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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS R/C CLUB

2004 Mall Show

Dave Reiber

We had a nice display of excellent looking aircraft, very colorful, with all the different schemes and patterns, however, it was disappointing that with over 140 club members, we only managed to get 13 members and 24 models.

This event presents our hobby to more people in one day than all other club events do in 10 years. This is the only event that the club has EVERY year, that not only has no entry fee, but also sponsors very nice plaques, with your name on them. Good work, guys.

At any rate, this doesn't detract from the following winners:

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| <i>Best of Show:</i> | Ray Kiser, Piper Pawnee |
| <i>Best Scale:</i> | Wendell Colby, Rearwin Speedster |
| <i>Best IMAA:</i> | Dr. Glen Lau, Patty Wagstaff Special |
| <i>Best Pattern:</i> | Mike Yearly, Patriot .30 |
| <i>Best Jet</i> | Don Svoboda, T-33 |
| <i>Best Sailplane:</i> | Allen Worrest, Gentle Lady |
| <i>Best Bare Bones</i> | Bernie Smith, Sig Astro Hog Biplane |
| <i>Best Pylon:</i> | Dave Reiber, Race Pro AT-6 |
| <i>Best Electric:</i> | Terry Majewski, ME-109 |
| <i>Best ARF:</i> | Don Svoboda, Extra 300S |
| <i>Best Sportsman:</i> | Dave Greathouse, ce 4=Star, |
| <i>Best Combat:</i> | Bernie Smith, Corsair, 2 Japanese Jill fighters |



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LSK APRIL MINUTES

April 2, 2004

President Wilson Hardy called the April meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights to order at 7:32 pm. The meeting was held at the LSK field at 134th and Waverly Road.

Treasurers Report: Bob Schwab gave the Treasurers report and it was accepted by the membership.

CD/VP Report: President Wilson Hardy gave the VP report in Mike Yearley's absence.

Upcoming events were discussed, see complete list on page 5.

Dave Reiber and Brent Jensen will be planning a Quickeer race at our field, no date as of yet. John Willman mentioned that people are using our website that he created for the club and he will post contest fliers on the website in if you get them to him.

Rich Boelts asked if there was any interest in a Cross Country and he will try to plan one in the fall on a Sunday.

New Business: John Willman announced that Chad from Hobby Town was at the meeting to answer questions. The May 4th Event was originally planned for a weekend

but Dave Ribbe had another engagement so it was moved to a weekday. Hobby Town would like to use our field for a demonstration fly for the vendors that come to their convention held at the Embassy Suites for two hours on the morning of July 8th. There will be vendors from all over the world attending the Hobby Town Convention. Hobby Town will provide a certificate of insurance to cover the event at our field. Jack Sibert has talked to the AMA and they are in favor of the event at our field. Hobby Town will be responsible since the pilots are flying for money. After much discussion

Rich Kuening made a motion to allow Hobby Town to use our field for their National Convention, the motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Dobson Brothers will be resurfacing the runway some time this week under Don Svoboda's supervision. John Willman volunteered to paint the pattern boxes. LSK field clean-up day is moved to April 10th because of Western Fliers Auction the 24th.

New Business: Glen Lau mentioned that May is coming

and it is time to think about planting the Buffalo Grass on the grass runway. Planting strategies were discussed. **Neal Rohrke made a motion to buy up to \$600.00 worth of Buffalo grass seed and fertilizer to plant the grass runway, seconded by Brent Jensen and was approved by the membership.**

Neal Rohrke made a motion to have volunteers here in May and Neal will see that the seed gets rolled. Brian Johnson will pick up seed and talk to Miller Seed for planting instructions. Brent Jensen made a motion to table the motion until the next meeting when we are clear on our planting procedure. Rich Kuening mentioned it was getting time to burn the road ditches and Brian Johnson will decide when it is convenient. Glen Lau mentioned we should consider buying the 20 acres to the south. Don Svoboda said

he has talked to the owner and it is not for sale at this time. We will be notified if this changes.

Model of the Month: Glen Lau had a Super Kaos that was built by Don Svoboda with an OS .46 AC and weighs 4 lbs 8 oz. It was scratch built from plans. The wing ribs were designed by Terry Majewski with a CAD program on his computer.

Ron Vogel brought a Sig Senior ARF which he won at the LSK auction raffle.

Beautifully factory covered in transparent red and ----- heat-shrink, Ron announced that he brought it not to show for model of the month, but rather to try to sell it to a member, so he could donate the proceeds to the Sky Knights. After two minutes of brisk discussion, Neal Rohrke found himself

the proud owner of the Kadet, and the Sky Knights found it's treasury \$200 richer. A situation with no losers!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Leonard Akert
Secretary, LSK



President's Notes

Well one more month of building down the tubes. I hope you all are using the field by now and are enjoying the nice weather. I was in Grand Island this last weekend and they had 2" of snow on Monday. Once again it hit me how nice our field is compared to the clubs around us. A big thank you tithes guys that work so hard to keep the field mowed and cleaned up. While I'm giving thanks, I would like to thank everyone who participated in last month's meeting. Like

I've said before, "If you want a say in how the clubs run you have to come to the meetings." The same goes for the events. These are not spectator sports. Get out there and enter the competitions or the fun flies. The more you get involved the more fun it is for everyone. I'll get off of my soapbox now. On a different note, spend some time on our web site. John has spent quite a lot of time and effort to make it interesting. Till next time, happy flying!

