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Secretary's Notes

By Tom Wild

President Loren Blinde called the August 5th meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Baker has been in contact with the Lancaster Event Center staff but they have yet to come to a decision on our lease payment. Some of the Event Center board members came out to watch Jim and party fly their gliders and all went well with that meeting.

Jim has the contact number of the Event Center staff member who has a key to the gate should we find it locked and need entry. There are three gates and most likely they will be left open most of the time. An email update sent by Jim on 8/12/14 on this topic shown below.

We are good to go for Sunday's flying and the director and I have a plan for the ongoing access to the field. She is getting a coded pad lock for the north gate. Added to the agreement will be a stipulation about locking upon entry and after leaving. This may be in place Sunday. I will call a person who is on the site if not.

Should we plan a flying event it was stated a good idea to contact the Event Center to let them know. Also it would be a good idea to keep your LASS membership card with you when flying at the Event Center.

On 7/27/14 Jim hosted a visit with three gents from Omaha, Tim Tyler, Tim Gess and Bryon Otto who wanted to demonstrate their "One Winch", a system of pulleys and lines used to launch gliders using man power. Jim sees the possibility of three new LASS members. The website "gesswork.com" states that it is revolutionary and versatile. Check it out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren mentioned in years past we have had "Tom's Days" held at Wilson Lake KS and asked Jim if he had heard any plans from Kelly Neill. Jim said he would contact Kelly and let folks know by email.

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President's Message

By Loren Blinde

Another flying season almost done which means off-season things to take care of, like officer elections. With our bi-monthly schedule, nominations will be accepted at the October meeting with voting to take place at the December meeting. I don't plan to stand for any office, and I hope some of you are willing to take a turn at the helm. One thing we can plan is the December meeting. Do we want to venture elsewhere like we did last year at Greg's drive-in? I thought that was a nice change of pace. Bring your ideas.

Strange as it sounds for October, the field could use another mowing. The grass is so lush that, with a carpet of wood chips underneath, it's work to walk and fetch a chute. You may have noticed the combination lock is a bit balky; if you have trouble opening just give it a good talking to and a good yank. It can be convinced to open. Or perhaps some lubricant would help.

I've had two special flying experiences lately, thanks to dearly departed club members and friends. Through a circuitous set of circumstances, I found myself in possession of Bill Kimball's Kormoran electric canard. I flew its maiden flight some 25 years ago and don't think it had flown since. Tom Wild had an old transmitter which mated up nicely with the old receiver / speed control, which resulted in two successful flights. The other is Christopher Knowles' Constellation cross-country sailplane which had been sitting in the corner of my shop for nearly 10 years. I dusted it off, put in a radio, and the old bugger flew again. Granted like a garbage truck, but nonetheless stayed up for 15 minutes. Memories . . .

Loren

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

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With our new format of having club meetings on even months our normal process of nominating officers on October and voting on them in November will not work. Loren suggested we nominate officers in October and vote at the December meeting. There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned around 8:07 pm.

Regional Events

October 12, 2014	Omahawk's Auction - Millard Social Hall 10AM to 6PM
October 18, 2014	Western Flyer's Old Timers & Gliders Fun Fly - Mead Field 9AM to 3PM
December 2, 2014	LASS Meeting, election of officers
January 17, 2015	SASM Exhibit

2015 Strategic Air & Space Museum Exhibit

On September 29 the following message was sent by the Event Coordinator for the Strategic Air & Space Museum:

Good afternoon!

As many of you know, my name is Ian Vosburg, and I'm the event coordinator at the Strategic Air & Space Museum. I'm contacting you because we are getting ready for our Indoor Air Show 2015. By popular request, the event is moved back to the winter months. The next Indoor Air Show will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

Though the event is an Air Show, an integral part of the event is having booths set up in our Atrium and throughout the museum. Please let me know if you (and your group) would like to have a booth by December 19. Also, please include what table/chair set up is needed for your display.

We look forward to seeing you again in January! And please pass this message along to anyone who may have been missed.

Thanks,

Ian



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