

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

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## Merry Christmas and Holiday Greetings

### Secretary's Notes

by Wilson Hardy

The November 4, 2008 meeting of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society came to order at 7:40pm, President Jim Baker presiding. To start with the minutes from the last meeting were moved and voted on and accepted. Jack Barry gave the Treasurer's report and other than Thane Kirchoff paid his dues for the year nothing much had changed from last month. Welcome back Thane! Jim let the membership know that the rental payment for the field will be due next month. This brought on a discussion on whether or not the field will be available for very much longer. For right now the proposed racetrack will be north of Havelock Street. That will make it so we still have the area we do right now with no changes.

#### ONTO OLD BUSINESS,

There may be a need to purchase one more sign for the north entrance to the Event Center. The discussion continued and was tabled until next meeting or until the need arises. Tom Wild gave a little report on the fun that was had by all on Saturday (11-1-08) a couple of the guys from Omaha came down and joined in and the weather made for good flying. Tom said there were roughly a dozen fliers in all.

#### PRESIDENT BAKER CHANGED GEARS AND FORGED ONTO NEW BUSINESS.

AOL has killed all the archives for the LASS newsletters and the isn't a new place to archive them yet. Right now

Keith Paskewitz from the Omaha clubs is archiving the LASS newsletters as well as many of the area clubs. Allan Worrest said that he could put Keith's site as a link in our web site for the past newsletters. On other business President Baker said if there are no objections to the present, the LASS secretary will remain Wilson Hardy for a continued term. Allan made a motion to accept the club officers by acclamation, President Baker seconded it and the motion passed. The club officers are as written: President – Tom Wild, Treasurer – Jack Barry, Secretary – Wilson Hardy, and Allan Worrest is still the club Safety Officer and club Newsletter editor.

Allan brought his JR 12x radio for show-n-tell and with a 2.4Ghz module it is really some fancy radio. It has the capability to be switched to 72Mhz and when it is in that mode it has a frequency scanner built in. One feature that is nice for programming is that the RF signal can be shut off while the radio is still on. This makes it easy to change the program at the field while not operating someone else's plane. It has a 50 model memory. Pretty nice stuff Allan.

The meeting ended at 8:36pm.

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday  
December 2, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Willard Community Center  
Folsom & West B Street  
Lincoln, NE**

Newsletter of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society

# How're Your Nicads?

by Ted Brindle

The Nicad batteries that we use in our transmitters and aircraft wear out with time. If you have a battery pack that is more than three years old, you should be keeping a close check on it by cycling every month. If it is five years or older, you should replace it and be sure to properly dispose of the old cells. So, how do we tell the age of our batteries?

Most Futaba battery packs and individual Sanyo battery cells (which most OEM radio manufacturers use) have a two-letter date code stamped somewhere on the pack or cell. The first letter of the code is the year of manufacture and the second letter is the month of manufacture. 1996=A, 1997=B, 1998=C, etc. January=A, February=B, March=C, etc.

The last flying event of the season took place on November 1 at the Lancaster Event Center field. It was an impromptu gathering of SWIFT and LASS members. The weather was mild and the wind light. Most of the lift was over the trees on the east side of the field.

If you have a battery or pack with a date code of IB, it was manufactured in February of 2004. Probably still okay but keep a close check on it. The pack in my 8UAF transmitter was ZF, or June of 1995 so I replaced it. I found one pack with a date code of WC which translates to 1992; replaced that one without question.

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## Regional Events

- 11/30 LSK Indoor flying at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street, Lincoln. See announcement in November issue. Also on 12/14, 12/28, 1/11/09 and 1/25/09
- 2/7/09 LSK Auction, Waverly NE



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