

the L.A.S.S. Edition

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Secretary's Notes

by Wilson Hardy

The February meeting of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society came to order at 7:34pm the Third of February 2009 in the hallowed halls of the Willard Community Center with President Tom Wild presiding. Dick Britton made a motion to accept the minutes from the last two meetings as written in the club news letter. The motion passed.

Treasurer Jack Barry gave Jim Baker the field rent money to pay to the Lancaster Event Center so we are paid up for one more year. Jack then gave a brief summary of the expenditures from last year and where the club stands financially now.

President Wild charged forward into Old Business and asked about the sign for the Event Center. Secretary Wilson Hardy said that he would pay for the new sign in place of paying club dues this year and the members agreed to the proposal. Loren Blinde made extra membership cards that will be given to the Event Center so that they know what the cards look like this year.

President Wild then called for New Business. Allan brought up that we have a new AMA Nebraska AVP and said that he read about it in the Model Aviation. Dick asked who took care of the LINOMA contest dates and Loren spoke up saying that he and Bryan Quick usually set up the dates and that they would be doing that soon.

The next thing up was an informative gab session started by President Wild about his new 2.4 GHz Spectrum Radio. Other than the problem of not being able to set the fail safe mode to what he would like to even though it is supposed to be programmable, he said it is not a bad set. He is putting the radio in Helen Rohrke's Lazy Bee. He'll bring it next time to show it off. Allan brought up that Isthmus Models is no longer handling F3-MODELLBAU products. F3-MODELLBAU is the maker of the Soprano, Trio, and those in that line. It is possible F3-MODELLBAU has gone out of business. No mention was made as to when or if they would resume production. A question was raised as to if the WOW club was still in existence or if it was defunct. No answer was provided. Magnum R/C Models is now Larry Blevins and Eric Eaton's stuff. Check out their web site.

The meeting ended at 8:15 with no model of the month shown.

Editorial Ramblings

SPEKTRUM DX6I RECALL

The Spektrum division of Horizon Hobbies issued a recall for certain DX6i transmitters on February 23. This was preceded by a service bulletin on January 30. Some of the transmitters stick pots were defective. If you registered your DX6i transmitter or are active on the Internet, you couldn't miss being informed. I'm a JR user but don't own a DX6i transmitter. Yet, I've received at least three notices. One came from Spektrum, one from Metro Area Flyers and the third the president from the Lincoln Sky Knights. If by some inconceivable chance you own a DX6i and haven't received the notice, go to <http://www.spektrumrc.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1885> for the January Service Bulletin and <http://www.spektrumrc.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1901> for the February Recall Notice.

THE UPGRADEABLE AR7000 RECEIVER

I bought one my AR7000 receiver in June 2007. That was before the quick connect and blinking LED was

implemented. So I sent it back to have it upgraded for these features. It turned out Horizon did more than I had expected.

This past month I was involved in a conversation over the RCGroups discussion list. A person had asked how to set the failsafe for his motorized glider. The problem he had is that his X9303 transmitter in the sailplane mode relocated the motor off of channel-one and put the left aileron there. He wanted failsafe for his motor and Smart failsafe for the AR7000 only has a preset failsafe position on channel-one. The other channels just hold their last position. What he needed was Preset failsafe, the failsafe method that allows

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**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
March 3, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**

Newsletter of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society

From Leonard Akert, Lincoln Sky Knights President:

LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS

INDOOR FLYING

Calvert Recreation Center at 4500 Stockwell Street

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

MUST HAVE CURRENT AMA CARD TO FLY

(AMA Open Membership or AMA Park Flyer Membership Required)

\$5.00 entry fee

Obey established flight lines

No 400 size helicopters or larger from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

400 to 450 size helicopters from 7:00 to 7:30 PM

400-450 pilots & spotters after 7:00 PM (No Spectators)

16 oz weight limit on aircraft

Coordinator has the right to ground any aircraft deemed unsafe

DATES:

March 8th

April 5th

May 3rd

June 7th

July 5th

August 2nd

September 6th

October 4th & 25th

November 8th & 22nd

December 6th & 20th



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Regional Events

- 2/28/09 Cobras' All Electric Day, Cobra Field, Contact Larry Puls, ldpuls@cox.net
- 3/8/09 LSK Indoor flying at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street, Lincoln
- 4/?/09 Lincoln Sky Knights Mall Show, Details later
- 5/23-24/09 Lincoln Sky Knights Pattern Contest, LSK field, Waverly, NE

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one to preset the failsafe position for all the channels. Now the instruction for my AR7000 only mentions Smart failsafe. I had assumed that Preset failsafe was available only on the nine and twelve channels receivers. The person who asked the question thought he may have to replace his AR7000 with an AR9000.

When another person commented that the new AR7000 had both types of failsafe, I tested my old upgraded AR7000 receiver and found to my amazement that it had both Smart and Preset failsafes. Whether or not you have a motorized glider, it is important to have Preset failsafe on your AR7000 receiver if you are using it with an X9303 in the sailplane mode. With Smart failsafe you are as likely as not to have your sailplane either crash or fly away if it gets out of range.

SPEKTRUM FOR CARBON FIBER SAILPLANES

It is old news, but Spektrum has introduced a line of receivers for carbon fiber fuselages. For these new receivers Spektrum extended some of the antenna(s) much like Futaba and Airtronics do on their 2.4 GHz receivers. If you haven't seen them, look up <http://www.spektrumrc.com/DSM/Products/airReceivers.aspx>

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