# the L.A.S.S. Edition

February 2014

### President's Message

By Loren Blinde

Since we're now meeting every other month, I will try to share some thoughts on the same schedule. I seem to remember 32 years ago typing (on a real type writer, complete with correction fluid, to be mailed the next day) something under the same heading for benefit of our club newsletter, operating under the same banner as today. I treasure that continuity. I still have that typewriter, but the ribbon seems to have dried out.

I hope you make it a point to make the meeting. Pay your dues (\$20), get your membership card, make plans for the new year, show some planes, the possibilities are there. I'm looking forward to

I expect Allan has done a write up on the paper airplane event, but it was special to have

found a for-real budding model aviator amongst the crowd of noisy young faces. This kid was exceptional! He was obviously into the nuances of aircraft trimming and his flights showed it. I was so impressed that I ordered a few entry level Sig kits and got them into his hands. So who knows, maybe we have inspired the career of the first man on Mars.

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

Following Scheduled Meeting is on April 4

## **Secretary's Notes**

**By Tom Wild** 

The December 2013 meeting was held at Greg's restaurant. After everybody ordered their meal, President Loren Blinde called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November meeting were accepted without objec-

#### TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Jim Baker said there weren't any changes to the treasury. Jim also stated he has not yet approached the Lancaster Event Center to discuss renewing our lease for 2014.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vote on club officers; without an objection the following nominated members where accepted as the 2014 club officers. The only change from 2013 will be Jack Barry as the new treasurer.

President, Loren Blinde Treasurer, Jack Barry Secretary, Tom Wild Newsletter editor and safety officer, Allan Worrest

Allan Worrest reported he did not receive any write-in

candidates.

Loren made a motion at the November meeting to change the constitution, article VI Meetings and Voting to read, "An open meeting of the membership shall be held no less frequently than bimonthly, at dates and times determined by vote of the membership. To the extent practicable, the meetings will be held at a consistent location, date and time."

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#### Minutes (Continued from page 1)

All present voted yea on this amendment. Loren then suggested we meet on even months which would avoid holidays of January 1<sup>st,</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> and also avoid the voting crowd at Willard Community Center in November. All present voted yea.

Loren said he would contact Keith Paskewitz, webmaster of http://www.metrorcflying.com/ to tell him of our changes to meeting schedules. Allan Worrest suggested informing the Janelle Soderling of Willard of our change to meetings and Loren said he would do that as well.

All agreed we should do the paper airplane event for the kids at the event center over the Christmas break so Allan will contact Janelle to set a time.

Allan mentioned that Janelle would like some pictures of our past paper airplane events and Wilson Hardy said he would send her some from his phone. Loren mentioned he received an AMA insider email with good news about FAA regulations on drones. Condensed version; as long as our RC flying is under a community control (club) and is 5 miles away from an active airport, we should be good.

#### FIELD REPORT:

Jim Baker and Thane Kirchhoff report the grass looks good at the Event Center but there are more obstacles than in the past. A fence surrounding a mud drag area could be a problem if your glider landed on the wrong side. There is hope of an accessible gate somewhere on its perimeter.

Thane also brought in a mystery turnaround device he found at the field. It was made of wood with a ball-bearing metal spool and a metal stake to hold it to the ground. There was much speculation on its purpose and proper use.

The official meeting adjourned around 7:50 pm.



#### **Show and Tell**

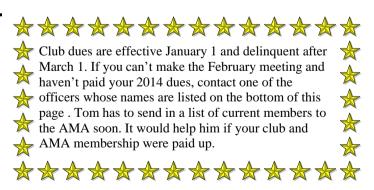
Jim Baker, standing in the back, brought his new Energic sailplane to the December meeting. The Energic is designed for F3F/F3B competition. Jim's intent is to use it principally for slope flying. The molded-constructed plane has a 96 inch wingspan and full-house controls.

The mysterious turnaround is by the left wing tip.

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Do you need any airplanes? It seems that after 40 years of frenetic building, I have accumulated more planes than I can possibly fly. I would much rather see them flying in appreciative hands than rotting in my basement. Don't be shy .... free of charge, I'd rather just give them away than organize an auction.

Loren





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# **Willard Paper Airplanes**

By Allan Worrest

On December 27, Loren and I, along with members of the Willard staff, conducted the annual paper airplane folding and flying session. This year there were about thirty kids of grade-school age who were at the Willard Community Center during the Christmas break. While an attempt was made to keep the planes simple, for second-graders and younger, the planes were something of a challenge to fold. With help from the staff everyone managed to make them.

Unlike past years, the normal spare room for flying was not available. Fortunately the weather outside was warm and not too windy. The group went outdoors to fly their planes. Some of the planes flew well and some didn't. One ended up on Willard's back roof.

There are not many pictures this year. None that shows the entire group. The session was breaking up when I got around to shooting them. Outside, the kids scattered all over the playground.

The two pictures to the right were taken as the folding session came to an end. The picture below shows some of the activity on the playground.









# R/C AUCTION

Saturday Feb. 8th, 2014

AMA Charter Club #405

www.lincolnskyknights.org

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

\$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.



- \$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.
- A \$1 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

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

auction.lincolnskyknights.org

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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