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PREZ'Z CORNER

"Sheesh...", as my grandpa would say, "It's hot." He was a chemical engineer by day, but a farmer at heart, and owned 160 acres in Saline County which he farmed as a hobby on evening and weekends. The heat never really seemed to bother him. Apparently I didn't inherit those genes from my grandpa because the heat has been killing me recently. I hope everyone has been staying hydrated when they visit the field.

The Tuesday Evening training has been going well and is two-thirds over for the season. I'm glad to report that every Tuesday evening has been busy with new pilots, solo in training pilots, and spectators.

-JW

2006 Legacy Pattern

The temperature was over 100 F on Sunday, July 30th... not to mention it was windy too. Only fools (or pattern pilots) would be crazy enough to fly in a blast furnace. Regardless of the weather, thirteen brave pilots sweated it out at the 2006 Legacy

Pattern contest. After this spring's LSK AMA pattern contest, where the winds were blowing 40 mph plus, the 20 mph winds at the Legacy contest were just a light breeze to many. But I'm sure no one liked the 100F+ heat. I sure the heck didn't.

While the weather was typical Nebraska July weather (i.e. miserable), I'm pretty sure everyone had a fun day, or at the very least enjoyed their lunch with ice cream. There wasn't a single crash, not even a broken prop to the best of my recollection. There were some close races, and everyone put up some good flights. I was impressed by the improvement many have made to their precision skills.

Thanks to everyone who attended; without you, there would be no contest. Special thanks to Dave Greathouse for registration; Allen Worrest for scoring; Alan Zinnecker for grilling; Nick Reiss for judge pool; Mike Yearley for judging; and anyone else I might have missed here.

Hope to see everyone again next year, and maybe a few new faces too.

-JW

AMBER ALERT!!!! SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO....



Scores

* Denotes LSK Member

Novice

2000 Justin Handa*
1787 Dennis Osburn*
1294 Alan Zinnecker*

Sportsman

2000 Bob Beckett
1950 John Van Brocklin
1831 Mark Bergt
1712 John Cuba*
1589 Roger Arnett

Expert

2000 John Willman*
1965 Nick Reiss*
1717 Jim Reiss
1311 Mike Yearley*
819 Allan Worrest*

July Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2006

President John Willman called the July meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

Secretary's Report: The June minutes were approved by the membership even though no copies were available. A correction was made in regards to Omaha's field. It will NOT be closing and we apologize for incorrectly reporting such "hearsay"!

Treasurer's Report: Loren Blinde gave the report. The normal expenses were paid. Dick Britten and Bob Cooper both made donations to the club (and during the 50/50 raffle, Glen Lau donated his "winnings"). Kyle Gannon was paid expenses for the 4 issues of the newsletter. The report was approved.

CD/VP Report: Dennis Osburn gave the report: The club made a profit on the June fun fly. Three Lincolmites trophied at Hasting's SPA pattern contest. The Sioux City War eagles are holding a fun-fly July 22/23. The SPA (Senior Pattern Contest) will be on July 30, (a Legacy Fly in which anything meeting AMA safety rules will be allowed will take place ??). A Scale Contest will be on Aug. 26. There will be another Night Fly September 1st. A Quiet fly (Sailplanes & Electrics) will be on Sept. 10. September 23 is an air show at Lincoln Airport. A Scale meet (Don Neil Memorial) will be the 1st or 2nd weekend in September. August 25 will be the Ground Hog Golf Classic in Tecumseh and our club is invited to demo fly and drop golf balls for accuracy (we usually receive an honorarium for this).

Safety Report: Brad Pankoke said all is calm; no calls, no problems, keep it up. A comment was made that Brad's phone number should be posted so he could be contacted.

New Members: Congratulations to the new members joining our club: Lloyd Hinkley sent his dues and AMA card and later Jerry Owsley joined as a restricted member (primarily to use the field for stargazing).....WELCOME!!

Old Business: There is not a place on the frequency board for spread spectrum transmitter owners to show membership cards. A brief discussion on who should be listed on newsletter as "who to call for help"

New Business: Our club's Tuesday Training has begun with good participation. The field is also open to any club member wishing to fly their planes at that time. There was some discussion regarding the article in the paper where a G. I. flyer said our hobby is very expensive and difficult.....a park flyer is very resonable and help from club members is available.

Model of the Month: Alan Worrest brought an ARF kit (Exceleron 90?) that is a built up balsa

which he modified and has flown 4 times and he powers it with a YS 120---it looks great and should be fun to watch. Mike Yearly showed a pattern plane he crashed and has very nearly completed rebuilding and it has a YS 140 motivating it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Quiet Flight Day

The third annual LSK Quiet Flight Day will be **Sunday, September 10th**. Last year, I described it as: the only sounds you will hear at the field are winch pedals tapping, electric props whizzing, sailplane wings breaking (followed by expletives, of course), pilots saying "I can't see it anymore", and food sizzling on the grill. That's pretty much how it went and I hope this year's event goes as well.

So if you bought a glider at the auction and want to fly it, here's your chance with launch equipment and assistance available. Or if you'd like to hear what your electric plane sounds like without background noise, this is the day. You'll even get to challenge defending champion Delmer Dormer for the longest flight by an LSK member who doesn't belong to a sailplane club.

So come on out, lunch is free courtesy of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society. A \$5 landing fee for fliers goes to the LSK treasury, so have some fun and support your club while you do it. Or just pull up a lawn chair and watch.

-Loren Blinde

Editor's Note

If you received this newsletter it's because you signed up for e-mail newsletters. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the usual newsletter editor wasn't able to get a newsletter out this month. We've thrown this together real quick at the last minute so that at least some of you all can have the July minutes before the meeting. We're currently

looking for a volunteer to make approximately 400-600 copies, staple 200-300 sheets of paper, fold 100 stacks of 2-3 sheets of paper, staple again 100 folded stacks of paper, print out and stick on 100 address labels, lick 100 stamps, then drive to the post office and drop off said items. If this sounds like fun or if you wouldn't mind doing it please raise your hand at the meeting on Friday.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Aug 25th - Ground Hog Golf Classic
Aug 26th - Scale Contest
Sept 1st - LSK Night Fly
Sept 10th - LSK Quiet Flight Day