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

President's Message

Hello L.S.K. members!

Yea! Spring is still here, winds have subsided, rain in better than 1/100 amounts would be appreciated.

May 20th scraping and painting on 2 original sun shelters is still happening, weather permitting.

The following thank you's are necessary, bear with me:

The 2 doorways for the clubhouse have been scraped and painted! Thanks to Larry H. and Ron M.

The hand railing for the deck has been painted! Thanks Larry H.

The clubhouse received a thorough and overdue cleaning! Thanks to Larry H. and Ron M. and Bob/Jeff Love and Al L. and KC
The clubhouse windows are sparkling clean thanks to John K.

The entire concrete walkways were edged and swept up! Thanks Ric F.

The first mow and trim was completed!
Thanks to Al L. – Jay J. – Ron M. – Larry H. – Deland G. – Bill D. – KC

Thanks to Jay J. for his expertise on our 99% functioning sprinkler system.

First Aid station improvements! Thanks Larry H. Big/Big thanks to Craig S. for all his work and attention to detail involving airplane builds at Waverly middle and high schools And the LSK Youth Fun-Fly Expo! May 13th we were blessed with great weather and I counted at least 24 members in attendance.

That has to be a record! Many necessary thank you's to all who pitched in whether it was setting up – tearing down – cleaning up! Great job grilling lunch John K. Both simulators were in constant use. Both trainer Apprentices were flying compliments of our 2 trainers Ric F. and Cliff D. I think well over a dozen flights took place. Heli flights provided by Duane, Jeff, Gabriel and John K.

Turbine Jet flights by John K. and Gabriel. Additional featured flights by Cliff D. and Ric F. and Henry A. were entertaining. Winged Combat flights were big fun too! Prizes were made available by HobbyTown! Please stop in and thank Dan!!! LSK received our 2nd annual Gold Leaders Club award! Thanks to Cliff D. for making that possible! Bryan Miller, son of Ron M. has offered 1 or 2 guided tours of Duncan Aviation to take place on a Saturday morning. Dates aren't set, need response to proceed Anyone interested contact Ron! Whew! Busy spring! As you can see everything happens better with more members involved, so Get Involved!! The big old tv and stand sitting in the n.w. corner of the clubhouse needs a new home. Someone can have or it will be removed. Thanks again. Make a visit to Hobby Town and thank Dan. He donated quite a bit of items! Be Safe! Kevin C.

P.S. I'm sure I forgot some names of helpers and contributors, sorry, next time!

Secretary's Report

The May meeting for the Lincoln Skyknights was called to order by President Kevin Christensen at 7:30pm. There were 10 members in attendance. Secretary Wilson Hardy and Treasurer John Knopp were unable to attend. A motion, second and carry approved the April 7th, 2023 meeting minutes to the archives.

VP/CD Report

The VP/CD report given by Al Lyman was a short one: No report. Because Al was unable to attend the last meeting, he wished to extend a thank you to all club members who assisted with the April annual club

auction. He encouraged members to bring planes to display for the Youth Fun-Fly Expo on May 13th. A reminder was given that the next club fun fly event is the Festival of Giants 3D Fun Fly, taking place from May 25th through May 28th.

Treasurer's Report

Due to Treasurer John Knopp's absence, VP/CD Al Lyman took the stand to give the Treasurer's Report. All bills have been paid, and the savings account has a balance of \$4406.94 and the Checking Account has a balance of \$9631.38. There are currently 80 paid members.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety Officer Ron Miller gave a report in which there were no issues or accidents to report.

Old Business

To kick off the Old Business portion of the meeting, Craig Schroeder reported on the success of April 18th Waverly Middle School AMA Beta Powered Glider Build. Thank you to all club members who participated. Schroeder reminded everyone of the May 11th Youth Glider Build taking place at Waverly High School. The north doors open at 1:30pm. Bring glue guns and sticks. Thanks to the club members who participated. Schroeder also requested volunteers to direct traffic and parking for the Youth Fun Fly Expo at the club field on May 13th. A provided hour by hour schedule detailed the events, including prize drawings for items donated by Dan of HobbyTown. Richard White reported on the Seven Feathers District Spring Camporee 'Beyond Aerodrome' held April 22nd at the Tecumseh Airport which was well received by the attendees. Unfortunately, the weather was not favorable, with windy, snowy and cold conditions. 57 scouts from Nebraska boy scout troops plus from Missouri and Iowa were in attendance. In spite of the conditions, Ric F., Cliff D., and Tyler B. were able to get in demo flights with a couple of R/C airplanes. As a thanks to the LSK members who participated, Richard White was given patches by the Seven Feathers District for providing

static displays, Q&A, and flight demonstrations.

