

# THE CLANKING ARMOR

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AMA CLUB # 405

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

## **President's Message**

This last month presented a lot of flying chances and I hope you all got to make the most of them. The scale contest went well, and the Fly-in at the Blair airport was a good time and included several Sky Knights flying. My thanks to everyone who has spent the time keeping up the field and supporting the contests and even the open flying. There are still many contests and demonstrations in the coming months, including a demo at Pioneers Park for the Boy Scouts on the 14th that will allow us to use gas and glow in Lincoln for the first time in years! Until next month may your landings equal your takeoffs.

Alan

## **Secretary's Report**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.  
Minutes for July meeting approved.

## **VP/CD Report**

The Don Neill Memorial Scale Fun Fly is August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sky Knights field.  
The Bud Hall Fly-in is August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Treasurer's Report**

Bills paid and report approved.

## **Safety Officer's Report**

No problems reported.

## **Old Business**

The rules audit committee will meet in September due to the busy schedules of the committee.

It was voted to put newsletter on website for the public to access.

Jupe fixed a water leak which just so happened to be the cause of the water pump problems.

## **New Business**

August 18 will be a fun fly at the Blair airport in celebration of National Model Aviation Day. All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

VP/CD Justin Gebes is in the process of changing jobs and has resigned the VP/CD and newsletter editor position so he can focus on that. Leonard Akert has volunteered to work on the newsletter for the remainder of the year.

## **New Members**

We have 4 new members this month.  
Joey Thompson from Omaha  
Jarad Anderson from Lincoln  
Larry Barg from Lincoln  
Chris Stanosheck from Firth  
The new members were voted in.  
Welcome to the club!!!

## **Models of the Month**

No Models of the Month.

Meeting adjourned 8:05p.m.

**Here is an article that was forwarded to me from Leonard Akert, one of the pilots participating in Wings Across America.**

WAA-08 Pilots,

I hope this email finds you well. This final update is bitter sweet. The great news is that the WAA-08 adventure is almost finally complete. After 5 years and 4 months the SQuiRT will be making her final flight in southeastern Virginia. The bad news is that the SQuiRT will be making her final flight in southeastern Virginia.

We have come a long way and many of us have made new friends because of the WAA-08 adventure. I know for myself, I have met so many wonderful people who truly love the sport of model aviation and have gone to great lengths to help make this adventure happen. It has been a pleasure getting to "meet and know" so many people. Sadly, we have lost a few good friends along the way, but trust me, they have not been forgotten. Each and every one of you has played a key role in allowing a battery powered plane to fly in all 48 of the contiguous United States. The SQuiRT has never been shipped. That has never been accomplished before – ever! This has truly been a historical event for model aviation.

Current Status

After 5 years, 1 month and 29 days the SQuiRT has finally returned to Virginia. Pilot #402, Wade Saltzgiver of Newport News, VA met pilot # 398 Scott Saxon at Kitty Hawk, NC on 17 Aug. They were joined by pilot #399 Jim Davis to fly the SQuiRT on aviation's hallowed ground. The SQuiRT flew 110 years after the Wright Brothers' famous flights which marked the beginning of powered flight not more than a few hundred yards

away from where it all began. What an incredible day for our adventure.

Thanks to Scott for coming up with the idea 5 years ago

Wade transported the SQuiRT back to Virginia and is currently coordinating the SQuiRT's visits to a number of flying events at local clubs during the months of August and September. As of right now, Wade has scheduled the SQuiRT to attend five events in the local Virginia area. She will be flown in demo flights at these events and will be used for new pilot introductions with a buddy box. The SQuiRT is a trainer after all and it is in her blood to introduce newcomers to the sport and help teach new pilots how to fly.

At today's count we have had 719 different pilots fly the SQuiRT, but there is no telling how many total flights the SQuiRT has on her. I am going to guess close to 1,000 flights. Who would have thought that an old school brushed motor would have lasted that long not to mention a balsa built airplane with thin vinyl covering. That is one tough bird and a testament to its quality design. Not only has she held up well, she still looks great after all this time. I bet there are lot of stories the SQuiRT could share with us on her travels and visits with pilots around the country. That would be a very interesting read if possible.

Museum Status

I have been working with Maria from AMA's National Model Aviation Museum in Muncie, Indiana and have coordinated the SQuiRT to be donated to the museum at 1400 hours on 18 October 2013. I had hoped to fly back to Virginia and fly the SQuiRT at her home field in Gloucester, Virginia, but after checking on ticket prices, I realized

it would just be way too expensive. Fortunately, Rusty Kennedy who is the Leader Member chairman who happens to live in southeast VA has volunteered to carry the SQUIRT to Muncie since he will be headed that way for the executive council meeting that will be happening that weekend. The deed of gift will be signed by Bill Stevens, Walter Grasmick, Steve Griffin, and Donald Way along with me. As you know, these gentlemen has been instrumental in the success of the WAA-08 adventure and I felt it only fitting that they would sign the deed of gift for the SQUIRT, travel case, pilot's log books, photos, and all the memorabilia collected along the way to the museum.

I do need to add that there has been a number of pilots that has not sent their photos to me of them posing with the SQUIRT. If you have not received a pilot certificate from Don that means I did not get your photos. Please send your photos to me along with your pilot number and we'll be sure to get your certificate out to you. I don't want you to miss out on Don's wonderful pilot certificates and I don't want you to miss out on your photos not being included in the SQUIRT's exhibit at the museum.

#### Patches

I have a limited number of WAA-08 patches remaining. If you would like a patch, they are still \$5 shipped to your door. I do not plan on placing any more orders so first come first serve.

#### And Finally

I believe that is about all the information I have to share with you. As I mentioned above, this is a bitter sweet email. I am sure you are tired of getting "spam" from me twice a year but I just wanted to keep everyone updated on

the status of the Wings Across America 2008 adventure. I know for me, it has been a ton of work. It was much more work than I could have ever imagined and it really turned into a labor of love coordinating this adventure for the past 5 years. I certainly appreciate all the time and effort everyone has put into making this happen. So many people have done so much to ensure its success. I could not begin to list their names and provide details, but their enthusiasm and willingness to go above and beyond to help promote model aviation is nothing short of incredible. Thank you all for your selflessness and love of model aviation.

If you are ever near Muncie, Indiana please stop by the museum and say "Hi" to the SQUIRT. I'm sure she would love to see you again as she rests in her "retirement home" chatting with all the other historical planes in the museum.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2013 Event Schedule**

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Night Fly (after the meeting)

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Leonard's 57<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly

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PERSON AT THE FIELD IN THE EVENING,  
PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE CLUBHOUSE AND  
THE GATE ARE LOCKED!!!!**

**Tuesday night flying will run from May thru  
September. Guests can receive introductory  
flights from our members.**

**Meetings are the first Friday of every month  
except December at the LSK field at 7:30 PM**