

the L.A.S.S. Edition

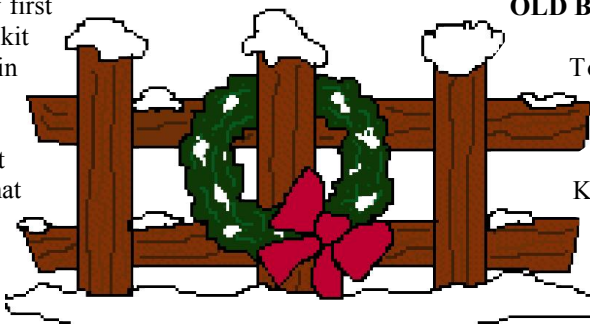
December 2015

President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

In these holiday seasons, namely Thanksgiving and Christmas I tend to look back on the past quite a bit and this year it hasn't been any different. I want to start out this little clip with a Thank you. First off a thank you to my father for getting me my first rubber band powered free flight kit and starting me on this path. Right in line I have to thank my teachers in grade school for fostering my love for all things flying. Next on the list is you, all my friends and cohorts that have made my life so much fuller and more interesting just knowing that you share the same love of flight that I do. In your hunt for that one perfect flight or that heart stopping beauty you just finished to put into the air, take time to think of the ones that helped you get where you are in this wonderful hobby. Maybe you can pass on this love to someone else and in the end both you and they will have a life enriched by the beauty of flight. God made the birds to fly, we make our own creations to fly and in this it is just possible that we in some small way can share in that divinity as well. Make someone smile this Christmas season and give the gift of flight to someone else. To all keep looking up and thank you for making my life better.

Happy Holidays



Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

President Wilson Hardy called the Oct. 6th LASS meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There were no objections to the minutes taken at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom's days at Wilson Lake transpired on the weekend of Sept 12th and 13th with many of the club members present. Kelly Neill had family in attendance; her sister Lisa and her husband Brad and their kids Rachael, David, Hannah, Izzy and Simon. The flying was pleasant on Saturday with enough wind to fly ODR, war birds and unlimited on the main slope. We have many a slope challenge where we would have welcomed the winds we had that day.

The Old Timers/Glider event at the Mead field held Sep. 19th was well attended and the thermals in the afternoon could not have been better. The biggest problem over a couple of sore necks was getting the gliders out of the thermals. Loren Blinde suggested the hot weather previously in the week coupled with our cool calm weather on this day was the perfect formula for thermals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Hines of Boulder Colorado has been sending out Email feelers to see if there is any interest in a Fall Fun Fly at Wilson Lake. Well, it has now been scheduled for the weekend of October 10th and 11th with many flyers coming in earlier and staying later. This will not be a contest but just a get-together to fly.

Chad Mickelson, Appraiser, Field Services Division Office of State Lands and Investments, State of Wyoming contacted club officers requesting our field size in acres and what we pay in rental fees to get a good idea what to charge a local club in Cheyenne for their field. Wilson

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Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, December 1
7:00 p.m.
Greg's Restaurant
1202 North Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln

Note changes in location & time

Minutes (Continued from page 1)

Hardy said he would respond to the request.

The Calvert Rec. Center will be open again this fall/winter for indoor flying. Check the LSK newsletter or website for details.

This is the time of year for nominations for club officers and set dues. We counted the members on the club roster and estimated our field rent for the upcoming year and came to the conclusion that current dues would cover our rent give or take a membership fee and we should be able to keep our treasury intact.

Club officers; Tom Wild nominated Steve Dworsky for secretary; Jack Barry nominated Jim Baker for club treasurer and Thane Kirchhoff nominated Wilson Hardy for president. Allan Worrest also mentioned that position of newsletter editor is up for grabs if anybody would like it. We reminded Allan he hasn't even been doing it for 20 years yet. The nominations were closed. We will vote on the ballet at the next club meeting to be held on Dec. 1 but a location was not discussed. Write-in candidates have been accepted in the past and I would assume it would be accepted again this year.

