

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | Nov. 2024

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Club Meeting Nov. 16th

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

TENTATIVE

2025 JMM Flying Events

May 24 – Rocketman Rally*
June 28 – Jayhawk Float Fly I
July 26 – Jayhawk Fun Fly*
Aug. 23 – J-hawk Float Fly II
Sept. 27 – Jayhawk Big Bird*

*At Clinton International Model Airport

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

2024 Club Officers

President Patrick Deuser
(785) 596-3035
Acting Vice Pres. Mike Randel
Acting Sec./Treas. Scott Stordahl
Field Safety Vernon Nelson
Board 3yr Mike Brown
Board 2yr George Jones
Board 1yr John LaGessee

THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS



**Phoenix Models Pilatus 59" ARF
OR
Multiplex *Fun Cub***



**(assembled, ready to fly, with
Spektrum receiver)**

October Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met on Oct. 19th at 6 Mile Tavern. Prez Patrick Deuser had to work, so Acting V.P. Mike Randel called the meeting to order at 12:05.



Acting Treasurer Scott Stordahl didn't bring printouts of the monthly report, but according to his verbal report, we had little financial activity in Sept.—income from 2 new members, expenses of materials to repair starting stands and 3 new raffle prizes—giving us a net worth of \$6,245.64 for the month. Because of net income from the Big Bird Fly-in, he reported that our Oct. to-date net worth was \$7,126.90

Changing hats, Field Mgr. Scott reported that mowing is essentially done for the year. The mower's left rear tire is leaking and should be checked before moving it. Planned maintenance over winter includes new tires, oil change, blades sharpened, and filters and belts checked.

Safety Officer Vernon Nelson mentioned that people have been seen smoking in the pits (a visitor during the Big Bird was the prime suspect). Feel free to give a gentle reminder to visitors about our field's no-smoking-in-the-pits rule.

Old business:

Mike Brown brought smoked brisket for people who paid but did not get food at the Big Bird. Thanks, Mike!

Mike Randel said we deserve "a pat on the back" on the success of the Big Bird. Special thanks to Patrick for doing all the weed-eating in advance, Mike B. for the food, all the Friday setup folks, and John LaGesse for letting spectators wear video goggles while he flew his FPV plane. The goggles were very popular. Finally, next year's Big Bird will move back to its traditional date of the last Sat. in September.

New business:

We need some new officers next year. ***Officer nominations will be made at***

next month's meeting (November).

The need for an announcer/commentator at events was discussed. We need someone to channel their inner Gary Rauckman to inform spectators. To help the announcer, we'll try to have preregistration forms (web site, newsletter) for pilots to fill out with information for the announcer.

The announcer will need a functional PA system and as of now, our speakers have blown out. Mike Brown has a DJ sound system that he will donate to the club, which should be more robust than our old system.

Mike Weinsaft has reluctantly concluded that he won't be flying much in the future and has decided to try to reduce his fleet. Once he compiles a list, Scott will distribute it to members.

Show-n-Tell:

Scott Stordahl brought his Fun 51 built from plans. It's 95% ready to fly, needs



fuel tank and servo linkage. Had problems with analog servos

and FrSky tandem receiver, will switch back to conventional 2.4 GHz receiver to see if that helps.

George Jones brought pictures from Gary R. of the shelter at the field being built. He also brought the official US Marines photo of his cousin, Orville R. Swick, a WW II fighter pilot. He also brought a \$38 pump for which he built a holder to use as a fuel pump.



Mike Brown brought his “in the bones” unfinished model of a “Doodlebug”. It is kit-bashed from a Robinhood kit (Old School Model Works semiscale Curtis Robin). The real Doodlebug was an early Short Take Off and Landing design.



In addition to converting a high-wing to a low-winger, Mike said the working retractable leading edge slats were a real design challenge. Its functional shock absorbers are



repurposed from cabinet hardware used to hold drawers open!

Tom Harris brought a custom-built rocket plane of his own design. It has swing-wings (and maybe canards?). Not yet flown.



