

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

It's always exciting to announce the spring equinox, or March equinox as some like to refer to it.

This year it falls on March 20th (Technically it starts Thursday the 19th @ 11:50 PM), and ends Saturday June 20th. So, in approximately 3 weeks, we can officially put a fork in winter.

Oh-Yah! 😊

Personally, I'm tired of the cold weather and looking forward to some warmer days.

On a good note, we can't really complain about February's weather, as there were many nice days in the 50's and most landed on the weekends. I witnessed a few members out at the airfield dusting off their prized possessions the Natural way, and even a few Maidens with some shiny new stuff! It was good to see them out there getting their exercise (their thumbs), and I'm sure we could all use a little more of that.

With the help of Al Lydman, we made some really good progress at restoring the garage door to a satisfactory working condition. We plan to give it another go this weekend, the 29th, and do some body work on the lower section and install a new seal strip. Hopefully, all goes well, as this will save the Club approximately \$700 of much needed funds.

Hopefully, everyone had some time this winter to devote to finishing some new projects, and repairing a few older ones. Full – On Flying season is approaching very

quickly. Enjoy the sport, and always think if Safety first!

*Safety is a choice **U** make! The life you save may **NOT** be yours!*

Secretary's Report

The Lincoln Sky Knight meeting for February the 7th, 2020 was called to order by President Ric Feldman at 7:30 PM with twenty members present. The first thing on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the January meeting. With no corrections or additions, the minutes were committed to the archives.

VP/CD Report

The VP/CD report this month was given by President Feldman in the absence of our VP/CD Tyler Brown. The "Huckfest" has to have a new name, and will be June 4th through the 7th if we decide to host it. We are basically starting from scratch as we have let the event die in the last few years. Sponsors are better the longer the event runs. The first year was hard to get sponsors, Second year better, and so on. We will need to put out a bit of money to get this started. There needs to be 60-80 pilots to make worthwhile and profitable. A motion was made to run the event this year at a reduced size to get it started, and the motion was passed. Next up was the idea of prizes to help draw in the pilots. A motion was made for \$500 to be used from the treasury to pay for prizes for the event. That should be a money maker for the club if we can get it re-established. Also, the topic was brought up that the AMA needs our comments on the upcoming rulings for our hobby with the Federal Government. The remote ID needed for each R/C aircraft would make a serious change to our

hobby. If you have a concern with having to pay for an ID transponder in each of your aircraft and, dealing with the federal government just so you can fly, get on the AMA website and comment to let our government know that this doesn't work for us. On to the events coming up... the spring FunFly is June 27th, the Don Neill scale event on August 29th, and the fall FunFly on October 3rd. Also, the application for the TAG event has been sent in.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Knopp voiced his results for the financial gain for the club from the auction. With roughly \$1,145 added to the kitty, and \$557 in donations made this year's results not too bad. The kitchen made \$300 and was really appreciated by all the hungry auction goers. Kevin Christensen said thank you to his excellent staff in the kitchen. Also, a big thanks to everyone for all the help. It made the auction go so much better. Even nonmembers helped out in the cleanup. Also, John said property tax and insurance is due next month from \$600 to \$1000 roughly.

Safety Officer's Report

Brad Pankoke gave his Safety Officer's report as no news is good news, but this month was not well in our area. To clarify, AMA insurance... Number one insurance is your homeowner's insurance once that is applied to the issue than the AMA insurance kicks in as secondary insurance with a cap of 2 million dollars. This could have been due to the case this last month, where a fire was caused just off site from a turbine jet that didn't make a graceful emergency landing. Just as a note of caution to the jet jocks, your planes are farther away than you think they are. It is not unusual for them to be past the tree lines to the north or way past the road to the south. If for some reason you end up with a fire burning out of control, it took Waverly 911 Fire and Rescue more than ten minutes to get out to the field after getting the call. Just something to keep in mind.

Old Business

On Old Business Ron Miller started out telling how he was working on increasing our membership and getting a new indoor flying site. He talked to the Waverly High school and didn't have much luck. He will try getting in touch with their science teacher to see if the aerodynamics part of our hobby would help out in teaching in their Science Olympiad. Chris Stanosheck has been working on getting the website back up and running and said he would have it going soon. Ric brought up a topic for the money making ideas for the club as a follow-up for last month. One idea is to put local advertising in the newsletter. Working with local business to do fundraising out here for the local charities was another idea.

