

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

June 2017

## President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

There hasn't been a whole lot of activity in my shop lately. Two graduations, a family reunion of sorts, and a birthday party along with everyday responsibilities have really bitten into my free time. All the noise from life got put on pause this weekend. Early Saturday morning up in the loft I opened up my building box again. Out came the peanut Miles M-18 that I have been working on. The fun part is that this 13" span Peck Polymers kit is getting built not as the Air force version that the kit represents, but as the civilian race plane the full size plane ended up being. Finding the pictures that give me the information on colors and details that set it apart has been a challenge. Even the landing gear is different from most models.

So two days with relative freedom to pursue the goal of finishing this creation has been pretty nice. I have to admit that the respite from work has been refreshing. Which brings me to the question... how much of this life is spent doing things we don't want to do just so we can afford to do the things we want to do? Not a question that needs an answer, just a question to help me refocus my priorities. Just maybe we are all in this predicament; we could all do with a little recreating. Take a step back from the cares of the world and have a turn on the work bench. We all need to some time. There's no time like the present.

### **Next CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 6**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Jim Baker's House**

**Bring your small indoor or backyard aircraft and small multi-rotors. There will be flying if conditions permit.**

Next scheduled meet after current is to be determined

## Meeting Notes

By Allan Worrest

President Wilson Hardy chaired the April 4, 2017 LASS meeting held at the Willard Community Center.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Donn and Jon Curran spoke of the activity they observed at the Lancaster Event Center field. The dirt mining operation is taking place on the north end. The south and west ends are open.

President Hardy proposed Jim Baker speak with the Lancaster Event Center to see if we could use the undisturbed parts of the field.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Wilson will contact Jim Baker to see if it is feasible to have the June meeting at Jim's house. Otherwise, Wilson thinks there is an area at Union College that may be free to use.

Open discussion followed about other areas suitable for flying. Wilson says the spillway at Wagon Train Park is useable but a park permit is required and activities have to be limited to less than 20 people.

Conversation then turned to other topics outside of the Lincoln area. Wilson spoke of Brighton, CO. Thane Kirchhoff showed pictures he took of Hobie Hawk planes and other Hobie items on display at the Hobie Sand Bar near the Orange County Airport in California.

### **SHOW & TELL:**

Thane brought his 100" Twister slope plane that he designed with its latest updates. He also brought a cordite mold made on a friend's CNC router. Thane will be using it to form nose cones.

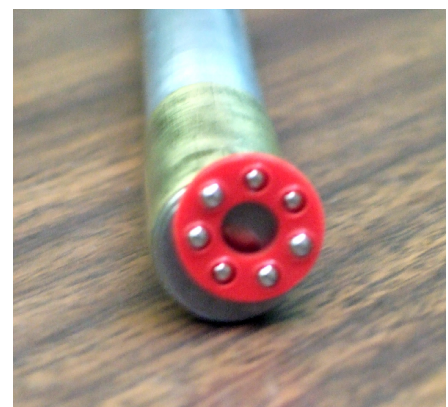
The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m..

# Models of the Month



The Twister is Thane Kirchhoff's own design slope glider. He has been working and improving it over the last several years. He added flaps to the original design.

The plane's pitch and roll are controlled by pivoting the wing panels on the wing rod. The panels are held on magnetically by magnets in the panels and the wing rod. An inexpensive bearing is located between the panels and rod ends to reduce friction.



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## Regional Events

- 6/3      **Waverly, NE (C)** LSK ANNUAL FUN FLY. Site: 134th & Waverly Rd. Leonard Akert CD PH: 402-326-5970  
Email: rakert@neb.rr.com. Sanction #17/1183. Gates open at 9am. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY
- 6/17      **Mead, NE** Western Flyer's Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9AM with flying until 3PM
- 6/16-18      **Grand Island, NE (C)** G.I. MODELERS RC AIRPLANE AND FUN FLY. Site: Grand Island Modelers. Steve Blayney CD PH: 308-390-7439 Email: rcflyergi@gmail.com. Visit: gimodelers.com. Sanction #17/83. Location; 40.88974, -98.4737. West Husker Hwy & S 70th Rd, \$20 Pilot fee. 540' Petromat, 800" Grass runway. Air conditioned clubhouse, covered electric hookups & primitive camping. Aircraft hanger, concessions stand, pilot prizes. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN
- 6/24      **Council Bluffs, IA** Cobras Glider Day - 10AM to 2PM (See details on Metro Area RC Flying, <http://metrorcflying.com>)
- 7/15      **Mead, NE** Western Flyer's Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9AM with flying until 3PM
- 7/22      **Council Bluffs, IA** Cobras Glider Day - 10AM to 2PM