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President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

WORDS FROM THE SHOP.

In the last few months I've had some crazy things going on in my life that makes it kind of hard to relax. If you are in the same boat I'll let you in on a little secret that sometimes in this hectic paced life we seem to forget. Life isn't a race... The faster we live it the sooner we are done with it. Stop for a second and think about how much time you spend in busy work that doesn't do anything for you other than take the time you have and waste it.

I can't say that living each moment just in pleasing ourselves is a good thing, but some time used in that pursuit isn't all bad. I find that some time spent in my shop really eases my mind and refreshes my thought processes. I see the ARF's out there and think to myself how much enjoyment is lost by letting someone else do the creating. I think that little bit of creation that we all have is the reason shop time has such a powerful effect on our ability to relax. We weren't put in this world to sit but to "do" and when we are creating in our shops that part of "doing" is fulfilled. Mentally we are finally able to let go and forget about work and relax.

So as much as we love to rush through life, don't forget to take time to create something beautiful. It is good for your mental health and in the long run probably your physical health too.



Wilson's latest creation

Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

President Wilson Hardy called the February 7th 2017 LASS meeting to order at 7:40.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Willard Community airplane demo went well, with foam plate airplanes this year instead of paper airplanes. Hot glue was used to hold on the model's rudder and no hot melt accidents were reported. Jim reports they flew well and suggested we do it again next time hopefully outdoors.

FIELD REPORT:

As we have no official flying site Jim asked the question "has anybody been over to the Lancaster Event Center?" There is now posted a sign "Pedestrians only past this point" but there is plenty of grass for hand launch and electric flying.

NEW BUSINESS:

Midwest Slope Challenge 2017 has opened their registration online on February 1st for the annual slope glider contest.

Thane Kirchhoff went to the Greg Hines organized fall fun fly at Wilson Lake and reports it was a good venue for beginners with mostly foam gliders in the air.

Meeting Notes (Continued on page 2)

Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, April 4
7:00 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE

Next scheduled meet after current is to be determined

Allan Worrest made a motion we pay the \$40.00 for AMA charter for 2017 and the motion passed. Since we don't have a club field this year, we won't have the expense of insurance.

Willard Community Center will be closing down May 24th for remodeling which is scheduled to take a year. There was mention of transferring meetings to an apartment complex close by but the details were not discussed. Jim suggested having a summer meeting at his house with small RC flying and adult beverages served.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Our club charter was received by email on 3/21/17 and the club roster has been updated. I have deleted deceased members and those with AMA expired in 2015. Please check the expiration date of your own AMA membership. My understanding is AMA has switched from calendar year renewals to year-to-date memberships.

The meeting adjourned around 8:20 p.m..

Models of the Month



Tom Wild (on the left) and Jim Baker along with Jim's two home-brewed planes. Neither Tom nor I took notes. As I recall, both planes use the same wing. It was originally the tips from another project that Jim and Thane Kirchoff collaborated on. The plane on the front of the table is an electric glider and the other a DLG. - A.W.



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Regional Events

- 4/15 **Western R/C Flyers Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly** - Starts at 9:00 am with flying until 3:00 pm, Mead, NE
- 4/15 **Council Bluffs, IA Cobras Fun Fly** - Free Flying all day
- 4/29 **Bellevue, NE Bellevue R/C Aero Modelers - Fun Fly 11AM - 5PM** See <http://metrorcfl flying.com/brca-fun-fly3-25-17.htm>
- 5/13 **Council Bluffs, IA Cobras Fun Fly** - Free Flying all day
- 5/18-21 **Lucas, KS (AA) MIDWEST SLOPE CHALLENGE #23.** Site: Wilson Lake Reservoir. Mark Dennis CD PH: 913-523-3391 Email: m-dennis@swbell.net. Visit: midwestslopechallenge.com. Sanction #17/865. Wilson Lake Kansas is one of the premier slope flying sites in the country and is located about 8 miles North of I-70 on Highway 232, (exit 206). We will have Slope Combat, One Design Racing, Unlimited Racing and Warbird Racing if we have enough time. See website for rules, entry forms, local lodging and more. Sponsor: WINGS OVER WILSON SOARING CLUB
- 5/20 **Western R/C Flyers Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly** - Starts at 9:00 am with flying until 3:00 pm, Mead, NE
- 5/20 **Grand Island, NE (D) RC MILITARY & VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY & DEMO.** Site: VFW Club. Steve Blayney CD PH: 308-390-7439 Email: rcflyergi@gmail.com. Visit: gimodelers.club. Sanction #17/999. Display & demonstration in conjunction with event by the Veterans Club to support Hero Flight. Flying restricted to small electric/gas aircraft. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN
- 6/3 **Waverly, NE (C) LSK ANNUAL FUN FLY.** Site: 134th & Waverly Rd. Leonard Akert CD PH: 402-326-5970 Email: rakert@neb.rr.com. Sanction #17/1183. Gates open at 9am. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY
- 6/16-18 **Grand Island, NE (C) G.I. MODELERS RC AIRPLANE AND FUN FLY.** Site: Grand Island Modelers. Steve Blayney CD PH: 308-390-7439 Email: rcflyergi@gmail.com. Visit: gimodelers.com. Sanction #17/83. Location; 40.88974, -98.4737. West Husker Hwy & S 70th Rd, \$20 Pilot fee. 540' Petromat, 800" Grass runway. Air conditioned clubhouse, covered electric hookups & primitive camping. Aircraft hanger, concessions stand, pilot prizes. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN

Free Salvaged Mystique RES Parts

Several years ago my Horizon Mystique RES vanished while in flight. I was using the plane to range test a new radio. It was toward the end of the day at the LSK field. I was flying to the south at a moderate altitude. The flight was uneventful when suddenly the plane disappeared. It was as though there was a Romulan cloaking device inside the plane and it switched on!

Rather than having the present of mind to switch the transmitter off and put the plane into a failsafe descent, I desperately held the rudder to circle hoping to regain sight of it. Never did see it again. The search for it that evening yielded nothing.

Early next morning while driving along Waverly Road, I spotted the plane clear across the fallow field south of the road. Its nose was stuck in the ground with the fuselage sticking up at about thirty degrees off of vertical.

Although the fuselage was beyond repair, the wings and tail surfaces were salvageable. The covering for both wings was unbroken, but there is damage to the right wing leading edge sheeting and the root rib. The left wing shows no visible damage.

I'll bring the wing and other parts to the Tuesday meeting. They are free for the taking. If no one wants them, they will be thrown away. I have to make room for newer projects.

A.W.