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May 1 Demonstration Pictures



Facing the camera on the left is Loren Blinde and one of the scouts flying Loren's plane. Far left in the picture is Darin Kelstrom holding Jim's Baker's plane. Tom, Jim and Wilson are in the picture on the left side.



Tom Wild on the left and Darin Kelstrom on the right are assisting Jim Baker with reading his plane. On the left are two scouts, one ready to retrieve the winch line and the other ready to fly.



Thane Kirchhoff and his DLG



Wilson Hardy and a queue of student pilots.

In place of the regular LASS meeting on the evening of May 1, Jim Baker arranged a flight demonstration for Scout Troop 16 at the Lancaster Event Center field. Jim's brother and nephew are associated with this troop. The scouts flew Loren Blinde's and Jim's sailplanes and my electric glider by way of buddy boxes. Wilson Hardy, Darin Kelstrom, and Tom Wild assisted. Thane Kirchhoff was at the field demonstrating his DLG. The flying started around 7:00 p.m. and lasted until dark. My apology if I left anyone out. - Allan Worrest

As there was no May meeting, there is no May minutes.

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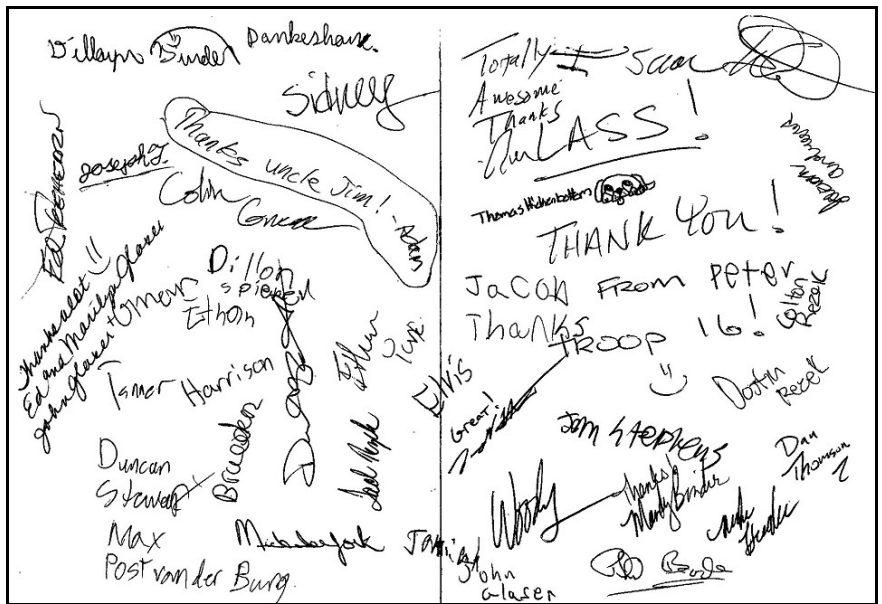
**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
June 5, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**

Sometimes Beta Means Beta

A recent experience with upgrading the firmware of an electronic speed controller, ESC, taught me to be cautious in using beta grade software. Just prior to taking making a maiden flight with my new electric glider, I upgraded the ESC software for no good reason from a version that was working to a later beta version. When I tried it at the field, the motor didn't spin up. Foolishly being anxious to maiden flight the plane, I launched the plane. It got about fifteen feet before hitting the ground and breaking a blade. At home I found the ESC would cutout at less than half its rated current.

Checking the firmware history on the web, it was noted that the new version I had installed would inappropriately cutout at 90% throttle. The moral of the story is two. Don't believe a beta version will work without testing it first and don't be overly eager to maiden flight a plane. - A.W.

The thank-you card received from Boy Scout Troop 16 for the May flight demo



Regional Events

- 6/7 - 10 Waverly, NE (C) CORNHUCK FEST. Site: Club Field. Gary Dunkel CD PH: 402-469-5291 Email: garydunkel@hotmail.com. Visit: www.lincolnskyknights.org Giant scale, helis, jets, electrics, anything welcome. 4 days of open flying, 2 runways grass/asphalt, float pond, sun shelters, RV hook ups, demos. Prizes and raffle items. Event coordinator Tim O'Brian PH:402-440-2114 e-mail timobrien1@gmail.com . Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS
- 6/15 - 17 Grand Island, NE (C) 7TH ANNUAL RC AIRPLANE EXHIBITION AND FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. John Boord CD PH: 308-382-1727 Email: jboord16@hotmail.com. Open to all types of aircraft, daily airshow and exhibitions. 540x34' runway, 800' grass. Kitchen facilities, club house, primitive camping. 3D airshows, jets, pilot raffle, pilot prizes, fly what you bring. Scale demos, aerobatics demos and a lot of open flying. Entry fee \$25. Cookout for pilots and family on Saturday night. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN
- 6/16 Mead, NE Western Flyer's Old Timers with Glider Fly - 9am with flying until 3pm



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2012 Midwest Slope Challenge

May 17-20, Lucas KS, Pictures by Darin Kelstrom

