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

**Don't forget that Officer Nominations and Setting of Dues for 2005 take place at tonight's Meeting (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>). BE THERE!!**

## Sky Knights AMA Pattern

25-26 Sept.2004

By Mike Yearley

There were 18 Pattern flyers that flew during our first 2 day AMA Pattern [turnaround] contest in about 6 years. There were 8 Sky Knights that entered, mostly in the Sportsman and Advanced classes. Other flyers came from Kansas, Western Nebraska and Omaha for in a fun, laid back weekend of flying competition. Judging was done by the contestants from each class and scoring and computer data was entered by Alan Worrest, his brother and Tom Wild. Thanks to them and others like Dave Greathouse and John Willman, we had a successful contest. There was hardly a breath of wind either day, and blue skies all weekend, perfect for aerobatic flying. Hopefully we will have more good weather this fall for more flying and practice.

The results of the flying competition were as follows; **Sportsman** - 1st Dave Franzen, LSK, 2nd John Van Brocklin, Hastings, 3rd Richard Boelts, LSK. Other Sky Knights placing in Sportsmen were Dennis Osburn, and Doc Glen Lau in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively. **Intermediate** - 1st Robert Green, Omaha - 2nd Mike Yearley, LSK; **Advanced** - 1st Ron Williams, Omaha - 2nd Nick Reiss, LSK - 3rd John Willman, LSK, Alan Worrest of the Sky Knights took 5<sup>th</sup>. **Master** - 1<sup>st</sup>, Tom Gilkey Minnesota - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Claude Weimer, Omaha - 3rd Jerry Voth, Kansas..

There were plaques for the first 3 places in each class and each pilot got to take home some sort of merchandise. I would like to thank the local sponsors who donated, as well as my wife, Vicki for cooking on Saturday and John Willman for helping

## Sky Knights Night Fly '04

By Dave Reiber

After the September 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting four club members took to night sky to compete in the annual LSK night flight contest. We had a great night for it, light cool breeze and a moonless sky.

Electrics are making a good showing at night flight with David Franzen and Joe Mock taking to the air under direct current. Still polluting the night with noisy fuel burners are Dave Reiber and Tom Wild. The mainstay of the contest is a timed flight and every year we have a second event that is announced at the time of the contest. All went well without mishaps for timed flight and this year's winner was contest director Dave Reiber.

The second event was the strafing of a target balloon. The object is to pop the balloon that is suspended from the runway by a stick, in the shortest amount of time. Before David got a chance to try his strafing skills, a gust of wind blew his plane off a table and put him out of the competition. Tom had a spin into the corn on the down wind end of his turn and never got a second chance at the balloon. Dave's down wind pass made use of the new grass runway in re-kitting his airplane and disassembling his Fox engine. Joe kept his cool and won the strafing event by coming closest to the balloon without damaging his airplane.

Don't miss the fun next year; start planning your night flyer now!

## An Armor In Your E-mail!!

**YOU can save money!**

**We now have the file size for the Clanking Armor down to about 1/10<sup>th</sup> what it was when we first went electronic, 2 ½ years ago. While it has always been available on the LSK web site, many have had difficulty downloading it, not realizing that they needed to be patient, and wait up to 15 minutes. This new SMALL file size means we can conveniently send it directly to your e-mail. With the new copying and postage costs, for EACH person that gets it in their e-mail, it saves the club \$8.50, and YOU are the club. If even 1/3 of the members elected to go e-mail only, It would save over \$400 a year. This translates to lower dues, or increased services. I know which I'll pick! In addition, you get the newsletter as much as 3 days earlier than by mail. All this, and you get color too! To sign up for e-mail Clanking Armor, send a blank e-mail to [dabraze@juno.com](mailto:dabraze@juno.com), and type 'Subscription' in the subject line. I will send the next two months both e-mail and snail mail, before switching you to pure e-mail, unless you tell me differently after the first month. C'mon, guys, lets not be the LAST club in the United States to modernize!**

## LSK SEPTEMBER MINUTES

September 3, 2004

President Wilson Hardy called the Sept. meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm at the LSK field at 134<sup>th</sup> and Waverly Road.

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Bob Schwab and mentioned that our electric bill seems to be getting higher. The report was accepted by the membership.

**Secretaries Report:** Club accepted the minutes as written in the newsletter. Leonard Akert said his phone number is 489-6277 not 489-5277 for volunteers for the Feb. Auction.

**CD/VP Report:** Mike Yearley gave the report. Mike said they would have a training session September 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm for the pattern contest. Shane will be holding a cross country Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon.

**September 18th & 19th:** Midwest championship series combat at LSK Field.

**September 25th and 26th:** Pattern Contest at LSK Field Midwest Regional.

**Old Business:** The grass runway has been fertilized. Ray Kiser reported that he can make a steel top for the eight outside tables for \$8.00 each. He said some of them will need new wood on the tops. *A motion was made and seconded to repair the tables and put on the tin tops. The motion passed.* Ray also needs 5 more gallons of water seal for the deck. Don Svoboda volunteered to pick it up.

