

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | February 2026

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Club Meeting Feb. 21

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

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

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

2026 Club Flying Events

May 16 – **JMM Spring Night-Fly***
May 23 – **JMM Rocketman Rally***
June 6 – Manhattan Fly-In
June 6 – KC/RC Jets over Jacomo
June 7 – Paola Float Fly
June 20 – Blue Sky Fly-In
July 11 – KC/RC Fly-n-Swap
June 27– **Stars&Stripes Float Fly****
July 25 – **Jayhawk Fun Fly***
August 22 – **Dog Days Float Fly****
Sept. 12 – KC/RC Warbirds, Golden Era
September 19 – Blue Sky Fly-In
September 26 – **Jayhawk Big Bird***
October 10 – KC/RC Fall Fly In
October 17 – **JMM Fall Night-Fly***

*At Clinton International Model Airport

**At Clinton Lk. Bloomington Boat Ramp #7

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

2026 Club Officers

President Vernon Nelson
(785) 207-7387
Vice Pres. Kent Kummer
Sec./Treas. Jim Morris
Field Safety Dan Reid
Board 3yr Rob Leiker
Board 2yr Greg Inkman
Board 1yr Mike Brown

THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS



**Tower Hobbies (cleverly named)
"SPORT" .46-.55 GP EP ARF 60"**

OR



**Phoenix Models Spitfire Mk. 2
.46-.55 GP EP ARF 55"**



January Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander



In the absence of Prez Vern Nelson, VP Kent Kummer called the meeting to order at noon.

We had 20 in attendance, including new member Kasey Hopkins and his grandson. Kasey has been flying a couple years and really likes jets.

Outgoing treasurer Scott Stordahl reminded members that it's **time to pay both AMA and Club dues!** He gave the December financial report: Income was \$1,604.48 (\$294.33 raffle tickets, \$1,310.15 dues), expenses were \$834.93 for 4 raffle planes – bought at steep discount by incoming treasurer Jim Morris.



Ending bank balance was \$7,138.65. We have \$6,102.68 in 2 CDs and \$371.00 cash on hand, for a net worth of \$13,613.33.

Safety Officer Dan Reid had nothing to report.

Field manager Scott said he is still looking for mowing volunteers [*dues are waived for mowers who mow 5 times!*], and he'll be emailing members about it soon. He and Dan will be doing annual maintenance on the mower in February.



Old Business

Scott will have a sign-up sheet for club shirts at the next meeting. The design will be the same as last year, with polos and long- and short-sleeved T-shirts available.

New Business

We used to have a fire extinguisher under the work table and we don't currently have one there. We should have 2 but members thought there is only one in the shed; needs checking. Scott will arrange to have the extinguisher(s) inspected by Cintas and Kent will buy a new one if we only have one in the shed.



Field maintenance and upkeep:

- Members discussed whether we need to do a weed & seed application this spring, interested members will get with Scott and Dan and figure it out.
- Kent plans on installing a concrete pad for starting up turbines engines to prevent damage to the grass (not to mention grass fires).
- We discussed plans to move some of the starting stands behind the shed (and discard the worst ones) to make it easier for mowers to mow the pits area.

Kent announced that Mike Brown has agreed to do the food for our events again this year. Wow, he does an amazing job, THANKS, Mike!

People have noticed the light on in the shelter a few times, apparently after one of the KU groups has worked there. They may be under the mistaken impression that the light switch needs to be on to get power from the solar system. We will look into either a placard or a timed switch (or both).

All 5 of our sanctioned events have been approved. Scott will act as CD for the Rocketman Rally and Fun Fly, and Patrick will CD the Big Bird. Mike Randel has retired as CD, so we **really** need someone to step up and get approved as a CD or ED by AMA. Right now we have no CD for either of the Float Flies.

Show and Tell

Tom Harris brought a miniature indoor helicopter, for which he has built a clever little portable helipad complete with LED lights.



Kent Kummer won the raffle and chose the SBach.



➡ **Calling for Volunteers!** ➡

For us to run our club events with sanction by AMA, we need to have an approved **CD (Contest Director) or **ED** (Event Director). We currently only have 2, we need at least one more. **CDs/Eds get a break on AMA dues, and the approval process is not difficult, see AMA web site.****

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Skiing and Skying

Did anyone else get out to the field after the late January snow? Your humble correspondent flew the Cessna 170 on modified Flex Innovation skis:



I brought my Icon A5 but couldn't fly it due to a dead servo:



Back In The Day . . .

In **January 1997** (almost 30 years ago!), a complete new slate of officers took over from the '96 officers. The 1996 board included Gary Rauckman, President; Tony Hollady, VP; Ed Everett Sec/Tres; Dave Norris, Safety Officer.

The incoming bunch included Greg Lehman, Prez; Dave (yours truly) Alexander, VP; Dale Heiserman, Sec/Treas; Darrel Cordle, Safety Officer. We were meeting at Country Kitchen (where Oriental Bistro & Grill is today, next door to Hawaiian Bros on 23rd St.).

The newsletter says, "We had a record 33 people at the Dec. meeting," possibly because a nice transmitter was being raffled?

The treasurer's report showed a net worth of \$2594.03, and a record membership of 97. Let me repeat that, **97!!**

Items discussed at the meeting included a report by Dave Norris on the cost of purchasing a roller, and a report by Marlin McAfferty on the cost to buy a porta-potty. [Ed. note: if memory serves, the roller was soon purchased, but it took another decade or so before the porta-potty was acquired.]

A new member of (quoting newsletter) "the best model R/C club in the Midwest" introduced at the meeting was **Patrick Deuser**.

A Freeze Fly was attempted, but because of fog and then wind, only Dave Norris and Bob Hutchins flew.

In thanking Gary Rauckman for his service as president, Greg L. made the interesting comment that he appreciated how Gary "spent time going to city council meetings, dealing with the press, etc., through the golf course incident...."

The golf course incident?? Can anyone shed light on this?