

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | July 2023

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Club Meeting July 15th

Six-Mile Chop House, 4931 W 6th St,
Lawrence, KS 66049

11:00 a.m.: Lunch & socializing
Noon: Business meeting

Club meetings—normally on the
3rd Saturday of the month
except:

- No meeting in May or August
- **June & September** meetings a week early

2023 Flying Events

July 22 – Jayhawk Fun Fly*

Sept. 16 – Blue Sky Big Bird

Sept. 23 – Jayhawk Big Bird*

Oct. 14 – FAE (Topeka) Brats Fly In

*At Clinton International Model Airport
(JMM, Lawrence)

Newsletter Committee: Dave Alexander
(Ed. In Chief), Scott Stordahl and Glenn
Minor

2023 Club Officers

President Mike Randel
(785) 799-5287

Vice Pres. Jim Morris

Sec./Treas. Mike Weinsaft*

Field Safety Mo Belazrag

Board 3yr Patrick Deuser

Board 2yr John LaGesse

Board 1yr Phil Abbadessa

*currently unable to serve for health reasons

JUNE MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE



**Tower Hobbies [cleverly-named]
Sport 60" WS, .46-.55 GP EP ARF**
among other options

June Club Meeting

By Dave Alexander



On June 10th at *6 Mile Chophouse*, Prez Mike Randel called the meeting to order at 12:30. Ten members attended.

Mike R. went over the treasurer's report, prepared by Jim Morris (*reluctant* acting treasurer who was not able to attend), for both May and June. We started April with a checkbook balance of \$4,784.06 and ended May with a balance of \$6,305.44. Between pilot fees for events, dues, raffles, T-shirt payments, and food, we had income of \$1,485.09 in April and \$1,578.10 in May. In April, expenses of \$901.21 included mostly field maintenance costs as well as Level Up Kreations food setup fee, KS state fees, and Square credit card reader. May's expenses of \$640.60 was mostly for food, as well as parts and gas for the mower. With cash on hand, we began June with a net worth of \$6,692.44



This rather sizable bank balance led George Jones to suggest that we put a couple thousand into a CD and earn a little interest. The officers thought that sounded like a good idea and will look into it.

In the Field Manager's report, Scott Stordahl talked about mower maintenance. The mower seems to be cutting unevenly, which could be a bent blade (ouch! they are almost new) or could be something bent on the mower deck. He was planning to go out to the field after the meeting and see what he could figure out.

At this point, Mike R. announced that he wanted to introduce a "new" member, and pointed out Bill Elkins. Bill was attending his first club meeting since we re-started in-

person meetings after the pandemic. Bill talked a bit about being in the club since the 1980's, and reminisced a bit. He also gave a very heart-felt "thank-you" to the club and all its members for all the fellowship over the years. Of course, being Bill, he had to tell a few stories, and of course, they were entertaining.

We had no other business to discuss and no show-and-tell, so we finished up with the raffle. Dan Woodson won the raffle, and he chose the Sig Somethin' Extra.



After a brief reminder of the upcoming night fly-in and the float fly, the meeting adjourned.

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Help Wanted NEEDED!!

We need a replacement TREASURER!
Jim M. has attempted to resign repeatedly. We REALLY need someone to step up and replace Mike Weinsaft, who is unlikely to be able to resume his post in the foreseeable future.

2023 JMM Float Fly

Clinton Lake, June 24th
By Dave Alexander

In spite of a forecast thunderstorm and windy conditions, about a dozen hardy souls braved the elements and gathered at the Corps of Engineers boat ramp for our annual float fly. In the end, the storm bypassed us, and the winds were mostly tolerable. A hearty thanks to Mike Randal's brother for providing and captaining the retrieval boat!



Patrick Deuser's Cessna 150 on floats (left foreground) and Dan Woodson's Maule M-7 in the pickup. Both had nice flights.



George Jones helps Greg Inkman retrieve his (not Patrick's)

Cessna 150. The wind flipped it upside down, and then blew it back upright, and he taxied in!



Dan launches Scott Stordahl's Neptune V2. Scott thought his hatch leaked,

turned out it was poorly-applied ARF covering on fuselage bottom! Flew great when not full of water.



The Canadair water bomber made a couple nice flights but had a "hard" landing trying to avoid boat traffic.



Tom Bomstead had planned to fly both his float plane and his FPV plane, but the RC fates were against him and neither got in the air.



Dan spots for Glenn Minor flying his Skynetic Dragonfly (above).

Dave A's C170 and Beaver (in battery changing position).



Dan watches Scott fly the Neptune.

