

# the L.A.S.S. Edition

June 2019

## President's Message

By Wilson Hardy

I don't know if you can imagine this or not, but soaking wet balsa wood doesn't smell any better than the soaking wet carpet it is sticking to. The importance of making sure that the sump pump is plugged in really hits home when that last step into the basement rewards the senses with the proof that ground water is cold on bare feet. The combination of wet carpet, soaking cardboard boxes, and soggy treasures that didn't make it into plastic totes really is not pleasant.

The reason why I bring this up is in hopes that if you have a shop in the basement as mine is you will at least have the forethought to check your sump pump often. Seven hours of clean up and days of drying time and a smell that just doesn't seem to go away really cuts into my building time.

So take a tip from me in this season of sog when the rain and wind has kept us from flying, take a moment to prevent a mess and water proof your shop. The sun will come out soon and the wild zephyr of summer will make the thermals come back and if we are lucky they will carry our soaring pieces of artwork back up where they belong. Keep flying we're all in this together.

## Midwest Slope Challenge

By Tom Wild

The 25<sup>th</sup> running of the MWSC (Mid-West Slope Challenge) was held at Wilson Lake KS on May 15 through May 18, 2019. The pilots gather from far and wide

*MWSC (Continued on page 2)*

**Next CLUB MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 4**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Greg's Restaurant**  
**1202 North Cotner Blvd.**  
**Lincoln**

Next Scheduled Meet after Current - August 6

## Secretary's Notes

By Tom Wild

Treasurer Jim Baker called the April 2nd, 2019 LASS meeting to order sometime at 7:30 p.m. at Greg's Restaurant. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer Jim Baker reports no change to the treasury balance except for AMA charter and the expense of Allan's gift certificate.

### **BUSINESS NEW & OLD:**

Jim presented Allan Worrest a card and gift certificate to Village Inn as a thank-you for decades of service as our newsletter editor. (We will expect a full report on the meals served at VI.)

Loren Blinde drove by our flying site on Arbor Road and reports some water puddles and alfalfa coming up but flying there would be tolerable.

Someone mentioned our old flying site at the Event Center has been leveled off and is ready for planting grass, if that is their intention.

Tom Wild reports the AMA club charter has been paid up for 2019.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The MWSC held at Wilson Lake will be on May 15 through May 19. An extra day has been added to increase the chances of getting good winds for the contest. There has been talk of having a building session, with a group build aircraft to be flown as a team, relay style. Pilots are advised to bring a receiver. Also talk of having an airshow but no details were mentioned.

LASS flying events? No events were planned, a maybe for later in April if the conditions are right and a winch is available.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10 p.m..

to fly their slope planes, either in competition or just fun fly. On Thursday the winds were a bit on the south-south west direction, so some flew combat in the morning on the southern tip of Airport hill. Andrew Williams ([canuck@canuckengineering.com](mailto:canuck@canuckengineering.com)) runs this event using Colorado rules. Andrew stated the contest can run for hours or days and ends when the pilot participation drops or when the CD is ahead in the scoring. This year I believe David Day was the overall winner in combat.

After lunch the winds shifted southerly enough we could fly warbirds on the main slope. Winds were a bit higher than comfortable but with some negotiation with the CD he decided we could pass below the plane of the close pylon (poll of doom) on the far side. We had some fun two-man racing and some carnage as can be expected. I don't recall who won the event, but I can tell you it wasn't Jack Barry or I.

The following day we ran the ODR (One Design Race) in the morning. I continued my normal performance by coming in 4<sup>th</sup> on my first race and slowly improved throughout the day. Jack did somewhat better, getting to compete in a flyoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Jim Baker and Thane Kirchhoff participated but I believe there were some mid-air collisions involved. Jack survived two mid-air in ODR and was recognized at the banquet and may be sporting a new nickname in the future. In the end Joe Chovan won the ODR racing with the same Fun One he has been flying for years.

In the afternoon we ran the unlimited race which is always an exciting event. Best not look away or get distracted, the race itself doesn't last long. I don't recall any mid-air or mishaps, a bad thing with an unlimited glider. There were some races closer than others but in the end our Thane Kirchhoff beat Joe Chovan to take 1<sup>st</sup> place. Not an easy thing to do.

The Saturday evening banquet at the K-18 with the prime rib dinner was worth the trip. Awards and door prizes were distributed and we all had a good time. Our event organizers, Erik Eden, Larry Purdy and CD Mark Dennis do a bang-up job, and all go home happy and entertained.

Visit [midwestslopechallenge.com](http://midwestslopechallenge.com) for details on rules and see a photo gallery of past events.

