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President's Corner

May always seems to be a bit windy, and this year was no exception. I believe (or hope) the climax of the wind was Memorial weekend when many brave souls took to the air in the Annual LSK AMA Pattern contest. (Note: The line between bravery and stupidity is often grey.) Those of us who flew in that gale will never forget it.

No real news to report on, so have fun and be safe. -
JW

51st SK Annual Pattern Contest

By: Mike Yearley

The Lincoln Sky Knights 51st Annual Pattern Contest was a good time had by all on 27-28 May 2006. We had 17 Pattern pilots registered by 1100 Saturday, 27 May 2006. The main problem on Saturday morning was the rain and lightning over the LSK field. The wind was 15-35 MPH gusts that made flying each round a real challenge.

Dave Greathouse was in charge of registration and keeping things working in the clubhouse. Al Worrest did the computer scoring and flew advanced during his breaks. Thanks to Nick Reiss and John Willman, we had excellent pilot flight line judging during all rounds of flying. Only one bad crash happened on Saturday due to a bad aileron servo in Dennis Osborne's new airplane, sorry Dennis. There were a few props broken and some real amazing pattern flying in all classes, especially the Masters.

My thanks goes to all the pilot contestant judges and our club helpers, Dave Greathouse, Allan

Worrest, John Willman, Dennis Osborne, Charlie Rock and the other pilots that pitched in to help us do the judging and keep me from having as many mistakes as I could have had made. We had out of town pilots from Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri and really appreciate their support and participation and giving us some good lessons in precision flying. The windy conditions are just about all we get in Nebraska with not much tree protection, but there are plenty of wide open spaces to see your airplanes and a good runway for landing and taking off.

The final results of the contest were as follows-

Sportsman

- 1st – John Van Brocklin
- 2nd - Roger Arnett
- 3rd – Mark Bergt ;

Intermediate

- 1st – Robert Green
- 2nd – Jim Ralston
- 3rd - Steve Ford
- 4th - Mike Yearley
- 5th – Dave Franzen;

Advanced

- 1st – John Willman
- 2nd Jeff Buchner
- 3rd –Allan Worrest ;

Masters

- 1st Joe Dunnaway
- 2nd Vicente Bortone
- 3rd – Jerry Voth
- 4th Mark Woytassek
- 5th Charlie Rock.

April Meeting minutes

May 5, 2006

President John Willman called the May meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

Secretaries Report: The April minutes were approved by the membership after copies had been distributed for perusal since The Clanking Armor had not been sent yet.

Treasurer's Report: Loren Blinde gave the report. The normal expenses were paid. All past members who have not renewed their memberships will no longer receive the Clanking Armor Newsletter. Currently we have 108 paid members. The report was approved.

CD/VP Report: Dennis Osburn gave the report: A number of AMA Sanctions have been received. The Spring Cleanup and Cross-Country Flight will be May 13. The grill will probably be fired up at night. This year's fun fly is to be June 3 & 4 with open house and probably food and prizes. The AMA Pattern Contest is scheduled for the last weekend in May....the 27 & 28th. The Western Flyers in Mead are having a fun fly May 13. May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Fairmont NE. at the airport the FMZ Assoc. requested that some members put on Demo Flights . Grand Island is holding a fun fly on June 11. The SPA (Senior Pattern Contest) will be on July 30, a Scale Contest will be on Aug. 26 & 27. There will be another Night Fly September 1st. A Quiet fly (Sailplanes & Electrics) will be on Sept. 10. September 23 is an air show at Lincoln Airport. A Scale meet (Don Neil Memorial) will be the 1st or 2nd weekend in September.

Safety Report: Brad Pankoke said all is calm no calls, no problems, keep it up.

New Members: Congratulations to the 2 new members joining our club: Darrel Otkin and Dan Sokolowski.....WELCOME!!

Old Business: Dave Reiber congratulated the winners of the Mall Show. We had 23 individuals displaying 37 airplanes and the winners received their plaques who included: Leonard Akert (2) , Dill Davis, Glen Lau, Bob Cooper (2), Bernie Smith, Tom Wilde, Loren Blinde, and Don Svoboda (2). At Grammercy Hills on April 29, 9 planes and

1 helicopter were shown and the residents voted on their favorite. Don Saiser received a nice plaque for his SAE5a WWI biplane. There were crafts, old cars, trains and planes on display. The "gaps" at the ends of the runway was discussed and it was decided to wait a year to do anything. The locks on the Northeast Clubhouse Door will be repaired as they are hard to operate. There was some discussion on the Newsletter which is a time consuming and difficult job and wondering if there is anyone who might give Kyle Gannon some assistance so it will be sent in a timely manner.

New Business: Our club's Tuesday Training will begin on the last Tuesday of May, the 30th. The field is also open to any club member wishing to fly their planes. John W. printed up some publicity sheets to be included in Waverly's "welcome wagon" handouts distributed by their Chamber of Commerce. The Omahawks will be (or have) lost their flying field due to development in the area so they will not be holding a Pattern Contest this year. Our Contest brings in flyers from Omaha, Kansas, Missouri, and possibly Minnesota. Mike Yearly is in charge of this and usually loses out-of-pocket money so he'd like more of our members participation. Bob Willy (sp?) died and club voted to give \$25.00 memorial (he flew electric/indoor). Discussion on new Spectrum Technology for transmitters and how to assure precautions made. Tabled for month. The US Scale Team are selling raffle tickets to raise money----see John Willman if interested.

Model of the Month: Alan Zinnecker showed a Great Planes ARF of a Spacewalker with 80" wingspan powered by an OS 70 four stroke. He was disappointed at the number of changes necessary to make it a good model but he hopes to fly it this weekend. A good looking plane now that it is completed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Annual Pattern Contest Pictures



Full sock on both Saturday and Sunday



Maneuvering planes in the wind was quite a chore



Pop-up Sun shelter ready to take a flight



Allen hard at work entering scores



2006 Pilots

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