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

## President's Notes

Thanks to all who helped at the LSK auction. Your efforts equated to the dues of 25 new members. A special thanks and kudos to Leonard Akert for all his hard work on organizing this important event.

At the February meeting, some concerns were voiced about small electric planes, and how we fly them in relation to the more traditional glow powered planes, etc. The issue in a nutshell is that the airspace requirements are very different, and foamies and the like tend to be flown in the pit area, over the runway, etc., with the pilot not in a pilot station.

I'll be the first to admit I've done all of the above, so I'm not casting any stones here. We do however all need to consider the possible problems when glow pilots cannot communicate with the foamie pilots. This is one reason why we have the rule that pilots are to fly from the pilot stations. I know many of the small electrics are best hand launched. Obviously you need to toss into the wind and from a location that is safe. So go where you must to safely hand launch; however, once in the air, please fly the remainder of your flight from the pilot station.

-JW

## Upcoming Events

### Gramercy Hill Invites LSK for Static Display

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00PM, 68<sup>th</sup> & "A" Street

Barb Tyler of Gramercy Hill, a retirement community, has invited LSK members to show off their planes at their annual "Planes, Trains, & Automobiles, A Guy Thing" show. We are obviously the "Plane" part of that mix. Barb has informed the club that this event will be well publicized by Gramercy Hill, including a posting in the Journal Star. We will be sharing the event with local model train clubs and antique auto clubs. This is the first year that planes have been included in the show.

The show is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 PM, at Gramercy Hill, 68<sup>th</sup> and "A" Street. Our part will be held outdoors, weather permitting, and Barb will provide us with some tables. This is a great opportunity to show off your "hanger queens" and generate some free press for the hobby and the club. I will have final details by next newsletter. I hope to see many LSK members there with their planes.  
-JW

### Fairmont FMZ Association invites LSK for Air Show

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-2PM, Fairmont Airfield

Dave Morehouse, of the FMZ Association, invited LSK to perform a demo flights at their "Memorial Day Weekend" celebration. The FMZ Association is involved with the history and preservation of the Fairmont WW2 airfield. Some of you may remember the FMZ group from the 2003 Fairmont air show that had several restored planes, including a very nice Connie.

The celebration lasts all weekend and our show will be on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM to 2PM. During this time, LSK members are invited to fly

what they brought for the crowd, similar to other demo situations, such as Nebraska City and Seward on the 4th.

We will be flying at the Fairmont airport. Fairmont is just South of York, at the intersection of Hwy 81 and Hwy 6, which for some may actually be quicker to get to than the LSK field.

As added incentive, there will be full scale planes there. Don't know what types yet for sure, but from my understanding there will be some military fly bys and aerobatics, so it should be worth the trip. As if you needed any more incentive, the LSK field will be closed that weekend for the AMA pattern contest, so Fairmont is the perfect alternative for the non-pattern types. I unfortunately will miss this event because of the pattern contest, but I know other LSK pilots will step up to the plate and make a good showing. I have more details by the next newsletter. -JW

## February Meeting minutes

February 3, 2006

President John Willman called the February meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Waverly Foundation Center, 11120 N. 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Waverly NE.

**Secretaries Report:** The January minutes were approved by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loren Blinde gave the report. The normal expenses such as refuse etc. were paid. A donation to Waverly Fire Dept. was made and after Wilson Hardy joins the Chamber of Commerce (Waverly) he will be reimbursed. There are as yet 42 unpaid members-----all unpaid dues are now PAST DUE!! A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to any dues not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Report accepted. Loren will transfer 75% of money from checking to savings accounts after the auction costs are taken care of. The gate combination to the field has now been changed.

**CD/VP Report:** Dennis Osburn gave the report: A number of AMA Sanctions have been applied for. This year's fun fly is to be June 3 & 4 with an open house for the public possibly with free hot dogs, pop, door prizes, flight demonstrations and incentives to member flyers donated by Hobby

Town ??? The AMA Pattern Contest is scheduled for the last weekend in May....the 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. The Mall Show at Westerfield Shopping (Gateway) will be April 8. Grammercy Hill Retirement Center (68<sup>th</sup> & A) have requested some static displays to tie in to their "Plane, Train, & Car Show on April 29 from 1:30 to 3:00pm ? Some members expressed desire to display models. The Spring Cleanup and Cross-Country Flight will be May 13. May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Fairmont NE. at the airport the FMZ Assoc. requested that some members put on Demo Flights around 10am to 1pm which many thought was a good idea.. The SPA (Senior Pattern Contest) will be on July 30, A Scale Contest will be on Aug. 26 & 27. There will be another Night Fly September 1<sup>st</sup>. September 23 and 24 is an air show at Lincoln Airport and our club will participate as vendors or static displays etc. as Bernie Smith continues to work with the coordinator and will need volunteers. A Scale meet (Don Neil Memorial) will be the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September. A tour Duncan Aviation will be scheduled in the near future, possibly for our March meeting.