The Way It Was

by Dave Alexander

August, 2006 Newsletter

In 2006, JMM was meeting at the house owned by Bill Elkins that he allowed the club to use as a clubhouse. Hank Darnell was president, Jerry Foree was treasurer, Greg Kloepper was field safety officer, and Gary Rauckman was both vice president AND newsletter editor (setting a bad example, there Gary!).

Bill Elkins was in the newsletter that month for a couple other reasons. First was the description of Bill's unfortunate encounter with a prop: he had a model with a new gas engine secured on a stand; when he started it, the engine went to full throttle and the plane lunged forward. In a reflex move, Bill put up his leather-gloved hand and the carbon fiber prop hit the base of his thumb, shattering the bone and almost taking off his thumb. Fortunately doctors were able to save his thumb and reconstruct the bone.

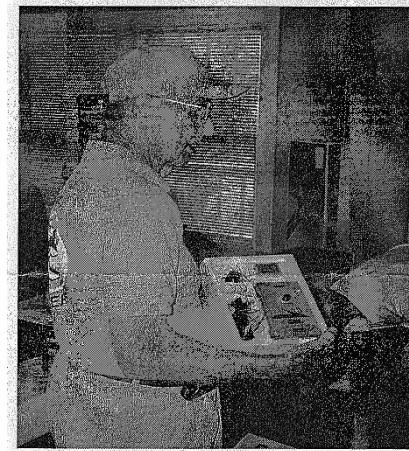
On a lighter note, back then club members were doing the cooking for breakfast. On the morning of the July club meeting, they arrived before dawn to start cooking and discovered the power was out. As Editor Rauckman put it, "Apparently, Bill Elkins made a call to Westar and Shazam, power was restored by 6:30. Bill has more pull than 60,000 volts of prairie-jolt power."

This was when the club was in the planning stages for building the shed. The newsletter mentions that Floyd Greenwood had some 2x4s and plywood to contribute to the construction, and Gary R. reported that he had not heard back from Parks & Rec on the proposed site plan, and was going to call them and see where things stood.

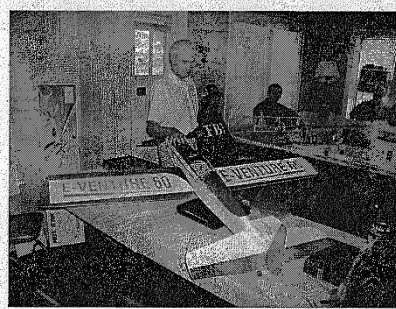
At the meeting, it was announced that Chuck Hardman had passed away. Chuck was quite a character, stories were told about him. He seems to have been the one that started the tradition of a group of JMMers taking a road trip to the Toledo

Weak Signals model show.

For Show-n-Tell, Don Forsyth brought what he called a digital radio system, "One Digit": a 1969 single-channel system with escapement. Escapements were rubber-band powered clockwork devices which only gave alternating full throw, not proportional control.



John Lewis, one of the club's earliest E-flyers, brought his Sig Venture 60. This was at the very beginning of LiPo battery availability, and John was flying this 60-size



plane on a Hacker C-50 14XL (1200 Watt) and the equivalent of 10S LiPos. It cruised at 63 amps and had 100 amps available for bursts. This was by far the

biggest, most powerful electric model anyone in the club had built to that point. (Your humble correspondent was still mostly using NiMH batteries and most were roughly 4S equivalent or smaller.) The newsletter said "the cost is not for publication"!

The "Jayhawk Closed" was described in the newsletter: "...some old fashion fun fly competition events. There will be no prizes, no food, no raffles, no setup and preparations, and no advertising. Just bring your favorite fun-fly plane and lots of water. We are just going to wing-it, pun intended. All members are invited and anyone else who shows up."

Sadly, aside from Bill Elkins, Greg Koepper, and Hank Darnell, everyone mentioned in this historic newsletter recap has passed on to that big flying field in the sky. Take a moment to remember old friends.



**Build and Fly
Your Own Free
Glider!**

presents the

JAYHAWK FUN FLY! 2023



Saturday, July 22nd, 2023

**Clinton International Model Airport
1205 E. 1000 Rd. Lawrence, KS**

**Pilot Registration 8:00a, Landing Fee \$15
Flight Time 9:00a to 4:00p**

**Unlimited RC SWAP Space
Only \$5 Per Seller!**

RAFFLE PRIZE!



**Seagull Models
Super Decathlon
70.9" Wing 20cc-26cc**

Lunch Catered by Level Up Kreations!

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