**New Business:** Power to the water pump died. The problem is the underground wires going from the clubhouse to the pump. This explains our electric bill going up. The conduit to run the wire will be about \$180.00 and the wire about \$181.00. Renting a trencher is \$65.00 for a half day. *A motion was made by Curly and seconded to repair the water system and it was passed.*

Alan Worrest our LSK Field Marshall for the past eight years asked to resign from his position. The resignation was accepted by President Hardy. Thanks for the years of service Alan, you will be missed. He read the responsibilities of the Safety Officer/Field Marshall from the Model Aviation magazine. This description of the position is taken out of the Club Charter Kit:

**Safety Officer/Field Marshall** The Safety Officer/Field Marshall shall be responsible for the overall safety environment at the flying field. He has the responsibility and authority to bar individuals, club members or not, from using the LSK facilities if they do not adhere to AMA/club safety rules. Anyone barred from the use of the facilities may not fly from the club field until arrangements have been made with one or more of the club officers to correct the unsafe practice caused the bar. The Safety Officer/Field Marshall must approve these arrangements before reinstatement. If the Secretary/Treasurer is, for any reason, unable to fulfill his duties, the Safety Officer/Field Marshall shall assist or take over the Secretary Treasurer's duties as needed. We discussed adding this position to the LSK. A constitutional amendment will be required to do so.

**AMA insurance** coverage was discussed. Reminder: AMA coverage is secondary; your homeowners/renters insurance is the primary. Ensure you check your policy covers model airplanes, if not; it would be wise to change policies. Possibly getting an Umbrella policy would not be a bad idea. Mike Yearley mentioned his homeowners paid a claim, not AMA. The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Waverly is planning to build the Baseball field on the property to our southeast where the house burned down.

Loren Blinde reminded the club that the Executive committee was supposed to meet and come up with a budget. President Hardy acknowledged this and will schedule a meeting before the end of the year. Loren said he would volunteer to help.

Alan Worrest brought up that another club was approached by an FBI agent asking questions about model airplanes. Please read the following article. One person could change our hobby forever. The following article is from the AMA home page:

### *"Security Advisory (Added 8/31/04)*

*During the past few months there has been an increase in reports of the possibility of more numerous terrorist attacks and the threat of more attacks on U.S. soil. In turn this has prompted law-enforcement and security agencies to become more aware and*

*observant of activities they perceive as having the potential for terrorist use. Model aviation, as we are fully aware, is included in such a list. Therefore we are issuing this advisory.*

*First and most importantly, cooperate. Once the representative(s) have established their identity—and any legitimate officer or investigator will do this—cooperate by answering their questions honestly, politely, and with care. Please take these inquiries seriously and don't forget the impact your answers and attitude could have on your flying privileges not only locally but nationally.*

*These are the times to give factual information and not the time to brag on your "modeling exploits." Even though you are answering questions to determine the security risk model airplanes may pose, you may also be answering questions asked by people who have never experienced our sport. You may be teaching them about the activity they are investigating and if that is the case you want them to be well informed so they can fully appreciate what our activity is about.*

*Second, always remember to direct them to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, your national organization, for any additional information they may need. We have a good rapport with the agencies responsible and will be more than willing to assist at any level necessary. Establishing a good working relationship with such agencies is important not only to our national security but to our efforts to maintain our privilege to continue participating in the sport we all cherish.*

*We have included a copy of the Media Advisory which AMA issued in April, 2003, with this Security Advisory for your review. Should you be approached by members of the media please keep the points made in the document below in mind.*

*Media Advisory: We are sending this advisory as a result of recent events involving the news media making contact with local AMA Chartered Clubs or individuals.*

*In today's tense atmosphere of terrorist threats, possible military actions, etc., there appears to be exuberance on the part of news agencies and individual reporters to gather information concerning the use of model aircraft as possible security risks. Many times, in an effort to take advantage of the opportunity to garner some public exposure for their local flying activities, the members are surprised when the news release does not resemble what they had assumed would be published. This results in negative press for the sport and local participants, and may spread misinformation.*

*As a service to all AMA Chartered Clubs, we are suggesting that if you or your club are contacted by TV, radio, newspaper, or Internet reporters for interviews—other than coverage of such activities as fly-ins, mall shows, airport-awareness days, etc.—you direct them to the AMA Headquarters for information. If in doubt, please error on the side of caution.*

*Our main purpose for the Advisory was to bring the matter to the attention of our members and remind them of how important it is to be cautious when giving interviews during these times. We are all aware of how communications can be misunderstood or misinterpreted and how reporters can sometimes inject their own perceptions. All we can ask is that anyone speaking on behalf of our modeling activities be aware of what the consequences of their words might be.*

*At any time, please contact Jay Mealy at AMA Headquarters with questions, comments, or concerns. Jay Mealy*

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Addendum:** Brent Jensen is interested in being the Contest Director for the Neil Memorial Scale Fly and wants to plan the meet in mid May. His goal is to organize a large scale meet in 2006 at our field.

