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

LSK Pattern 2003

John Willman

Sixteen pilots attended this year's LSK Pattern contest. There was a good mix of pilots with eight LSK pilots and eight visiting pilots. Most of the visiting pilots were from the Hastings/Grand Island area, but one visiting pilot calls Kansas home.

You don't have to be a serious pattern pilot to enjoy the LSK pattern contest. That was made evident to me by the smiles on the contestant's faces and the good spectator crowd.

I was pretty stressed, as this was the first contest I've ever run. Mike Yearly has done an excellent job in the past five years of running the LSK pattern contest so I had a high bar to meet. In addition, I managed to rip the landing gear out of my primary plane the evening before the contest. I stayed up all night fixing my plane and was unable to get any sleep. This is the second time this year I have damaged my plane the day before a contest. I think from now on I won't fly my primary plane the day before a contest. Regardless of my stress and lack of rest, I think the contest went well and I managed to always keep one eye open during my flights.

The day started unlike any other day so far in July... it was cool and raining. I'm not sure if "rain" is the proper description as there was just enough coming down to be annoying. I was terrified that the contest would have to be rescheduled.

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LSK Member Awarded Scholarships

One of our junior Sky Knight members, 18 year old Jeff Smith, son of Bernie and Charlene Smith of Lincoln has been honored with a \$5000 AMA Charles H. Grant scholarship. Jeff was recommended for this scholarship by our own LSK member and District IX Associate Vice President Jack Sibert. To qualify for the AMA scholarship, recipients must excel academically, be involved in the modeling community and have been accepted by a college or university.



Jeff graduated this summer from Lincoln High School where he took many advanced level courses in English, math, science and social studies and finished 14th in his class of 720 students with a grade point average of 4.273. In his spare time after working at Hobby Town, Jeff took flight instruction at Silver Hawk Aviation and earned his pilots license. Flying both open and scale R/C combat classes, Jeff took 2nd place in our Midwest national combat national last summer, competing against 6 of the top 10 ranked combat pilots of the nation. If you have lost a streamer in Waverly combat most likely you will find it on Jeff's wingtip!

This fall Jeff will be off to college at the University of Nebraska, Kearney where he also was awarded a Regents scholarship to study Aircraft Systems Management.

Congratulations to Jeff, good luck and keep up the good work.

July Minutes 2003

The July Lincoln Sky Knights meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Vice President, Rich Boelts. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the June minutes as read. Treasurer's report was given by Bob Schwab, who reported we have a large number of members who are not current with dues and runway fees. Motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved. VP/CD report by Rich Boelts: Upcoming events include Pattern, July 27, Combat, August 9,10, silent flight day (gliders and electrics), August 16, Don Neil Scale August 23 and 24. Please see calendar for event dates. If you would like to CD an event, see Rich.

Old Business: Grass runway was discussed and tabled until next month. It was moved and seconded that members with delinquent dues names to be published in the Clanking Armor. Motion passed.

Life members w/o runway fee:

Wayne Barclay, Rich Faulkner, Doug Gahn, Brent Jensen, Drew Lepinski, Kevin McGinn, Joe Mock, Jim Peck, Will Rauscher, Shane Zikmund, Steve Zikmund.

Full members w/o runway fee:

Terry Majewski

Full members w/ current AMA no dues or runway fee:

Mike Bernholtz, David Heald, Corbin Heald, Brian Husted, Ben Smith, Rick Stanton, Frank Udell, Ronald Wenninghoff, Garin Wenninghoff, Chad Yost.

Full members w/o current AMA no dues or runway fee:

James Brown, Scott Bumgardner, Eric Casper, Michael Clements, Tom Clements, David Dishong, Mel Faas, Colby Johnson, Bill Kieger, Wayne Nguyen, John Penn, Don Wilkinson.

As mistakes may happen, if you feel that your name should not be on the list, please contact Bob Schwabb at 489-6845.

