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President's Notes

I just wanted to thank all of you that helped out with the Auction this year. It went very well I think. Leonard has already drawn up the advertisements for next year. That is dedication.

Just in talking there has been quite a bit of interest in the Quickie 500 and sport class of racing this year. I think that we could have a good showing from our club this year. If any of you think it sounds fun but is beyond you, think again the planes and engines are cheap and the different speed classes make it so that not every race it "hair on fire" fast. Talk to Dave Reiber if you are finding you have the *need for speed*.

On a different note, I have a One Design Contest that I would like to run at the next Sunday indoor fly. I will have the plans and the rules at the next club meeting and will give them out to the guys that do indoor with us. First prize is \$50 just to get you interested. Entry fee is \$2 or will be waved with the paid admission for the indoor fly.

One more thing, Loren has changed the combination to the field pad lock and this is just a little reminder to pay your dues.

Until next time, keep flying.

-Wilson



Builder's Bench

This is my Typhoon some of you may have heard about. It's an all wood 2m pattern plane I built from plans which I transferred to Autocad and with much help from John Willman I cut out the parts on his CNC router.



Alex has been over here helping me glass the airplane this past week or so and we're finally just about to the paint stage. This is my first attempt at glassing and painting something but here's what I did. I obtained some .5 ounce glass cloth online which was about the lightest I could find. After prepping the surfaces we sealed them with a light coat of hairspray to hopefully keep the wood from soaking up too much resin. Next we cut the resin down 50/50 with acetone to use the least amount possible. Then, after the cloth was laid down, we went over it with a roll of toilet paper to soak up any excess resin that we could. Light sanding and primer and that's where we're at now. Hopefully it won't add a whole lot of weight and can come out with a nice finish, it will be interesting to see. When it's done, the plane will be powered by an MVVS 1.60 gasoline engine. I doubt I'll make the 11lb weight limit for pattern, but it should still fly good and for 20 cents a flight.

-Justin

(It should be painted by the time you read this)

Editor's Notes

Well, the second newsletter came together a little easier this month. We are still learning about the whole process but we're having fun doing it... sort of. We want to thank everybody who has signed up to receive the newsletter via email. You are helping the club save money which is something we can all appreciate. For those of you who have not yet signed up, we know where you live! Seriously, please sign up and make our life easier and yours too.

Ok, enough with that (for now) and on to other things. We would like to hear from you guys about the newsletter. Let us know what we can do better and if there is anything you would like to see put in the newsletter. We want to try out a new section. It's titled "Builders Bench." We're excited about this because it's new and different. Usually modelers don't get to see each other's hard work and progress, just the end result out at the field. So, we have created a section where modeler's can send in pictures and/or comments about building models. It can be as simple as tips on putting an ARF together or full blown scale projects. This is a good way for people to see all your hard work and to swap modeling ideas and tricks. Just send your pictures to one of us or we can scan in prints as well. No pictures? No problem, just drop us a line and we'll write up your modeling tips. See this month's Builders Bench column for a run down of the progress Justin has made on his pattern plane he's building from plans. Should prove to be a very nice plane, plus we needed a volunteer for this month!

Thanks to all who have helped us. Until next month, Good Flights!

-Alex and Justin

Auction Report

We could not have asked for better weather in February for the auction. If the wind would have been calm everyone would have gone flying instead of coming to the auction. We had 103 buyer/sellers show up and had over 180 sale

items. I feel the \$15.00 starting bid helped us out because last year we had a lot more items but made less money. We needed to do away with people selling one propeller at a time and such. This forced sellers to group cheaper items together and shorten the time and data entry for the auction. We only had 14 no sales which are now charged \$1.00. We made a little less in food sales this year but still did very well. Bernie Smith and Tom Wild, what would we do without you guys and Gregg Meyer in the kitchen. They even made President Wilson Hardy drive home to get jugs of water because the water there didn't meet their standards of perfection for the pancakes. You guys always do a great job on our concessions. HobbyTown gave me a 14% discount on a computer radio that was raffled off along with prizes donated by club members. A special thanks to Mike Yearley, Loren Blinde, and Dick Britton for donating aircraft and kits for the raffle. The raffle did very well for us. I would like to thank Ron Vogel and Drew Lepinski for donating airplanes. As always Bob Boumstein, Stephen Peck, and Tony Green, thank you guys for always showing up to do the auctioneering. I was trying to remember how many years these guys have done this for us.

I would like to suggest next year that we start registration at 8:00 am and start the auction at 10:30 am. There were not very many people coming in after 7:00 am and starting the auction a half an hour later won't make that much difference. Members or early birds could start checking in at 7:30 am if we are ready. I believe the auction was over around 2:00 pm and we had the place all cleaned up by 3:00 pm.

