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Secretary's Notes

by Wilson Hardy

In the pre meeting bull session that usually occurs at the LASS meetings, Loren Blinde gave the invite to all that wanted to go to Blakesburg, IA with him this year. Tom Wild said that he would love to. And there were several others that showed interest. The consensus is that this is something as a club we should plan on doing next year.

On to the start of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society meeting: Starting at 7:34 pm, September 7, 2010, in the halls of Lincoln's Willard Community Center President Tom Wild called this month's meeting to order. Mr. Jim Baker suggested that the minutes for the last meeting be accepted, Mr. Loren Blinde seconded the motion and as a result of a vote the minutes were put into the archive of history.

President Wild then gave call for any New Business. Mr. Blinde then gave an invitation from the Swift club to a fun fly event held at the Lancaster Event Center. The Swift club would sponsor the Season Closer and this would be the last formal flying event at the Event Center for our two clubs for the year. The Season Closer is to be on the last Sunday in September (9-26-10) starting at 10 am and ending when all the flying is

finished. Lunch will be provided for the pilots. To continue the New Business Mr. Baker talked about Bob Turner wanting to sell off all Brian Quick's stuff as Brian now resides in Los Vegas and can't have all his toys with him. Talk to Mr. Turner if you are interested in any of the equipment.

After a lengthy report on all the stuff that Mr. Turner has to sell, Mr. Blinde turned the floor over to Mr. Baker to talk about the Tom Neill Memorial fun fly days at Wilson Lake in Lucas Kansas.

Under general stuff, Mr. Blinde is looking for a left wing tip for his Soprano as his has been rekitted. If anyone happens to see one in their browsing of the Internet, please send him the link.

The LASS meeting broke up at 8:02 pm when it was discovered that Thane Kirchhoff had brought his Avanti Studebaker for Model of the Month. The engine note was the icing on the cake to his perfect restoration of a beautiful old lady.

Blakesburg Sept 11, 2010

By Tom Wild

Well I have heard tales of the Blakesburg glider contests and now I have some memories. I left for Iowa on Friday morning taking my time and making a few stops along the way. Due to the heavy rains on and off all day I decided to find a motel in Ottumwa. I must have picked the right motel because many of the faces I saw at the continental breakfast I later saw at the contest. I saw some new faces and old faces with Bob Turner being the only local I knew in attendance.

They started the day with hand launch gliders with about 6 people giving that a go. The unlimited and 2 meter had a 10 minute goal and landing points. Due to the high winds many were having a hard time staying in a thermal and landing was even more of a challenge. My total flight time for the day added up to about 8 minutes but I did manage to get landing points one time. The contest director was gracious enough to label my barbed wire fence landing within bounds.

I timed for Bob and recorded a 9:58 flight with good landing points; what I refer to as a sucker flight. If I get one of these a year it suckers me back for another year. Bob was very pleased and told me I was a good timer.

Being a powered airplane guy at heart what I enjoyed most was the antique aircraft museum. I nosed around in there between rounds inhaling dusty old airplane smells and took pictures. They held their annual antique fly-in over Labor Day weekend which I plan on attending in the future.

Tom's Blakeburg pictures are on the next page.

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
October 5, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**

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Blakesburg 2010 Pictures

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Chute Snagger



Launching



Hand Launch



L-Spatz glider

Pilots-n-Planes



Riser



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September Model of the Month
Thane's restored Avanti

Regional Events

- Oct 10 & 24 Lincoln Sky Knights' Indoor at Calvert Center, Lincoln. See flyer at <http://www.lincolnskyknights.org/lskdocs/LincolnSKyKnightsIndoorFlying2010.pdf>
- Oct 24 Omahawks' Auction, Digz, 4428 S. 140th Street, Omaha, NE. See <http://omahawks.net/events/2010/Auction%20Poster%202010.pdf>



SWIFT's Season Closer Sept 26

By Allan Worrest

The SWIFT's season closer event was held at the Lancaster Event Center field in Lincoln on September 26, 2010. The east end of the field where we normally fly is still a construction area for the storm sewer project. So the west side, just beyond the parking lots, was used. Which is just as well as the area was wet from recent rains. The west side was on high ground. It kept the winch area dry, except for a small depression filled with water that people kept stepping in.

The wind was mild and lift was available. Most pilots hit the spot. Several aircrafts hit it too hard and were damaged. For a great day, it was a shame there were only six people flying. Loren Blinde took the

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Loren Blinde timing for Tom Wild

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top spot and LASS as a team was the victor. My apology to SWIFT for not getting any pictures of their members flying at this event.



More SWIFT's Season Closer Pictures

Jim Baker had a short task on the final round. The top picture is Jim launching and Jack Barry timing. The middle picture is Jim's approach. At the bottom, Jim is about to make a spot landing.