



JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

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March 19 Meeting

23rd Street Hy-Vee, Lawrence
8:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 AM – Business Meeting

Schedule of Events:

April 16, JMM Meeting
May 7, Jayhawk Open
May 14, JMM Meeting
May 21, Jayhawk Electric

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News-wrap

Another beautiful Saturday on March 5, and the parking lot was crowded. Nick, BC, Mo, and Steve were flying hard when I arrived. Darrel pulled in soon with his P-51 hoping for a maiden. George and Jim and Gary R. were schmoozing. I punched the sky for a while and did not take a single photo for the newsletter. What an idiot.

However, March 10 was similarly stunning, and this time I was on task.



George was dialing in the DLE .40 twin gas engine on this Super Cup. Fred saw us on the Webcam and stopped by.



John brought two foamies and a stick bird. The [E-flight F-86 Sabre 15 DF ARF](#) with electric retracts above had good speed, but took a fair piece of the runway to lift off. Barely visible to the left is an [RocHobby P-39 Cobra II 38.6"](#).



The balsa model was a [Phoenix Model SBD Dauntless GP/EP ARF](#) that looked great and flew clean. I'm going to have to really work on photographing planes in flight.



I brought my Great Planes U-Can-Do 3D ARF, and remembered how much I enjoy this plane in calm air. The 72" wingspan and 7 lb. weight make this bird float, but still keeps a nice line in aerobatics.

Here are the raffle planes (yes 2) for the March meeting. The first is a [Multiplex FunCub Kit 55"](#),



And the second is a discontinued balsa stik, CY Models .40 size Drastik.



First winner gets to choose, second winner gets the remaining plane?

February 20 Meeting

Editor's Note: I was unable to attend the February meeting, so please excuse any errors in my second-hand account below.

Show & Tell

There were two planes entered in Show & Tell this month. The first entry was George Jones' Hanger Nine 1/4 Scale PA-18 Super Cub ARF featured in the [February newsletter](#).

This beauty is on tundra tires and really looks sharp. George has maiden'd this big bird, and likes the way it flies but something just isn't quite right with the Center of Gravity. He says "It just doesn't fly the way a Super Cub should."



The second entry was Phil Abbadessa's Fairchild PT-19 with an unusual covering. WWII Pilots trained in the PT-19 after mastering the PT-17 Stearman Biplane.



Phil used pieces of aluminum furnace tape to simulate aluminum panels to cover this typically fabric trainer. He also simulated a full rivet pattern. The attention to detail was very impressive, as these photos confirm.



Phil's unique PT-19 won the Model of the Month contest. Congratulations on some innovative modeling! It will be fun to see both of these aircraft fly!



Guest Presentations

[Dr. Mark Ewing](#), Associate Professor, Director of the Flight Research Laboratory, [KU Aerospace Engineering](#),

joined the meeting to discuss a flyover of the golf course during test flights on January 15.



Mark apologized for the flyover on behalf of the project team, and pledged that it would not occur again.

Our second guest presenter was Mr. Clancy Smith. Clancy was a medic in a helicopter crew in Vietnam. Thanks to Mike Weinsaft for the excellent article below.

"It was an honor and a treat to get to hear Mr. Smith speak at our last meeting. I wasn't prepared for someone so likeable and someone who would speak with so much candor about his experiences.

He really put us "right there" with his story starting with his narrative, growing up right down the road here in Kansas. He talked freely about the uncertainties of being a young man entering such a huge unknown as the military compounded by the capriciousness of the U.S. Army sending

him to Medic training ... And then to Vietnam.

The clarity of his storytelling made it sound like it just happened last week. I could almost see the face of the "green" pushy' obnoxious "Second Louie" who showed up at the frontline medical unit to request/demand a certain cleaning agent from those, who were very busy saving lives.

I would have made quite a mess if I'd had a moth full of that great Carribou coffee in my mouth, when he got to the punchline of that anecdote! His tales included how a guy can get in trouble - and some about how to get out of trouble.

I am sure that I was not alone in feeling deeply touched as his ending story exemplified the difference between a bad day and a "Real Problem"! I realize now, I've never faced a Real Problem.