The Grass is IN!!

Sky Knights field is the proud home for several hundred dollars worth of prime grass seed, disked bedded and lovingly planted. That's a half acre of 'Please do not tread on me' area. This area will be damp and soft almost ALL the time for the next few weeks, until the grass germinates...very fragile. Already someone left a HUGE set of size 14 potholes, 3 inches deep and halfway across the new seeded ground to retrieve their aircraft.

We understand that airplanes are going to end up out there, so we've come up with a little extra motivation to make you give just that little extra effort to avoid tramping around in the muck. First, the newly planted area is randomly seeded with surplus M1-A2 'Bouncing Betty' land mines. Should you get lucky, find one of

these and 'buy the farm', you'll have the satisfaction of saving us a few dollars in fertilizer, as well as becoming a posthumous Lifetime LSK member. In addition, we've leased a *John Deere 'Garden Warrior'* lawn tractor (see picture), to discourage lead feet crushing our helpless little grass seedlings.

On a serious note, perhaps someone could equip several pilot positions with 50 feet or so of clothesline with a tennis ball on one end, and a noose on the other. This would at least give a fighting chance lassoing or snagging an errant model without tearing up the future turf.



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Team JR Makes a Pass

Dave B

World class pilots Dave Ribbe and Peter Goldsmith made quite a figurative splash at LSK field this last Tuesday. In town a flying seminar for regional Hobby Town USA employees, and familiarize them with various aspects of our hobby, the demonstration was open to the public and equally well attended by regional modelers, unaffiliated with Hobby Town. Estimates varied, but possibly as many as 100 spectators were in attendance to see the large scale and jet demos.

They started with some surprisingly high-performance electric ARF flying wings, flying combat

show, including 4-point and slow rolls, gigantic loops, and to finish, a high speed pass on the deck, followed by 3 more loops, and a 'go-round' to landing.

As spectacular as the glider was, most people had been awaiting the Jet most anxiously, and were not disappointed. Recent changes to the AMA's 'Jet Code' now allow greater than one-to-one thrust ratios, and this was one to show it off. With a Jetcat

P120 engine, producing 27 lbs, in a sub-20 lb airframe, even flying straight up, the model never quit



accelerating while still in sight. In level flight, it rarely went as high as 1/3 throttle, and was still scarily fast.

Both pilots were very accessible to anyone and everyone who had questions, and spent much time explaining and just talking models.



commercially available laser combat rigs that shut down your engine, if your opponent manages to get a 'hit.' After that we were treated to a 1/3 scale Piper Pawnee ag plane towing a 1/3 scale, 200 inch glider about 800 feet into the air. Almost immediately, the glider caught a thermal, and gained several hundred more feet, whereupon the pilot treated everyone to a breathtaking unpowered aerobatic

While it was a fairly short show, it was still one that won't soon be forgotten by all who attended.

All Photos courtesy Justin Handa



Twin Cities



Eagle Squadron

Multi-Engine Scale Fun-Fly

June 26-27, 2004

Location: Former Bud's Field

This event is for SCALE military or civilian aircraft, minimum wingspan 70", \$20 entry.

This event already has 25 entrants, and hoping for more, to become an annual event!

For full event rules, contact Rick Simmons, Rickshh53c@Juno.com

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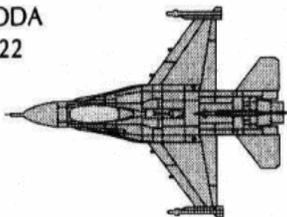
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UPCOMING EVENTS!!

- May 13th - 16th: Midwest Slope Challenge at Wilson Lake, Kansas.
- May 23rd: R/C Swap meet in Millard, Nebraska.
- June 5th and 6th: LSK Fun Fly
- June 12th: Combat meet at Smithville, Missouri.
- June 19th and 20th: Kansas City R/C Pattern Contest.
- August 3, 4, 5, and 6th: Jet Fly in Techumseh.
- August 21st: IMAA Giant Scale contest at LSK Field.
- September 3rd: Night Fly will be held after the club Meeting.
- September 18th, 19th: Midwest Championship Series Open & Scale.

"But Honey, I already made the parachute and the sign and everything!"



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The grass is planted for YOU to land on...eventually. Try to keep your plane clear of it for the next few weeks, thanks!!

See Page 5 for Upcoming Events. There are Just too many to fit in the normal spot this month!!