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2006 Guardians Of Freedom Air Show



September 23-24, 2006

Three hundred thousand spectators... that was the estimated attendance at the Guardians of Freedom Air Show held in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 23-24. One word – Awesome. The show was non-stop entertainment with fly-bys from a F-117A Stealth Fighter, B-2 Stealth Bomber, P-51 Mustangs, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell, and a B-52 Stratofortress, A-10, C-5 Galaxy... the list goes on and on. Major acts included the Navy Blue Angels, Army Golden Knights, F-16 Falcon Demo, Red Baron Show team, Tora! Tora! Tora!, Sean Tucker... and the Lincoln Sky Knights R/C Club.

Okay, Maybe the Lincoln Sky Knights (LSK) wasn't a "major act", but our presence was a major act for the hobby and the club. 300,000 spectators all wanting to look at airplanes... We couldn't ask for a better environment to promote our hobby and club.

The LSK booth was in a prime location, up front by the crowd, and right next to the Red Baron static display and pizza line. In our booth, we displayed various types of model aircraft, ran video of a recent scale flying event at LSK, and held a prize raffle.

Our members were ever vigilant in answering the flood of questions. "Do these really fly?" "How fast does it go?" "Is that a REAL turbine?" Many guests at our booth took the

next step and asked "How do I start?" In response, we gave out approximately 500 club flyers and just as many "Getting Started/About the AMA" fact sheets.

We raffled off a total of four airplanes, three RTF park flyers and a RTF glow trainer as the grand prize. We sold over 1,600 tickets at \$1 each for a chance to win one of the four planes. While our main goal at the air show was not monetary, this did produce a nice profit for the club.

As club events go, this was the most stressful and complex event in which I have participated. BUT, it was *also* the most rewarding. On Sunday, at the close of the show, I was already missing our booth. We shared our hobby with countless visitors and were treated to an incredible air show, all at the same time... It was RC modeler's heaven!

I apologize I cannot name here and thank everyone who made this a great event for the club, but there are three I must mention. Thanks to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for gifting our wonderful booth space. Thanks to HobbyTown USA for the raffle prize donations. And thanks to all the LSK members that donated equipment and their time to make our showing at the Guardian of Freedom air show a wonderful success!

-John Willman



President's Notes

October meeting... we all know what that means. If not, I'll spell it out for you. Dues for 2007 are set at the October meeting AND 2007 club officers are nominated.

There is one office that must be filled... Treasurer. Loren Blinde has done a wonderful job, but his sentence is up (there is a two year term limit on all officers.) This means we need a new treasurer, so don't be shy. FYI: I've held the position before and it isn't difficult or time consuming. As for the other offices... if you want to help the club, we can make arrangements to get you on the ballot... wink, wink, nudge, nudge, know what I mean.

Dues... Loren has prepared a ledger income/expenses for 2006 we can use as a guide. At a minimum, I think most would agree dues must be set such that the club can meet all expenses without dipping into savings. But keep in mind there is a fudge factor, i.e., a blizzard during our auction can royally mess up our budget. I'm not suggesting any specific dues amount, that is up to the club to decide as a group. But I do ask that all club members think this out carefully before they make motions or vote.

-John Willman

Scale Corner

It seems to me that nationwide there is an increase in flying scale type R/C aircraft.

In our Skyknight club it seems that most members have some kind of a scale airplane. Most members just fly them for fun and it should be enjoyable but at the same time they could be participating in the scale competition.

We just held the Don Neill Memorial scale contest and I believe that there were more flyers from Omaha than from our own club. Why is that? Are you reluctant to fly before judges and other contestants? Most of you are good flyers. Historically, scale flyers aren't known for their flying skill. There are many exceptions now days however. Practice makes the difference, as always. By practice I don't mean just flying around the sky. Pick out a list of manoevers that your airplane could be expected to fly and then *practice* it. Over and over. Then, after that go ahead and bore holes in the sky.

Some of the area flyers from Lincoln, Omaha, Wahoo, and other areas have established an informal "Scale Group", which is open to anyone interested, as well. It is an informal group that met once a month during the winter months just to talk scale and to share pointers in producing a good scale

airplane. During the summer months, they met once a month at various club fields, including the Sky Knights field, to just have a scale fun fly. Why don't you guys consider joining the group? No dues, no elections, no hassle. What's not to like?

I plan to submit a series of articles on scale. If you have ideas, please let me know.

Groundhog Invitational

August 25th, 2006

Ten Sky Knights put on a show at the August 25th Groundhog Invitational Golf Tournament in Syracuse, Nebraska.

