

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

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## Secretary Notes

By Tom Wild

President Loren Blinde called the November 6th meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted without any objections or corrections.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Allan Worrest reported the Swift season closer held on Sunday October 21st at the Papillion recreation area was concluding just as he got there around noon. Allan was the only LASS member present as many of the other members had committed to flying power at the Western Flyers field. Allan stated their field has some restrictions on how many cars could drive on the field (one to transport the winch) and all other pilots had to walk. The field also sported soccer goals,.

Allan's flying desire then took him to the LSK field to take in the "Tyler's Fall Fun Fly" which Allan reported featured large airplanes doing 3D and hovering..

Allan then reported on the indoor flying at the Calvert Rec. Center on Nov. 4th. From 5:00 to 6:30 flying was open to the smaller airplanes and from 6:30 to 7:00 was the time for bigger planes.

Loren suggested any organized LASS events wouldn't be scheduled this year but may pop up should the weather give us a good flight window.

### FIELD REPORT:

Loren noticed a new sign appearing at the Lancaster Event Center titled "Special permit #12006". Much discussion and speculation followed which ended up with the suggestion to have Jim Baker give the Center a call and ask what was going on.

### NEW BUSINESS:

This year's officers were elected for another term.. Jack Barry made a motion to keep the dues at \$20.00 and Tom Wild seconded. All present voted and the motion passed.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

## Weekend at Wilson

By Loren Blinde

I was able to get away for a couple days in Kansas on Nov. 9-10, the exceptionally windy weekend right before winter started. Since the forecast for Saturday was almost intimidating, 30-40 mph, I drove down Friday so I could get an early start Saturday.

On the way down, I called the Midland Hotel in Wilson and reserved their last available room, which seemed a bit strange. When I arrived in Lucas, and saw a line of guys in orange hats outside Brandt's Meat Market, I got the idea. Saturday was the first day of pheasant season, which is quite the event in Kansas. I found that out first hand when the City of Wilson sounded the siren and rang the church bells at 7 am Saturday. So since I was awake anyway, the flying day started early.

The wind was already blowing 20 mph, dead south, at 8 am. Perfect. I had four planes to prove in one way or another. First up was an old Magnum Models Cobra, not flown for five years and refurbished. Next was an original ODR design of 10 years ago, christened Delilah. Both flew fine.

My \$50 Crossfire, the one shown at the November meeting, was next. I thought I had already made all the mistakes one can make in RC, but I was mistaken. I learned that if you turn on your receiver back at the car, and then walk into the face of a howling wind down to the hill, your glued-in flap servo will unglue itself when the wind whips the wing across your shoulder. Fortunately I had one of those priceless little tubes of CA from Harbor Freight in the box, so I could remount the servo. The Crossfire flew nicely, very smooth, very elegant, but not exceptionally fast. A pound or two of ballast should fix that.

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**Next CLUB MEETING  
Tuesday, December 4  
7:30 p.m.  
Willard Community Center  
Folsom & West B Street  
Lincoln, NE**

# The Field Sign

By Jim Baker

The sign pictured is not a plot to keep us from using the field. The reason for the sign will only keep us from a small portion of the field. I suspect the portion with that has been flagged.

The soil in all of the field will eventually be mined. This has nothing to do with trying to keep enemy ships from using our



## Regional Events

Dec 2 & 30 LSK Indoor at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street. See flyer in the November newsletter.

flying field. Mining as in scooping up 3 to 4 feet at a time in smallish areas till they have enough somewhere else to get the ground above flood level. Ron Snover tells me they, the contractor, was supposed to begin the 4 to 5 year process this last fall and that the top soil is put back in sections and seeded with grass similar to what there is now. It is likely that the new leveled planted field will be smoother than it is now.

SWPPP stands for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Here's a link. <http://swpppcompliance.com/>

## Willard Christmas Session

Willard would like us to conduct a session for their kids this year as our club as done in the past. Lincoln schools will be out December 24 through January 4. Any time in that period would work for them. I told the staff that I would inform them what the club decided to do following our December meeting. Let's discuss this then. - AW



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### *Wilson (Continued from page 1)*

The feature act was a brand-new Aeromod Miraj. I got the kit on eBay earlier this year and have had it finished for some time, just waiting for the right day. This was it. I felt like an 80-year-old coot driving the hot Cadillac in the commercials. It basically said, "OK, just get out of the way and watch me do some laps." I have low standards, but was impressed. I need to make some ballast for this one too.

By 11 am, the wind was howling beyond my comfort level so I drove back like a sailboat getting 30 mpg. But first I made a memorable stop in Lucas.

It's safe to say that we all take trips to the bathroom for granted. But that's because we have ordinary boring bath-

rooms. Right on Main Street in Lucas is perhaps the most ornate bathroom on the entire planet ... really. This is the new public bathroom for which they actually auctioned the first flush earlier this year on eBay. Just Google Bowl Plaza Lucas and you will get the idea. I can't say it's worth a 230 mile drive just to use the facilities, (you'd probably have to stop in Belleville anyway), but if you're in the neighborhood it's worth a flush.

## November Show & Tell - Loren Blinde's Crossfire



Loren obtained the Crossfire, originally owned by Bryan Quick, through Bob Turner. It required some patch work. Loren installed his own equipment.