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

Oshkosh Air Show 2003

By Ron Vogel (continued from last month)

After admiring the many airplanes at AeroShell Square we moved on to the Vintage Camping area where we saw some beautifully restored older vintage airplanes. What we saw was worth the extra hike. We saw a very rare Bushmaster Tri-motor (modeled after the Ford Tin Goose) of which only two were built, a 1932 Sikorsky S-38B twin engine amphibian along with the S-39 single engine amphibian (both of these planes were used to explore Africa in the 1930's), a mint condition Stearman 4E and a number of other old beauties that I could not identify. At this point the loud speakers announced a warning of a coming thunder storm, so we hurried back to the bus just beating the hard rain by minutes. We sheltered in the bus until the downpour ended 30 minutes later.

After the rain we rushed back to the flight line for the air show which had been delayed for 15 minutes. We took our chairs (Fun Tours had advised us to take) and found a good vantage point to sit and enjoy the air show in comfort. The air show presentation was a great display of aircraft aerobatics by Eddie Andreini (Stearman), Matt Chapman (CAP 232), Jimmy Franklin (Jet Waco), Michael Mancuso (Extra 300), Howard Pardue (Sea Fury), Dennis Sander (Sea Fury), Sean D. Tucker (Challenger II) and finally Patty Wagstaff (Extra 300). After the end of the show we walked back to the bus and after everyone was aboard our trusty driver headed for the Green Bay Holiday Inn in Green Bay Wisconsin for the night.

For our second day at the air show, our group boarded the bus

by 8:00AM and returned to Oshkosh. We arrived back at the air show parked and ready to go again by midmorning. Amy, Dick Joan and I wanted to see the War Bird Display so we grabbed the



shuttle and headed that way. After leaving the shuttle and having looked at few planes we came across a WWII Spitfire where Bob Hoover was going to talk to some of the spectators and afterward be open to questions. Bob

Hoover is a famous pilot who had a long career as a fighter pilot in WW-II, as a test pilot after the war and a stunt flyer for many years after that. While in research as a test pilot he was the #1 backup after Chuck Yeager in the X-1 program. Knowing some of history we knew we had to hear him. Bob had microphone and spoke to us from a maintenance stand where about 75 or so people had gathered around. He gave a nice talk about some his past experiences. He told us how he was shot down in Italy while flying a Spitfire during the war. He also told us about flying chase on the X-1 when Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier. Bob answered some questions asked by some individuals in the crowd. One of the questions asked was: Which was the better fighter the Spitfire or the Mustang? Bob answered by saying the Spitfire had better maneuverability and faster climbing rate, but not the range so he would pick the Mustang because it would get him home again. After the talk, we finished looking at the many beautifully maintained War Birds. These

airplanes were without a doubt in better condition than when they were new. As we roamed around the planes saw at least a half

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Don't forget 2004 LSK Officer elections are tonight, October 31!!!

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LSK Minutes, October '03

VP Rich Boelts called the August Lincoln Sky Knights meeting to order at 7:30. June minutes were accepted as printed in The Clanking Armor. Treasurer's report was given by Bob Schwab, and accepted as read. VP/CD report was presented by Rich Boelts, and also accepted as read. Upcoming events are the Halloween Fun Fly and a November 9 Open combat.

Old Business: Look for a blacktop machine near our runway soon. Several complaints were made about the pop machine never being filled and will be referred to Craig Sparks.

New Business: Tom Hefley reported that insurance for our new sprinkler system would be an additional \$85 per year. Motion was approved to get insurance. John Willman announced that team JR pro fliers will perform at the LSK field April 30 and May 1.

New members were welcomed to the club: Tyler Brown, Alan Caba, Dennis Osburn, Raymond Debaets, and Bob Dinkel.

The following accepted nomination for 2004 LSK officers:

President: Wilson Hardy

Vice President: Rich Boelts and Mike Yearly

Treasurer: Bob Schwab

Secretary: Milt Ochsner and Leonard Akert

If you would like to serve as an officer, please announce your intentions at the November meeting to get your name on the ballot.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Bernie Smith, Secretary

Machine of the Month, October

LSK's new Kifco Model B130 Water Reel was the only new model on display this month. Gallons-per-minute readout, span of water coverage, and auto shut-off were just some of the features demonstrated for members present by LSK Chief Plumbing Officer, Don Svoboda. Other capabilities include the ability to irrigate an area of 120+ feet wide by 400+ feet long in one pass.

System upgrades required for the sprinkler included a new 220-volt well pump, bladder-tank, upgraded underground plumbing, and Windows XP drivers. When dispatched on a mission, the Water Reel is parked close to its hydrant on the north end of the runway and the hose with sprinkler head is unreeled by a tow from the garden tractor.

As the turf is perfectly and automatically watered the take-up reel rotates, retracting the hose. When the hose is fully retracted the mission ends and it automatically shuts off.

The reel was resplendent in its professional looking 'fire-engine' red paint, with nicely done, contrasting white lettering and yellow warning and caution labels.

Weighing in at a svelte 650 pounds (dry), the craft sports a length of 6' 6", a 'wheel-span' of 3' 8", and a total height of 4' even.

Although seen here with two main and one nose wheel this model is capable of operating dual-mode; either trike gear, or tail dragger. No plans were discussed regarding the fitting of pontoons.



