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

## President's Corner

The 2006 flying season is drawing to an end, and I hope everyone has had a good year. The club hosted many annual and new events this year, including a tour of Duncan, two pattern contests, a great fun fly, scale contest, night fly, many Tuesday evening sessions, the air show, and more. The only major event remaining in 2006 is the Christmas Party.

Fire extinguishers and fuel jugs don't just walk away... they must be carried. Earlier this year we lost a very nice CO2 fire extinguisher. Now we are missing the fuel and fuel pump for the club trainer. If anyone knows anything about the whereabouts of these missing items, please contact me.

On a related subject, it is my understanding that some past club members have been using our field uninvited as recently as October 2006. One report even had a person driving around the gate. I get these reports third hand, so I don't know which if any parts are true. Regardless, our club is private property and all persons flying **MUST** have valid AMA. In addition, all flyers must also have club membership or be the guest of a club member.

There are very important legal reasons for this, and worse case, we could lose the entire field due to the actions of a trespasser. Our club land is private property and any non-member who drives around the gate is breaking the law. Non-members, even if they have AMA, do **NOT** have the right to fly on our property... EVER. We have a lot to lose and nothing to gain by allowing rouge pilots to use our site.

Now I don't want to get on a "Dave Brown" rant, but I'd like to remind everyone that as a club member, you have the right and responsibility to protect our(your) flying site. If you encounter one of these rouge pilots, please greet/confront them. Use your best judgment, i.e., are they are new pilot that just needs to be informed that this is private property in which case we give them a membership form and welcome them into the club; or are they intentionally trespassing with

no intent to join, in which case we give them the boot, etc. In any case, If you encounter a non-member flying at the field and they give you problems, please contact a club officer. I'll have the sheriff explain the legal concept of trespassing to them. My number is 326-3643.

-John Willman

**THE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS PRESENT**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3rd**

**7:30 PM**

**WILSON**

**"INVERTED AUGER"**

**HARDY**



**v.s.**

**DAVE**

**"WATCH THIS"**

**FRANZEN**

**LIVE IN THE LSK CLUBHOUSE**  
**EXCITING UNDERCARD**

**JOHN "SMOKING CRATER" WILLMAN VS NOBODY**

**DON "LAWN DART" SAISER VS NOBODY**

**DENNIS "HOG IT OUT" OSBURN VS NOBODY**

ADULTS \$65

YOUTH \$1

# October Minutes

**October 6, 2006**

President John Willman called the October meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were then accepted as published in the newsletter. Minutes in the October newsletter were taken and written by Leonard Akert. All complaints should be directed to Leonard Akert and not Don Saiser.

**CD/VP Report:** Don Svoboda talked about the Don Neill Memorial Scale event that was held the 26th and 27th of August. We had 19 flyers and 12 won prizes. All entrants flew at least six flights. All of the visiting pilots were very impressed with our facility. Don remarked that a lot of our members had airplanes that would have placed 1st in the contest if only they would have come out and flown them. Mr. Svoboda would like to see this club participate in these events. The winner flew a clipped wing cub. Although he did a phenomenal job of flying it some of the planes sitting at home could have beaten it on static points. Anyone interested in joining the scale club please contact Don Svoboda. It doesn't cost anything and they have good seminars on modeling techniques in the winter.

Leonard Akert mentioned his 50th Fun Fly went very well in spite of the 28-33 MPH winds. Well over twenty people showed up along with Pete Rosas, Gary Maley and Craig Butler from Iowa that brought some very neat and very big planes. He will plan on having a 51st Fun Fly next year the last week in September. The Twin Cities Eagles said if it wasn't for the wind there would have been a lot more people at the event. Hope to see you next year.

Dennis Osburn talked about the Air Show September 23 and 24th. There was a huge amount of people that came by the booth and the hobby got a large amount of exposure. Dennis reminded everyone how much HobbyTown did for us with the north store donating a ready to fly Hobbico NexStar glow trainer and the south store donating 2 Firebird Commander IIs and another Firebird at cost. HobbyTown is continuing to be very generous to this club.

