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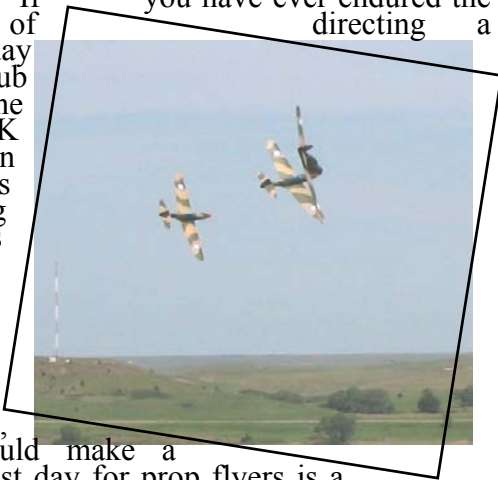


NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS R/C CLUB

## Midwest Slope Challenge 2004

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For the eleventh year running, slope glider enthusiasts from coast to coast have invaded the small Kansas community of Lucas to fly the slopes at Wilson Lake. If you have ever endured the headaches of directing a one or two day contest at the club field, imagine what fellow LSK member Loren Blinde contends with dealing with 60 plus rowdy pilots over a 4 day event with a 20 mile radius flying location. On the plus side, wind that would make a miserable contest day for prop flyers is a slope flyer's dream and that dream came true on Saturday. We started the day with two categories of combat, "wings" and "tails". "Wings" are simply a flying wing like a ME163 without a horizontal tail surface. "Tails" would be models like P-51, Me109, Spitfire etc.

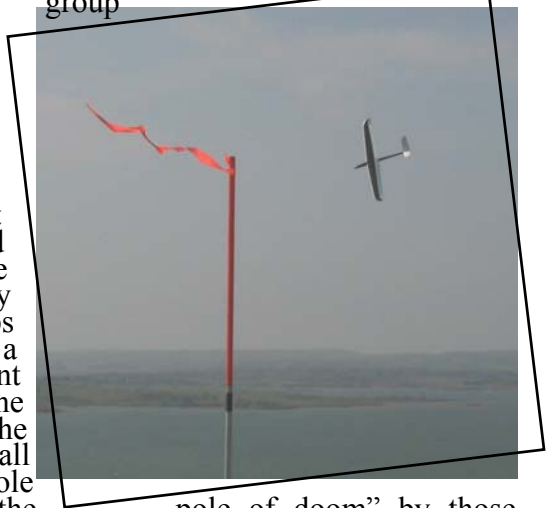


made of EPP foam, filled with DAP and covered with Solartex.

Sunday's winds were ideal for the "unlimited" class of racing. These planes are more varied in shape and configurations and building materials. I'm not an expert but I'm thinking that's why it's called "unlimited". Against some of the toughest competition in the country, hometown boy Tom Neill won 7 races to come in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. By this time the winds were gusting to 40 mph and Loren mistakenly thought the group would want to call it a day. The vote was unanimous to set up the course for the last event "War bird racing". The goal is to fly as many laps possible in a given amount of time. On one end of the course is a tall pylon pole nicknamed "the pole of doom" by those who misjudge and make contact the pole with a crowd pleasing "dong"!



After combat we set up the pylons for ODR (one design race). This is a slope racer has design rule criteria such as wingspan, airfoil thickness, min. & max. weight to make playing field even for some pretty exciting, four planes per heat races. With some spare time before our banquet started we witnessed some impressive formation flying of four P-40 Warhawks. These P-40's were



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For more information on this event visit Loren's web site <http://home.alltel.net/mwsc/index.html>

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# LSK MAY MINUTES

May 7, 2004

President Wilson Hardy called the May meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:35 pm. The meeting at the LSK field at 134<sup>th</sup> and Waverly Road.

A speech was give by Don Svoboda before the club business began. He had a graduation party to go to and needed to leave ASAP. He said he talked to Firethorn Golf Course and they were using turf fescue on their fairways and felt that it would be a better choice for the grass runway. He also talked to Miller Seed and got the grass seed for fescue at a lower cost than buffalo grass. He assembled a crew and planted the grass and it is done. He reminded the club how much work and money long term members have given to this club. Don then left for the graduation party.