New Business

New Business this month was that there is no family plan in the constitution. The constitution only says that the Junior membership is \$1. This was brought up as a question earlier this year. One more thing on the list of things to do for this year is that all those that are going to be helping out with food prep, food serving, or food handling need to complete the Food Handling test online to be in compliance with our local FDA. An idea came up for this year that we will visit again is the use of photo ID on our club membership cards. The membership cards would then be worn like a nametag while you are flying at the field. This is one of the new security measures the club has to go through.

New Members

There were unfortunately no new members.

Models of the Month

For our model of the month we had a treat. Dave Rickman gave several parts boards full of parts to be used by the membership if a

part is needed. Please be courteous of others and only use what you need.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Wishing you happy flying,
--Ryan Olson

If you have any questions, or concerns,
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LSK FIELD RULES

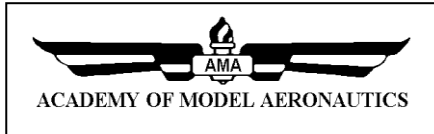
1. The AMA SAFETY CODE must be followed at all times.
2. All pilots must be current members of the Lincoln Sky Knights R/C club, or their guests, and have current AMA card.
Guest pilots are allowed to fly three non-contest dates per calendar year if a current Lincoln Sky Knight member is present and they must have a current AMA card.
ALL PILOTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT A.M.A. CARD.
3. All aircraft with fuel burning engines larger than .051 must have a functional muffler system.
4. Frequency Control Procedure for radios other than 2.4: After determining that your frequency is not in use, take your radio from the impound (if used) and place your current AMA and LSK card or a photocopy of them on the frequency control board. Do this by raising the tag corresponding to your frequency number and pinning it to the cable above your pin. At completion of flight, remove your pin from the tag and place your radio back in the impound (if used), making sure the switch is off.
5. Pilots must use one of the six flying stations and remain behind the safety barrier while flying. Pilots are allowed to stand behind the plane on the runway, only during take-off, if they feel it is necessary.
NOTIFY OTHER PILOTS when you are taking off, landing, going onto the runway, or if you are in a dead stick or other emergency situation.
6. **NO FLYING** over the pits, spectators, or parking area at any time! **WARNING!!!** This rule is strictly enforced!
7. All flying is to be done to the East of the asphalt runway (or West of the camping hookups for heli and park flyers) and do not fly within the field boundaries; that is the runway, except for take-off, landing and practice approaches.
KNOW AND OBEY THE DIRECTION OF THE PATTERN.
8. **NO SMOKING IN THE PIT AREA.**
9. All aircraft and field boxes (when not in use) must be kept in the pit area. No spectators, children or pets in the pit area without escort.
10. Aircraft must be restrained while starting and running.
Taxiing only East of the red safety line.
Walkways between the runways and pilots stations must remain clear.
11. Do not start engines in the pits. Engines must be started in the designated starting area.
12. Discharge of firearms is prohibited on club property!!!
13. Please, remember to be courteous to both your fellow pilot and the club field!

**THE AMA SAFETY CODE AND CLUB RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES!
THESE RULES ARE IN PLACE FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF
OTHER PILOTS, SPECTATORS, AND PROPERTY.**

Every club member is a Safety Officer. Please do your part. If you see a rule violation, politely confront the pilot. It is your responsibility as an AMA and LSK club member to inform offending pilots of a rule violations. Politely explain to the pilot the rule and how they violated it. Most pilots want to fly safely and obey the rules; however, if the pilot continues to violate the rule, you may file a formal complaint. Contact a club officer for information on filing a formal complaint. We take safety very seriously. Repeat rule violations or filing false formal complaints may result in the loss of flying privileges and/or club expulsion.

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For information on the web about
local events and activities

<http://metrorcfllying.com/>

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2020 Event Schedule

Indoor Flying – Cathedral of the Risen
Christ Gym @ 7pm, every other Friday,
starting November 8th
Annual Fun Fly – June
Don Neill Scale Fly – August
Fall Fun Fly – October

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**PLEASE REMEMBER!! IF YOU ARE THE LAST
PERSON LEAVING THE FIELD, DAY OR
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 at the
LSK field 7:30 PM**

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editor with their email address.**