New Business: Tom Wild reported that we have new Lincoln Skyknight shirts. Discussion on frequency boards, and it was reiterated that all members should have their AMA and LSK membership cards on frequency board.

There were no new members this month.

Model of the month: Rich Bader brought a Great Planes Supersport .60. It is a beautiful airplane covered in Monokote. Rich says it flies great.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Secretary, Bernie Smith

Model Of The Month August

Richard Baeder shared with us his freshly completed .60 sized Super Sportster, built from a Great Planes kit. The unique covering is pearl white Monokote™ trimmed with self-designed red and blue graphics. Powered with an O.S. .70 four-stroke Richard reports that it flies great.



Welcome, One And All

Lincoln Sky Knights welcomed a guest pilot at our July 11th club meeting. A HobbyTown USA assistant manager from Springfield, Missouri, Chris Brown was in town for the HobbyTown corporate management meeting. Chris demonstrated some fancy flying with his ARF trainer he reportedly assembled in his motel room.

"My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."

~Groucho Marx~

LSK QUIET FLIGHT DAY

AUGUST 16, 2003

Loren Blinde

Yes, scientific research has *proven* that it's possible to keep a plane in the air without glow fuel or gasoline. I know it sounds weird, but if you've ever wondered how this happens, here's your chance to see first hand.

Saturday, August 16th is the Sky Knights first annual Quiet Flight Day. Fly anything you like that doesn't use a combustion engine, which pretty much means sailplanes and electrics. Or better yet, fly someone else's plane!

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We started Round one in the misty conditions and half way thru the Novice the rain stopped... whew! Conditions presented a good challenge for all with a moderate crosswind in Round 1 followed by calmer conditions in Round 2 (but really bad sky, hard to see models) and ending with a strong North wind in Round 3.

I was glad to see that we had seven entries in Novice. After first round jitters I think the novice pilots started to enjoy the contest. I hope I lived up to my promise that you will learn something that will improve your flying. By looking at the raw scores, I notice that every novice pilot scored better each round. In fact, some pilots were scoring twice as high in round three compared to round one! The novice ranking was very close and 1st place could have gone to several pilots. After the dust settled, visiting pilot John Van Brocklin squeaked by LSK's Roger Hinrichs taking 1st place by only 1.5 points out of 2000 points, with LSK's new 'Phenom' Justin Handa less than 1% behind. Justin scored 3rd out of 7 in his first contest, less than 90 days after soloing! Watch out Chip and Quiqui!

The Sportsman class was a little thin with only three entries. But, I'm pretty sure some of this year's Novice pilots will want to fly Sportsman next year. John Boord Jr. won Sportsman with a very fast and very pretty blue

airplane. It was my understanding that his new pretty blue plane was only finished a few days before the contest. His father, John Sr. flew a copy of this plane in Novice.

Expert class had six contestants. As has been the case all year, it was nip-and-tuck between Nick Reiss and myself. I managed to win Round 2, and posted a strong third round raw score, but Nick met the challenge and held onto the lead by 4 points out of 2000. Congrats to Nick for a well-deserved win.

Technically, we had 17 pilots register. Don Svoboda came out to pay the entry fee as a donation to the cause. I'd like to thank Don for the donation...under that rough exterior lurks a heart of gold. On that same subject, I'd like to thank ALL that helped make the contest a success. There were many helpers and your services are indispensable and greatly appreciated!

Some very nice prizes were given to the contestants by random drawing after the contests.

The Lincoln Area Soaring Society will provide electric winches and/or hi-starts (the gizmos that start a soaring flight 500 feet high) and flight instruction for interested LSK members. Or if you have a glider in the closet, put in a battery that will last two hours (you could fly that long) and we will help you give it a proper launch.

Come out anytime between 9am and 4 pm (that's when "thermals" happen). Lunch will be available. The LSK field is kind of small by sailplane standards, so the fun we have depends on the wind velocity and direction. But we will make the best of what nature gives us and every effort to make this a fun day for you. See you there, Loren.

