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AMA Charter Club #405
AMA Gold Leader Club

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

Presidents Message

We're into fun fly season now – we just came off a very successful 72nd anniversary fun fly. I'd like to personally thank all the pilots who braved the heat and more importantly the wind to entertain the crowds. We counted about 80 folks between spectators and pilots (there were 26 registered pilots!).

Up next we have the EDF Jet Jam – so break out your EDF's and come fly with us on July 12 from 9am to 3pm.

I hope everyone enjoyed the article about our camera system that appeared in the July edition of Model Aviation magazine. One of my goals for the coming years is to publicize our club and appear more often in the AMA Magazine, either as a feature article, a piece of news or in the District IX notes section. We have a terrific and well-maintained facility and it's great to share that with other folks in our hobby.

The July meeting was moved online at the last minute due to weather risks (large hail and damaging winds were forecast) that didn't seem to show up...but thanks to the members who did join

the Google meet and participated. It went well and was reportedly easy to use by all who joined. We still have some questions to answer about how to use this new tool in the longer term, but I think it shows promise.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 after giving people a few extra minutes to navigate Google meet. President Cliff thanked members for joining on short notice after the meeting format was changed because of weather concerns.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was deferred because a quorum was not present.

3. Officer and Committee Reports

VP/CD Report

- Al thanked members for spreading the word and supporting the 72nd Anniversary Fun Fly.
- The event was considered successful, and the club hopes to repeat it next year.
- The event generated a positive financial result for the club.

Treasurer Report

John provided the following financial and membership report; balances for checking, savings, runway fund, and CD were reported, and all bills paid.

The club added three new members in June: Lopez, Andrew Lepcoe, and Ryan Pearse. Membership was reported at 131 paid members, including 101 full members, 7 associate members, 4 restricted members, and 19 life members.

Safety Officer Report

- Ron reported no safety issues.
- The 72nd Anniversary Fun Fly was reported as safe, with no injuries or incidents.

4. Old Business

72nd Anniversary Fun Fly Recap

- The club estimated approximately 80 attendees, including pilots and spectators.
- Twenty-six registered pilots were recorded on the sign-in sheets.
- The food and pilot breakfast were well received; Karen was thanked for food support and Al was thanked for the pilot breakfast.
- Ric was recognized for helping kids with the simulators.
- Horizon Hobby was recognized for raffle-prize support and upgraded shipping. A thank-you message and photos were sent after the event.
- The FMS 70 mm Viper raffle item was noted as remaining from prior FMS support.
- Members suggested taking photos with raffle-prize recipients at future events and sending those photos to sponsors.

Container Keys

Members discussed ongoing issues with shared keys not being returned after use. There was agreement between the members present that access should be limited to fewer people and that members who need access can coordinate with someone who has a key.

Light Pole Near Heli/UMX Area

- Members discussed removing and capping a light pole to improve accessibility and safety for larger helicopters.
- The proposed work includes turning off the breaker, removing the light, cutting the pole as low as practical, and capping it.
- The light may be repurposed around the clubhouse if useful.
- Jay volunteered to coordinate with a few helpers and take on the work.

South Lane and Parking Lot Rock Vegetation Control

Vegetation growth was noted along the south lane and far south parking lot. The plan is to apply vegetation control after at least three to four days of dry, sunny weather so the material is not wasted by rain.

5. New Business

EDF Jet Jam

- EDF Jet Jam is scheduled for Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The club agreed to keep promotion low-key and use normal Facebook and standard communication channels rather than the

expanded publicity used for the 72nd Anniversary Fun Fly.

- Members noted this may be a useful comparison to evaluate how much advertising affects attendance.

Omahawks Float Fly

The Omahawks second float fly of the year is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Standing Bear Lake boat ramp. Members interested in float flying were encouraged to attend.

Model Aviation Article and Camera System

- The July issue of Model Aviation includes an article featuring the Sky Knights and the club camera system.
- The article was prepared after the camera-system installation and included the club logo and photos.
- The Omahawks have also taken their cameras live after discussing the process with the club.

Lincoln Public Schools North Star Aviation Magnet Program

- Initial contact has been made with the Lincoln Public Schools North Star Aviation Magnet Program.
- Preliminary discussions include a possible classroom visit and demonstration flights at the field.

- The program may be a strong outreach opportunity because students have already chosen an aviation-focused program.

Model of the Month

There was no model of the month this month.

Adjournment

With no additional business raised, the meeting concluded. Members wished each other a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend.

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 about local events and activities

<http://metrorcfllying.com/>

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2026 Event Schedule:

~~1 Jan — First Flight Fun Fly~~
~~21 Feb — Club Auction~~
June 4-7 — Midwest Heli Fun Fly
June 28 — HobbyTown Fun Fly
July 12 — **Jet Jam**
Aug 16 — Don Neill Fun Fly
Sept 6 — Warbirds Fun Fly
Sept 13 — Float Fun Fly
Oct 4 — Don Dickey Fun Fly
Oct 25 — Halloween Fun Fly

Be sure and subscribe to the events calendar on our club website:

<https://lincolnskyknights.com/events-calendar>

Please Remember:

If you are the last one leaving the field for the night, please make sure the clubhouse and gate are locked!!!

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