**Safety Report:** Brad Pankoke said all is calm no calls, no problems, keep it up, but it was called to attention that some electric flyers stand right next to the runway which is an unsafe practice and to please refrain from doing that in the future..

**New Members:** Several new people joined: Brady (?) Franzen, Michael Miller, and Don Potter. WELCOME!!!

### Old Business:

**New Business:** The Annual LSK Auction is February 4 in the Waverly Community Center starting at 8:00 AM. This is the clubs primary fund raiser ...PLEASE ATTEND!!! (A number of members helped set up after the meeting was over -THANKS.)

**Model of the Month:** Don Saiser brought an ARF WW 1 Model of a SE5a Scout biplane powered by an OS 52 4-stroke. Leonard Akert continued the theme with a beautifully done kit model of a Foker. powered by a Magnum 70 4-stroke complete with machine guns, engine and exhaust detailed. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

## LSK Auction Report

Once 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 123 buyer/sellers show up and had over 221 sale items. Last year we had 103 participants and 180 items. We cleared \$28.00 less than we did last year, which is still very good. We made more in auction sales and entry fees this year, but we had about \$85 less in donated items that sold at the auction. With only the 6 channel computer radio this year for a prize we made about \$191.00 less for income on the raffle. Last year some of our members donated a bunch of planes and kits which enticed raffle ticket buyers. We still had problems with a few participants not grouping small items together. We need to have an auction marshal that will inspect items before they go to the viewing and staging area. Another problem was the idea of the item cards being available before the auction so you could make them out ahead of time and just sit back when you got to the auction. The convenience to the seller is not justified by the problems of multiple numbers and missing numbers to the people working the auction. This should not be repeated, the few members who show up to work the auction work hard enough. The last problem was we didn't have anyone in the viewing and staging area until 8:30 AM and by then sale items were scattered all over the place. When guys that showed up had a little catch up to do but they looked more wide awake than the rest of us. I will try and stress they come a little earlier next year. This year we were short on help, but we got by. Most of us worked the whole auction without much relief. Kevin Hyde provided four laptops, a printer, a wireless router, an auction program, trained us, helped us with problems, and relieved people for breaks on the computers for \$100.00. If anyone wants to provide this service for free please let me know. The auction program has an expiring license that needs to be renewed once a year for \$100.00. I am looking into the new Auction Master program for Windows but the creator is not clear whether it will also have a one year shelf life. Bernie Smith, Tom Wild, and Gregg Smith, what would we do without you guys. You guys always do a great job on our concessions.

Let's not forget Wilson Hardy and Dan Jameson making the grocery runs for the concessions, wasn't Wilson running a computer at the same time? HobbyTown at East Park gave me a \$30.00 discount for the auction on a computer radio that was raffled off. As always Bob Boumstein, Stephen Peck, and Fred Wilke, 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 10:00 am. Members and/or early birds could start checking in at 7:30 am if we are ready. I believe the auction was over around 3:00 pm and we had the place all cleaned up by 4:30 pm.

My extreme thanks to all of you who volunteered and worked the auction, you worked very hard. 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 two 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.

We are honestly getting into trouble with help for the auction. We were definitely running at minimum help and when the club burns out the few that are left, it is over. A lot of people working the auction did not get a break.

I will have a sign up sheet that must be filled up before I will schedule the next auction. The biggest need is people running the computers. Remember this is the club's biggest money making event by far. If you could possibly help the club out once a year this would be a very good choice.

## Note From the Editor

Next month's meeting will be held at Duncan Aviation. I will have more information in next month's newsletter. I promise to have the next one out before the meeting so everyone will have the info needed.

Kyle

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> - Lsk meeting--Will be held at Duncan Aviation. Time TBD**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> - Gramercy Hill LSK Invite**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup> - Fairmont FMZ Association Air Show**

# **Volunteers at LSK Auction 06:**

## **CHECK IN AREA:**

DAVE GREATHOUSE  
DON SAISER  
BRIAN JOHNSON

## **AUCTION TABLE:**

JOHN WILLMAN  
BILL DAVIS  
DAVE RIEBER  
BRAD PANKOKE  
LEONARD AKERT

## **CHECK OUT COMPUTERS:**

BOB SCHWAB  
WILSON HARDY  
ROGER HINDRICH  
ALAN WORREST

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JOHN CUBA  
MIKE YEARLEY  
RICH KUENING  
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CRAIG SPARKS  
MARK LEWALLEN

## **THE AUCTIONEERS:**

BOB BOUNSTEIN  
STEPHEN PECK  
FRED WILKE

## **THE CHEFS:**

BERNIE SMITH  
TOM WILD  
GREG SMITH  
DAN JAMESON

I hope I included everyone. A special thanks to everyone that helped put on this event, without the volunteers it would not of been possible.