I was in the Industrial Arts Building at the Nebraska State Fair and talked to Charles Buswell, president of the Lincoln Model Railroad Club, on the second level balcony. I asked if there was any room where LSK could show model airplanes and he said if the fair is still going next year he would be glad to have us. There is some space for a couple of tables up there.

## Prez's Notes

This last month has been a hotbed of activity at our field. We have had Combat and Pattern meets that had pilots from quite a few states other than Nebraska. I got to see some of each of the events and was very impressed with the level of flying going on. I remember when most pilots around here just burned holes in the sky and if they got their plane back in one piece it was counted as a blessing. To see the pilots now you would think that all they do is practice day in and day out. I was introduced to a guy that had ten cuts in one round during combat. I couldn't even get one if I tried. The pattern fliers were pretty amazing too. Which brings me to the question, where is our passion heading? The 3D pilots have escalated our sport to a sort of aerial ballet and to see

some of the other pilots do their thing, you would think there was some weird mind connection between pilot and plane. With the reliability and consistency of today's equipment and the proficiency of today's pilots there is no telling where the hobby will go. One of my school mates has taken his love of flight to work with him. He now uses his R/C helicopter to take aerial video and digital photos for businesses all along the western seaboard and has a contract for area mapping with the city and county government where he lives. The equipment he bought paid for itself in four months. One of those, "now why didn't I think of that?" jobs. I guess the point of all my ramblings this month is, enjoy our hobby/sport as much as you can because it sure is a lot better than it use to be. Until next time, keep flying.

Wilson

## Midwest Combat Championship Series

By Tom Wild

The weekend of September 18th and 19th was a record setter at the Lincoln Sky Knight field in Waverly Nebraska. 21 pilots competed in record high temperatures, record high winds and record tall corn. The hazards of high winds and a combat area with a corn field on the down wind side, bean field to the right and the ever present pond in the foreground weren't going to stop these hard core combat pilots from having a good time. It wasn't long before the Texans in the group were hooting and hollering (never put on a contest without some Texans and I figured this day might turn out for the best. After a break for lunch served up by the local Boy Scout Troup 76 we got the last of the 6 rounds of class B finished up with Don Howard on top by a 456 point margin over Mark Laboyteaux in second, Jerry Viring third and Jeff Smith in fourth. The second, third and fourth places were separated by only 128 points.

The forecast for increasing winds turned out to be a much-welcomed decrease, just in time to run SSC (slow survivable combat). The original plan was to split SSC into two days but with the promise of pizzas on the way the guys were focused on getting their 6 rounds in before the sun went down. In the end Lee Liddle came out on top with 2568

points followed by Bill Geipel, Mark Laboyteaux and Mike Fredricks. 12 rounds of combat in the daylight hours were not enough for some and rumor has it the action continued into the night with the aid of glow sticks.

With 9 pilots signed up for 2610 scale it was quite the relief to have everyone on a separate frequency. That sure makes for an easy matrix and plenty of planes in the air. With a 540 point 2nd round Don Howard took first by 216 points over Lee Liddle followed by Mike Fredricks, and Doug Goldman coming in 4th.

Besides cash prizes awarded top finishers, awarded also were an Avenger open B kit donated by A.J. Seaholm, Lanier RC Ripper and Slasher kits along with Czech imported Stein Kawasaki KI-61-II and

F4U-4 Corsair kits donated by Neal and Helen Rohrke of Waverly RC.

Thanks fellow members Dave Great-house for desk, Rich

covering the front Boelts for tech inspections, Neal Rohrke for handing P.R. and safety matters, Don Dickey, Bernie Smith and Roger Hinrichs for judging. Roger made himself available for multiple tasks and was a big help in keeping the contest running smoothly.



**"Isn't having a 'smoking' section in a restaurant a bit like having a 'peeing' section in a swimmin' pool?"**

**~George Carlin!~**



**"Ho! Ho! Ho! Don't Miss It!"**

**2004 Annual Christmas Party!!**

**Knolls Country Club, Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004**

**6 PM Happy Hour, Dinner Served 7 PM**

**\$17.00 per plate**

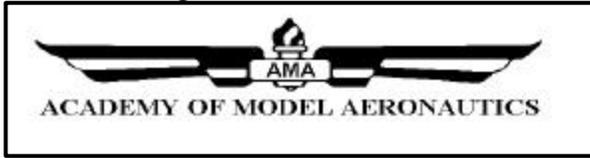
**Contact Dave Reiber ASAP for reservation**

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**Bring a fun gift of minimal value to participate in the gift exchange/take away. Guaranteed Fun!!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	LSK October Meeting
October 17	Omahawks Auction (Millard)
October 24th	Cross Country – 8 AM LSK Field
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	LSK Christmas Party