## Regional Events

- 6/8 LSK Annual Fun Fly and AMA TAG event (Take Off and Grow), Lincoln Sky Knight field: 134th and Waverly Rd., See flyers on pages 5 & 6.
- 6/12 Omahawk's RC Club electric sailplane, 8:30-11 am, Hawk Field 135th & Fort Street, Omaha, NE
- 6/14-16 GI MODELERS RC AIRPLANE & FUN FLY 2019, Event Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN, Event Class: Class C, Description: \$20 Pilot Fee, 540' Fabric Runway, 800' Grass Runway, Air Conditioned Clubhouse, Electric Hookups, Primitive Camping, Aircraft Hangar, Concessions Stand, Pilot Prizes, Raffle. Opening Ceremony Saturday June 15 @ 11:00 am., Event Website: [www.rcflyergi.com](http://www.rcflyergi.com), Event Contact: STEVE BLAYNEY, Contact Information: Phone: 308-390-7439, Email: [rcflyergi@gmail.com](mailto:rcflyergi@gmail.com), Site Detail: 3173 County Road 24, Alda, NE, 68810 (40.889798, -98.472674)
- 6/15 Western Flyer's Annual Spring Fun Fly - All AMA members & all planes are welcome. Mead, NE
- 6/29-30 IOWA ALES, Event Sponsor: EASTERN IOWA SOARING SOCIETY, Event Class: Class A, Description: ALES event: Altitude Limited Electric Soaring ONLY no winches. See RC Groups IOWA ALES under competition or call CD for more information 319-423-5402, Event Contact: GUY RUSSO, Contact Information: Phone: (319)423-5402, Email: [flyguy@netins.net](mailto:flyguy@netins.net), Site Detail: 2092 Bayfield Road, Muscatine, IA, 52761 (41.4653, -91.15818333)
- 7/17 Omahawk's RC Club electric sailplane, 8:30-11 am, Hawk Field 135th & Fort Street, Omaha, NE



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**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Jim Baker  
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# 2019 MWSC Pictures

By Bryan Lorentzen

Tom Wild had Bryan Lorentzen from Wisconsin send us some 2019 MWSC pictures showing LASS members' participation. Tom provided the captions.



Erik Eaton giving us the low down at the pilot's meeting



Jack demonstrating how he wants his plane launched

Mark Dennis CD

Erik



Jack's green ODR plane gains ground as unknown pilot sheds his wing



Tight race at pylon turn



Dang!



Combat flown on southern end of Airport hill, Wilson Lake KS

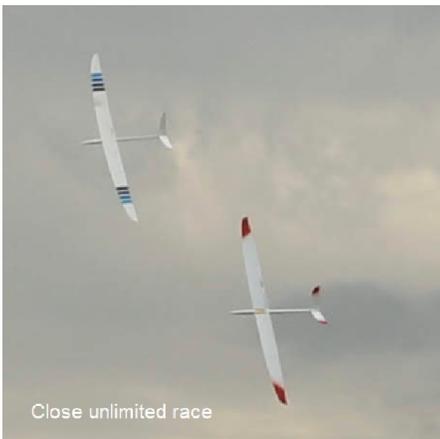
# 2019 MWSC Pictures - continue



Tom launches Jack's green plane to race against Thane



David Lorentzen - pilot, Bryan Lorentzen - caller and Jos Chovan holding unlimited racer



Close unlimited race



Jim launching Thane's unlimited plane



Kelly and Carol watching the One Design Race



Saturday night banquet held at K18 dinner



Not shown is the cherry cheese cake

# LSK Annual Fun Fly



**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Rain/Wind Date: Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>

**Gates open at 9:00 am**

**Lincoln Sky Knight Field  
134th and Waverly Road**



**Gas grill available for use.**

**Sport, Scale, Twins, 3D, electrics, whatever participants are ready to fly.**

**Visitors welcome. AMA required to fly, but not required to be a spectator.**

**Sky Knight Field has two 450' by 40' runways, one paved, one grass.**

**Large clubhouse with covered deck and two large sun shelters.**

**We also have a free camping area with power.**

**NO FLYING OVER PIT AREA, PARKING LOT, OR SPECTATORS**

**Bring drinking water and a lawn chair.**



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**[http://metrorcflying.com/metro\\_area\\_schedule.htm](http://metrorcflying.com/metro_area_schedule.htm)**

**GPS: 40.931607, -96.537702**



## Learn to Fly an RC Plane!

**Lincoln Sky Knights RC Club is proud to sponsor an  
AMA TAG event (Take Off and Grow)**

**June 8th\* from 10am to 4pm**

**Lincoln Sky Knight field: 134th and Waverly Rd.**

### ● **Open to all ages and FREE admittance**

- **Food and beverages available on site**
- **Flight simulators and real-life flight training provided**
- **Awesome flight demonstrations and RC showcase**
- **A chance to win three door prizes, including a camera drone!**
- **Help with AMA and FAA requirements**
- **Other fun activities including a glider-throwing contest**
- **Answers for all your RC questions**



**\*Rain/wind date is June 9th, subject to change**

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