

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

## **President's Message**

#### The Year in Review

2018 started with some of our hardiest members participating in the annual New Year's Fun Fly. Because of the help of our dedicated members, we had another successful auction. It's our biggest money maker. I hope the 2019 edition is just as good. The June Fun Fly is a party we throw for ourselves, with great food and flying our favorite planes. Tuesday evenings through the summer is training night. I don't think we had as many trainees as in the past, so we possibly need to promote it more. After a weather delay the Don Neill showcased some beautiful scale planes. There was even a B-17 that was a real crowd pleaser. Through the year we welcomed many new members to our club. Now they are friends and flying companions. The season ended with the Fall Fun Fly. Where did the year go? MILT

## Secretary's Report

The 2019 start of the Lincoln Sky Knights January meeting was a welcome change to the sparsely populated meetings of 2018. Seventeen members and renewing members were present when President Milt Ochsner called the meeting to order. First up was the approval of the November 2018 meeting minutes as published in the December 2018 newsletter. Due to the wonderful Christmas party put on by President Ochsner there was no December meeting at the field and no business meeting for minutes to be taken. Apologies to those that were present at the clubhouse for the meeting that didn't take place.

## VP/CD Report

SAC is putting on their indoor event again on the 19th and that is the only event planned at this point. Check out metrorcflying.com to find out the events in this area.

#### <u>Treasurer's Report</u>

Treasurer John Knopp's report showed the club with \$2300 in income for the year and with dues coming in 30 members are paid up on time. If you have questions or would like to see an actual rundown of the expenses and income for the club come to the meeting or talk to the treasurer to see a printout of the ledger.

# Safety Officer's Report

Brad Pankoke gave his report as the Safety Officer. The new first aid kit will be installed next month and as of this time there were no calls or reports for November through January.

## **Old Business**

Milt opened the Business meeting with a call for Old Business. The first item was the meeting day change poll. Thursday tied with Monday as an option for the day change. The most notable point the poll showed is that of a club that usually has an average of 100 members only 8-10 will commit to come to the meeting. This causes an issue that we have to have 10% member turnout to make a quorum. To make the day change a possibility VP/CD Ric Feldman suggested a wording change to the constitution to make it possible to change the day the club meeting is held on. An email was to be sent out to notify the club of the wording to be used in the change and that a motion to change and a vote on the new wording for the constitution will be taken at the February Business meeting. This is a paraphrase of the wording from Ric Feldman...

.....requires monthly meetings. The preferred day of the month to be determined by Genera membership vote. Once the Preferred Day of the month has been determined, it will remain in force for a minimum of a full fiscal year. If it becomes necessary, on occasion, to change the normal meeting day, the general membership needs to be advised with a minimum of 14 day advanced notice via email.

A motion to proceed with sending out the email was made and passed. The information in the email was to reiterate the point, if a member has something to add to the discussion or possible change to the constitution, show up to the February meeting.

The next item on the list was a reminder that Ric Feldman is willing to teach a class on any subject needed for the club. Points of interest included setting up a plane for its first flights safely, computer radio programming, correct first flight procedures, crash prevention. This notice is for anyone interested.

#### **New Business**

Tyler Brown is our area AMA representative and as such spends many long hours fighting for our rights in the government and with the FAA to keep our sport/hobby a viable pastime. Tyler gave a report on the State of the Hobby as seen by our AMA leaders. His one point was that the FAA is working with the AMA not against them in preventing the government from adding restrictions to our hobby. In addition to this Congressman Jeff Fortenberry sent a letter stating some of the same things Tyler informed the membership of. A copy of the letter and the FAA notice will be posted in the clubhouse on the bulletin board. Please contact Tyler with any questions you have on this topic. More new business a little closer to home Ric was able to bring up the Buffalo grass runway discussion successful and Bill Davis was willing to look into getting a price on using a motor grader to level out the area between the grass runway and the pond to use as an aerodrome type of runway/patch. Bill said the leveling, ground prep, and planting could be done in as little as a couple of days.

Dave Reiber made a motion to help remind the delinquent members to get their membership renewed by giving a list of those that haven't re-upped. Mike Yearley seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was the result. So those of you needing a reminder. Here goes, from what I have in roughly alphabetical order... Richard Baeder, Don Barnard, Mark Basel, Dean Brockhoff, Donald Cook, Joseph Cooper, Robert Cummings, Donn Curran, Clifford Davis, Brady Franzen, David Franzen, Justin Gebes, Lloyd Hinkley, Robert Lyman, Robert McCullough, Gary McIntire, Mike McNair, J Mock, James Pemberton, Ken Pierson, Don Potter, Nicholas Reiss, Steve Rogers, James Simonitch, Kevin Slepicka, Jacob Smith, Joseph Stellato, Joey Thompson, Fred Wilke, Gordon Wisbey, Andrew Yates, and Alan Zinnecker. These are the members from last year's roster that didn't reapply for a membership for 2019. If you happen to see these people please encourage them to join the party. There are more from the past years if you happen to come in contact with them remind them the club is 15 acres set aside for their enjoyment at a very reasonable cost.

#### **New Members**

No new members

## **Models of the Month**

No Model of the month

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was called to an end at 9:10pm.

## EXTRA!

Here are some photos from the January Fun Fly! Mike Yearley flying his Trojan and John Knopp with his electric ducted fan F16.



#### 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://metrorcflying.com/

#### WHO TO CALL FOR HELP!

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## 2019 Event Schedule

**February 2** – LSK Auction **February 8** - Indoor Flying - 7PM to 9PM Cathedral of the Risen Christ 37th and Sheridan

**February 22 -** Indoor Flying - 7PM to 9PM Cathedral of the Risen Christ 37th and Sheridan

March 8 and 22 - Indoor Flying - 7PM to 9PM Cathedral of the Risen Christ 37th and Sheridan

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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 at the LSK field 7:30 PM

If you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter please have them contact the newsletter editor with their email address.