My extreme thanks to all of you who volunteered and worked the auction, you were magnificent. I apologize for not being well organized, this was my first auction and in fact my first event. Dave Greathouse always works very hard at our events he was doing the job of two guys. Everyone seemed to place themselves where they were needed and made the whole thing work. It takes at least twenty volunteers to put this event on but it is our greatest money maker and gives us more exposure than any other event. Money wise we did very well. Come to the next meeting for the figures.

-Leonard Akert

February Minutes

February 4, 2005

President Wilson Hardy called the February meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:36 pm. The meeting was held at the Waverly Foundation center.

Treasurer's Report: Loren Blinde gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by the membership. He mentioned we have 84 members now. When he stopped out to put the roster in the clubhouse and to change the combination on the gate lock he noticed that the trash was not emptied from the News Years Fun Fly. It was getting rather rank in the clubhouse. Please dump the trash we had to get rid of the maid.

CD/VP Report: Mike Yearley gave the report. He has sent in sanctions for the May 28th and 29th AMA pattern contest. He has also sent in the sanction for the June fun fly which will be held the 25th and 26th of June. This will also be the Sky Knights 50th birthday bash so plan on coming out. Brent Jensen will have the Neil Memorial Scale event the second weekend in May and is planning on making it a national event. Don Svoboda mentioned that he was approached by some of the Omahawks and they would like to have more contact with the Sky Knights. They would like to have a Sky Knight Fly in at the Omahawks field and host us with refreshments and hope that we will reciprocate with an Omahawks fly in.

Old Business: A round of applause was given to our newsletter editors for a great job and a timely delivery. Mike Yearley wants to put some pictures of members in the newsletter of times past. Wilson mentioned that we need to have a theme for the 50th anniversary and would like to see some old u-controls fly. Wilson also looked into a credit account at one of the local stations and they wanted 6% of the sale. The idea of us getting a credit card at that cost is unfeasible. Wilson mentioned that it is a non-secured card with no individual being responsible is the reason the card is so high. Brad Pankoke made a motion to "leave it the way it is" the motion was seconded and approved by the membership. We will continue to have members reimbursed by the treasurer for field maintenance expenses.

Another round of applause was given for the newsletter editors because they were now present at the meeting.

New Business: Dave Reiber is having problems getting through to Westfield about the Mall Show in April so keep watching. They may be having some construction projects in the mall so we may have problems with the show this year. Leonard Akert mentioned that the Lincoln Model Railroad Club leases the upper part of the Industrial Arts building at the State Fair grounds

and they would be more than happy to give us some space up there to show model airplanes during the State Fair.

Don Svoboda mentioned that we should be putting more rock on the driveway and parking lot. He said it would cost \$800.00 for rock. Dave Reiber said that reclaimed rock is available at half the cost. Don will look into this and give us a report at the next meeting. It was mentioned that the county road leading to our driveway is in worse shape than our driveway and parking lot. Loren reminded us that we only have so much money.

Delmar Dormer noticed that the motion sensor light that is on the south side of the clubhouse is broken. Don Svoboda said he would take care of it. Wilson said the wind sock is missing because it is being repaired. The wind speed indicator is not working very well. He asked if we need to get one that works or do we really need one. Leonard Akert said that the indicator would probably work if it was mounted three feet higher so it was out of the turbulent flow area caused by the clubhouse

It was brought up that the tables are getting rotten. Ray Kiser was going to sheet metal the tops but they are getting so bad that they need to be rebuilt. The older members need the tables with bad backs and knees. Expanded metal was mentioned but is expensive. The Omahawks have CCA treated tables but still require maintenance to keep them from rotting. Council Bluffs and Grand Island were brought up as examples. Take some pictures and make some drawings of the tables at different clubs. Members are asked to come up with a table design for the next meeting and we will look at it. Treasurer Loren Blinde mentioned that we should be thinking seriously about what we are buying. There is only so much money in the club budget and we should remember that if we over spend it will affect dues. Leonard Akert mentioned that we need to think about the ways and means of paying for improvements instead of just letting the club budget try and absorb the costs. Possibly make up a fund for members to donate to until enough money has been donated or raised to cover the expense.

Alex and Justin reminded the club that if the club wants to cut expenses that e-mailing the newsletter would save the club \$80.00 a month if everyone participated. That would save us \$960.00 a year. Your newsletter would come in color and you could print it out if so desired. Please e-mail Justin or Alex and help us out. We could use this money for improvements at the field.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Set up for Saturday's auction was started. The next meeting will be at the Sky Knight Field.

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Friday, March 4th LSK March Meeting
Saturday, March 5th Indoor Flying
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