**Treasurers Report:** Bob Schwab gave the Treasurers report and it was accepted by the membership. *CHECK THE LIST OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS IN CLUBHOUSE. WE HAVE NON-PAYING FORMER MEMBERS FLYING AT OUR FIELD!*

**CD/VP Report:** Mike Yearley gave the report. See Page 6 for the list of upcoming events.

Mike said he was planning some events for the June Fun Fly like timed flights, egg drop and the limbo. He would appreciate other ideas if anyone had some.

Dave Rieber handed out the plaques from the Mall Show. The remaining plaques for the members not present were left in the clubhouse on the chalkboard rail. He said there would be a quickee race two weeks from now at Mead.

John Willman gave a report on the HobbyTown flying demo held May 4<sup>th</sup> at our field. He estimated more than 70 people attended and some of the aircraft there were a see-to-believe experience. Horizon Hobby will be sending us a gift box of prizes for our upcoming events.

**New Members:** Nick Reiss, Ryan Brown, and Cliff Stevens were voted into the club. Welcome aboard guys.

**Old Business:** Heated discussions broke out over Don Svoboda's unilateral decision to plant fescue instead of buffalo grass as the club voted for. Rich Kuening remarked the membership voted on one thing and we got another, and someone made a decision without a vote.

The club should have the vote to make the decision.

Dave Brazee said the issue is not the grass but the fact that the club did not vote on it. Bernie

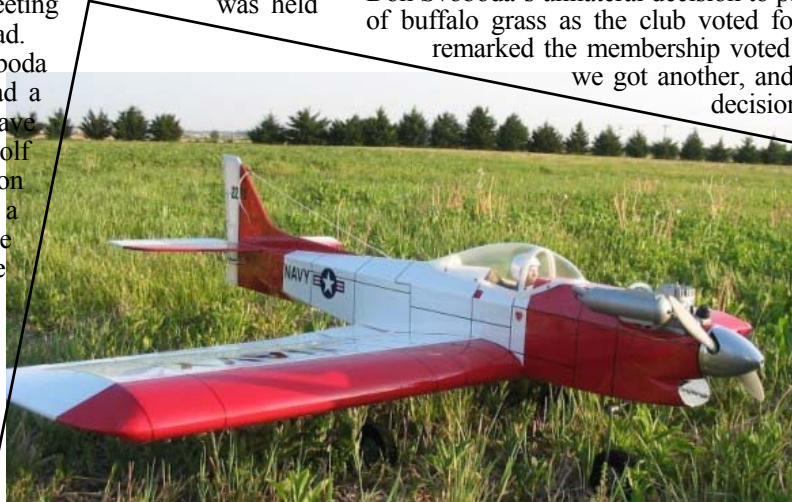
Smith remarked what are we going to do about it now that it is done. This should not have been done without the club's approval but it is planted.

**Bernie Smith then made a motion to leave the fescue as is and let these guys take care of it and in a year see how it is doing. If we want to redo it, do it next year.**

**Motion was seconded by Curly and discussion on the motion began.** The pros and cons of both varieties of grass were discussed. Buffalo grass seems to require little maintenance but difficult to get established. Fescue requires more maintenance but covers better and is more attractive. John Willman said he was upset about how it was done but he is appreciative that people do the work and maintenance. Bernie remarked that these guys did this with their best intentions and didn't want to make anyone angry, but what they did was wrong. Bernie amended his motion to leave the fescue as it is, the amendment was accepted by Curly and the motion passed.

Curly is building a roller for the club and we will be needing turf tires for the tractor. The grass runway will need rolled 4-5 times yearly. Neal Rorhke suggested we look into trading in the tires that are on the tractor now since we use chains in the winter to clear snow.