Christmas Party 2003!!!



Where: Valentino's, 3457 Holdredge

When: Friday, December 5th

Happy Hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Guest Speaker: Clyde Peters, Bush Pilot, Sky Diver and Missionary*

Cost: \$10 per plate (pay at door) will cover the meal, tips, and gratuities

**see short biography, page 3*

Fall Cross Country

By TW

The fall 2003 cross country event was held Saturday morning Oct 4th. With only two pilots wanting to take the trip it was decided that we would share the ride. First time cross-country pilot Justin Handa flew his Stinger .40 with only the onboard fuel tank to supply the O.S. 46 FX engine. I flew my time proven Sig Kavilier with 10 ounce tank and O.S. 40 SF engine.



We set off with little more than a course map supplied by contest director Rich Boelts, and Alan Caha's vintage 70s pickup, with Dave Brazee driving and Alan as navigator. The course had its share of right, left, and wrong turns. At one point, I believe we toured National Crane's parking lot

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(dozen P-51s, just as many T-6s, a couple of B-25s, B-26s, a B-17, C-47, T-28s, Junkers Ju-52, and many others. As we were leaving the War Bird area we saw C.J. "Bud" Anderson talking to some people while he was getting his airplane an F-51 Mustang named "Old Crow" ready to fly later. Bud Anderson was a triple ace over Germany in WW-II. We left the War Birds and grabbed lunch at the Food Court as we headed back to our bus to get our chairs again. After taking a short break we again headed back to the flight line for the 3:30 Air Show. Our luck held and we were able to grab good seats. The afternoon air show had some of the same pilots and airplanes that again put on another great show, but there were also some more added attractions. The Liberty Parachute Team performed a parachute jump displaying the Stars and Stripes on the way down, the AeroShell team flying T-6s did a great display of aerobatics, and the finale of the show was when a large

(several miles off the course map), while the ground pilot and navigator rebooted their wetware. Both Justin and I made the 30 plus minute trip without re-fueling and since we shared the ride, our times were identical, so we left it up to the spectators to decide how to select a winner. The winning idea for a tiebreaker turned out to be a spot landing...on a pastry! The one who could set down their airplane closest to the donut strategically placed on the north end of the runway would be deemed the winner. Although I came closest to the target I was not required to eat the donut, or even given the option.

After a lunch of burgers and dogs it has been customary to give the float flyers a chance to get their feet wet. Although stiff winds from the west made float flying impractical, visitor Duane Smith from the Kensington Kansas area agreed to show off his floatplanes and share some of his float-fly wisdom. Duane has logged many flights on his Ace Bingo powered by a K&B 61. Duane also brought along a 25-size high wing trainer with homemade floats. Cut on a band saw out of Styro-foam with hardwood strips and bal--sa in strategic locations and covered with shipping tape Duane's homemade floats looked like they would be an inexpensive way to make the transition from the pond to the sky.



group of the War Birds took off and did fly-bys as everyone was leaving. Finally after viewing all of this, our happy but tired group of travelers boarded the bus and headed back to Green Bay to crash for the night.

After the Oshkosh Air Show the rest of the tour would last two more enjoyable days. One of the stops we made that I greatly enjoyed was the National Railroad Museum. I would recommend that if in the Green Bay area all "Rail Buffs" should visit this very nice museum. On our way home stayed overnight in LaCrosse Wisconsin where we visited the "City Brewery which was a nice experience.

Our tour ended where it started at 6:00PM August 4th. Dick and I both agreed that this tour was great but there should have been more time at the Air Show. We also agreed that we may go it again next year. I didn't hear anything from the ladies about that...

Clyde Peters.

A resident of Lincoln, Clyde is a long time instructor pilot who has used his love of aviation to serve his faith as a missionary. Flying into remote areas to promote and spread his word, Peters, an accomplished bush pilot and parachutist is the subject of a biography, 'The Man Who Jumped Off Clouds; Adventures of a Jungle Pilot,' by Wellesley Muir, documenting his adventurous, and often harrowing experiences as a flying missionary. Mr. Peters stays active in the field still, attending numerous gatherings around the country, and opening his home to Union College Students in Lincoln, for a day of feasting, faith, companionship, aerobatics, and skydiving. We're very pleased to have him as our featured guest speaker for this years Christmas party.

LSK AUCTION!!!

Mark your calendars! The annual LSK Auction is fast approaching. This years date is February 7, 2004, at the Waverly Center. Get all that stuff that you wondered, "What was I thinking??" when you bid on it, you can sell it again, and maybe some of the stuff you wish you HADN'T sold will be there too! Either way, every sale helps the club, and that's YOU! More details and times next month, so get ready!

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Club officer elections tonight!

Saturday
Don't miss the Halloween fun fly Saturday, Nov. 1st. C'mon out for some low pressure events, and stay for burgers after. We'll be starting between 9:30 and 10, and entry fee is negligible, if we have one at all.

WHO TO CALL FOR HELP!

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PLEASE REMEMBER!! IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON AT THE FIELD IN THE EVENING, PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE GATE ARE LOCKED!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1st	Halloween Fun Fly
	9:30-Noon, BBQ after
Nov 9th	Open Class C Combat
Dec 5th	Christmas party
Jan 1st 2004	New Years Day Fun Fly
Feb 7th 2004	Club Auction

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