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

President's Message

Hello Sky Knight members,

Here we are on the brink of a new flying season, this time with new mandates from the FAA over the winter. They still don't know exactly what they were trying to do with the new rule and that is still leading to a lot of guessing on every ones part. Not at all helped by a China airlines pilot's ridiculous report of a near miss with a quad copter 5000 feet over California.

For our part all we should be doing is making sure our planes are ready, safe and set for this year and hope the people pull their heads out even just a little.

Have a great season

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Secretary's Report

The Lincoln Sky Knights March 4th meeting was called to order by President Alan Zinnecker at 8pm in the hallowed halls of the Sky Knights clubhouse. Eighteen active members were present and accounted for. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written in the last newsletter.

VP/CD Report

VP/CD Leonard Akert started out his report on the upcoming events with new dates for indoor flying. March 17th for indoor, this will be the last indoor meet for the season.

June 4th and 5th will be the June Fun Fly followed by the Fall Fun Fly in September on the 25th. There will be more events announced by email and on the Area Metro schedule.

With the lack of support from the club Leonard Akert feels a Neill Memorial contest is not possible. We will look at doing a scale fun fly sometime in the future. We have done that in the past and had good attendance. Looking at the Metro Area Schedule it looks like just about every weekend is open in July and August so we could just look for a calm weekend coming up and send out notices to the area.

AREA EVENTS

June 4th and 5th LSK Fun Fly

September 25th 60th Fall Fun Fly

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Yearly reported that the Auction brought in roughly \$950 and the food another \$70. The insurance for the year has been paid and all bills are up to date. The money for the Don Neill contest will be left in the Bank unless there is

someone willing to take on the Don Neill contest.

Safety Officer's Report

An interesting Safety report was given on a happening at the field. A full sized non-military non-public service helicopter flew from the east very low to just west of the field and dropped to 100' off the deck just west of the club house. Those gentlemen that were flying at the time quickly landed and had to wait until the helicopter left. In the event that this happens again it is strongly urged that whoever is at the field stop all flying until the helicopter leaves. If at all possible get as many pictures of the helicopter as possible and if possible the registration number.

Old Business

President Zinnecker started the business section of the meeting with Old business and went on to talk about the participation at the auction this year. Kevin Hyde from the Omaha clubs said if the Sky Knights don't have more members work the auction then they won't be back next year to help. We had a dismal showing of volunteers to work the setup, pre-bid, showing, and all the post-sale positions. If we don't have a better turn out for the next auction the dues will have to be raised to cover the loss.

The biggest problem lies in the data entry and checkout area. Only Leonard Akert was working that area and Kevin Hyde and his wife had to step in and fill the other vacancies. In a nutshell we will lose the computer support. The others I believe will still participate. Possibly we can do a swap meet out at our field instead of an auction?

New Business

On to New Business Bill Davis asked about the cracks on the runway. It was stated that we have the material to fix the cracks and are just waiting on warm weather to do the repair work. Bill looked into a walk behind joint sealer that he had seen on E-bay for \$775. The executive committee will look at it to see if it is a viable purchase to save the club money in the long run. Bill also checked on gravel for the road as the gravel from the county didn't pan out. Gravel from Cathers right now is \$12 a ton of inch fine. No motions were made as to purchase more road surfacing right now or not. The discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

New Members

No new members were added this month to the club roster.

Models of the Month

Model of the Month was filled out quite well this month with two models. One from Don Svoboda a 1935 Miss America Scientific Models produced it in 1941 as a kit. Don built his first model of this plane given to him by his uncle who bought it for \$10.95. After six to eight glorious flights this plane decided it didn't want to come down and was last seen still going up and went O.O.S. Don had been looking for a kit of this model for several years and found a company in Florida that made a one half sized kit for \$90. Don then got a set of the original plans given to him and he scratched a new kit for this beautiful plane.

The next big bird to be shown was a really good looking Pawnee Pa-25 crop duster by Ray Kaiser. Spray enamel and Rustolium paint made the white with red trim color scheme look just great. The original Fugi gas engine was replaced with an Enya .90 four cycle engine that had been rebuilt. Ray says it could use a little more power and

keeps hinting to Don Dickey that a Saito 1.50 would fit in the cowl really just perfect. Pawnees had a Super Cub wing with flaps added to help with the weight. They could hold six to nine hundred lbs. of spray when they were in full working trim. Several can be found around that still have the old Gishwinder (Ray's word not mine)(Ford V8) engine in them.



On a final note the EPA office in Kansas called me and wanted to test our well for contaminates. This is NOT a super fund clean-up investigation just a sampling at this time. But as I told them our well is for grass watering only. We need to keep that in mind at the field for every ones safety!

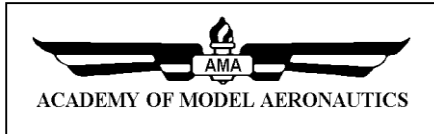
Alan

Meeting adjourned

The motion to adjourn was made at 7:52 pm and passed ending one more exciting meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights model aircraft club.

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2016 Event Schedule

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September 25th 60th Fall Fun Fly

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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

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