Waverly RC donated a very nice glow booster worth \$58, HobbyTown USA donated \$80 worth of gift cards, and I donated some nick knacks. Thanks to Waverly RC and HobbyTown USA for the prize donations! Of course, the high dollar prizes went first, but I was pleasantly surprised that my stick planes were admired by most.

For those that missed the pattern contest, consider attending next year, even if just to watch. You'll have fun, but don't take my word for it, ask a pilot that attend!

Final Standings:

Congrats to all that attended. You are all winners in my book.

| <i>Novice</i> | <i>Points</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| John Van Brocklin | 1989 |
| Roder Hinrichs | 1987 |
| Justin Handa | 1982 |
| John Cuba | 1913 |
| John Boord Sr | 1893 |
| Roger Arnett | 1810 |
| Mike Ritonya | 1721 |
| <i>Sportsman</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| John Boord Jr. | 2000 |
| David Franzen | 1877 |
| Mark Bergt | 1822 |
| <i>Expert</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| Nick Reiss | 2000 |
| John Willman | 1996 |
| Jerry Voth | 1858 |
| Jim Reiss | 1777 |
| Allan Worrest | 1560 |
| Mike Yearly | 1428 |



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Attention Indoor Electric Flyers!!

It's that time again! Tom Hefley informs us that the Indoor electric season will fire up again soon. The first of the winter sessions will occur on Sunday, September 7th, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Pass the word around to all the volt-heads you know, and keep an eye here in the Clanking Armor for a full schedule, as soon as it's available.

Back in April Milt Ochsner left his transmitter at the field and someone put it in the clubhouse for safe keeping. It was some time before Milt got a chance to return to flying and discovered his transmitter wasn't in his shop. Now it has disappeared from the clubhouse. If anybody knows the location of Milt's Airtronics VG400, channel 60 transmitter please call Milt at 465-8300. Thanks.



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Notice Of Delinquent Dues

Bob Schwab, LSK Treasurer

As of July 22, 2003 the following members are *delinquent* in either their club dues or their runway fees or both. As such, *they are not allowed to fly at the LSK field until they have paid these fees to a current status.* Some also have unpaid AMA dues. *Those not paying their club dues by August 15, 2003 will be dropped from the roster.* Thank you for your cooperation.

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | MEMBER TYPE | DUES PAID? | RUNWAY FEE PAID? | AMA# | AMA STATUS |
|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|--------|-------------|
| Wayne | Barclay | FULL | LIFE | NO | 251794 | EXPIRED |
| Donald | Barnard | FULL | LIFE | N/A No fly | 65582 | PAID - 2006 |
| Joe | Best | FULL | NO | NO | 701841 | PAID |
| Tom | Boyd | RESTR. | NO | N/A | 1909 | EXPIRED |
| James | Brown | FULL | NO | NO | | |
| R. Scott | Bumgardner | FULL | NO | NO | 725207 | EXPIRED |
| Eric | Casper | FULL | NO | NO | 726253 | EXPIRED |
| Michael | Clements | FULL | NO | NO | 587535 | PAID |
| Tom | Clements | ASSOC. | NO | N/A | 587536 | EXPIRED |
| David | Dishong | FULL | NO | NO | 594073 | EXPIRED |
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| Shane | Zikmund | FULL | LIFE | NO | 4128 | PAID |
| Steve | Zikmund | LIFE | LIFE | NO | 620658 | PAID |



Neal Rohrke at the AMA Nats, in a picture found on the Internet. According to the original caption, he's "applying sticky stuff." (Note to beginners: On non-combat models, the glue is traditionally applied to the *INSIDE* of the wing.)

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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!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aug 1-3 | Tecumseh Jet Scramble |
| August 2nd | Club Meeting |
| August 16 | Quiet Flight Day* |
| September 7th | BB Gun '03 Funscale |

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