fun which is my expectation. April is the start of a busy Skyknight year: Auction on the 1<sup>st</sup>-meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>-Tecumseh on the 22<sup>nd</sup>-spring group work on the 29<sup>th</sup>! Please volunteer and be available to help out. Everyone's time is appreciated and precious! Take time to review the LSK FIELD RULES notice which is on display at Clubhouse and is included with every newsletter on the website! Thanks again to all paid up 2023 members, be safe and have fun.

As always thanks again, Kevin C.

## **Secretary's Report**

The Lincoln Sky Knights AMA model R/C club number 405 was called to order by President Kevin Christensen on the third day of March in the year 2023. There were nineteen members present at the 7:30 pm start to the festivities. President Christensen asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting and with no changes from what was posed in the last newsletter, the minutes were accepted and committed to the club archives.

## **VP/CD Report**

The first person to report was VP/CD Al Lyman and his upcoming concern is the club sponsored auction. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Waverly Community Center will be open at 8 am for the auction and all available club members are

expected to help with the set up and running of the event at 7 am. Events for this year are noted on the club website and updated regularly as they are added or dates change.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Knopp had a quick report to give and stated that at the time of the meeting all bills were up to date. There are 76 paid club members and the club property taxes will be due in April. The complete breakdown can be had from Treasurer Knopp, or feel free to come to the meetings to satisfy your financial curiosity.

## **Safety Officer's Report**

Club Safety Officer Ron Miller had a very lively report with close calls from planes and helicopters all making it into the pits. Just a reminder, the flying area is on the far side of the runway for all 3D style of flying (roto or fixed wing), or on the far west flying area set aside for helicopters. Please keep the runway approach and take off areas free of traffic. Also do not forget to use a spotter while flying to communicate the location of other aircraft and pedestrians that may stray into your flight path. A couple of items in the field rules came up again. Please no smoking in the pits and dogs need to stay west of the spectator fence.

## **Old Business**

Starting off Old Business Al Lyman offered a quote for the runway repair to the tune of \$42,000. The club has a start on the runway repair account of \$1900 so far this year. Remember the extra \$25 in each club member's dues goes to the runway fee. The Simulator and simulator stand that are gracing the clubhouse are a donation from Paul Duncan. Thank you, Mr. Duncan, for your gift to the club. Youth and Senior membership

dues were discussed and the discussion will be tabled until the next meeting. Continuing the hard work that he has put into this, Craig Schroeder, our resident PR manager, has worked with Ron Miller to set up dates for the Waverly middle school and high school aviation events. So far 20 grade school students are interested in the chance to build the F14 chuck gliders. This will cost around \$400 for the club. Duane Syx donated \$100 to the event to help defer the cost. Thank you, Mr. Syx, for the generous help to the event. May 13 will be the youth day at the LSK field. The high school kids will be working on the Flight Test trainer kits. Power packs and flight packs have been purchased from the Doug Wilkinson estate. The kids will work in groups of three or four to build and fly the trainer planes. Next year this will be preplanned enough to make it a TAG event. More information will come as the date gets closer. A tie over from last month's New Business is the reminder that all pilots have to display their Lincoln Sky Knight membership card on their person if they are putting an aircraft in the air at the LSK field.

## **New Business**

The resident Boy Scout is none other than our own club member Dick White. He has been working on getting the Sky Knights involved with the Beyond Aerodrome event in Tecumseh at the airport. This Boy Scout event focuses on full size and r/c planes as well as kites and model rockets. There will be flying during the event and there will need to be lots of support for the event. April 21-23 will be the dates and any questions can be directed to Mr. White. (402) 405-2995. Club maintenance day this spring is set for April 29<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of areas that will need work, so plan on coming out to help make our home away from home a little nicer. Ron Miller set up indoor schedules to start March 26<sup>th</sup> at College View Academy. These events are biweekly on Sundays 6-9pm. Also, Spikes is on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Starting after March 8<sup>th</sup>, the two indoor time/sites will alternate for as long as there is access to the sites. Check the club website for the dates and locations. Riding on the success of last

year's Rotors over the Corn Helicopter event, Duane Syx has done a tremendous job in promoting the June 8-11 helicopter event. Mr. Syx has pulled out the help of many sponsors and there will be Pilot as well as raffle prizes. One of the raffle prizes will be a RAW 420 helicopter. There will be meals provided for the pilots and for purchase. The pilot landing fee of \$30 will cover the entire event. Night flying as well as demonstration flying will be included in the event. There is a request for a lot of help to make this event as good as last year. Larry Haisch has been working very hard on getting the club's property insurance up to date. There are many options and companies that he has contacted and in return they have provided estimates for the cost of insuring the buildings and all the equipment that the buildings house. As of right now the club is in need of insurance for roughly \$84,000 in property. Next month Dr. Haisch will present his findings and the club will be able to discuss the options.

## **Models of the Month**

Model of the Month was presented by Ric Feldman. A Radioline model A560 indoor flier took center stage. With many flight modes and a complete ready to fly package the model looked like it would be a riot to fly. Mr. Feldman said that in manual mode it was REALLY touchy to fly, but once he worked on the settings it settled down to a nice flying plane. The plane comes with a transmitter, two batteries, and a charger for roughly \$220. An interesting addition to the Model of the Month show was Dave Reiber showing his vintage club shirt that had all the patches from the events and all the patches for the offices that he presided over. It was very impressive. Thank you both for sharing your pride and joy.



## **New Members**

Before the business meeting started one new member was welcomed into the

club, Jeff Raker is now the 77<sup>th</sup> Sky Knight for this year! Welcome Mr. Raker when you happen to see him.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was called to a close at 8:49pm

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## **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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| <b>Lincoln Sky Knights</b><br>PO Box 83605<br>Lincoln, NE 68501-3605  |
| For information on the web about local events and activities<br><a href="http://metrorcfllying.com/">http://metrorcfllying.com/</a>   |
| <b><u>Who to call for help:</u></b><br>Wilson Hardy 402-890-3161<br>Mike Yearly 402-475-1609<br>Bill Davis 402-475-2305<br>Ric Feldman 402-613-3089   |
| <a href="http://www.lincolnskyknights.com">http://www.lincolnskyknights.com</a>   |
| <b>2023 Event Schedule:</b><br>04/01 - LSK Auction @ Waverly Community Center<br>05/25-05/28 - Festival of the Giants 3D Fun Fly<br>06/08-06/11 - Full Pitch Fest Helicopters Fun Fly<br>07/16 - Fallen Pilots Jet Jam Fun Fly<br>08/06 - Electric Fun Fly<br>08/27 - Don Neill Memorial Scale Fun Fly<br>09/24 - Warbirds Over Waverly Fun Fly<br>10/08 - Don Dickey Memorial Fun Fly<br>10/29 - Halloween Fun Fly |
| <b><u>Please remember:</u></b><br><i>If you are the last person leaving the field, Day or evening, Please be sure that the clubhouse and the gate are locked!!!</i>   |

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