

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | June 2026

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Club Meeting June 20th

**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

2026 Club Flying Events

*JMM Events in **boldface***

June 20 – Blue Sky Fly-In

June 27 – **Stars&Stripes Float Fly****

July 11 – KC/RC Fly-n-Swap

July 25 – **Jayhawk Fun Fly ***

Aug. 15,16 – RC Barnstormers (Paola)
Float Fly (rescheduled)

August 22 – **Dog Days Float Fly****

September 12 – Salina Big Bird Fly-In

September 19 – **JMM Fall Night-Fly ***

September 19 – Blue Sky Fly-In

September 26 – **Jayhawk Big Bird***

October 10 – FAE(Topeka) Brat Fly-In

October 10 – KC/RC Fall Fly In

**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

AMA Certified Instructors

Dan Reid

Vernon Nelson

THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS



**Tower Hobbies Aurora Sport .46-
.55 GP EP ARF 59"**

OR



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

May Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met as usual at 6 Mile Chop House on May 16. Prez Vernon Nelson opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m., when we learned that Jim Morris was absent because his mother had just passed away. Our sincerest condolences go out to our hard-working treasurer. We had a total of 20 in attendance, including visitor Chris Johnson.



In Jim's absence, Scott Stordahl gave the treasurer's report. The beginning bank balance was \$7,572.03. Income was \$164.33 from raffle tickets and \$212.76 from dues. Expenses of \$2,824.35 included \$1,944.81 for shirts and fire extinguisher (most of which we'll recoup when people pay for their shirts), \$653.35 for raffle planes and \$226.19 for field and mowing expenses. With an ending checking account balance of \$5,124.77, \$6,163.68 in CDs, and \$371 cash on hand, our net worth is \$11,659.45.

Scott continued with the field maintenance report. Scott and Mike Randel prepped the mower for the season with new oil, filters, and blades, so we are ready for grass to grow!



Vice Prez Kent Kummer said thanks for all the work folks have done at the field, it looks good. He also described his and Dan Reid's experiment with Defender weed killer, which made him recommend we do both runways with it next year.

Safety Officer Dan Reid had nothing to report.

Patrick Deuser said he planned to install boxes for Lost&Found and First Aid under the work tables in the pits, and he's still pondering where and how to install one for club information.

Someone mentioned we have gotten a box of swag from AMA, which we'll hold for the Big Bird.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Mike

Brown can't do the food for the Rocketman. We discussed options and decided that we'll order sandwiches from Mr. Good-cents and Scott will get drinks, chips, etc., from Sam's Club as usual. Friday before the event, we'll meet for lunch at Burgers By Biggs, and then go to the field for setup.

Greg Inkman thanked folks for going to the Night-Fly and the FAE Fly-in. Don Thun counted 14 JMM members at FAE!

Scott modeled a new-design club hat and will take orders with no minimum required.

Bill Miller reported on his progress looking at replacing our field webcam. He has figured out how to set up 2 cameras, with wider fields of view than currently. He recommends the club get our own cell service account rather than piggybacking on a former member's account.

We discussed a problem with an unruly dog on the field at the FAE event, and there was some sentiment toward banning dogs at our field. Kent instead suggested just talking to the dog's owner about the problem and asking him to leave his dog at home; Kent graciously volunteered to hold the conversation.

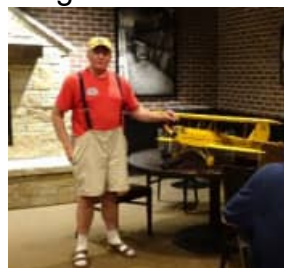


Yours truly brought up a discussion from last meeting about a survey asking members why so many don't come to meetings, and passed around a draft survey I put together. Scott pointed out that it is easy to use online tools like Survey Monkey for such questions, maybe Jim can set one up.

Based on that same discussion last month, Vernon has (will?) set up the club to have the October meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18th at 2 p.m., at the Kansas National Guard Museum at Forbes Field in Topeka. Man, with all the cool vehicles outside, it's gonna be tough to get members to come inside for the meeting!

Show & Tell

Greg Inkman brought a yellow biplane that he got from a friend who has since passed





away. Matt Matthews designed it, drew up the plans, and built it, and it first flew in 1984.



Matt called it "Oriole" but he told Greg he wanted the front to look like a 1936 Plymouth. It does have a pretty amusing false radiator and grille in front, but I'm not so sure it looks like a Plymouth. It was covered in untreated fabric (polyester?) which Greg spent a long time cleaning to get rid of

saturated castor oil. Once he cleaned it up, he coated the original fabric with Minwax Polyurethane, and the covering now looks almost new. It has a clever (probably unnecessary) steerable tail skid! Matt did a good job pickling the engine, a K&B 61, Greg said it had no rust and cleaned up fine.



