

# 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

Another month fly-by! It has been hot and Are you proud to be a Sky Knight? I remember back to a time when Dennis Osburn and I were looking to join the club, it was a fun time, people willing to help us learn, show us fun tricks, explain things, and help us with set up as we got the disease of flight! We very quickly got involved, there were activities, fun flies, pattern contests, scale events, and all around involvement I really looked forward too! As the years progressed I have seen things fall from the club, no big deal, we have plenty of younger generation to move us forward right? Let me go a little further....

This year I am acting as President of the Lincoln Sky Knights, I realize that over the past couple years in particular that there seems to be a great division in our members. There are older guys, and younger guys that just want to fly around, there are guys who are into pattern, there are guys who like to build, there are guys who like to watch and visit, there are guys that like 3-D, there are guys into jets, and the list goes on. The thing that bothers me is, there are less people getting along with one another than ever before!

I was introduced to a younger father and son team who were interested in learning the sport, I have no way of knowing what type of members they might have turned out to be. I encouraged them to check us out, on line, out at the field, even at a meeting if they would like. They recently got back to

me, with a really disheartening answer. The father explained to me that there seemed to be WAY TO MUCH DRAMA! He really wanted a better influence for his son. This floored me, but as I thought about it I realized he is correct. I asked a few questions to see if maybe I could express things to our club and change the future outcome of this type of example, he happily informed me of two points, #1 Drinking and Flying, he tells me he also made a complaint by phone. #2 A very recent point, where two individuals did not communicate while flying and it escalated to involve more people with loud voices, name calling and more. Let me say, RIDICULOUS! You all know better! This one event could have been stopped by a polite suggestion or a spotter! I quickly apologized and wished him luck in the future.

So where do we go from here? As I continue to think about these things I realize that it has all gotten way out of hand! I at this time am not proud to say I'm a Sky Knight! It has turned into a great Soap Opera of sorts with this guy against that guy, this guy suspect of that guy, you blaming him, us not wanting to help one another, people not wanting to take side, us not cleaning up after ourselves and our pets, us not wanting to follow rules, complaining all the time, and the list goes on...

I really appreciate the individuals that got me started, John Willman, Bill Davis, and most of all Dennis Osburn! I also really appreciate the people I have met; you all have good qualities and some bad ones too!

I also have my problems, however, this Must Stop! Yes, if people don't like us they can move on, but this is not the answer! WE NEED TO CHANGE! Should I sell this story to a drama writer? Use that money to support the club? Continue to write to you in a drama format as the SKY NIGHTS TURN? Or can we improve, start getting along, and grow while moving forward? Are you proud to be a Sky Knight? Do you like the way we are? I don't!

Tyler

## **Secretary's Report**

President Tyler Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. VP Justin Gebes attempted to read the minutes from the July meeting and they were accepted.

### **VP/CD Report**

We had discussion about the lack of club participation in club events. Rich Keuning stated that we don't need an event every month. Also it was brought up that we start pre-registering one month in advance and if there will not be a decent turnout, we will cancel the event. This being the case we will try to keep the main events and try to schedule them every other month.

The Don Neil was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> in Mead, NE. Grand Island had their Warbird Event on Aug, 18-19<sup>th</sup>.

It was also brought up that we have a potluck during the spring fun fly, like in the old days.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mike Yearley stated that the sprinkler guy was paid along with the rest of the bills. A motion was made to reimburse Mike Yearley \$163 for food and trophies for the Pattern Contest.

### **Safety Officer's Report**

Brad Pankoke was contacted about a member was seen drinking and flying. If you have a complaint, please contact an officer. Contact info is on the website and on the last page of the newsletter. If you contact the AMA w/o giving a name or your name they will pull our charter. We would like to keep this in house and try to resolve these problems ourselves.

### **Old Business**

Discussion was had about dog waste. Please clean-up after your dog or take them out to the edge of the property where there is low traffic. Also you need to clean-up after yourself. Lately there has been a lot of

garbage (paper, cigarette butts, etc.) being left behind. Your mother does not live here, pick up after yourself; we are all responsible for keeping the club property clean.

Discussion was made about the refuse company not collecting the garbage. Alan Zinnecker volunteered to call Johns and Sons Refuse. Update: Alan contacted me and said that Johns and Sons are scheduled to come out once a month. We will just have to keep an eye out and see if it is actually being done.

Club apparel has a sizeable interest and a motion was made to get new shirts, hats and etc. A motion was also made to use Eclipse Inc. to print the items with our logo.

We are also voting on a new logo at the next meeting. If you have any input please come to the next meeting. I sent out an e-mail with the proposed logos.

### **New Business**

Discussion was brought up about shooting firearms on the club property. A motion was made to not allow shooting on club property. A motion was made to dispose of the knight but the motion was tabled for the next meeting.

### **New Members**

We have 2 new members, John Waterman (with a full member) and his son Corey (an associate member).

### **Models of the Month**

Steve Rogers brought two aircraft for show and tell. A Banana Hobbies T-28 Trojan with sequencing gear and gear doors, 900 kv motor, and nav lights. Very Nice!!

Steve's other plane is a Value Hobby Stinger EDF, 60 amp ESC, 4300 kv motor.

Minutes by Justin Gebes



## **2012 Legacy Senior Pattern Contest**

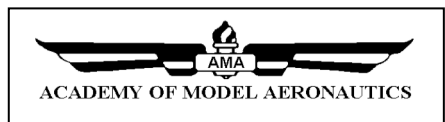
We had only 5 entries at our pattern contest due to the heat and possible lack of interest and maybe too many other factors. We had two crashes due to windy conditions, but we did have one complete round of flying for judging. We had hamburgers for lunch, homemade baked beans and potato salad. Justin Gebes got 1st place in Sportsman, Rick Miller got 2nd in Sportsman, Rick tried to do a outside loop against the wind, but came 5-10 ft short of clearing the ground. His plane lost a rudder and a smashed canopy, but was fixable. John Wilman won 1st in Expert with a great flight, all 8's and 9's! Allan Worrest got 2nd in Expert with a good full flight. I took 3rd in Expert and managed to get 4 maneuvers before my engine quit during a top hat. I got it back near the runway, but I cracked my fuselage on the dead stick landing. It will take a couple weeks of TLC and epoxy and kevlar. We still had a good time flying our patterns and still could use a cooler day maybe next time with less wind? Thanks for Allen Worrest and Dave Greathouse for assisting me with registration and set up of the clubhouse. Everyone got a trophy plaque and 4-5 prizes during the drawings. The following companys gave prizes and coupons for our contest and we thank them for helping us out - Bob Smith Glues, Great Planes mfg. Sig Mgf, Rtl fasteners, Tru-turn Spinners, Landing Products Propellers, Fox Model Engines, and others for helping make a worthwhile time for flying SPA Pattern!

By Mike Yearley - Contest Director

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**WHO TO CALL FOR HELP!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Leonards's 56th Fun Fly](#): September 22nd  
[Fall Squall Call](#): October 13th

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**PLEASE REMEMBER!! IF YOU ARE THE LAST 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**

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