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President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

The windy season has hit hard here on the plains and with the building season winding down it is time for us to adjust our focus. New batteries replaced the seven year old packs we have been hoarding in our planes and all servos checked and screws tightened it is time to "hit the slopes." Usually I hear that from skiers, I digress.. Last week I took my daughters boyfriend out and showed him the joys of flying foamies.

Wings and Bees were meant for the beginner, but they shouldn't be overlooked for us that have been in this for a while. Tearing up the slope can be a blast with these bounce-able planes when the wind isn't right for our glass slippers. This also is a good time to work out some of the rust that may have crept into our flying style and reflexes. Not only will the more difficult, gusty, chancy, slope lift from this time of year quicken our thumbs the planes are not going to care with the occasional boink. Sometimes we just need to lighten up and enjoy our time in the wind. Keep flying it lifts the winter blues.

Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

President Wilson Hardy called the February 6th LASS meeting to order at Greg's Restaurant. There were no objections to the minutes from the December meeting.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded to continue holding the even month meetings at Greg's Restaurant until we have access to the Willard Community Center.

Midwest Slope Challenge May 17-20, 2018 has opened their registration online on February 1st for the annual slope glider contest. The following changes are noted on the website:

"We no longer have a pre-registration for those that flew last year because most of you use the 2.4GHz frequency. Those that do not, please sign up early to make sure that you get your frequency."

Lincoln Sky Knights have organized indoor flying at Cathedral of the Risen Christ at 37th and Sheridan Friday March 9th at 7-9 pm. Free will donations will be accepted and \$5.00 seems to be the custom.

Loren Blinde mentioned the Cobra R/C Club holds a glider and old timer fun fly once a month, a look at their newsletters shows it has been the 4th Saturday of the month in the past.

Loren also mentioned the Omahawks host electric fun fly. A check of their Feb. 2018 newsletter shows electric sailplanes on Wednesdays June 20th, July 18th and Aug. 22nd between 8:30 and 11am.

Western Flyers host Old Timers / Electric sailplanes on the 3rd Saturday of the month beginning in April through October. Old timer flyers start early and go home early so plan accordingly.

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Greg's Restaurant has a number of airplanes hanging from the ceiling so bringing another seems redundant.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10 pm.

Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, April 3
7:00 p.m.
Greg's Restaurant
1202 North Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln

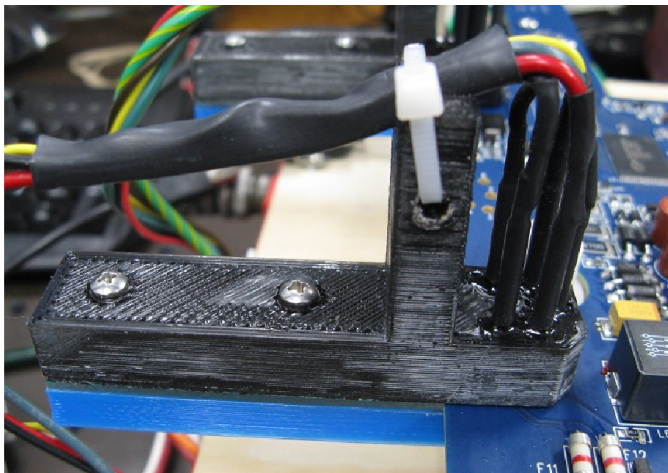
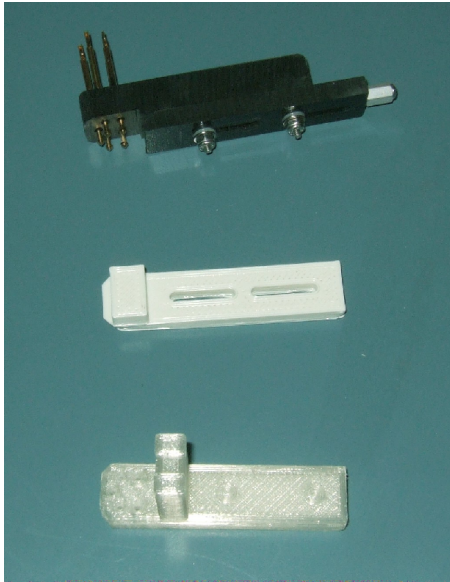
Next Scheduled Meet after Current - June 5

Regional Events

5/17/2018 - 5/20/2018 -- Lucas, KS (AA) MIDWEST SLOPE CHALLENGE #24. Site: Wilson Lake Reservoir. Mark Dennis CD PH: 913-523-3391 Email: m-dennis@swbell.net. Visit: midwestslopechallenge.com. Sanction #18/405. 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 if time, Warbird Racing. Sponsor: WINGS OVER WILSON SOARING CLUB.

The Cobras and Performance Flyers clubs in Omaha are holding numerous indoor events throughout the months of April and May. Go to the Metro Area RC Flying schedule page, http://metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm, to see the listings. At the time of publishing this newsletter, no outdoor sailplane events had been scheduled for this period.

At the February meeting, Tom Wild brought some 3-D printed pieces of a connector he is working on. While these pieces have no direct application for sailplanes, some modelers have started using 3-D printers to make parts for their scale planes. Tom furnished the bottom photo of the finished connector.



Tom also sent another picture of the progress that is taking place at Willard Center, our former meeting location.



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