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

President's Message

It has been very STICKY out, so there hasn't been a lot of flying, however the HUCKFEST event was off the hook! (That is really fun for the not so lingo types) I really appreciate the hard work that went into the event! Tim and the others deserve a well-rounded applause for their efforts! Although some do not agree with the type of flying, it was a good deal for the club in funds and advertisement! I am also really disappointed in our club member's turn out! We really need more support from our own members! I also need to address drinking and flying! I received a call from AMA this last month about some complaints made, I will be talking about this at this upcoming meeting so if you would like to voice your opinion please show up, or keep your complaints to yourself! NO DRINKING AND FLYING! Be safe and have fun!

Tyler

Secretary's Report

President Tyler Brown called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM. Justin Gebes read the minutes from the May meeting and were accepted.

VP/CD Report

The sanction for the pattern contest has been approved for July 28th. The Warbirds over Waverly fun fly is July 14th. It will be an informal type of funfly. If you have a warbird, bring it and show it off whether you want to fly it or not. No landing fees but if enough pilots show up I will take up a donation for pizza.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Yearly stated that we have paid the bills and have money left, which is good.

Safety Officer's Report

Brad Pankoke has nothing to report for the month of May. I might add though that with the recent increase in temperature, humidity, and growing corn, please notify someone if you have to venture into the cornfield to find a downed aircraft.

Old Business

Wanda Cooper got us a few quotes for t-shirts and caps from Quik T's 4600 W St. T-shirts (current stock) \$10 Small to XL, w/ pocket \$12; XXL \$12, w/ pocket \$14, XXXL \$14, w/ pocket \$16. After the current stock is sold the price goes up \$2. Ball caps, which are embroidered, are \$12.99 w/ just

the LSK logo. Caps with LSK logo and airplane are \$15.99 - \$18.99. If 2 dozen or more caps are ordered, the price each will drop to \$10 for caps with just the logo. Setup fees for caps w/ logo and airplane are \$25.

Ken Pierson had also gotten some quotes and will present them at the July meeting.

Tim O'Brien gave an update on the Huckfest and had Huckfest t-shirts for sale. Tim mentioned how many hours he has put in to organize the event for a second year. There were a lot of prizes that will be given away and raffled. Tim was able to get a majority of them as for no cost as a donation; he estimated there would be about \$3,000 worth of prizes.

Discussion was made about safety and also plane hovering. A motion to amend the rules to allow this over the runway just for the upcoming event was made. The motion was met with disdain and failed.

I held another Field Clean-up day on June 2nd. The outcome was more than I had expected. We got the window trim scrapped and painted. The new door frames were painted. Checked and tightened the screws on the start-up stands and the deck. Tightened the rails on the deck. Repaired the south pilot box. And Etc. Thanks to those that showed up to help, you know who you are.

New Business

A motion was made to buy a new weed trimmer with a cap set at \$150. Motion approved.

New Members

No new members.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes from the Emergency Meeting May 25, 2012

Seventeen members showed up for the meeting. This meeting was held because President Brown had gotten several calls about how we handled the tractor engine overhaul situation. I am not going to go into details about this matter other than what was discussed in the meeting. Alan Z. made a motion to spend \$1568.80 to repair the tractor. Don D. stated that the engine also needed a new throw-out bearing. Alan Z. retracted his motion and Rich K. made a motion to give a check for \$2000 to Don D. to cover all expenses and is to refund the remainder. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes by Justin Gebes

CornHuckFest Report

By Tim O'Brien

The second "CornHuckFest" was a great success, even with the crummy weather and wind. We had 70 registered pilots, 20 were LSK members. We probably could have broke 100 if the weather would have cooperated. We had pilots from all over the Midwest, flying all types of planes from foam at night to warbirds to giant scale, sure a majority of planes were larger, but this is the crowd that will travel more than 100 miles for an event and spend money on raffle items. I was able to obtain at least \$3,000 worth of prizes and raffle items. Most of the items were donated costing the club nothing, just earning us funds to operate the event and probably close to \$1,200 (maybe more) of profit for the club kitty.