Dan Reid brought this nice-looking flying boat, called a Mako—like the shark. He found it (where else?) on the Inter-

net, on the West Michigan Park Flyers web site. They were out of Depron for the airframe, but he did get the hardware from them and used plans to build it from foamboard. Float Fly, here we come!



Kent Kummer won the raffle and chose the Corsair. Dang, shoulda bought more tickets!

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Seen at the Field May 13

Photos by Don Thun



Rocketman Rally, May 23

Photos: Don Thun, Glenn Minor; text Dave Alexander

It rained the day before during setup, and was foggy at dawn, but the weather was beautiful by the time people were setting up.



Pilot's meeting



Our Ottawa friends Landon Reeder and Chance Gendry were in the air almost constantly.



A busy flightline

Dan Reid preps *Miss Piggy III* for another piggyback launch.



Glenn Minor readies the trusty Sig Kadet to get aviating.

Out-of-town guests. Welcome!



Bill Miller's big Cub . . .



. . . dropping an RC parachutist!



Your humble correspondent's F7F Tigercat.



Fly Wing demonstrated their models (see 1st pg. of *Model Aviation* magazine).



Their X-Wing can take off vertically and hover, and fly forward like a plane, with built-in head-tracking FPV.



Scale model of TV's *Airwolf*



Their helicopters are so easy to fly, even an ex-treasurer Mowing Boss can fly one!



Greg "This Old Hat" Inkman flies his well-traveled Super Buccaneer old-timer.



Static display of the late Gary Rauckman's turbine-powered "Yak 108" (heavily modified Enforcer?) that he flew often at our events.



Howard Blue's speedy Shoe-string racer looked fast and agile.



Tom, where's the hatch?



Grayson Konda Won the raffle. Nice going, young man!



Presidents Corner:

Greeting
Jayhawk Model Masters,

We had a good turnout for our Rocketman Rally fly-in. We had 30 registered pilots!! Started out Friday before our fly-in having lunch at Burgers by Biggs. Loren Kloft and his wife traveled all the way from Kentucky to join us for lunch and fly the next day at our Rocketman Rally. After lunch we went to the field where some met us to set up the field for Saturday. It rained lightly but that didn't stop our great crew from doing work. Thank you members that helped get the set up done!!

Several planes were in the air at all times during the Rocketman Rally. We had gentle winds for the most part of the day. Scott did a good job in getting us all to fly the same pattern!! Scott also did a great job in ordering the subs, pop, chips and cookies. Thank you to Dave Alexander for taking time out for getting our lunch and bringing it back to our event. My sub was DELISCOUS!! What a great lunch idea since Mike Brown couldn't make it to this event.

One fly-in down and 4 more fly-ins to go. Two of them are float flying!!! We need all our members to get the word out about our float fly. There is a copy of the flyer on our Facebook page you can print, and at the end of this newsletter. Greg Inkmann is the CD for this event with George Jones doing the rescue with his boat. Mike Brown is bringing his terrific pulled pork and baked beans so come hungry!!!! This Saturday (June 6) several of our members are going to the float fly-in at Paola put on by RC Barnstormers. Several pilots from this event came to our float fly last year so we will be taking our Stars and Stripes flyers there to

hand out. The next day, Sunday, some of us are going to Manhattan for the Riley County fliers fly-in. They too brought some pilots to our Big Bird last year.

Speaking of Big Bird, the date for this is on September 26 this year so please mark that down on your calendar. We have Wednesday and Thursday before our Big Bird event for interviews with airplanes on both Topeka's TV stations. I will talk more about that when the time gets closer.

Our flying field is looking great with the mowing crew, Dan and Kent getting the right chemicals down and Scott overseeing the mower. Also thanks to Gregg Haas for cutting the weeds down next to the sides of the runways!!! It takes a lot of work to have a nice looking flying site so a big thanks to all who pitched in!! Hope to see our members at our next meeting Saturday, June 20th as we have some important business to discuss. Until then, Happy and Safe flying!!!

Vernon Nelson



More Seen at the Field . . . May 27 and June 1

Photos by Don Thun



Hmmm . . .
Does John
"Corsair" LaGesse
know about this?



Cool
jet!



Rogues' gallery!



Looks like
someone's
practicing
for the Fun
Fly.



This Event is FREE to the Public!



presents the

JAYHAWK FLOAT FLY! 2026

Saturday, June 27th



RAFFLE PRIZE!



**AVIOS US Coast Guard
Catalina 1900mm Seaplane**

**Bloomington East Campground,
Boatramp #7, Clinton Lake
Pilot Registration starting at 8:00a
Floating Fee is \$10.00
Flying from 9:00a to 3:00p
Lunch available for \$10**

Contest Director: Greg Inkmann, g.inkmann@sbcglobal.net AMA #19575