

the L.A.S.S. Edition

September 2011

Secretary's Notes

by Tom Wild

President Loren Blinde called the August 2nd 2011 LASS meeting to order. The minutes from the June meeting were accepted. The July meeting was canceled due to weather.

OLD BUSINESS:

EAA Rich Boelts passed on some full scale glider information gathered at a local EAA meeting. A gentleman named Thomas D. Johnson is trying to form a full scale glider club in the Lincoln area. Reportedly Thomas owns a fair piece of land out in the SW 98th and "A" street area which he is grading a runway for a stationary wench system and a secondary runway for aero tow.

Loren reported there have been two glider events at the Western Flyers field south of Mead NE since our last meeting in June. The Western Flyers hold an Old Timers flying event on certain Saturday mornings and has just started to hold a glider event in the afternoon following a cookout lunch. Loren reports this has worked out nicely and has been well received by those in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren asked if there will be a "Tom's Days" in September this year. Jim has talked to Kelly Neill about it and she is checking the football schedule to set a date. Past "Tom's Days" events held at Wilson Lake KS have always been an enjoyable gathering.

Loren asked if there is any interest in a flying event yet this year at our club field at the Lancaster Event Center. Jim mentioned since we are a glider club, maybe we should get together and fly gliders. Darin Kelstrom reports the grass has been harvested and some sort of red clover is popping up. Many dates were brought up but in the end it was decided that Saturday, August 27th had the least number of conflicts so an email from Loren will follow with more details. It will probably start sometime in the late morning.

Loren asked if it was too late in the year for the LASS club to hold a flying demonstration for the kids of the Willard community center. School starting dates were

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Mead, August 20

by Loren Blinde

I've written before about our multi-flavored Old Timer and Glider events at Mead, and we had another good one this month. There was an exceptionally good turnout of Old Timers (OT) in the morning, a great free lunch and then we set up the winch after that. Plus the electric glider guys doing their thing with Radians too.

As has been our custom, Jack Barry flies my Quaker at idle for about an hour in the morning while I relax and listen to English soccer on the radio until he runs out of gas. (Chelsea beat West Brom 2-1 in case you missed it on the local sports news). If you've never flown an OT, I guarantee you flying just doesn't get any easier or more relaxing. Darin Kelstrom made a deal for a slightly broken OT that he will soon get into shape as well. The only problem with this format is getting all those planes in the car!

The morning was a bit cloudy and cool, but the afternoon was memorable. Nearly calm, hot sun, puffy clouds and thermals everywhere. There was one interval where we had at least four planes in serious lift, nearly out of sight. Rick Miller, the Western Flyers president and new glider pilot, had his Olympic II up for nearly half an hour (one happy guy). I flew a Paragon for a fully timed 37 minutes. Jack had his Soprano up for at least 45 and Jim Baker skied us all out by keeping the Viper up for something like an hour. Wow. Thane was there as well trimming out a hybrid HL plane on the winch, Darin was off buying planes and Tom Wild was there in the morning for the OT stuff. So we were well represented. The pressure was really on Jack with wife, daughter and her beau all watching.

Flying a Paragon at Mead is a special experience for me, since my very first RC flight was a Paragon at Mead 35

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**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
September 6, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**



August Show & Tell - Jim Baker assembles his Apex at the August meeting.

Regional Events

- 9/2/2011 LSK Night Fly following monthly meeting. LSK field, Waverly NE
- 9/4/2011 Grand Island, NE (C) OLD TIMERS FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Lee Machmuller CD PH: 308-380-1048 Email: flyerhi2@yahoo.com. Field located 1.3 mi north of Alda, NE. \$20 landing fee. Free lunch for pilots. Air conditioned club house. 520x30 petromat runway, grass on east side. Old time planes or hi wing, no hot rods please. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN
- 9/10-11, 2011 Blue Angels at Lincoln, NE
- 9/10-11/2011 Blakesburg, IA (AA) RUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL SAILPLANE CONTEST. Site: Antique Airfield. Wayne Messner CD PH: 319-627-2923 Email: wmessner@lcom.net. Events 442, 444, 460(JSO). Sat - 2 meter and unlimited. Sun - RES and unlimited. All classes man on man seeded. Pilots meeting 9AM each day. E-mail CD for flyer - specify word or jpeg format. Sponsor: EASTERN IOWA SOARING SOCIETY
- 9/17/2011 Western R/C Flyers Old-Timer Fun Fly, Mead, NE. Possibly the last of one for the season.
- 9/25/2011 Waverly, NE (C) LEONARD'S 55TH FALL FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Leonard Akert CD PH: 402-489-6277 Email: rakert@neb.rr.com. Visit: www.lincolnskyknights.org. No landing fee, open flying, optional pizza and pop lunch \$5 at 1:30PM. See website for more info. Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS

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discussed so in the end Loren said he would contact Willard's Janelle.

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

After the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm, Jim showed us his new "Apex" slope glider from Skipmillersmodels.com. Jim also showed us a slide show on his laptop computer of the trip to Wales he and Thane made earlier this year.

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years ago. About a quarter mile from the current Western Flyers field. And the site of Jack winning the 1983 cross-country at Mead flying that same plane. So this is nostalgia at its best for me. Although if you had told me then that I would still be flying a Paragon at Mead 35 years in the future, I might have imagined a Twilight Zone episode about to happen ... :-)

There should be another such event in September and probably October as well, so I will let you know the details then.



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For Sale

Bob Feeken, a former LASS member from Cambridge, NE, sent the following e-mail:

Hi Allan, I just wanted to tell the Lincoln Club That I have my winch and retriever which are in a trailer for sale. I'm asking \$850.00 dollars for it That's half of what I have in it. It comes with a great turn around. You might have replace the battery (ies? - AW), but I have put water in them and charged them off and on . . .

Thanks Bob Feeken at bfeeken@swnebr.net

