

the L.A.S.S. Edition

December 2014

Secretary's Notes

By Tom Wild

The October 7th 2014 meeting came to order at 7:35 pm at the Willard Community Center with Loren Blinde presiding. The minutes from the August meeting were accepted without comment.

BUSINESS NEW AND OLD:

Our lease agreement with the Lancaster Event Center is still in limbo but Jim Baker stated we are in good standing. Emails from the Event Center staff circulated with the request to have the lease agreement sent to Jim by the October 7th. This didn't happen.

The combination lock at the Event Center was discussed; it seems to be the only lock in use at the gate and has been reported to have been left open by persons other than LASS members. Loren stated the lock can be finicky but will work if you use a firm hand and language. Remember to lock the gate directly behind you when you are at the field.

Jim has had some policy discussions with Event Center director Amy Dickinson that will affect how we conduct ourselves. Amy would like a list of LASS members and would like us to check in at the front office before we fly. Should the office be closed there should be staff patrolling the grounds in golf cart or white pickup. Please make an effort to check in before flying.

Tom's Days at Wilson Lake on the weekend of Sept 12th thru 14th was well attended by many club members and friends of Tom and Kelly Neill. The temps were low but good sleeping weather reports Thane Kirchoff and the winds were good enough for some flying. Jack forgot his sleeping bags but he remembered his transmitter and slope birds.



**NOTE CHANGE
IN TIME AND
LOCATION**

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President's Message

By Loren Blinde

We seem to have gone from a lot of flying to barely any flying in a remarkably short time. I took a bit of a holiday in the UK and upon arrival back home, I wanted to turn around and go back to balmy England. I did have a sort-of soaring experience, an outing at a falconry center near Shrewsbury. Splendid time. No dead rabbits to show for the effort but did get in a couple hours of hiking in the woods on a country estate with a Harris hawk and getting to meet an assortment of birds back at the display area. All it took to bring the bird home was an extended arm and the promise of a bit of chicken meat tucked in the thumb. I tried the same tactic with a 20 pound note outside the Newcastle train station, but have no birds on the arm to show for it.

Oh well, like every other club president this month, this is your annual encouragement to build something nice this winter for next year. I've been tempted by some kind of very large scale sailplane, but may need to get a larger trans-

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Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, December 2
7:00 p.m.
Greg's Restaurant
1202 North Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln

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Thane mentioned he has a co-worker who would like to fly an electric Radian at the event center. All in attendance suggested he join the club. Prorated fees were discussed and I believe we decided if this co-worker paid a full year's fees now, he or she would be a member in good standing for 2015 as well. \$20 was the amount of dues in 2014.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS:

It's that time of year again to nominate club officers. After the normal amount of uncomfortable pointing and grumbling the following members were nominated.

Treasurer: Jack Barry
President: Wilson Hardy
Secretary: Steve Dworsky

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Omahawks auction will be Sunday October 12th. Doors open at 7:00 am. The auction starts at 10:00 at the Millard Social Hall 10508 S 144th St., Omaha Ne.

Oldtimers and gliders, Saturday October 18th. Oldtimers in the morning, lunch and gliders in the afternoon if good flying conditions.

LASS bimonthly meeting will be held at Greg's restaurant 1202 N Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE at 7:00pm on December 2nd.

Regional Events

January 17, 2015

SASM Exhibit

SAC Museum will be hosting an open house for RC indoor flying and display tables for clubs interested in attending. Allan Worrest reports the LSK gang is planning to attend this year. The date will be Jan 17, 2015 and the SAC Museum would like to have a RSVP by December 19th.

The meeting adjourned around 8:03 pm.

After the normal business meeting Jim shared pictures of Loren's resurrection flight of his giant Constellation glider which Loren reports handles like a garbage truck.

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portation system before that happens. Trailer or van, such decisions to be made The Pegasus tow plane is still operational if you've ever considered getting towed.

Hope you make it to Greg's restaurant for the December meeting. In case you haven't seen it, the place is done up in

aviation decor and the centerpiece is an uncovered Proctor WW1 biplane. Having built one of the 'simple' Proctor Antic kits gives one an appreciation for the quality of work. See you there ... Loren



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The following item was sent to me by Tom Eutsler, whom I've corresponded with on various INTERNET forums about transmitter programming. As you read it you will see that it has nothing to do with transmitters but it is seasonal. – AW

Bad Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift.

The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot.

The parrot yelled back.

John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude.

John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet.

Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions.

I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly,

"May I ask what the turkey did?"

Editor's Bits & Pieces

WILLARD COMMUNITY CENTER

Janelle Soderling, executive director for the Willard Community Center, would appreciate the club putting on a program as we've done in the past for the kids staying there during Christmas vacation. She said she expected only a few kids during Christmas Week. The following week is expected to have more. She left the timing and duration up to us if we can make it. This should be a topic for discussion at our December meeting.

STRATEGIC AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM INDOOR AIR SHOW

At the November Lincoln Sky Knights meeting there was no further action taken with regard to the SASM Indoor Air Show on Saturday, January 17, 2015. In October they voted to attend. As near as I can recall they left contacting the museum and finalizing their decision until after their December meeting. Much as we have done!

AW, editor