New Business

To start the New Business portion of the meeting, a club member expressed concerns over the fact that the vice stand wobbles. The same member said he would provide scrap metal materials in his possession should the club wish to build a new stand. There were post meeting comments made about placing stabilizing angles to give the stand added stability. Also, during cleanup a stand was located which could potentially be used for engine run-ups. Ron Miller reported on a large inventory of R/C planes, parts, and a drone or two. Some never have never been flown. They were owned by the late Gordon Wisbey. Miller and Brad Reid have been in touch with Tom Wisbey who is handling the dispersal sale of the items. Club members have the first crack at purchasing the items at extremely favorable prices. The club will get 20% of the sales in exchange for purchasing and then getting the word out to other clubs and of their subsequent purchases. To contact Tom Wisbey, 5441 Woodview, Lincoln, NE call 402-540-1047 to make an appointment to view the inventory.

LSK Youth Activities Article

Lincoln Sky Knights Engage Over 60 Youth in RC Aviation Activities

On April 18th, 24 Waverly Middle School STEM students participated in an AMA BETA build and flying activity held at the school with their teacher, Mrs. Laurie Little. The BETA gliders were donated by now former AMA District Director, Jim Tiller, and the class used the BETA curriculum to complete the STEM aviation activities.

Five LSK Club members worked with the middle school students to build and test fly their rubber band powered BETA's in the school gym. The club members included: Kevin Christensen, Ric Feldman, Richard White, Ron Miller and Craig Schroeder. Each of the club members shared their experiences in RC aviation with the students and encouraged them to get into the hobby as well!

Kevin gave an indoor flying demonstration in the school gym using his Vapor and Ric talked with the students about the principles of flight using his Christen Eagle. The students were invited to attend the upcoming Youth Fun-Fly Expo! on May 13th at the LSK Airfield and to join the Club as young members along with their parents. The students greatly enjoyed the test flights of their BETA airplanes and had great fun chasing under the Vapor as Kevin maneuvered the tiny aircraft masterfully over their heads in slow circular motions around the gym.

On May 11th, 16 Waverly High School STEM engineering students participated in building and test flying Flite Test F-14 chuck gliders during the last two class periods of the school day. The high school STEM instructor, Mr. Mark Robles, hosted seven LSK Club members in the school woodworking shop to complete the build activity with the students.

The LSK Club members included: Kevin Christensen, Ric Feldman, Richard White, Ron Miller, Jim Martindale, Larry Haisch and Craig Schroeder. Kevin talked with the students about micro RC indoor flying using his Vapor and Ric shared the principles of flight using his PA Addiction XL. Each of the participating LSK Club members shared about their love of the RC aviation hobby and encouraged the students to join the club as young members along with their parents.

The students were invited to attend the Youth Fun-Fly Expo! on the upcoming Saturday at the LSK Airfield. After the students completed building their F-14 chuck gliders, they went outside to test fly their gliders with the assistance of LSK Club members. It was a windy afternoon, so the large foam F-14 chuck gliders performed their aerobatic stunts to the delight of the students!

A big thank you to Waverly Public School District for providing the opportunity to work with the middle school and high school STEM students to encourage them to join the RC aviation hobby!

The Youth Fun-Fly Expo! was held on Saturday, May 13th at the Lincoln Sky Knights Airfield. Twenty-five youth and their parents participated in the event along with a large

group of supportive LSK Club members. Free balsa gliders and prize drawings were provided by HobbyTown in Lincoln.

Flying demonstrations by LSK members were held throughout the day including helicopters, jets, 3D and combat aircraft. Several youth club members also flew their airplanes during the event, and Cliff Davis and Ric Feldman gave instructor lessons to 11 youth participants. The Club provided free hotdogs and burgers at lunch for guests attending the Youth Fun-Fly Expo!

Thank you to all the club members who participated in the event, and a big special thank you to Ron Miller, Duane Stick and his guest Gabreil from Iowa, John Knopp, Ric Feldman, Henry Alexander, and Al Lyman! Also, a big thank you to Dan Schmidt at HobbyTown, Lincoln for providing the balsa gliders, and four foam gliders and two RC aircraft as prizes!

Models of the Month

There was no model of the month this month.

New Members

Dan Finn was our sole new member this month. A warm welcome from the members was extended to Dan who was in attendance. Dan's current interest is drones and drone photography. Members commented that there were many club members who would be happy to assist/mentor if he wished to get involved with fixed wing in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

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/>

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<http://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

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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