



JAYHAWK Model Masters Newsletter



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June 20 Meeting

**JHMM Club House
305 West 23rd
Lawrence**

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Business Meeting

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Schedule of Events:

June 20, JHMM Club Meeting

June 23, Family Night–Barby & Fly

Thurs. Eve.'s, JHMM Building Night

June 27, “Jayhawk Float Fly”

**July 9, Franklin County Flyers Meeting
“Wellsville Field”**

July 18-19, Wichita Sod Busters Jumbo

July 25-26, “Jayhawk Open” ?

Newsrap

My what a tough year this has been weather-wise. Our Jayhawk Open is rained out, the McLouth Barby show is blown out and the Heart of America Float Fly was wind swept as well. I did hear that a few pilots braved the wind up at McLouth, most notably was Patrick Deuser. The word is that one wing folded on Patrick's Sig Cadet jump plane. You know, the one he drops the skydiver from the bottom of the plane. He also took on a little motor damage as the fuse hit pretty hard.

Actually the weather wasn't as bad at the Franklin County Fly-In, but it was still pretty breezy. I couldn't stay long since I needed to meet someone to do a little horse trad'n.

I did manage to get a photo of George Jones pulling the American Flag during the morning flying.



I also took a few photos of George flying the Curtis Jenny.



Hey, has anyone seen anything of Tom Supancic lately? I hear-tell that he drug home another automotive project. Does he really have enough tools for all those projects?



Can you make-out the license plate?
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Actually, I did see Tom, and I tried to convince him to get out that big GeeBee that he has on those gigantic floats, because, for you guys on the back row, IT'S FLOAT FLY SEASON!!!

You still have time to order a set of floats for your favorite sport plane or just carve some out of a chunk of Styrofoam. After all we will have a practice float fly after the club meeting this Saturday at Bismarck Lake in North Lawrence. You might also want to bring your "floater" out to "Family Night" next week and give it a test on Lake Jayhawk.

Heat of America Float Fly

For those of you who slept-in last Saturday, you missed out on the opportunity to buy some raffle tickets at the HOAFF, but most of all, you didn't get to see me attempt to fly my Lanier Mariner in 30 mph winds. Actually I did get it back, but it was a job trying to taxi back to shore.

Another pilot attempted to fly a 40 size

flying boat as you can see in the photos below. Take notice of the retrieval boat as well.



Heart of America Float Fly



Actually , I had a good time just sitting around visiting with some of the guys and checking out some of the large float planes on display. I also picked-up some interesting stories, most notably a story regarding the big DeHaviland Otter on floats that is back in the possession of Darrell Watts after a 11 year absence. See article in back of newsletter.

Well, there you have it. Maybe this will “wet” your appetite for a set of floats.

More Photos at

New Airplane Anyone?

Kent Kummer just finished the 90" Great Planes J-3 Cub that he started last winter. You might note that GP doesn't produce a 90" J-3 in ARF form. Therefore, Kent's Cub is "stick built" so-to-speak. I believe he has a Saito 4-stroke in it, but I don't remember the size. Perhaps it is a Saito 1.00. Anyway, here is Kent with the aircraft, and he says it is a great flyer.



Ok, so while you guys were snoozing, another new aircraft shows up at the field. This one owned and operated by Fred Heineke, is a Golberg Model 12 just like Darrel Cordle's. I believe that makes 3 including the one owned by Bill Elkins. I don't recall what the powerplant is, but I think it is an OS 4-stroke.



ShockJet Test Flys

We did have a visitor from North KC here to get her new ShockJet checked out a couple of weeks ago. The ShockJet is a new trainer version aircraft for small turbines. It is made or distributed by Troy Built Models (TBM).

The ShockJet can fly on 12 to 18 lbs of thrust, is aerobatic, and lands like any trainer with "barn door" flaps. It is available in several color schemes, however, the one flown and tested at our field had the "Tiger Meet" scheme.



Lake saves Bonanza

Believe it or not, Jayhawk Lake actually prevented damage to Kirk Kloepper's FC Bonanza when he cart-wheeled it into the water following an engine out arrival. Kirk couldn't quite get the aircraft turned back to the runway, so in it went. Post crash inspection revealed no damage; the wing bolts even stayed in.



Other photos from Family

Night May 21

Maren Pollard feeds geese.



Can you see it? No, can you?
No, do you have? No, do you? No!!!!



Remember the "Spad Skunkworks" ?
Is this what's left?
Kirk & Steve assemble Steve's Spad



Don't forget, the Spad Skunkworks paid
for our chain link pit fence.

The P-Factor

Greetings to all and welcome to the June edition of the P-Factor.

Wow it seems like it has been forever since we had a normal club get together.

