

the L.A.S.S. Edition

July 2012

Secretary Notes

By Tom Wild

The June meeting of the Lincoln Area soaring Society came to order at 7:35pm with Loren Blinde presiding. There wasn't an official meeting in May due to the Boy Scout flying demo held during our normal meeting time so there are no May minutes to approve. There were no objections to the last published minutes.

FIELD REPORT:

Jim reports the addition of a dumpster and a 150 foot wide path mown that runs north and south along the road. The rest of the grass is quite tall and normal wench use will be difficult until the rest of the field gets mowed for hay.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Midwest Slope Challenge has come and gone with many of the LASS members in attendance. We had wind on the main slope this year, maybe too much for some gliders.

Jim Baker brought home 2nd place in ODR and Thane Kirchoff a 2nd in unlimited.

We received good response from the Boy Scouts on our flying demo on May 1st. it was stated that this was the high point in their normal meeting activities and most likely would accept such and invitation in the future. Plans were discussed on how we might be better organized next time for such an event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren mentioned the Old Timers' fun fly coming up on June 16th in Mead at the Western Flyers field. After a lunch break a winch is set up for glider launches. An informal gathering will take place at the Western Flyers field with fun flying some burger frying and possibly a winch set up if the winds are good. This event is so informal an actual day was not selected but it will be either on Saturday June 9th or Sunday June 10th.

Thane and Jim also brought their home designed and built Inertias. They had their maiden flights at Wilson Lake in May and wowed and impressed all that were present. They

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Fun Flying, June 24

By Loren Blinde

Since we now have a freshly mowed field, it seemed time to put it to good use. So we organized a fun fly event for this past Sunday. No events or rules, just come out and enjoy. Despite the 90+ degree forecast, the morning was quite nice and the winch was running before 9 a.m.. We had a tent city of three sun shades set up so we stayed cool at least until mid day.

The conditions were outstanding with lots of lift. I think my 36 minute flight with the Aquila Grande was the longest of the day, and there were several other 20+ minute flights. The highlight of the day as Jack flying his brand new Tragi Christmas present for the first time, and it was a rousing success. What a great plane! We need to organize a real competitive event one of these days so Jack can show his stuff.

Bob Burt and Terry Pollard from the Western Flyers were there with electrics, Bob Turner joined us from Omaha. Jack, Tom, Darin and I were the locals. Allan joined us just as the noon hour heat had us packing up and heading for home.

We should do this more often . . .

Loren

Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, August 7, 2012
No July Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE

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continue to refine the aircraft and their flying techniques. Jim stated there is a You Tube video available on RC groups' website on page 4 of the topic of MWSC.

After the official meeting adjourned around 8:00 Thane got out his telescope with a Sun filter and we observed the transit of Venus across the Sun. Neat experience, thanks Thane.



Jim Baker and Thane Kirchoff with their Inertia's (Inertiae?) they brought to at the June meeting. The planes were flown at the Midwest Slope Challenge. The plane is Thane's original design for slope soaring. It uses wingerons for control instead of ailerons and elevator. In the photo below, Jim's plane has a remote-controlled hatch for an airbrake.



Regional Events

7/21/2012 Mead, NE, Western Flyers Old Timer

7/28/2012 Waverly, NE (C) LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS LEGACY PATTERN MEET. Site: 134th And Waverly Rd. Michael Yearley CD PH: 402-890-8694 Email: firstchair2@msn.com. Contestant and club judging for SPA Pattern 2012 rules. RV hook ups, primitive camping, noon lunch provided for pilots. 3-4 rounds of flying. \$20 entry fee. Sportsman, advanced and expert. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS

8/18/2012 Mead, NE, Western Flyers Old Timer

8/25/2012 Mead, NE (A) DON NEILL MEMORIAL SCALE CONTEST. Site: Western Flyers Club Field. Ricky Miller CD PH: 402-624-2530 Email: rick.miller@kellogg.com. Visit: www.weflyrc.org. Events 520, 522(O). One 500x50' grass runway. This is a tri-club sponsored event: Western Flyers, Skyknights, and Omahawks. Club field is located 3.7 miles south and 1 mile east of Mead. Sponsor: WESTERN RC FLYERS INC



Jack Barry launches his new Tragi at the June 24 gathering. Photo by Darin Kelstrom.



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