Thank You, Mr. Smith for enriching my life."

Mike Weinsaft

Monthly Raffle

The raffle plane for February was a [Phoenix Model F4U Corsair GP/EP ARF 58.5"](#). This beautiful warbird was won by....wait for it....Patrick Deuser!



Getting to Know You Don Boucher!

As a new feature of the JMM Newsletter, each month we will get to know one of our fellow-members. This month we are featuring longtime member, former president and Board member Don Boucher. Don, could you tell us a little about yourself?

"I worked for AT&T for 41 years. Eight years was as an occupational employee, and the rest of my time was spent as a Manager until I retired in 2005. I am married and have 4 grown children and 11 grandchildren.

My background applied to the hobby, due to my experience in electronics and power supplies. I helped build some of the early computers, which were used to switch customer calls. I was a lead craftsman that installed and maintained the first electronic switch, for AT&T in the United States. I also helped maintain the mechanical switches that were in use at the start of my career.

I got started in Radio Control, after I moved to Lawrence. I had dreamed of flying, but as family needs became my priority, I soon realized that RC would be about as close as I would get. I went by the JHMM's airport, and was instantly motivated to join the club. (Don at left below)



I love being around the hobby, and the people that participate in the hobby. When you see the work that is required to build an airplane, and the skill level that is

acquired, you begin to see why the hobbyists are called "Masters"! Being part of the club, one receives tons of advice and tips that help avoid little disasters.

I find the fellowship of Model Masters to be very rewarding, and the diversity of members is a great appeal to me. I try to attend all of the meetings, and participate when I can to help the Club grow and be a part of the Lawrence Community. I also have been club President for two years, Board of Directors for 3 years. The membership made the appointments a pleasure."

Thanks, Don, for all you do for our club! It is our pleasure to know you and enjoy your good company!

Clinton Intl. Model Airport

On Saturday, March 19, following the JMM meeting, volunteers are needed install a new gate where our road turns from the golf course access road. Bill Elkins (thanks Bill!) will provide his 12" drill and we will plant three posts and two sections of split-rail fence.

Anyone willing to help should meet at the field (weather permitting) after 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 19. Bring shovels and spades.

When this gate is completed, the main green gate will be disabled and we will be able to lock our field whenever not in use. This arrangement provides better security for JMM, and greater convenience for the golf course maintenance staff. The same lock will be used when we switch gates, so there will be no loss of access.

Wounded Warrior Update

As most of you know, JMM sponsored a Wounded Warriors Fly-in this last August at Clinton Airport. This fly-in was part of a larger AMA organized veterans fundraiser to benefit the [Wounded Warriors Project](#) (WWP) and celebrate Model Aviation Week. The AMA donated \$100,000 to

WWP from the fundraiser. The JMM event registered 18 pilots, raised \$430.

This WWP was in the news this spring. In a [three-part investigation broadcast in late January, CBS News](#) looked into the Wounded Warrior Project, the nation's most recognizable veterans charity. What caught their attention is how the WWP spends donations compared to other long-respected charities. Spending on veterans at WWP is about 61% compared to 90% in comparable charities. The [New York Times also published a separate report](#) that was similarly critical. [Here is a link to the WWP response letter.](#) CBS has not retracted any of its report.

On March 10, CEO and COO of the Wounded Warrior Project were fired by the board of directors.

Safety Report

In mid-February the KU Aeronautical Engineering (KUAE) team conducted flight tests at Clinton Airport of the 14' wingspan experimental aircraft headed to Greenland his month. They were flying an east-west pattern into a west wind and a wide turn brought them over the golf course. The golf course contacted JMM, and asked us to investigate.

We did so, and resolved the matter to the satisfaction of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department, Jayhawk Model Masters, and KU Aerospace Engineering. The flyover was inadvertent, and KUAE pledged that it would not occur again.

Thanks to Dr. Ewing and KUAE, and Darin Pearson with Parks and Rec. for working with the JMM Board of Directors on this incident.

Thanks to George, Mike, and Gary R. for the news and photos!