Thanks to the many guys that helped plan and run the event – Gary Dunkel (field prep, raffle items, and steaks), Justin Gebes (field prep, event operations, promotion, and event

decals), Riley O'Brien (event operations, raffle items, and promotion), Justin Handa (entertainment), Tyler Brown (field prep, event operations, event MC, and safety officer), Aaron Clark (Live HD feed of the event!), Randy O'Brien (registration and event operations), Mike Yearly (treasurer duties), and a BIG thank you to Dave Greathouse for helping manage the registrations!

Award winners –

Queen of the Fest – Lori Wiles
Most Flights – Terry Wiles
Bust “Huckfest Vibe” – Pete Rosas
Pancake Award – Brad Perkins
Bad Ass Plane Award- Richard Carey
Best 3D Flight – Brandon Larson
Farthest Traveled – Tony Menart

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The BryanLGH AirCare unit also joined the event for spectators on Sunday, thank you!!

We had a TON of spectators thanks to the articles in the Journal Star and Waverly News papers found here - http://journalstar.com/news/local/radio-controlled-planes-soar-over-waverly/article_68341e9b-cf53-59bb-a818-37c80e66221f.html

And here

http://www.wahoo-ashland-waverly.com/waverly/news/local/article_776d888c-b4be-11e1-9f3d-0019bb2963f4.html

I really think we take this for granted, our LSK field is something we should all be proud of, everyone who attended loved our facilities and continued to provide positive feedback. A lot of guys, over a lot of years have put a TON of time and energy into what has made our field great, you should be proud and truly, thank you for your efforts and dedication! In the end, it's about having fun, being safe, and promoting the hobby of flying toy airplanes.

Overall we had fun, were safe, had great food thanks to Topper Concessions, awesome prizes, and brought in about \$1,200 of profit for the club! I may help run something like this again, as the folks coming from across the Midwest had a great time and praised the club. We will see how things go though as it took a huge amount of my time and what the club's interest is in doing something.

Here are a few photos –











That's all folks! OUT

Here is a pre-flight checklist Justin Gebes found handy and asked to post in the newsletter, great tips here!!!

R/C Pre-Flight Checklist

SAFETY SHOULD BE OUR #1 CONCERN!

Checking your R/C plane before the flying season begins will prevent crashes and unnecessary accidents. Here is a quick, pre-flight checklist.

Radio Control System

- Servos - Check they are mounted securely to the R/C plane.
- Servo horns - Properly screwed to the servos.
- Receiver - Check that it is mounted securely. Make sure antenna is properly routed and secure.
- On/Off Switch - Make sure it is functioning properly. Old switches tend to lose contact and the receiver loses power or turns off unintentionally.
- Verify all servo and battery leads are securely seated in the receiver.
- Battery - Use fresh batteries for the receiver/transmitter and/or use a tester to verify battery capacity and charge retention.
- Check condition of transmitter antenna.
- Check all servo direction is correctly matched to transmitter (no reversed servos) and they are all centered!

Landing Gear

- Check and tighten R/C plane landing gear screws.
- Inspect wheels. Wheels should spin freely.
- Tighten collars if necessary.
- Check if any of the plane's landing gears have been bent or damaged. Fix or replace if necessary.
- Verify front wheel steers straight (or if a tail dragger it is securely connected to fuselage/rudder) and is aligned with rudder.

Engine/Propeller

- Tighten all engine mounting screws.
- Tighten muffler screws and secure muffler attachment of the R/C plane.
- Check glow plug or spark plug. Replace if old or excessive carbon build up.
- Check your propeller for cracks or damage and balance. Fix or replace if necessary.
- Tighten propeller nut.
- Check spinner condition and tighten.

Fuel

- Check fuel tank for leaks, tighten front gasket screw.
- Check fuel hose for leaks, blockage caused by debris or kinks in the line.
- Verify fuel tank is secure inside aircraft.
- Clean and/or attach the fuel filter.

Other

- Check and replace worn hinges.
- Put your name and contact info in or on the R/C plane.
- If you get distracted, go back 3 steps and continue. Many aircraft have been lost due to the pilot getting distracted and miss a vital check while assembling at the field.

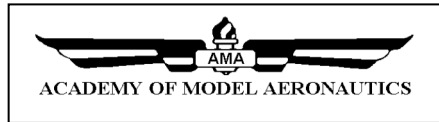
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For information on the web about
local events and activities

<http://metrorcflying.com/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Warbirds Over Waverly – July 14
Legacy Pattern Contest – July 28

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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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