

the L.A.S.S. Edition

May 2009

Secretary's Notes

by Wilson Hardy

The Lincoln Area Soaring Society club meeting came to order with President Tom Wild presiding. The meeting started 7:32pm at the Willard Community Center on April 7, 2009. Treasurer Jack Barry gave the Treasurer's report. The minutes from the last meeting were approved and the meeting moved onto old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

The sign for the Event Center entrances is done and is in Jack Barry's possession to either be put up by him or put up by Jim Baker who has the other sign. Loren Blinde talked with Brian Quick of the SWIFT club and they are looking for a Flying Field. Sunday, April 19 is the SWIFT Opener and they would like to have it at our field and host it. The membership agreed to let them use our field. The first LINOMA will be May 3rd at the Event Center and LASS is to host it. Loren said

we would probably do Subway again unless someone came up with a different plan.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mark Blinde renewed his membership and AMA. Welcome back Mark!

NEW BUSINESS:

I got the charter in the mail and I'll take a copy to the Event Center as well as a copy of the Insurance Certificate. President Wild reminded everyone to check in at the desk when they are going to fly at the Event Center so we can stay on good terms with them. Bill Fann is getting his winch repaired, a new motor and all. President Wild also brought up that Nicads will be going away by 2010 and we need to change to something else. Allan Worrest said that A123 batteries are a good replacement and that almost all JR stuff will work with the higher voltages that the A123 batteries put out.

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President's Message

by Tom Wild

The last time I stopped in the office at the event center to let them know I was flying I asked if instead of stopping could I just call in to let them know I was flying. They said that would be OK and gave me a business card.

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From an e-mail sent by Loren Blinde to Bryan Quick of SWIFT on April 26, 2007

We're overdue for a flyable weekend, which is great since the first event of the year will be the LINOMA contest on Sunday, May 3 at the Lancaster Event Center. Pilots meeting at 10, the usual duration and landing tasks, and a lunch run. You can make up rounds if you're late. 5% bonus for rudder/elevator planes and 5% for 2-meter span or less.

Bryan, please share with the SWIFT folks.

See you all there,
Loren

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
May 5, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**

Planes Brought to the April Meeting



The top picture is the Lazy Bee that Tom Wild brought to the meeting.

Below that is the E-Sky fixed-pitch

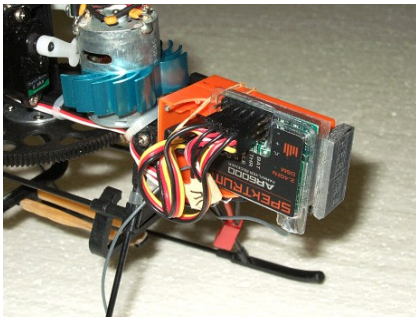
Honey Bee

helicopter that I modified. The original helicopter had a 4-in-1 controller housed in an orange plastic box. The controller incorporated a 72 MHz receiver, gyro, and electronic speed controls for the main rotor and tail rotor motors.



This helicopter is much more difficult to fly than an coaxial copter. I thought that possibly one reason for it is

that the transmitter which came with the craft is a very simple unit without any provisions for changing rates or adding exponential. The 72 MHz receiver was not compatible with my JR transmitters.



I had a spare 4-in-1 controller. Taking it apart, I found that the receiver was located on one printed circuit board and rest of the electronics were on another. It was a simple task of removing

the E-Sky receiver and substituting an AR6000 Spektrum. The controller box was cut-down so the AR6000 would fit inside the canopy.

While the conversion was a success electronically, the helicopter does not fly much easier. - A.W.

Regional Events

- 5/3/09 First 2009 LINOMA Meet. See page 1
- 5/3/09 LSK Indoor flying at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street, Lincoln. See April newsletter for details.
- 5/23-24/09 Lincoln Sky Knights Pattern Contest, LSK field, Waverly, NE

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On the story time side of things Loren flew his LePhish in Kansas and had a great time. President Wild has Rubber Nose coating for those who want to rubber coat their planes' noses. Let him know. Allan also told of the dangers of paint fumes associated with this type of coating and other paint fumes. Loren had a great item we could all use; he purchased a pulsed trickle charger. This charger can run a bunch of wall warts and will keep your transmitter and receiver packs topped off. This is the web site: <http://www.tmenet.com/products.htm#cmd>

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

President Wild brought a Lazy Bee that he had put the covering on and done some structural integrity improvements for Helen Rohrke. The only problem that he had was with the Spektrum radio and the fail-safe option that didn't quite work like it should. Allan brought his Honey Bee Helicopter. His first comment was that the helicopter has to be shut off before the transmitter is shut off. (Experience is a wonderful teacher) Allan changed almost all of the original components and said that he hoped it would fly better now.

The meeting came to a close at 8:04pm



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LSK Westfield/Gateway Mall Show



The annual Lincoln Sky Knights model exposition was held at the Westfield/Gateway mall on April 24. Only Tom Wild and I brought anything that resembled a sailplane or glider. Tom brought his slope glider and another plane. I brought a sailplane, and several other aircrafts.

The red and white electric in the lower left is a plane that Tom brought but didn't register. The sailplane on the floor is my Jade. Pictures are by Jim Worrest. - A.W.