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**M.O.M #1 Ed Chicoine unveiled his Top Flight Contender, the first airplane he has built since a control line model 50 years ago. The Contender was designed in 1969 by David Platt and later updated by Mark Hampe. Ed's version sports the mono-flap option guided by a Futaba radio system and powered by a new O.S. 50 SX. Ed's first attempt with monokote turned out well with some much appreciated help from fellow club member Doug Cunning. With a white and red color scheme and 1/8" accenting trim tape this Contender looks like it just flew off the cover of the Top Flight box. Good luck with the maiden flight, Ed.**

Photo by Tom Wild



**MOM #2 Rich Boelts displayed his latest nitro burner, a refurbished Dirty Birdy, reportedly built 25 to 30 years ago by Carlos Cartagena. Rich removed the original silk and dope covering and re-covered with blue, red and yellow monokote. Using a Hitec radio system and an O.S. 52 four stroke, this part of RC history will make its return to competition in this seasons pattern contests.**

Tom Wild photo

## Notes From The Prez

The flying season is in full swing and if you hadn't noticed, there has been quite a bit of activity at the field. The black topped runway has been "topped" and the grass runway is starting to "grass". All in the name of progress.

There has been a lot of, well for lack of a better word, bickering, and fighting back and forth about both of these subjects. Gentlemen, lets not loose sight of why we are in this hobby and this club. I hope we are all here to fly and to have a fun time doing it. I hope that we can finish out this year on a little better terms with each other.

On a different note, I was flying a couple of

weekends ago and ran into someone I didn't recognize flying at our field. Now, I don't know everyone and I plan to change that, but in talking with this guy he said that he had AMA but wasn't a club member. I further learned that he uses our field quite often and that "everyone" knew him. Please, if you have friends out here flying for free let them know it's a one time shot and then they need to get a membership. Otherwise you are the one paying for them. That goes for when they have an accident and we loose the property in a lawsuit. Word of warning, if you don't think that it could happen to our club, I have a friend in Brighton, Colorado that could tell you differently. Enough of the gloom and doom, have a good month of fun flying.

*Wilson*

(Meeting Minutes, continued from page2)

John Willman made a motion to buy more or the same grass seed for the ends of the 50 feet on the ends of the runway. The motion was seconded by Dave Brazee and the motion passed.

So more of you won't be calling to find out what was in the minutes in April concerning the GRASS SEED INCIDENT.

From April Meeting Minutes: "Glen Lau mentioned that May is coming and it is time to think about planting the Buffalo Grass on the grass runway. Planting strategies were discussed. Neal Rohrke made a motion to buy up to \$600.00 worth of Buffalo grass seed and fertilizer to plant the grass runway, seconded by Brent Jensen and was approved by the membership. Neal Rohrke made a motion

to have volunteers here in May and Neal will see that the seed gets rolled. Brian Johnson will pick up seed and talk to Miller Seed for planting instructions. Brent Jensen made a motion to table the motion until the next meeting when we are clear on our planting procedure."

**New Business:** Mike Yearly wants to plan a two day pattern contest in September.

**Model of the Month:** (See pictures on Page 2) Ed Chicoine brought a TF Contender powered by an OS .50 SX. He said he had a U-control contender when he was 24-years-old and now he has an R/C version and he is now 79. Rich Boeltz brought a Dirty Birdy which is 25-years-old built by Carlos Cartehennia. *(Rich, a lot of the planes and engines I'm flying are older than that, you young punks you, Leonard)*

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

## You Think YOU Have Servo Problems?

A Japanese company is now producing this humanoid robot for disaster rescue. Designed to lift 1,200 lbs with either hand, I think I'd rather have it to do yardwork with! FROM THE WEEB!



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## Don't Miss the June Fun Fly!

**Friday & Saturday, June 5th & 6th Flying will start both days at 9:00 am. On Saturday evening there will be a potluck meal, bring side dishes and desserts, the entr e will be supplied by the Sky Knights. Spouses and guests \$.7.50 for the banquet**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LSK June Club meeting</b>
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LSK Fun Fly</b>
<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Combat meet at Smithville, Missouri.</b>
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Kansas City R/C Pattern Contest.</b>
<b>August 3, 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Jet Fly in Tecumseh.</b>
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>IMAA Giant Scale LSK Field.</b>
<b>September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Combat Contest at LSK Field.</b>
<b>Annual Night Fly will be held after the September Meeting.</b>	