Last months "field trip" to the Lawrence airport for their open house went pretty well despite the high winds and cold temperatures. The day of the event we were relocated into the hanger where the pancake feed and paper airplane contest were held. This spot was out of the wind, close to food and close to people.... What more could anyone ask for? We had an unexpected surprise in that a couple of guys came along with Bob Stocksen with their **BIG** airplanes. That really had some people talking. I had to leave early that day but one of the highlights for me before I left was getting to stand only a few feet away from the P-51 Mustang owned by Steve Craig as it fired up for a flight. I had several customers tell me we put on a pretty good show out there. From what I was told I am pretty sure that George Jones and Alex Lopez deserve the credit for that one. Thanks guys for performing under difficult conditions.

Speaking of difficult conditions, the McLouth BBQ competition and RC fun show this year was once again a challenge. The winds were estimated at 20 to 30 mph but unlike previous years, they were pretty much right down the little mowed strip they had for us. Don Brents, George Jones and I all flew numerous times in between the raindrops. Moral support was provided by Jerry Foree, Gary Alcorn, and Al Lata. The club attendance was down again this year but I think the weather forecast was mostly to blame for that. As most of you know, the airplane gods have a tendency to claim at least one airplane every year at McLouth.

Sad to say this year my Kadet Sr that I use to drop the skydiver reached its expiration date. I was piddling around at approximately half way between the ground and the "gonosphere" (probably around 500-700 feet) when the plane suddenly flew backwards every bit as fast as I had ever seen it fly forwards. Thinking that was pretty cool I decided to try it again. I went back to the same spot and nothing. I was pretty far out to the south so I began a gentle left turn to come back over the field. About half way through the turn the right wing suffered a structural failure and departed company from the aircraft. I have seen the video of the guy on the internet save his large 3D model after it lost the wing, but I am here to tell you it either isn't possible to do with a Kadet or I am just not that good of a pilot. (probably both) The plane was at least headed the right direction away from spectators and it crashed without doing any damage to anything but the airframe (totaled) and to the engine (I still have to send that in to see how painful that is going to be)

We have lots of club activities coming up. The float fly on June 27th, The deadline for the the Build a Plane contest is quickly approaching, and the rescheduled Jayhawk Open on July 25th and 26th There are lots of opportunities to get involved and help out your club. Please don't be shy! Get involved!

I hope to see you all at the meeting at the clubhouse on Saturday the 20th and again at our third Family Night of the year on Tuesday the 23rd. Bring a plane and some food and have some fun!
Gentle winds and soft landings,

~Patrick

Hobbyist & Plane Reunited

Darrell Watts knew it was a one-in-a-million chance — but he had to try.

Watts, who is a member of the R/C Barnstormers Club that operates radio-controlled miniature aircraft at a field at Hillsdale Lake, has a reason to be extra excited about the group's annual Heart of America Float Fly.

One of the several miniature aircraft that are expected to be flying through the skies over the lake and landing on the water Saturday and Sunday will be a plane that Watts never thought he'd see again.

It was about a year ago when Watts began to wish he could once again fly the DeHavilland Otter plane with orange trim and an 11-foot wing span that he had sold about eleven years ago at an R/C convention in Toledo, Ohio. Even though he knew it was a long shot, Watts decided to do everything he could to track down the plane when he and fellow Barnstormer Pat McGhee went to Toledo again this year.

Wearing a large homemade button with a picture of the plane and a plea for help from anyone who may have seen it, Watts made his way through the estimated 20,000 people at the three-day convention. He placed flyers on every table he could find, and he asked everyone he ran into, but by lunch time on the last day of the convention, things were looking bleak.

A friend from Kansas City sat down next to Watts at the lunch table and asked him what chance he really thought he had of finding his old plane. "Oh, probably about one in a million," Watts replied.

He had barely finished his sentence when someone sat down at the table and said they knew someone who had a plane similar to the one he had pictured. Watts immediately perked up, and he got the number of the person in question. During the drive home from Toledo, Watts finally was able to reach the man on the phone, and it didn't take him long to realize that it was the same person he had sold the plane to years ago.

As it turns out, the man had only flown it twice since he bought. Watts offered the man his money back for the plane, and he accepted. Recently, during a trip to Boston to see family, Watts made a pit stop in Ohio and picked up the plane.

The size of the plane made the van ride home a bit interesting. "The wing was sticking up between my wife and I," Watts said with a chuckle. Now, Watts can't wait to get the plane up into the air along with an expected turnout of more than 30 other planes and pilots.



R/C Barnstormers Club members Pat McGhee (left) and Darrell Watts pose next to the DeHavilland Otter that Watts sold eleven years ago and recently repurchased. The plane is one of many that flew at the Heart of America Float Fly. (Photo by Brian McCauley)

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JMM members are urged to trade with these excellent suppliers whenever possible!

Jayhawk Float Fly

Radio Control Float Planes

Sat. June 27

By: Jayhawk Model Masters

***Location: Bismarck Lake
North Lawrence, KS***



***From Hi-Way 24-40, Go 1.1 Miles East On Lyon Street
To N 9th Street, Then 0.3 Miles North TO Water***

Landing Fee: \$15.00

Contest Director: Gary Rauckman 785-423-2700

Registration Starts @ 8:00 AM

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Spectators Welcome



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