

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

January 2012

## Secretary Notes

By Tom Wild

The December meeting of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society came to order at 7:38 p.m. with President Loren Blinde presiding.

The minutes in the November newsletter were accepted as read. Loren stated they were better than usual so thanks for stepping in Allan.

### TREASURER REPORT:

Jim Baker reports no change in the club funds as he has yet to send a check to the Lancaster Event Center for our field lease.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Per the discussion at the last club meeting and comments from previous meetings Jim drafted a letter to the Lancaster Event Center to discuss the possibility of renegotiating the cost of our yearly lease fees. Jim had sent the letter out and had not heard back at the time of the December meeting. Jim said he would try to get with Ron before Christmas or possibly after the New Year.

Loren mentioned that the association of LASS and the Event Center is a positive thing for both LASS and the Event Center.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Loren asked if LASS should offer our services to the

Willard Community Center over the Christmas break. Years past some of the LASS members have been able during the week to meet with some of the kids of the Willard Community Center and have a paper airplane building session. Allan Worrest said he would make contact and let the club membership know in the form of an email.

# Happy New Year!

### MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Thane Kirchoff and Jim Baker put their heads together and ordered two Stobel V3 discus launch gliders.



Thane holding his (inverted) Stobel

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday  
January 3, 2012  
7:30 p.m.  
Willard Community Center  
Folsom & West B Street  
Lincoln, NE**

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## Willard Paper Airplanes

On Wednesday afternoon, December 28, Jim Baker, Loren Blinde, Tom Wild and Allan Worrest led about thirty-five youngsters in building paper airplanes. This is more or less an annual exercise for LASS. We do it to repay the Willard Community Center for providing the club a monthly meeting place. As we get as much fun out of it as the kids, it is not much of a task for us.

Jim Baker professionally started the session by explaining the basics of trimming an airplane. While he has done this before, he outdid himself this time by bringing one of his smaller sailplanes and a transmitter. He let some of the kids manipulate the controls while explaining how it controls work. He had his audience spellbound.

This year the average age of the boys and girls was a bit younger than in the past. They were mostly second and third graders and a few older. The planes, while not overly

## Regional Events

Jan 8 & 22 LSK Indoor at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street. See flyer in the November newsletter.

complex, did have some folds that required the help of LASS members and the Willard staff. Every kid managed to complete at least two planes. After they had marked/ decorated them so they could be identified, they took them to the next room and let them fly. Tom Wild provide safety glasses for the pilots.

Instead of the planned one hour with the kids, it was closer to two. The kids were enthusiastic. Paper airplanes were all over the place. - A.W.



At the start of the folding session



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