Flying off the ninth fairway the Sky Knights held their own golf match dropping golf balls at the green. Wilson Hardy won first place, landing within three feet of the pin. Tom Wild came in second, just six feet away.

Other Sky Knights taking part were Tom Hefley, Glen Lau, Roger Hinrichs, Ron Vogel, Stan Hart, Dick Britton, Shane Zikmund, and Phil Holman.

Ron Vogel nicked a tree but survived to fly again. Tom Wild amazed the audience by flying right through the same tree without a scratch.

-Phil Holman

Leonard's 50th

October 1st, 2006

The fun fly went very well. Temperature hit 93 degrees and would have been a perfect day except for the 28 MPH wind gusting to 33 MPH. At least it was blowing down the runway from the south but was still pretty nasty.

I had well over twenty visitors for the fun fly. A special thanks to Pete Rosa, Gary Maley and their spotter Craig Butler from the Twin Cities Eagles for coming down from Council Bluffs. Pete always puts on an excellent show with his big Carden Edge. He surprised us with a giant scale mustang that blew our socks off with high speed maneuvers. Gary also brought a 35% Edge and a 46% Ultimate, I believe it was the largest plane I have seen at our field.

The wind didn't seem to bother those guys at all and they put on a heck of a show. The YS .63 Ultimate John Willman scratch built just dazzled us with some extremely violent maneuvers, we were wondering how it stayed in one piece. He tied a 500 foot steamer to the back and tried to tie knots in the streamer with his plane. John Cuba was busy trying

to attack his streamer from behind. When the streamer came loose from his plane John then retrieved the streamer with his wing and brought it back before it blew away in the wind.

Yours truly splatted my Katanna GS on the runway playing with the wind 5 to 6 feet above the hard deck. This is the only time I brought CA with me to the field and in a few minutes it was back in service (minor aileron tip damage).

Any of you that didn't come out missed out on some wonderful flying in some pretty rough air. A special thanks to all who showed up at the event. I hope everyone had a good time and I will plan on having a 51st Fun Fly next year.

-Leonard Akert



September Minutes

September 1, 2006

President John Willman called the September meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:33 pm. The meeting was held at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

Secretary's Report: The August minutes were read and approved by the membership.

CD/VP Report: Dennis Osburn gave the report. There were 18 pilots at the Don Neil Memorial Scale Meet despite some

cross winds. Following the meeting tonight will be a Night Fly that Dave Reiber is coordinating. Sept. 10 will be a Quiet Fly and the Air Show will be Sept. 22 & 23 at the Nebraska Air Guard Base by the Lincoln Airport. Leonard Akert will host a Fun Fly on Oct. 1 with pizza, pop etc. provided in celebration of Leonard's 50th birthday on Sept. 29-----no presents, please. There will be a SPA contest in Aurora NE. on Sun. Oct 1, and other contests and meets in September by other clubs.

Treasurer's Report: Loren Blinde gave the report. The normal expenses were paid. Delmar Dormer was reimbursed for repair of the tractor...thank you Delmar for all of the work you and others do to keep our flying site in great condition!!!! (Secretarial comment) Also, Ron Vogel and Wilson Hardy will be reimbursed for their expenses. Currently we have 120 paid members. The report was approved.

Safety Report: Brad Pankoke said all is calm, no calls. Following the meeting he will check and replenish the First Aid Kit in the clubhouse. Thanks to Dave Reiber we now have 2 new fire extinguishers.

New Members: Congratulations to the 2 new members joining our club. Bill Fann and Junior Member Tom McDonald.....WELCOME!!

Old Business: The Tuesday Night Flying Lessons for the General Public was scheduled to finish in August (although there is a possibility there may be more if the weather and interest continues and after the Air Show). Thanks to all who participated in that endeavor to make it a success!! (Another sec. comment)

New Business: New club officers will be nominated in October and also club dues will be set for the coming year. Tom Neill passed away in August at the young age of 44---his father was Don Neil. There was discussion on what to do when non-paying (expired) members come to fly or members from other clubs want to fly at our site. Our club will be allowed to participate in the upcoming Airshow where 300,000 people are expected to attend. We will get a 10 X 20 foot space to set up. There was discussion on what to include in our booth and it was decided to include a static, video, flight simulator and raffle display. We will sell raffle tickets and various merchants will provide the prizes. There are considerable administrative details involved along with restrictions due to security. Only one driver and vehicle will be cleared to bring in all of the booth and contents!!! The AMA sent flyers to hand out and it was moved that the club makes up a flyer, also.

Model of the Month: No one brought a plane this month to show.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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AT THE MEETING SO PLEASE SHOW UP!