

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

July 2012

## Minutes

By Tom Wild

The August meeting of the Lincoln Area soaring Society came to order around 7:30 pm on the third floor of the Willard Community Center with five members present and Loren Blinde presiding. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was canceled due to the holiday. Allan Worrest made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting and there were no objections.

### TREASURER REPORT:

Jim Baker wasn't present at the meeting so no report this month.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Loren returned the battery pack lost out of Bob Turner's hand launch glider during our last club flying event at the Lancaster Event Center. After an all-out club search party effort, the battery wasn't found until Jack Barry came across it on his way to retrieve the winch chute.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Loren asked if there was any word on a planned Tom Neill days at Wilson Lake this fall. Historically this has been held in September.

Loren asked if anyone had heard of any activity at the Swift flying site in Papillion on Lincoln Blvd; nothing to report.

In trying to come up with a date for our next LASS event at our club field, there are the following conflicts.

- Lancaster County Fair, August 2-12.
- Bud Hall giant scale in Mead, August 10, 11.
- Old Timers and glider fly in Mead, August 18.
- Don Neill Scale Contest in Mead, August 25 or 26.
- Western Flyers Swap meet, Sept 2.
- Labor Day weekend, Sept 1-3.
- Tom Neill Days Sept?

Loren suggested another Boy Scout demo some Tuesday evening instead of our meeting. We would need to do this before it gets too late in the year while we still have daylight.

## August Show and Tell

Darin Kelstrom brought his four-meter Graupner sailplane to the August meeting. Darin can't recall its name and hasn't been able to find it on the Internet.. The plane is a fairly old design. The wing panels droop somewhat as the joiners are music wires.

I brought a motorized, modified Great Planes Spirit Elite built from the kit. The nose was shortened and an out-runner motor added. The canopy was replaced by a hatch. The rudder rake was reduced by half as was the polyhedral. Initially the plane was a terrible flyer. The first several flights ended in crashes that broke both wing dowels. After the controls' throws were reduced by 50% from the recommended amount, the CG moved to the rearward recommended location, and the TE of the wing lifted 3/16", the plane's handling improved significantly. While it is flying acceptably well now, it should fly even better if the CG could be moved back even further without adding weight to the tail. - Allan Worrest



Above, Darin with his Graupner sailplane at the meeting. Right, I am preparing the Spirit Elite-tric at the field for its maiden flight.



**Next CLUB MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 4**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Willard Community Center**  
**Folsom & West B Street**  
**Lincoln, NE**



# July Gathering

By Allan Worrest

On July 8 the club held an informal gathering at the Lancaster Event Center field. I got there around noon and didn't take a head count. According to Loren Blinde's and my recollection, the group consisted of Loren, Jim Baker, Jack Barry, Wilson Hardy, Tom Wild, Thane Kirchhoff, Bob Turner and myself. As I recall, the flying continued into the early afternoon.

Disclaimer: Any omissions, misspellings or factual inaccuracies are the unintentional results of my fading memory of the event.

## Regional Events

- 9/14-15 Tom Neill's Days Contact Jim Baker for details
- 9/15 Mead, NE, Western Flyers Old Timer
- 9/22 Lincoln, NE (C) LEONARD'S 56TH FALL FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Leonard Akert CD PH: 402-326-5970 Email: rakert@neb.rr.com. Visit: www.lincolnskyknights.org. Gates open at 10AM, open flying. Trophies for unique aircraft designs. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS



Above, is the assembly area on the south side of the field. In the foreground is Wilson Hardy's Thermic Excel. Below is Jim Baker and his Viper.



Above, is Thane Kirchhoff's Xperience Pro. Below in the foreground, Jack Barry is holding his Tragi. Jim Baker is flying.



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