

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

I'm in the process of putting together some of the planes in my hanger that have had a rough life. In the past I had tons of time to work on this stuff. Now I'm realizing that life is getting in the way of my plane time. Some of the repairs have been sitting a lot longer than they should have. In all of this I'm noticing that when I get them back in flying shape the receiver packs are not up to snuff anymore. Now after throwing in some new receiver packs I got to wondering about my transmitters. You guessed it, a couple transmitter packs died as well. Why I'm bringing this up is that just maybe someone else might be in this same boat. Cycle your batteries once in a while. You may save a plane from total destruction or a trip to the field and not having a working plane when you get there. So keep on flying the wind has been light and the sun not too hot and our summer flying season is in full swing.

Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary Alan due to the President and V/P not being able to attend. There were 15 members present.

The minutes were approved from the May meeting.

VP/CD Report

Leonard was out of town but did report that a date for the club fun fly has not been set.

Alan mentioned that the Tecumseh Jet fly would be June 18-20.

Demo at Strategic Air and Space Museum

On June 23 four Lincoln Sky Knights and one Omahawk member exhibited various R/C aircrafts at the AIM summer camp. The camp is one of several summer programs that the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland conducts for youngsters.

President Hardy had sent an email to LSK members requesting volunteers to put on a flight demonstration. Being the first volunteer, I got roped into leading the project. Later, Mike Yearley, Dave Reiber, and Larry Haisch joined the effort.

The week prior to the event, Mike and I made a trip to SASM to assess the situation. The camp actually takes place at the museum. We had hoped the restoration hangar would be free as it had been for the Indoor Air Show that was held earlier in the year. If it were, we could do actual flying and let the kids try their hand at controlling the planes. Such was not to be. The museum had moved a C-54 into the hangar to be painted. With the hangar not available, we took a look outside. The auxiliary parking lot south of and adjacent to Hangar B and

the access road beside it were considered. Although the lot looked like a grassed area, it actually was covered with rock with grass growing up through it. The road immediately west of the lot was the only access to the rear of the museum where the staff parked their cars and deliveries are made. With these factors and a fierce cross wind blowing across the area at the time, it seemed to us that this area was not a good place for demonstrating safe and responsible flying.

The museum said they could set off a space inside Hangar B where we could present our models. The area would still be filled with full size airplanes on exhibit and open to museum visitors for their inspection. We agreed to this. Essentially we would do a show and tell.

On the 23rd, we set up our planes on a large platform at the south end of Hangar B. Shortly after 1:00 p.m., fifteen to sixteen kids arrived. They were in the preteen age range. When asked, they said they had just come from making rockets. Besides the four of us LSK members, Roland Lyons of the Omahawks joined in the presentation. The previous year the Omahawks had done a drone workshop for the AIM camp. We thought that they had declined to do a repeat. Unbeknownst to us, the invitation was left open.

Mike Yearley started with showing his Pinnacle. He explained the workings of his pattern aircraft. He moved the control surfaces with the sticks on his transmitters and passed around the 10-cell battery pack that the plane uses. Dave Reiber brought a number of very small airplanes. He also had a palm-size quad that he flew briefly at a low altitude. Larry Haisch showed his Apprentice. He related his experience in learning to fly with it. I brought my 118" wingspan Jade sailplane. I explained how we were able to launch planes that had no motors or engines.

Between Dave's and Larry's presentations, Roland Lyons exhibited two quadcopters. I was quite impressed with the DJI Inspire 1 that he uses in his aerial photography business. He had removed the propellers so it may not have impressed the kids as much as it did me. The other quad he brought was a scratch built unit which he fitted with FPV (first person view) paraphernalia. While the kids wore the FPV goggles, Roland holding the quad in his hand would pitch, yaw and then flip it inverted. This was a hit with them

The presentation concluded after about an hour and a half. While it went all right, it would have been better if the kids could have seen the planes fly or at least had more interaction with them. Flying outdoors is always at the mercy of the weather. For a topnotch demo, an adequate indoor flying area is needed if it is to be located at the museum site.

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AREA EVENTS

July 11th Omahawks Annual Float Fly
July 12th Western Flyer's Open House Fun Fly
July 18th Omahawks SPC Combat 11 am - 3
July 18th Western Flyers Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly
July 19th Performance Flyers Local Fun Fly
August 8th and 9th Omahawks Pattern Championship
August 15th Western Flyers Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly
August 15th Hastings Skylarks Annual Fun Fly
August 22nd Western Flyers Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly (23rd rain date)
September 6th Western Flyers Annual Swap meet
September 7th Labor Day
September 12th – 15th GI Modeler's 3rd Annual Warbirds over the Platte

September 13th Performance Flyers
Regional Helicopter Fun Fly
September 19th Western Flyers Old Timers
& Glider Fun Fly
September 27th Lincoln Sky Knights Fall
Fun Fly
October 17th Western Flyers Old Timers &
Glider Fun Fly

<http://www.lincolnskyknights.org> or for area
events check the Metro R/C site at
<http://metrorcflying.com>

Treasurer's Report

Nothing but the monthly bills with income
from event money and dues of 721.00

Safety Officer's Report

No Report

Old Business

Milt fertilized the grass runway. Thank You
Milt.

The runway cracks haven't been filled due
to the very wet weather.

Dave Reiber reported that he had been
unable to contact the guy who he had talked
to about haying the tall grass. A motion was
made and approved to spend 200\$ to have a
local farmer mow it. Rich Kuenning said he
would try to find someone to do the job.

New Business

The July meeting will be held on the 10th

Jupe stated that the rock on our road had
suffered from the rain and that the low spots
needed to be filled in. Jupe offered to get
pricing and get back to the club at the July
meeting.

New Members

None.

Models of the Month

Milt brought his WW2 French fighter he
built from planes he down loaded.

Meeting adjourned

Meeting ended at 7:50 PM

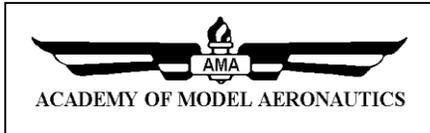
FUN FLY

Friday the third of July we had at least
15 pilots at the LSK field. Finally a day
without wind and rain. We did a group
text and people showed up. If it looks
like we are going to have a good
Saturday coming up here in the near
future I will send out an email to the club
on Thursday or Friday and we can have
an unofficial fun fly and open house.
Can't get a sanction in that short of time
and I have already blown \$80.00 this
year on sanctions and insurance
policies. Time to do it on the fly. Right
now it looks like every Saturday in July
and August are open for a fun fly on the
Metro Area Schedule. Most Sundays
are taken. Watch for an email soon.

Leonard Akert

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For information on the web about
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2015 Event Schedule

59th Fall Fun Fly – Sept 27th

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PLEASE REMEMBER!! IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON AT THE FIELD IN THE EVENING, PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE GATE ARE LOCKED!!!!

Tuesday night flying will run from May thru September. Guests can receive introductory flights from our members.

Meetings are the first Friday of every month at the LSK field 7:30 PM

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