

# 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

As the wind and rain continue to come at us from the sky, it also seems to be coming from every ignorant governing body all the way down to the Lincoln city council who this month voted to ban all "drones" from an area within 5 miles of the airport without calling the airport tower, city and airport authority. It seems as if our model aircraft are the assault rifle of this decade.

On the other hand RFD's are starting to use quad copters for checking grass fire and forest fire size and toying with the idea of using them to start back burns. I guess a rifle in there hand is defensive but in our hands it is offensive.

I have received several calls from people wanting to visit and fly at our air field, please welcome them and monitor their flights to insure that they comply with our rules and the AMA rules. We do allow 2 non contest visits a year and the more people see our field the more we can grow as a club.

Wheels down.  
Alan

## Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Zinnecker at 7:30pm. The minutes for the last meeting were accepted with corrections.

## VP/CD Report

Leonard Akert has his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party

fall fun fly date to be announced, June fun fly is on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, September 25 will be the fall fun fly, and the Don Neill Scale meet's date will be announced later as well. More of the events will be posted or put on the Metro website as well as our own. It was noted in the report that Dan at Hobby Town paid \$450 in rent for us this last indoor season. Thank you Dan and for all those that see him remember to tell him how much you appreciate his kindness. (Shop Hobby Town) SAC will be having quadcopter races... register on line. Grand Island is having a fun fly on June 21 and 22. Booster Club for the Lincoln Stars hockey email was considered not worth the time. One last thing is the swap meet in Parker, Colorado on May 21. It looks to be a big one.

## AREA EVENTS

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> LSK Fun Fly  
September 25<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Fall Fun Fly

<http://www.lincolnskyknights.org> or for area events check the Metro R/C site at <http://metrorcflying.com>

## Treasurer's Report

Two more people paid dues and 31 still to rejoin this year. Insurance, taxes, and bills are all taken care of.

## Old Business

Rich Kuenning clarified the confusion about the weather station wind direction/speed

updates. It looks like the updates are done every 20-30 seconds. The forecast is updated every 9 minutes. Leonard questioned the EPA test we had done on the well. The results are that we have potable water.

### **New Business**

The outhouse needs a new spring on the door. One funny new business item is the “drone” sighting by the Chinese commercial pilot at 5000’ altitude. The other pilots in the area saw a weather balloon not a “drone”. On this same line the AMA reps said the AMA is doing nothing with the FAA’s registration stuff. They are only enforcing the AMA rules that they have been enforcing for the last 50 years or more. They do not require the FAA registration number to fly at any AMA sanctioned events or at AMA flying fields. Milt Ochsner needed \$80-\$90 for pre-emergent. Dave Reiber made the motion to reimburse Milt for the cost of the chemicals used. Jerry said the mower is now in working order for the new season. In a few weeks the water will be turned on. There were questions about the rocks for the road. There is still no motion on that topic. The cracks in the runway will be sealed when the weather warms up a little.

### **New Members**

Cliff Davis from sunny California. He has been an active R/C pilot for many years. His AMA and club dues are paid, welcome to the Sky Knights.

### **Models of the Month**

Model of the month was a Top Flight Red Box P51B, Milt paid \$10 for it and rebuilt it to flying condition. A Veco .61 gives it the grunt to fly and needed a pump to get the fuel pressure up to the task of keeping the mill running at full chat. Leonard helped

with the first flights. The report is that it flew very well. It is modeled after Dwain Beason’s plane. Milt got the plans he needed to finish the restoration off the website Oterzone. Allen Worrest brought his LiddleGee indoor flyer from StevensAreo.com. It was covered with Japanese tissue and the radio and motor was salvaged from a Micro Forsite.

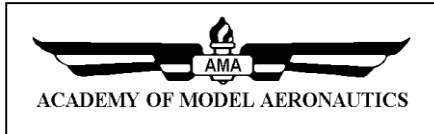


### **Meeting adjourned**

The meeting was called at 8:00 PM

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#### **2016 Event Schedule**

May 7-8 Lincoln Airshow

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> LSK Fun Fly

September 25<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Fall Fun Fly

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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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