



The Lark's Lip

Monthly Newsletter of the Hastings Skylarks

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The November meeting will be held on **Monday the 4th** at 7:00 pm at the Keno Sports Bar located on Highway 6 across the street from Orschelns.

The October meeting was held on Monday the 2nd at 6:00 pm at Skylarks Field. President John Van Brocklin presided. Brian read the minutes. Tim gave the treasurer's report.

Officer nominations were taken at the October meeting and will be taken again at this meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Alcohol free gasoline – Nebraska has recently changed gasoline formulations and the majority of stations no longer offer an alcohol-free option. My understanding is that the old 87 octane non-alcohol product is now 84 octane bumped up to 87 with ethanol. Ethanol is not recommended for older vehicles and small engines, so luckily, Casey's in Hastings is still selling the 87 octane no ethanol blend.

Product Review: Blade Nano QX – I have always wanted a quad of some sort, so thought I would try one of these. I got the BNF version as I have a DX6i. This thing is small and weighs only 18 grams (a little more than half an ounce). There wasn't much programming to do to get it in the air. Orientation is mostly from two yellow props in front and black in the back. It has two flight modes. I'll call them stable and unstable. You can switch modes in flight via the retract switch. In stable mode, the quad always stays level. In unstable mode, it is up to the operator. I've only been in stable mode as I've only flown it in the house. In stable mode, it will drift a bit, but always remains level. I think it's going to be a lot of fun.

I'm working on getting some time reserved in a gym in Hastings for some indoor flying. I'm hoping for a couple nights per month. I will let everyone know when a schedule is finalized.

Skylarks gear (t-shirts, hats, etc.) can be ordered from the Skylarks website.

This year is winding down, so it's time to start thinking about next year. Get your 2014 AMA and club memberships taken care of. AMA membership (\$58) can be sent in or paid by credit card at modelaircraft.org. Club dues are \$35 per year and can be paid through our treasurer or online through our website.

Visit our website at hastingsrc.org. As always, thanks to Mike for our nice website!

Upcoming events:

November 4th - Monthly club meeting the Keno Sports Bar.

December 2nd - Monthly club meeting at the Keno Sports Bar.

January 6th – Monthly club meeting at the Keno Sports Bar.