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Secretary's Notes

By Tom Wild

The April meeting of the Lincoln Area soaring Society was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Loren Blinde. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as published.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jim Baker reported no changes in the treasury since the last balance report in March.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Swift opener is still planned for Sunday, May 6th at the 94th and Lincoln Road site in Papillion. Loren also mentioned more Swift news; on April 5th at the Swift club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Chalco Hills HQ there will be a brief lecture and discussion on "FINDING AND KEEPING THERMALS"

Allan Worrest reports the open house at the SAC museum went off well with many area clubs represented.

Jim reported Sue at the Lancaster Event Center received our club insurance certificate which was directly sent to them by the AMA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim suggested a flying demo/buddy box session for a local Boy Scout troop. Jim's brother and nephew are members of a local troop. All were in favor with an event on Tuesday evening May 1st in place of our regular club meeting. Weather permitting we will meet at the Lancaster Event Center flying field with or without the scout troop. Jim said he would contact the Scout troop to make arrangements. Bring your glider and buddy boxes.

Loren suggested a club flying event to be held at our club field on the last weekend of April, 28th or 29th. Watch for an email from Loren announcing the exact time and day.

The Midwest Slope Challenge is scheduled for May 17th through May 20th with many LASS members planning the trip.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 with eight members present.

LASS Glider Event

Sunday, April 29
Lancaster Event Center
10 am - 2 pm

No competition, just open flying and fun with a lunch run.

Call Loren @ 416-0855 if conditions look doubtful

Indoor Air Show

By Allan Worrest

The Indoor Air Show held at the Strategic Air and Space Museum on March 31 was unlike the model airplane exhibits that the Lincoln Sky Knights use to hold at the Gateway Mall in that the host clubs were not the main focus of the show. By the way the show was orchestrated, I would say that primary mission of the SA&S show was to promote the museum on this day through spotlighting model aviation to the public. In addition to displaying model planes, the museum held educational aviation classes for the kid. Indoor flying was held in the maintenance hanger throughout the day to entertain the public and those who brought an airplane.

There was little or no connection between the planes exhibited and the clubs that participated. Most, if not all, of the planes were located on the museum's upper level while all the clubs' representatives, their literature and promotional material were on the ground floor. According to my brother, only one builder had the foresight of listing his club on the information poster next to his model.

The Lincoln Sky Knights was the only Lincoln club at the show. Most Omaha clubs participated, including some

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**Club Assembly Tuesday
May 1, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Lancaster Event Center Field
4100 N 84th Street
(84th & Havelock Avenue)**

April Show and Tell

Thane Kirchhoff brought the beginnings of his latest creation, a slope racer that uses wingerons for control. The fuselage is a carbon fiber sleeve pulled over a form and epoxied. The form was later removed. The wing bearing is machined aluminum.



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clubs whose purpose was other than model airplanes. SWIFT was not present. There was a number of large scale powered planes. Several smaller, typical model planes you would expect to see at a club show were present. Some static scale models were also displayed. But I saw only one model sailplane and it was the Chrysalis motor glider that I brought.

I had brought some LASS flyers and left them on the LSK table. I doubt any were disseminated. None were at the time I spent at the table. Our club did miss an opportunity in not having an information table promoting R/C soaring. Not that we would have recruited many new members as it seemed to me that most visitors other than the LSK members were not from Lincoln. But the show was well attended by people interested in model airplanes. We could have made R/C soaring better known to this group of enthusiasts from the metro Omaha area.

Presently SWIFT's membership could use a boost. A robust SWIFT is good for our club. Next year I hope that SWIFT and LASS could put together a joint presentation at the Indoor Show. It would strengthen SWIFT and indirectly strengthen LASS. This year's show only lasted six hours. At most, only six people are needed for a couple of hours each. A direct benefit for those people participating is that no admission was charged. If you haven't been to the SA&S museum, you should go.

Regional Events

- 4/29 LASS Glider Event. Lancaster Event Center, 10 am - 2 pm. Call Loren in case of rain.
- 5/5 Western Flyer's to Lincoln Sky Knights Cross-country
- 5/6 Swift's Opener, 94th & Lincoln site, Papillion, NE Winch launches and e-glidors. Free launch. Start time and events to be announced.
- 5/17-20 Midwest Slope Challenge, Wilson Lake, KS, see <http://midwestslopechallenge.com/index.htm> for details.
- 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



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SA&S Indoor Pictures, March 31



The top two picture were taken from the ground floor where the club informational tables were located. The R/C planes were located on the balcony at the top of the escalator. To the right is the LSK table. The picture was taken just before closing.



Indoor flying in the maintenance hanger. The model exhibit was on the other side of the wall on the left. In the center of the picture is a white model in flight.