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President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

In the last few months I've been working on "finishing" some of my projects. That doesn't sound like much but to tell the truth I'm one of those guys that love the idea of a new project better than the actual work that comes with completing one.

On to the task at hand... I started an acrobatic plane, glow-powered with a 60" wingspan sometime ago. I got stuck with the linkage to the rudder. For some reason it just wasn't working like I had planned it out. So into the corner it went until I could figure out a different way to get the results I wanted. Christmas came and with it a new plane. Wow I couldn't wait to get started. I took it to work and over my lunch hours for a couple of weeks that is all I would work on. It all came together and so I took it home to finish it.

During this time I cracked up one of my other planes and needed to get it fixed so my new plane went into the corner along with plane number one. Two years of this came and went. Four planes in the corner waiting to be finished, three needing to have some TLC slathered on them to get them airworthy again and a stack of boxes with the big temptation of "Open me first" all over them. It was time. Plane number one is back on the bench. The rudder linkage is rebuilt to a complete different tune and more important than that I've got the momentum to finish this poor misfit that has been so patient with my wanderings. The engine is in place, fuel tank, radio all works correctly, the wing fits its saddle, and the cowling is ready to be installed. I'm just that close. It is really starting to look good.

What was my problem, why couldn't I work on this two years ago? Well I'm guessing it is the same thing that some of all of us have a problem with once in a while... Focus. When life starts to pull you in each and every direction, don't forget to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Why we do all this, it's to have fun and escape from our world of work for a little while. Then we can refocus again and tackle the problems and projects that have been facing or in my case ignoring. Keep your chin up we're all in this together and we'll win in the end.

Wilson

Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

The Dec. 5th, 7:00 p.m. LASS meeting was held at Greg's restaurant at 1202 N Cotner Blvd.; Wilson Hardy presiding.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Willard Community Center would like us to have a presentation over the Christmas holiday for the kids. The exact day was not known but we hope to get an email with Allan Worrest, the event coordinator.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2017:

Loren Blinde made a motion to accept the previous year's officers for another year's service, Darin Kelstrom seconded. There were no objections.

President	Wilson Hardy
Treasurer	Jim Baker
Secretary	Steve Dworsky

Loren made a motion to set the dues at \$0.00 as the only expense we have upcoming is the club charter (\$60.00 in years past) and we should have that much in the treasury. Jack Barry seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes (Continued on page 2)

Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, February 7
7:00 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE

Next Scheduled Meet after Current - April 4

FIELD REPORT:

No one present had any news on finding a new field. Loren stated with the right wind direction a winch set up at Western Flyer's field in Mead is acceptable. He also stated he is going to ask the Western Flyer's Cub reporter and newsletter editor to change the Old Timers / Glider gathering to Old Timers and electric gliders.

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

There was no model of the month; we just looked at what was hanging from the ceiling at the restaurant.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10 p.m..

Willard Christmas Airplane Session

The 2016 Willard Christmas Airplane Session was carried out on December 29 at the Willard Community Center. Jim Baker, Jack Barry and his son-in-law Jesse Williams and Allan Worrest led the session with help from the Willard staff. About fifty kids of grade-school age built and flew FPG-9 gliders.

Jim started the session with his enthusiastic introduction to aircraft. Through give and take discussion, he instructed the kids how an airplane is controlled in flight.

In the past we had the kids build paper airplanes. This year we tried something new. The Academy of Model Aeronautics' website listed the FPG-9 as an appropriate model for all ages. The glider's name reflects its construction. It is made from a nine-inch diameter foam plate.

To ensure that everyone, including the youngest, would complete the glider in the allotted time and have time to fly them, the glider pattern was drawn on the plates before the start of the session. Instead of relying on a precise fit, which is asking

a bit much of some of the youngsters, the rudder/vertical stabilizer was hot glued to the airframe.

The gliders flew as well as the paper gliders made in the past. The mess incurred during the construction was about the same as well.

Janelle Soderling, Willard's Executive director sent the following email afterwards. - A.W.

Hi Allan,

I have tried to call you a few times but I just get a busy signal so I thought that I would just email you. The kids had a lot of fun making and flying the airplanes. They are always open to new things and they love to have the Airplane club come and teach them all about flying. I really appreciate your club continuing to go this for us. It is always such a highlight during the Christmas break. We usually can't go outside much so this indoor activity is always a great activity for them to get up and moving around and having fun. Thanks again for getting your club to volunteer their time and talent.

On another note...Willard will be doing a renovation and addition to our building starting this spring. We will have our last activity on May 24th and will be totally out of the building as of June 1st for at least one year. I am in discussion with the manager of the apartment complex to the west of Willard, SW 8th and West C Streets, to see if we can continue some programs at that location for the next year. Would your group be interested in meeting there for a year? Let me know if you are interested in that possibility.

Have a great weekend.

*Janelle Soderling
Executive Director*



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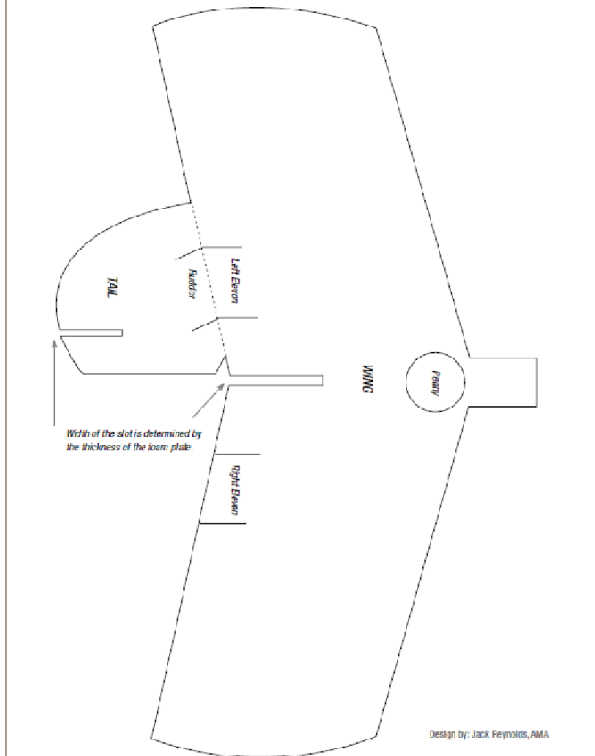
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2017 Willard Christmas Airplane Session - Jim Baker explaining how aircraft control surfaces work.

FPG-9 Glider Pattern



FPG-9 Glider

Regional Events

2/26/2017 LSK Indoor Flight, Calvert Recreation Center at 4500 Stockwell Street, Lincoln NE, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., See the December newsletter announcement, the February 12 session has been canceled.