Mike R. brought a video borescope system, which prompted rude comments about its intended use. He thought it would help George look inside his wings and fuselage without removing covering.



Wayne Donovan won the raffle and chose the Phoenix Corsair.

Meeting adjourned about 1 pm.



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Back in the Day

Twenty years ago, in 2004, Gary Rauckman was President of the club, Bill Elkins was VP, Don Forsyth was Treasurer, and Darrel Cordle was Safety Officer. With Gary being prez, Bill Conradi and Steve Fair had taken over the newsletter. The club was meeting at the Eagles Lodge on 6th St.

According to the May meeting report (in June newsletter), we made \$402 from the Fun Fly, \$35 from Bill Elkins collecting and recycling aluminum cans, and \$60 from the raffle. No mention of bank balance or net worth. This was mentioned: “Unfortunately, some genius felt the need to make donuts in the gravel parking lot.”

The tradition of “family night” at the field the Tuesday after the meeting was still going strong, and the club was running a Parks & Rec class on model building 6:30-9:30 on Thursdays.

Mike Weinsaft brought a video of Sean Tucker flying aerobatics that had been edited by Mike’s brother, Nate, who worked for Oracle (Sean’s sponsor). Mike also brought a static display model of the Wright Flyer built from NASA plans.

Mike Bollene and John Dalton put on a fibreglassing demonstration, which the newsletter said was, “easy and takes little effort.” (I guess it depends on your definition of “easy” and “little effort”.)

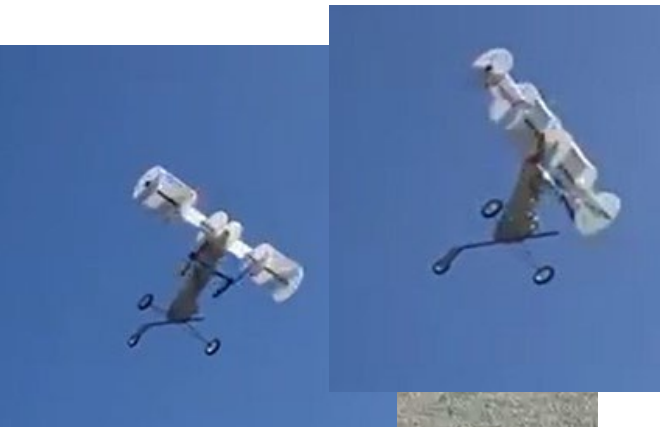
Ken Bina showed his 104” kit-bashed Das Flugelmaus and K.C. Moore showed his turbine-powered Stingray.

Seen at the Field

By Dave Alexander



Mo Belazrag practicing 3D. He may have been showing off for a co-worker.



Dan Reid shows off yet another Magnus-effect Flettner-rotor-wing flyer. Hey Dan, where the heck are the ailerons? (From a video by John LaGessee.)



More Club History

George Jones brought these photos to the last club meeting, from Gary Rauckman's archives. Scanned by Jim Morris and added to club files, thanks Jim.



Can You Identify Any Of These Club Members?

I see Greg Lehman on the right in the red ball cap, possibly Steve Fair on the left scaffold, possibly Greg Kloepper on the far left ladder. Possibly Don Forsyth on floor to left of left scaffold.



Short guy in red cap on far left, Jerry Forree. On far left ladder, possibly Jesse Longoria. Greg Lehman on ground, possibly Dave Alexander next to him? Possibly Greg Kloepper on right ladder, Steve Fair on right scaffold.



Jesse Longoria in white shirt on floor, Jerry Foree in red cap on floor. **Can you identify anyone else in this or previous photos?** Could that be C.W. Holt holding the right side of the left scaffold and Don Brents holding the left side? Who is the shirtless guy on the scaffold with the cigar??

From the Safety Officer



Vernon Nelson sent this photo and these wise words:

A good way to keep you plane longer and fly safely is to have a check list.

And on that list make sure you write down to have your wing bolts in on both wings!! If you don't then your plane may look like this!!