

# 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

From the Desk of the President  
Happy New Year Lincoln Sky Knights! In the last few months our flying time has really been curtailed due to really sucky weather. Well that shouldn't stop the r/c fun. This is the time of the year that all the safety checks we put off during the regular season need to be done. Battery pack capacity checks, servo performance, structural integrity, and may more that get overlooked during the summer. Do the deep clean on glow and gas powered planes to see if any fuel soaked wood needs to be repaired or replaced. This is a good time to think about what your plans for the next year are as well. If you are a burn holes in the sky type of pilot, think about how you might want to increase your piloting proficiency. Use this time to train on a simulator and then join the pattern competitions this summer. If you are an ARF only pilot think about trying your hand at a laser cut kit build to try out a new facet of the hobby/sport. One aside here about ARFs is that they don't have to stay how they came out of the box. Many different and cool modifications can be made to the color scheme or an increase in details to make that ARF a one-of-a-kind just to make it stand out in the crowd. The 3D and helicopter pilots should also use the down time to practice on the simulator to get their performance not to just the "hey look what I can do" level, but should think about putting together a routine. In the last couple of Big events I visited the performance pilots had a

full show, flying routine, music, and a piloting display that was a joy to watch it was the whole deal. I know the guys here could equal what the "big name" pilots do on the flying circuit. One more thing on the list of possibilities for the winter season is join Indoor flying. All in all we've got a couple of months left before flying hits full swing and we shouldn't have to spend them moping as we stare out the window at the snow coming down. Keep your chin up we're all in this together.

Wilson

## Secretary's Report

The start of the New Year came in easy for the Lincoln Sky Knights. The first meeting of the year started off with a 7:31pm start, President Wilson Hardy presiding over the ensuing meeting. The minutes for the December 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Jan 2, 2015 LSK Secretary's Notes taken by Tyler Brown

## VP/CD Report

Dan at Hobby Town agreed to pay half the cost of indoor flying if we so decide to run it again this year. There was not much interest in the e-mail Leonard Akert sent out asking for conformation as to how many wanted to do indoor. At the meeting it was decided that indoor flying for this year would be open to all interested not just the club

members. Flyers will be posted at Hobby Town as to the dates that will be available for flying. A motion was passed that the club will cover the cost if there is any above what can be paid by Dan and the entrance fee charged per pilot on each given night of indoor flying. The dates for indoor will be announced in an e-mail at a later time.

February 7 LSK Auction, Waverly Community Center. More help is needed. If you aren't signed up to help, do so at the February 6 LSK meeting.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Sears gave his report on the financial health of the club's bank account. Eight members paid up, standard bills nothing new. If you have concerns come to the meetings to find out the whole story or e-mail Kelly at [searskelly@gmail.com](mailto:searskelly@gmail.com).

### **Safety Officer's Report**

No report this month

### **Old Business**

Last year's nomination for secretary didn't stick so a quick nomination and acceptance by Alan Zinnecker put him back on the front table in the second chair from the North. Thank you Alan for taking the Secretary's spot in the officer's list. Also up for officer nominations, the Executive Committee was voted on. John Murdock, Don Svoboda, and Dave Reiber were added to the list of 2015 officers.

### **New Business**

Problems with the club house furnace prompted Alan Zinnecker to have Brainard Heating and Air give the lazy furnace a look. A motion was made to have the furnace fixed with a cap of \$500 to be allowed for the repair. The motion passed.

### **New Members**

At this time there were no applicants applying for membership so no new members this month.

### **Models of the Month**

Mike Yearly brought for the club's inspection a Pinnacle two meter Pattern E ship. The model is electric/lipo powered. The seven minute flight time allows him to make it through the whole pattern for contest work. The lipo packs run in parallel 20 cell set ups. Composite fuselage with paint in the mold finish makes for a very nice looking aircraft.



### **Meeting adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49

## January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 Fun Fly

We had nine registered pilots who put in the \$5 challenge at the December 2015 club meeting to fly January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are able to fly January 1<sup>st</sup> then you receive your five dollars back plus an even cut of any other pilots funds who were not able to fly. This year we had all contestants successfully complete a flight. We had two more pilots show up for the event so we had a total of eleven brave souls who flew January 1<sup>st</sup>. One contestant donated his \$5 to the club and one of our members who showed up to fly donated \$6 to the club. Probably a total of fourteen pilots and spectators. A generous amount of snacks were brought out and a good start to the New Year.

Leonard Akert LSK VP/CD

The furnace took a long time to take the chill off the clubhouse so we started a trash fire in the burn barrel in the morning to take of the chill.

### List of Successful Pilots:

Dave Reiber  
Alan Zinnecker  
Jupe Svoboda  
Rich Kuenning  
John Knopp  
Jerry Robinson  
Wilson Hardy  
Mike Yearley  
Leonard Akert

### Guest Pilots:

Steve Rogers  
Jim Wren



# SAC MUSEUM INDOOR AIR SHOW AND EXHIBIT

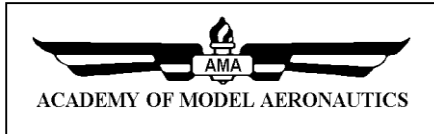
I would like to thank Alan Worrest, Tyler Brown, Mike Yearley, and Rick Feldman for showing up at the SAC Museum January 17<sup>th</sup> for the Indoor Airshow. If there was anyone I left out please let me know. I was hoping for some giant scales to show off but I only had my Fokker DVII. The event was well attended and we had many visitors asking questions about the hobby. The UNL DBF team was there along with the Ag campus Drones and the UNL Nimbus lab computer science group that is doing autonomous research. Mike and I took turns managing the LSK area. We had a large area in Hanger B so there was plenty of room for airplanes. The JR demonstration team did an impressive job flying a 3D helicopter during the event in the restoration hanger. There were lots of people flying the restoration hanger throughout the day. WOWT TV was out and did a story on the event. At the time there were only three of us with indoor flyers so we flew in the background during the interview with no midairs.

Leonard Akert



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#### 2015 Event Schedule

LSK Auction - February 7th

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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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