Dave Reiber announced the LSK Christmas Party will be the first Friday in December which is December 1st at the Knolls. Price is \$17.50 per person and a gift to exchange that is less than \$500.00 in value. Call Dave at 430-6872 to RSVP. Admission can be paid ahead of time or at the door.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loren Blinde gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by the membership.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Brad Pankoke gave the report. He has had no complaint calls.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** Don Svoboda will once again run the Don Neill Memorial scale event the last weekend in August. Delmar Dormer mentioned we might need some more rock and after discussion it was tabled till the next meeting.

**Dues:** President Willman began the discussion on setting the dues for next year. Loren Blinde began the discussion by giving us a wonderful projection on next year's finances. He pointed out that the club membership is declining. In 2003 we had 88 due paying members and by 2006 it has dropped to 61.

Dennis Osburn suggested giving out 8 to 10 free memberships through HobbyTown to try to boost membership in our club. This would help offset the cost of starting out in the hobby. LSK would pay their AMA membership and get a free membership in the Sky Knights for one year. President Willman tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Rich Kuenning made a motion to set the dues at \$65.00 for next year and was seconded. The motion was approved by the membership.

Leonard Akert mentioned the fact that the decline in membership may reflect on the Park Flyers that seem to be very popular now. Discussion began about the Park Flyers and members who fly them suggested using the field to the east of the parking lot for Park Flyers because they feel intimidated by the larger faster typical R/C planes. It was mentioned the same thing happened with helicopters and they are no longer with the club either. The Park Flyers also operate on the 27 MHZ frequency so they will not conflict with the 72 MHZ frequencies the regular R/C aircraft use. The AMA will be contacted concerning this and the discussion was tabled till the next meeting.

**Nominations:** Loren Blinde completed his two year sentence as Treasurer and is no longer eligible for that office. Great job Loren and thank you.

President: John Willman

Secretary: Don Saiser

VP/CD: Dennis Osburn

Treasurer: Wilson Hardy verses Dave Fransen

**New Members:** Keith Kemmerer and Robert Mallory from Missouri joined the club. Welcome to the club guys.

**50/50:** Brad Pankoke won 50/50 and donated it to the club.

**Model of the Month:** Alan Zinnecker brought a Hanger 9

P-47 giant scale ARF. It has a G26 engine and is covered in Monokote. Alan used Great Planes hinges on the control surfaces and Robart hinges on the flaps. He still has some radio equipment to put in and so far it tips the scale at 11 Lbs. Alan is trying to get the paint scheme for James Goodson's P-47 and recover and paint the P-47 to that scheme.  
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

## Builder's Bench

Here's some pictures of a project John has been working on lately. He made his own molds for a 2 meter pattern airplane out of fiberglass/epoxy. After fighting many many.. many vacuum leaks we finally got that figured out. John made a nifty fitting to connect the pump into the bag. From some tips on the internet we learned to seal vinyl bags with a sealing iron. We were able to create 2 fuselages last week and I think we've got the process about 85% figured out. The plan is to make another one this week and further refine the layup schedules to reduce weight and improve cosmetics/strength. The final picture is a computer rendering of the stabs I'm working on. We're going to attempt to CNC machine a mold from this and create composite stabs and if it's successful then do the same for wings and rudder.



Fiberglass Epoxy Molds



First two fuselages out of the molds



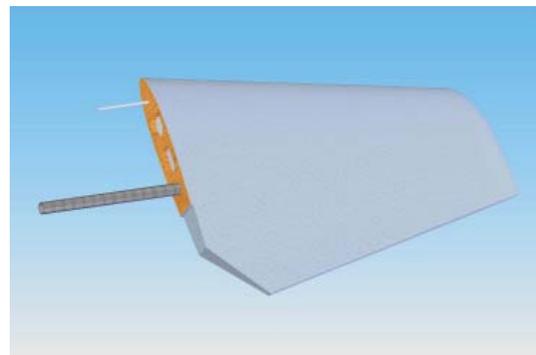
Vinyl vacuum bags



No-Leak(tm) vacuum bag fitting



11 gallon vacuum tank



CAD model of future horizontal stab

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### **2006 LSK OFFICERS**

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**Secretary:** Don Saiser  
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**HARDY VS FRANZEN PAY-PER-VIEW EXTRAVAGANZA**

**December 1st - Christmas Party at The Knolls**