FIELD REPORT:

Jim Baker reports that he and Thane Kirchhoff had been out flying on Sunday Oct. 4th and the grass has been mowed to a level above cropped short so the grass gives a nice cushy landing. Jim also stated he has been finding the gate open at times and emails Susan Bulling (sbulling@lancastereventcenter.com), manager of the Lancaster Event Center, to let her know he has found it open. He has then been locking the gate behind himself.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m..

Willard Session

Willard would like our club to entertain its kids over the Christmas/New Year week. In past years the club conducted some sort of aviation related program one afternoon for the kids. This was done in appreciation of Willard providing a room for our club meetings. The dates on which Willard can use our help are Dec. 23, Dec. 28-31, and Jan. 4. Janelle, Willard's Executive Director, expects to have the largest number of kids on the Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 4 dates. If we decide to go ahead with this again this year, we should make our intentions known to Willard as soon as possible.

Regional Events

Dec 2015– Feb 2016 Lincoln Sky
Knights Indoor Flying, See
attachment.

Feb 6, 2016 LSK Auction. See attachment

FAA Registration

By Allan Worrest

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established a task force to assist it in establishing rules for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). Their charge was "to provide recommendations to the FAA on registration requirements and process for small UAS, including those used for commercial purposes, and all model aircraft."

Note that the recommendations cover model aircraft and not just drones which have made all the headlines. On November 21, the task force issued their final report. The report is eighteen pages long. You can download it at https://www.faa.gov/uas/publications/media/RTFARCFinalReport_11-21-15.pdf

Read the document and make your own judgment. The last two pages contain its summery. My take on it (and I'm not a lawyer or expert on government regulations) is that all model aircraft between 250 grams and 55 pounds that are flown outdoors must have an FAA registration number. It is the owner's responsibility to obtain the number which must be affixed to his aircrafts. If the owner is younger than 13, the parent must do the registration. Failure to register will result in a fine.

According to one news report, the FAA will take the report's recommendations under consideration and issue its rules for sUAS in mid to late December.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics' position on the recommendations can be found at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/AMAREACTSTODOTTASKFORCE.pdf>



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2015 -2016 INDOOR FLYING SEASON

Calvert Recreation Center at 4500 Stockwell Street

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Small Airplanes up to 16" and Helicopters (Opposite Ends)

We will fly longer if we have good attendance

MUST HAVE CURRENT AMA CARD TO FLY

(AMA Open Membership or AMA Park Flyer Membership Required)

\$5.00 entry fee for each 1 hour session

Obey established flight lines

No 400 size helicopters or larger

Micro size aircraft only

10 oz weight limit on aircraft

Contest Director has the right to ground any aircraft deemed unsafe.

Accidental mid airs are an expected risk.

Participants not using 2.4 GHz responsible for frequency sharing if needed.

2015 - 2016 :

SUNDAY November 22nd

SUNDAY December 6TH & 20th

SUNDAY January 17th & 31st

SUNDAY February 14th & 28th



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R/C AUCTION

Saturday Feb. 6th, 2016

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CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION begins AT 8:00 am.
AUCTION starts at 10:00am til everything is sold.

BIDDING STARTS AT \$15.00. Please group small items together. Any bidding below \$15.00 is sold immediately. **You must state the minimum you will take for any item to protect it.** Mark donation "YES" to donate the entire sale to the club.



Waverly Foundation Center
11120 N. 141st Street
Waverly NE, 68462
(Same place as last year)

- \$5.00 admission per buyer/seller number
- \$2.00 Pancake Breakfast ends at 9:30 AM.
- All items sold in order they are received.
- Lincoln Sky Knights will keep 10% of the sale price or buy back price with a minimum of \$2 commission on sales under \$20
- A \$2 processing fee will be charged for "no sale"
- Payment is by cash or check with proper ID.
- All sales are final and sold as is.
- Breakfast and Lunch available

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Take I-80 to exit 409. Take a right (East) on Highway 6 toward Waverly. Turn left onto 141st street at the stoplight in Waverly. The Waverly Foundation Center will be on your right as you are leaving town.

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