

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | June 2025

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Club Meeting June 21st

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

2025 Local Flying Events

June 21 - Blue Sky Fly-In

June 28 – Jayhawk Float Fly I**

July 26 – Jayhawk Fun Fly*

Aug. 23 – J-hawk Float Fly II**

Sept. 6 – FAE Main Fly-In

Sept.13 – Smokey Hills (Salina) Fly-In

Sept.13 – FAE night Fly-In 8 pm

Sept. 20 – Blue Sky Fly-In

Sept. 27 – Jayhawk Big Bird*

*At Clinton International Model Airport

**At Clinton Lake Bloomington Boat Ramp #7

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

2025 Club Officers

President Patrick Deuser
(785) 596-3035

Vice Pres. Vernon Nelson

Sec./Treas. Scott Stordahl

Field Safety Dan Reid

Board 3yr Greg Inkman

Board 2yr Mike Brown

Board 1yr George Jones

THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS



**ROC Hobby Critical Mass High
Speed PNP 43.3" WS**

OR



**Tower Hobbies UPROAR V2 ARF
EP/GP 48"**

May Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met May 17th at 6 Mile Chophouse, Pres. Patrick Deuser called to order at 12:10. There were 21 in attendance, including guest Tom Lewis, a friend of John Shewanick's.



Club officers socializing with each other and with the membership before the meeting.

Treasurer Scott Stordahl reported that we started the month with \$5,505.91 in the checking account. We had income of \$170.00 from raffles and \$818.51 from dues. Expenses included \$150 for float fly fees, \$306.84 for various field maintenance items, and \$100.00 for raffle planes. That gave us an ending checkbook balance of \$5,937.58; with \$2,101.88 in the CD and \$387.00 cash on hand, our net worth was \$8,426.46. As of the meeting, we had 64 paid members.



Safety Officer Dan Reid had nothing new to report.

Switching to his Field Czar hat, Scott reported that we have 3 new members on the mowing crew. Thanks for stepping up, guys!



Old Business

Vice Prez Vernon Nelson reported on the recent rocketry event held by the KU Rocketry Club. In a nutshell, it dramatically

curtailed regular members' ability to fly RC airplanes. They said they needed to launch from the north end of the N-S runway, so they had to run a wire across the E-W runway, essentially taking both main runways out of service. They used roughly an hour to set up for each launch. One rocket did not deploy its parachute (becoming a 5-foot lawn dart!) and one lost its nose cone. There were a large crowd of spectators, some playing soccer and some launching small rockets. Vern concluded that rocketry events are not compatible with flying model airplanes. George Jones moved that we ban rocketry from our field, seconded by Dan Reid and Kent Kummer. There was some dissent but the motion passed.

Dave Alexander has been in touch with Shawn Keshmiri about the proposed KU building at our field. Shawn said that he has submitted it for KU approval, but it is effectively on hold due to the turmoil in federal funding.

New Business

Long-time member Mo Belazrag is moving to Morocco, and would like to sell all of his RC stuff and his tools. We hope to have a farewell event for him if we can find a date that fits his schedule. Watch for an email with details.

The work day was postponed.

Patrick reported that the new signs should be ready the week after the meeting. They are still exploring how to replace the big sign at the outer lot, it is too big to make locally.

Kent Kummer brought out his tractor and rolled the runways the week prior to the meeting. Thanks, Kent!

Planning for the Rocketman Rally: Mike Brown will bring pulled pork and sides, and a sound system. Those helping with setup Friday will meet for lunch at Burgers By Biggs at noon, then go to the field for setup. On Sat., registration starts at 8 a.m., flying at 9 a.m.

Vern has arranged dates for TV

interviews with Topeka stations before the Big Bird fly-in, on Sept. 24 and 25, both at 8 a.m. at each station. Mark your calendars, and plan to bring a "big bird" for the interviews if you are available.

Speaking of advertising, Kent Kummer highly recommends that we publicize the trainer/demo plane for events. He's back in the club because he flew the demo plane at one of our events last year!

Greg Inkman thanked the club for supporting the FAE fly-in, and announced that they will have a trainer with buddy box at the FAE Night Fly-in on Sept. 13.

