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

Quiet Flight Day

Due to popular demand, (okay, at least three people must have mentioned it), the LSK Quiet Flight Day will be **Sunday, September 18**. From 9am until late afternoon, the only sounds you hear at the field will be winch pedals tapping, electric props whizzing, sailplane wings breaking (followed by expletives, of course), pilots saying "I can't see it anymore", and food sizzling on the grill.

If you've got a sailplane you've been meaning to fly, bring it out. Or if you've got an electric, imagine actually hearing the motor run! If you've ever wanted to fly a glider, we will have plenty of planes and pilots willing to give you some stick time. In fact, there will be a special prize for the longest thermal duration flight by an LSK member who doesn't belong to a sailplane club.

Courtesy of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society, lunch is free. But there is a \$5 landing fee (and we haven't left one up there yet) for anyone who flies, which will go to the LSK treasury.

Hope to see you there.

-Loren Blinde

Fresh Faces

On Saturday September 10th Lincoln Sky Knights will be hosting Drew Miller's Boy Scout troop 54 to a morning of flight training and demo flying. Drew and his father Ron Miller are our fellow club members.

Activities will start around 9:30am and end with a lunch cooked up by the scouts. Come on

out to help man the trainers or to offer encouragement!

-Tom Wild

Ground Hog Open 2005

An annual event for the many years now has been the flying demo at the Groundhog open golf tournament in Syracuse Nebraska.



On August 26th nine LSK members convoyed to the golf course with a mission objective of daylight bombing. With aircraft modified in various ways to drop golf balls, the contest to hit the green was on. At the post flight debriefing in the clubhouse, pilots gathered to decide the winner. Disagreement arose as to whether Phil Holman taxiing over the green and releasing his golf ball on target or Glen Lau's traditional bombing pass leaving his ordinance on the edge of the green was more in the



spirit of the contest.

Glen was almost the victim of friendly fire earlier in the day as Wilson Hardy released his fury in the form of 30 plus plastic golf balls from the bomb bay of his specially modified Sig Kadet.



Next year should anyone be interested in participating in this flying demo or in forming a LSK golf team contact Phil Holman at 488-1678.

-Tom Wild

August Minutes

August 5, 2005

President Wilson Hardy called the August meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held outdoors at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

Treasurer's Report: Loren Blinde gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by the membership. Loren wanted to make it clear that every time a new treasurer is elected that we need to change the signature for the post office box.

CD/VP Report: We now have Calvert Recreation Center reserved for this fall. It is now \$30.00 to rent the gym.

The Seward demo fly got front page news in the Seward newspaper. The full scale air show in Seward was very good with lots of demonstrations. Jon Willman reported that the Legacy pattern contest had 16 contestants of very good quality especially in the expert class. The Tuesday

night introductory fly is going very well. Lots of people are showing up to try R/C flying. HobbyTown may give us a Hanger 9 P-51 Mustang trainer, yes you heard it right a P-51 trainer. Night Fly will be after the September meeting. Dave mentions to use yellow or white light sticks because they give off more light than the other colors. Use one on each wing tip, on the nose, and one on the tail, and you're ready to go. Loren would like to do a Quiet Fly for sailplanes and electrics September 18. Loren mentioned that the Lincoln glider club did battle with the Omaha club and got beat in the Thermal glider competition this year which was a surprise.

Jack Hester Memorial Fun Fly in Omaha Sept. 10-11

Safety Officers Report: Brad Pankoke reported that he has had no calls and no complaints.

New Members: Lloyd Fellers rejoined the club. Stephan Anderson has a plane and a simulator but has not flown yet so he will need some help getting started. Logan Pohlman is joining as a junior member. Welcome to the club guys.

Old Business: LSK sign is now up and the pop machine is fixed. The flight stations are gone and the new starting stations are built. Dave Reiber says that the rock will be put down as soon as his machine is free for a day. Two Sky Knights passed away this month. George DeLong and Jim Banks are no longer with us. Dave Reiber made a motion to send a memorial of \$25.00 for each. The motion was seconded and passed. President Wilson Hardy took the floor and said how sad it makes him that this club does not do anything to honor their former members. The Neil Memorial Fly is no longer taking place that could honor all of our deceased members. Leonard Akert mentioned that we have lots of money in the Neil Memorial Fund and could use that for advertising if we want to make the event a large success. Don Svoboda volunteered to put on the Neil Memorial Fly next year.

New Business: We had trouble with the transformer out at the field and LES came out and repaired a loose neutral wire at no cost to

us. The motion detector light has gone bad and Wilson Hardy will donate a light to replace it. Don Svoboda made some suggestions for next year for improvements to the field. One was to pour concrete under the sun shelters after we run electrical outlets. He said it would take 19 yards of concrete and he will figure out the price and let us know. It was also brought up the maybe a permanent sun shelter over the deck on the clubhouse might be an idea. These things may be looked at if we have money next year. John Willman announced that the Omahawks put on an air show at their field for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and made 4 to 5 thousand dollars and got a small percentage of that for their club. John will look into the details. The AMA district president may give Jack Sibert an award for being the district 9 associate vice president for 14 years. Mark Smith may possibly be at our Christmas party to give us an award for being an AMA club for 50 years. The Christmas Party will be the first Friday in December at the Knolls Country Club.

Model of the Month: Loren Blinde brought a Tuff Flight Panther combat plane. It is made of EEP foam and is almost indestructible. The radio equipment is glued shut inside the plane, there are no access panels. You hold the plane by the gas tank to hand launch it. Bernie Smith announced that the combat this year will be more local guys instead of the big boys so everyone come out to compete.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Lincoln Sky Knights,

Thank you so very much for the \$25 check for Jim's Memorial. It has been forwarded to the Salvation Army. The family really appreciates your thoughtfulness.

-Maxine Banks and Family

Editors Notes

Well, not a lot to say this month. Alex is out of town working in some hospital in BFE. August is always the best month of the flying season for me. Why you ask?



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Sept 10th – 11th – Omaha: Jack Hester Memorial Fun Fly
September 18th – LSK Quiet Fly Day