

the L.A.S.S. Edition

April 2014

Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

At 7:35 p.m. Feb. 2nd newly elected President Wilson Hardy called to order the first LASS meeting of 2015. Wilson stated the Dec. 2014 meeting held at Greg's restaurant was a great way to end the year, surrounded by model airplanes on display at the restaurant.

OLD BUSINESS:

The field lease payment has been made. Jim reports the field turf is in good form but the field grounds are shrinking as far as usable wench and landing space. The grounds are torn up north of a line running west of the pond found in the north east corner of the field. There were no landscape or construction flags posted south of the torn up grounds on the north end of the field. Jim stated it looked like dirt was being hauled into this area. The gate has been found open most likely for the flow of dump trucks.

Jim has sent a list of LASS club members to Amy at the Lancaster Event Center as stated the email he sent out Nov. 5th, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren Blinde has been printing off membership cards, laminated no less, for paid up LASS members. Loren has passed these off to Jack Barry so pay up your dues and collect your new card.

Mid-West Slope Challenge 2015 registration opened up on Feb. 1st for those who have flown in years past and on April 1st for new comers. This is to give those veteran pilots a chance to reserve their frequency as their receiver crystals are most likely buried deep behind EPP foam and strapping tape.

Upcoming events include the LSK R/C auction on Saturday Feb. 7th and Hobby Town/LSK sponsored indoor flying at Calvert Rec. Center on Sundays, Feb. 8th and March 8th, \$5.00 per AMA certified pilot. Contact Leonard Akert at 402-326-5970 for more information. 2.4Ghz only.

Jim stated that he and Thane have been meeting in Jim's

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President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

Spring is here along with the March winds. Don't hold back, hit the slopes and work out the rust from under your fingers.

I've been working on two jobs other than my normal 7:30-5:30 and have been really bogged down but this last weekend I was able to fly some of the old stuff. Wagon Train had just enough to keep the foamy KA-6 up for some nice back and forth but not much else. There wasn't much oomph in the thermal area and each pass was kind of close in and that made for some exciting finger work. It was just enough to wet my appetite for this next flying season. It also was enough to remind me how to get dumb thumbs in a hurry.

Oh well, any day you can fly is a great day to escape the cares of life. I have to admit that the things that we see and hear on the news kind of make any chance to escape not just nice but it is getting imperative to take a break from it all. Shake off the winter and look to a new better year. This happens so easily for us glider guiders just due to the nature of our hobby. It is good medicine. Sorry got a little introspective there for a second. Just get out and have fun. Until next time, keep looking up.

FAA Model Aircraft Rules

The Federal Aviation Administration, FAA, has posted its regulations for small unmanned aircraft systems that includes model aircraft for public comment. The

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Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, April 7
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE

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2 ½ car garage Thursday nights to fly quad copters and mini-vapors, dodging Jim's stuff and having a good time.

Janelle sent a thank-you note for the paper airplane flying demo we put on Dec. 29th. They had a full house of eager young pilots full of questions.

In history past we have started to set the club's thermal events in the spring so come to the April meeting with thermal on your mind.

The conversation declined to the topic of drones and I quit taking notes.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 p.m.

(Minutes submitted by Tom Wild in the absence of Secretary Steve Dworsky).

Regional Events

- April 18 Western Flyer's Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly - Starts at 9AM to 3PM , Mead, NE
- May 14-17 Lucas, KS (AA) MIDWEST SLOPE CHALLENGE 22. Site: Main hill Wilson Lake. Michael Tallman CD PH: 316/524-4004 Email: miketallman790@yahoo.com. 15/608. Events 451-454, 458 JSO Sponsor: WINGS OVER WILSON SOARING CLUB
- May 16 Western Flyer's Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly - Starts at 9AM to 3PM , Mead, NE
- May 16-17 Waverly, NE (C) LSK ANNUAL. Site: Lsk Field 134th & Waverly Rd. Leonard Akert CD PH: 402/489-6277 Email: rakert@neb.rr.com. Visit: www.lincolnskyknights.org Gates open at 10am. Open flying no fee. optional pizza & pop lunch at 1pm \$5. 450x40 asphalt runway & grass runway. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS
- May 23-24 Performance Flyer's La Vista Days/Field of Wings - 8AM to 6PM
- May 30 Western Flyer's Scale Fun Fly & Swap Meet - Mead Field

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Academy of Model Aeronautics' position on these can be found at:

http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/AMA_sUAS_NPRM_Response.aspx

AMA requests that its members write to the FAA as to how these new rules would affect them. It has a template letter on the webpage mentioned above and further instructions. Unless extended, the deadline for submitting comments to the FAA is 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015.



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