

# 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

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July. The weekend held great flying weather!

In this newsletter you will see that to spite there word that we as AMA members were on the right side of the FAA things have changed, AGAIN. I would urge you to heed Ed's advice and add to the letter writing campaign.

I also hope to see you at this meeting on Friday. We will be talking about how to repair the runway, the best way to do it and how much it will cost.

For those who haven't noticed, the runway grew several large cracks over the last year and need to be filled before next winter.

Until next time may your landings be the same number as your take offs.

## Secretary's Report

The Lincoln Sky Knights meeting for June 6, 2014 came to order at 7:30pm with President Alan Zinnecker presiding. The first item on his list was the call for the approval of the minutes for the last Sky Knight meeting. Upon approval the meeting continued without further hindrance. not in any inherit shortcomings of the vehicle in question. The minutes were then voted on and approved.

## VP/CD Report

VPCD Dave Reiber took the floor at that time and started in reminding the club

members of the upcoming events in the surrounding area. The list of added calendar events is as follows:

June 7, 8 June fun fly LSK field.  
Hamburgers and Pizza will be provided to go with the \$5 landing fee.

July 19 Old Timers fun fly Mead  
August 9, 10 Pattern event Omaha  
September 7 Swap meet Mead

Allan Worrest gave a report on the SAC show-n-tell and open house. Apparently there were not a lot of people there. There were only at most five guys flying in the reconstruction hanger and all the tables for showing off what flying R/C clubs do were very sparsely populated. Maybe timing was off for this event.

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

## Treasurer's Report

Kelly Sears was absent so President Zinnecker gave his Treasurer's report. There are two new members and that we will vote into membership next month.

## Safety Officer's Report

Safety Officer Brad Pankoke gave his very concise report. Not much happening on the danger field... No calls no complaints.

## Old Business

Old business consisted of a reminder that the gate needs to be fixed. Don Svoboda volunteered to talk to Curley Roy and see if he has time to put it back together.

## New Business

New business changed things up a little. President Zinnecker stepped down and handed the gavel to VPCD Dave Reiber. Alan then asked for \$50 to start the proceedings towards running the auction for next year. A motion was made and seconded to give Alan \$50 out of the club funds to pay the down payment to the Waverly Community Center for the auction reservation. The motion passed.

Taking back the Gavel of office President Zinnecker talked a little about the University of Nebraska's r/c plane they need piloted.

## New Members

One this month, Gerald Dewitt from Oshkosh, Nebraska moved to Lincoln and plans on staying for a while. He was voted into membership. Welcome Gerald.

## Models of the Month

The next up was Model of the Month... Alan Zinnecker has a new T33 and it was built from the parts of five T33 kits. Alan had to scratch build the wings. Mike Yearly then brought up his Model a Half/a Mini Birdy with an .049 engine, he covered it in some light weight yellow and blue litecote covering. Andy and Janice Stellato, Joseph Stellato's parents brought a quadcopter that Joseph found in the basement of the university engineering building. It is a first generation quadcopter and needed new power cells. John Klusaw offered to help them get it going. Thanks John for being an ambassador for our club.

## Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.



Dear Fellow Aeromodelers,

Hopefully this isn't the first time you've seen the e-mail message below. It's important to remember that YOU are the AMA, and that it is important that your voice be heard. Please take ten or fifteen minutes to contact the FAA and let them know that unnecessary regulation of our hobby is both unnecessary and unwelcome. The AMA's national organization has done a terrific job monitoring proposed legislation and keeping an eye on Federal agencies that might act counter to our interest. Now they need your help. Don't rely on your flying buddies to respond, don't count on

somebody else taking the time to send an e-mail to the FAA regarding their new Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft; you need to make some noise on behalf of all of us.

We need the roar of 150,000 AMA members to speak together right now. Read through the AMA's concerns, look over the FAA's Interpretive Rule if you can, and send the FAA your feedback supporting the AMA's position. Prevent the FAA from trampling your rights and stunting the growth of aeromodeling.

If you don't personally respond to the FAA's period for public comment concerning docket number FAA-2014-0396, we will all lose. Thank you for your vocal support of the AMA and of the entire aeromodeling community.  
Ed Paasch District IX Associate VP for Nebraska (402) 321-3781 mobile

#### AMA's Areas of Concern Regarding the FAA Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft

On Tuesday, June 24th AMA issued a member alert expressing concern over some provisions in the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft established by Congress in the FAA modernization and Reform Act of 2012. In that alert, we let members know that we would be following up with today's alert that explains AMA's concerns in greater detail.

We need you to take action now and respond by July 25, 2014 to the FAA Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that was released June 23, 2014. The Academy has reviewed the rule and is extremely disappointed and troubled by the approach the FAA has chosen to take in regards to this issue.

#### FAA's Interpretive Rule

To help you respond to the FAA, we have outlined AMA's major concerns in the bullets below. A more in-depth explanation

of our concerns can be found at AMA's Concerns

Throughout the rule the FAA takes great latitude in determining Congress' intentions and in placing tightly worded restrictions through its "plain-language" interpretation of the text.

The FAA uses the plain language doctrine to create a regulatory prohibition of the use of a specific type of technology.

FAA's overreaching interpretation of the language in the Public Law is evident in the rule's interpretation of the requirement that model aircraft be "flown strictly for hobby or recreational use."

Although the FAA acknowledges that manned aviation flights that are incidental to a business are not considered commercial under the regulations, the rule states that model aircraft flights flown incidental to a business are not hobby or recreation related.

The rule overlooks the law's clear intention to encompass the supporting aeromodeling industry under the provision of the Special Rule, "aircraft being developed as a model aircraft." The rule's strict interpretation of hobby versus business puts in question the activities of the principals and employees of the billion dollar industry that supplies and supports the hobby.

The Public Law states that when model aircraft are, "flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft (must) provide(s) the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) with prior notice of the operation. However the rule indicates that approval of the airport operator is required. Although it is understood that making notification to the airport and/or ATC will open a dialog as to whether the planned activity is safe to proceed, there is no intent in the law that this be a request for permission on the part of the model aircraft pilot.

The Interpretive Rule establishes new restrictions and prohibitions to which model aircraft have never been subject. This is counter to the Public Law which reads, "The Federal Aviation Administration may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft" if established criteria are met.

The Interpretive Rule attempts to negate the entire Public Law by stating, "Other rules in part 91, or other parts of the regulations, may apply to model aircraft operations, depending on the particular circumstances of the operation. This in and of itself makes model aircraft enthusiasts accountable to the entire litany of regulations found in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, something that was never intended by Congress and until now never required by the FAA.

How to Respond to the FAA.

All AMA members, family and friends need to take action now to let the FAA know that this rule significantly impacts the entire aeromodeling community and that this community is resolute and committed to protecting the hobby.

There are four methods to submit a comment. Emailing your comment is the fastest and most convenient method. All comments must include the docket number FAA-2014-0396. Tips for submitting your comments.

Email: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send Comments to Docket Operations, M-30; US Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE. West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, West

Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

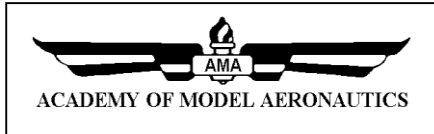
Hand Delivery: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE. Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: (202) 493-2251.

DEADLINE TO COMMENT: On or before July 25, 2014

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#### 2014 Event Schedule

July 13 - Mead open house  
August 2/3 - Council Bluffs- Don Neill Scale  
August 23 - Mead - Bud Hall Big and Small  
bird - indoor flying  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Leonard's 58<sup>th</sup> Fall Fun Fly

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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

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