

the L.A.S.S. Edition

July 2011

Secretary's Notes

by Tom Wild

President Loren Blinde called the June 7th 2011 L.A.S.S. meeting to order at 7:34 pm. The minutes from the May meeting were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

The May 7th glider gathering went off nicely at LASS field at the Lancaster Event Center. We didn't have the usual LINOMA event but happy had a fun flying off Loren's wench. Wilson Hardy had some exiting flights on his new Thermic Excel. His elevator had an oscillation. Wilson reports a loose elevator servo that was easily repaired.

MWSC 2011 was held May 13 thru 15. The temperatures averaged in the area of a high of 60 degrees in the daytime and 40 degrees at night. The winds were such we flew most of the events in Lawson's pasture.

Darren Kelstrom reports he tried to fly at the new Swift flying site at 192nd and Dodge Street, Omaha on a Sunday in May and was sharing the site with a ladies=Triathlon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Turner of the Swift club has organized a joint flying session with the Mead Western Flyer's Old Timers event on Saturday June 18th. The Old Timers will fly in the morning followed by a lunch break and the gliders will fly in the afternoon. This will not really be a LINOMA event with only Bob Turner as the member of Swift to compete with.

A new powered club has been born, The Lincoln Black Sheep R/C with a grass field on SW 50th and Rokeby Road.

Tom Wild reports word from Rich Boelts who is a member of EAA. There is a EAA member who is trying to form a full scale glider club in the Lincoln area and is planning to build a glider port south and west of Emerald NE. Rich said he would gather some information and relay it to us.

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Darin Kelstrom brought his Phoenix 2000 electric glider as seen in the AMA magazine.

The official meeting ended at 7:59.

Western Flyers Glider Fly

by Loren Blinde

A few weeks ago it became apparent that the SWIFT field wasn't as available as hoped, but we still needed a place to bring the Omaha glider guy(s) and us together. Since the Western Flyers field at Mead had been a proven venue for many years, the light bulb of inspiration lit and the idea of tagging an afternoon glider fly after the monthly WF Old Timer event came together. Two events, with lunch in the middle for cross-pollination, sounded like practical fun.

Saturday, June 18 started with a thunderstorm moving through, leaving wet ground, stout breezes and cool temps in its wake. At 9 am, the likelihood of the event happening was in doubt and several Old Timer fliers arrived and departed. A few of us stayed on though, and an hour later the clouds were parting. Several LASS guys showed up early and got to watch and/or fly Old Timer planes for a couple of hours. By lunch time, the sun was shining and the (LASS) winch was set up south of the runway. We were represented by Loren, Tom, Wilson, Jack and Darin.

It turned into a beautiful day with lots of lift to be had. There were a few Omaha guys with electric gliders, as well as Nelson Carpenter and WF president Rick Miller with winch launchable gliders. Three hours of relaxed fun and learning for all. This worked so well that I may try to see if we can do it again. The Western Flyers are a great group and much like our club. Could be the start of a beautiful friendship . . .

Loren

Pictures on pages 3 and 4.

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
July 5, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**



Regional Events

- 7/16/2011 Mead, NE, Western Flyer's Old Timer Fun Fly, Western Flyer's Mead Field
- 7/16/2011 Waverly, NE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS Warbirds Over Waverly, LSK field.
- 7/24/2011 Waverly, NE (C) 2011 LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS SENIOR PATTERN CONTEST. Site: Club Field. Michael Yearley CD PH: 402-475-1609 Email: firstchair2@msn.com. 2011 SPA contest, current SPA maneuvers and score sheets, contestant judging, pilot reg 9AM to 10:30AM. 10:30AM flying begins for 3 rounds of flying. \$15 includes lunch. Primitive camping available. Trophy plaques to 3rd place. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS

June Show & Tell

The June meeting's Show & Tell was held in the Willard Community Center parking lot. Darin Kelstrom brought his Phoenix 2000 electric glider that is sold by Hobby King. Wilson Hardy, below, built a Jasco Floater that he converted to R/C.



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