

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | July 2025

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Club Meeting July 19th

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

*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 June 21st at 6 Mile Chophouse. Pres. Patrick Deuser called to order at noon, with 18 in attendance.



Treasurer Scott Stordahl reported that we started the month with \$5,937.58 in the checking account. We had income of \$256.10 from dues, \$441 from meeting and event raffles, \$240 pilot fees and \$389.07 food from the Rocketman Rally, and \$105.00 from T-Shirts.



Scott also deposited \$16.00 worth of change from the cash box. The only expenses were \$207.68 for event food. That gave us an ending checkbook balance of \$7,177.07; with \$2,101.88 in the CD and \$371.00 cash on hand, our net worth was \$9,649.95.

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

Patrick reported that the new field signs are ready to pick up, he hoped to do it the week following the meeting. Still working on a solution for the big sign at the outer lot.

Members discussed problems with starter stands: some have no wheels and are hard to move, some have wheels improperly installed and move too easily, some are in very rough shape. Realizing that we never need all the stands except at events, we decided to move about half of the stands back beside the shed, keeping the best ones in the pits. Stands in the pits need to be positioned so they are easy to tilt for mowing.

New Business

Scott and Mike Randel (CD) are coordinating prep for the float fly. Mike Brown is dropping off pulled pork and baked beans for lunch but can't stay, so volunteers are needed to serve food. Mike will bring tables, and a generator for chargers. No Friday event prep lunch for this event.

Mo Belazrag is leaving July 12, so we want to have a farewell gathering and BBQ Sat. July 5th, assuming that works for Mo. Stay tuned for emails with details.

Scott mentioned that he gets compliments for our newsletter from other clubs who receive it. I guess they have pretty low standards!

Vice Prez Vern said he has gotten comments from folks flying at our past Big Bird events that they'd prefer not to fly with small planes. Members agreed that next year, we'll specify that all are welcome, but only IMAA-ish models can fly before some specified time (1 or 2 p.m., etc.). It isn't clear if we can specify that for this year with our current sanction.

Show and Tell



George Jones brought a DJI Phantom III quadcopter that he bought from Al Dannerman. George would like to use it to search for crashed planes or dropped parts lost in the rough, but he is having trouble getting it to cooperate with his phone. Tom Bomstad offered to help set it up.

Dave Alexander brought 2 show-n-tells.



Barracuda in front, Puddlemaster in back

First was the OSMW Barracuda pylon racer mentioned in last month's newsletter. (Scott had his bare airframe at an earlier meeting). The plans-specified CD was back at 40% of chord, and neither Dave's nor Scott's was controllable at that CG. They both moved their CGs to 27% and they both fly on rails now. Dave describes it as scary fast on 4S; not very big to begin with so it gets real small real fast.



Second was an Ace RC Puddlemaster seaplane, originally built at least 20 years ago. Dave flew it at our first few float flies, crashed it, and built a 2nd fuselage. Eventually crashed again, it'd been on the shelf for at least 6 or 7 years, so Dave decided to rebuild it in time for the Float Fly. Still has the original Astro Cobalt brushed motor, it has had successful hand-launched test flights and is ready for the Float Fly.

Mike Randel won the raffle and chose a late addition to the choices, a Phoenix Pilatus PC-9 ARF.



Way Back Then . . .

By Dave Alexander

Twenty years and three days before our most recent Float Fly, we held our first ever Float Fly. On June 25th, 2005, the Jayhawk Model Masters, in conjunction with the Franklin County Flyers (from Ottawa), held a float fly at a small, private lake in a rural area near Baldwin City. According to the July, 2005, newsletter (Gary Rauckman, ed.), there were some complaints about confusing directions to the lake. The club made about \$200 on the event, presumably from pilot fees and raffle tickets.

The major highlight was Ken Bina's 2 giant Ugly Stiks on floats; Ken flew one and Robert Longyear flew one. Ken received a "Pilot's Choice" trophy. KC Moore tried to fly a Diamond Dust delta wing on floats but couldn't get off the water. He took off the floats, hand launched, and did a "touch and go" belly bounce, resulting in a shortened prop! Yours truly brought an RC "rescue" boat made out of discarded Styrofoam shipping coolers from KU. Mark Smith, then our AMA District representative, attended and flew a Northstar. Apparently Neptunes were the rage then, as several pilots had them and Bill Elkins won one in the raffle.



Dave A. launching a Kadet Seniorita at the 2005 Float Fly

2025 Float Fly #1: June 28

By Dave Alexander, most photos by Glenn Minor and Don Thun

This year's first Float Fly was a great success. Twenty-six registered pilots enjoyed light south breezes and overcast to broken clouds most of the day.



Pilots' meeting



Rescue boat Captain George Jones got to fly some, too.



Don Thun



Good to see Mike Weinsaft (on right) at the event!



The 20-yr old Ace
Puddlemaster rises to
the occasion



Some pilots think
straight and level
flight is overrated!



Capt. George gets some rescue action



Glenn Minor won the raffle. Better get that ready to fly on floats in time for our next Float Fly, Glenn!





Mohamed's Farewell Party, everyone will miss you! You have been a very special club member and friend to so many of us. (Nice jet)



Capital City Fly-in



Jayhawk Model Master's invade Topeka!





Come Fly With Us !!!

presents the

JAYHAWK FUN FLY!

Saturday, July 26 2025

Our annual Fun Fly is a series of flying
COMPETITIONS for trophies & ribbons as well as
lots of open flying time between events!

FREE to the PUBLIC!

Clinton International Model Airport
1205 E. 1000 Rd. Lawrence, KS
Pilot registration 8:00a, Landing Fee \$15
Flight Time 9:00a to 3:00p

RAFFLE PRIZE!



Tower Hobbies Uproar V2
.46 GP EP ARF 47.6"

Unlimited RC SWAP Space
Only \$5 Per Seller!

Contest Director: Scott Stordahl, scott_stordahl@yahoo.com, AMA sanction #17981





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presents the

JAYHAWK FLOAT FLY!

Saturday, August 23, 2025



RAFFLE PRIZE!



**DHC-2 Beaver 59" PNP
With FLOATS!**

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

Contest Director: Mike Randel, (785) 766-5287, mikerandel@gmail.com, AMA #17982