Patrick asked if anyone was still interested in having organized monthly night-fly-ins, and there was some support so we'll try to start them up again.

Announcement: The FAA has approved a 1200' ceiling for all FRIAs in Class G airspace (that is, uncontrolled) permanently, not just at events. Bye-bye, you pesky 400' ceiling, good riddance!

Show and Tell

Kent Kummer brought a Sig Four-Star 60 that he built from a kit (not an ARF), way to go Kent. He has installed an OS .65 for power but it still needed 6 oz. of lead in the nose to balance. He said that he loved the building process. Glad to know there are still folks out there building from kits. (No pictures of the 4-Star, sorry.)



Stan McCall won the raffle, and chose the ready-to-fly Multiplex Fun Cub (donated by Nate Ericson).

Seen at the Field

After Scott challenged us at the April meeting to build Old School Model Works Barracudas so we can demo pylon racing at events, the response was, shall we say, underwhelming. Your humble correspondent was apparently the only one to pick up the gauntlet. I managed to throw the kit together in barely a week.



It's a racer, so I wanted the top and bottom to look different.



Here's Scott's before our ill-fated first flight attempts (CG at 40% chord!). We both rebalanced at 28%, and Scott used the repair to modify his into the "long nose" Barracuda. We both had very successful flights after that.



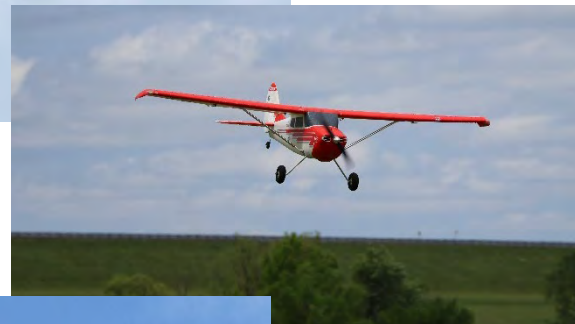
Dave's standard Barracuda on left, Scott's long-nose 'cuda on right, just before highly successful 2nd flights.

Rocketman Rally **Spring Fly-in, May 24**

Photos by Glenn Minor and Don Thun

The weather was a bit windy and started out overcast, but the clouds broke up some and lots of good flying happened.





Richard Strickland from KCRC flew two flights with his awesome Xcalibur XL turbine.

JMMers On The Road

Photos and reporting by Vern Nelson

Paola Float Fly



Greg Inkman, Bill Miller, Andrew Augustine and Vernon traveled to Paola for their float fly. A very fun and friendly fly-in with a lot of action and good food. We all flew at least a couple of times and brought all of our aircraft back in one piece!! The weather was great, and there were around 25 pilots and all kinds of aircraft.

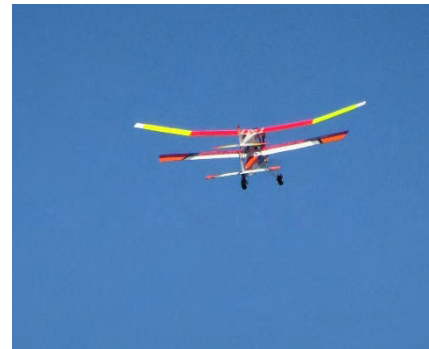


Dambusters Fly-In



Greg Inkman, Don Thun, Bill Miller and I traveled to Smithville for the Dambusters Cub and Cousins fly-in. There were around 20 pilots and they were a friendly group!! Greg got the award (a plaque) for Pilots' Choice. Unfortunately, Bill's restored cub stalled and crashed on first take off. It's fun to travel to other fly-ins and just fly!!!

More Seen at the Field . . .



Dan Reid takes more gliders up piggyback.



Release!



Vern shows how it's done, a greaser

Scott maidens his new Avanti EDF!





Come Fly With Us !!!

presents the

JAYHAWK FLOAT FLY!

Saturday, June 28, 2025



RAFFLE PRIZE!



**E-flite Twin Otter 1.2m
BNF, With FLOATS!**

**Bloomington East Campground,
Boatramp #7, Clinton Lake
Pilot Registration 8:00a. Floating Fee \$10.
Flying from 9:00a to 3:00p.**

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