



**AMA Club # 2013  
Year 2019**

**November Newsletter**

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**Nov. 16 Club Meeting**

**Smith Center @ Brandon Woods  
Lawrence, KS**

8:00 AM – Breakfast  
9:00 AM – Business Meeting

**Schedule of Events:**

**Nov. 16 Club Meeting**

Dec. 7, SMRCC Swap 'n Shop

Feb. 1, KCRC Swap'n Shop

May 2, Jayhawk Open

May 23, Jayhawk Electric

June 27, Jayhawk Float Fly

**Jayhawk Model Masters**

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**News-wrap**

Here it is Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> and I'm just getting started on the November Newsletter. The Forecast for tomorrow morning is 11 degrees F. Is it just me or does winter come earlier every year; Dang, where is Al Gore when you really need him.

I'm trying to keep my mind on what to write but I really want to run out to the shop and check out the new Pacific Aeromodels clipped wing Monocoupe. I have been looking for this long-discontinued kit and finally found one new in the box; I'm still drooling.

The plan for now is to pull the Saito 1.70 triple off the Mariner float plane and insert it in the "coupe" round cowl. Add electronic ignition and be ready for the 2020 flying season.



### ***Little Unknown History***

*Jim Mowrey, aka, The Pen of the Prairie*

Following is purported to be a TRUE anecdote about Neil Armstrong.....you be the judge.

*When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" statement then followed it by several remarks, usual communication traffic between him, the other astronauts and Mission Control. Just before he re-entered the lander, however, he made this remark, "Good luck Mr. Gorsky."*

*Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.*

*Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.*

*On July 5, 1995 in Tampa Bay, FL. While answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong.*

*This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had final passed away and so Neil Armstrong could answer the question.*

*When Neil was a kid, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball, which landed in the front of his neighbor's bedroom window. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, the young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "SEX! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"*

### ***SAFETY BRIEFING***

*Susan Calvin, KCRC Safety Officer*

Any experienced pastor can tell you that some messages need to be repeated at intervals. Most have "canned" messages for occasions like Christmas and Easter. I'm reminded of a pastor who was conducting a Revival that took place over several days. He preached the exact same message every night. When asked about whether he had any other message he replied he wouldn't preach a new message until his audience convinced him they understood the current one.

Writing a safety column is similar to what that preacher was doing. From time to time it is necessary to repeat a previous message. Now is such a time. Recently we have seen a sudden change in our weather, from summer to late fall without a transition period. Temperatures took a nose dive last week and it seems like winter is at hand. No doubt some of us are already setting up our winter shops in anticipation of our next building project. It was just a couple weeks ago that I finally got electricity established in my shop building. Now I have instant use of all my large power tools without running a long extension cord from the house.

And believe me, my tools are already getting a workout, especially as I am beginning my Christmas decorating early. I like building outdoor decorations and there are several in the works. All this reminded me of a previous safety column about shop safety. I am also reminded of some safety posters the Army put out many years ago. Some of them were quite graphic, showing things like severed body parts and eyeballs with jagged pieces of metal stuck in them.

Those posters were hard to look at, but they got the message across. Working with power tools, or any machinery with rapidly moving parts, especially if a person had not done so in a while, could be hazardous to one's health. There was also the implication that inattention around machinery could ruin your day, and maybe your life. Specifically, the danger of wearing jewelry around machinery was emphasized.

Things like rings and necklaces are open invitations for a machine to grab hold of and cause injury. Even loose clothing can be a problem. Or long hair. If we think about it, we can no doubt come up with other conditions that need our attention as we transition indoors and spend more time in our respective shops. Now is the time to pay close attention to our habits, emphasizing the good ones, and abandoning the bad ones. On my part I have begun to evaluate what I do in my shop that might cause me harm. A little imagination and attention to detail can carry us a long way. Also, I'm constantly aware of any items, like protective glasses, that can keep me from harm. So, take this repeated message to heart and take whatever steps necessary so that we can continue to see you at the flying field, in one piece, ready to fly that nice new plane you will build this winter.

## **2019 Jayhawk Big Bird**

Hey, we did get a flying event in this year before the weather went south on us; or should I say north. We had a near record number of 28 registered pilots this year. I think everyone was extra eager to go to a flying event since so many had been rained out. We really do appreciate all the pilots who made an extra effort to attend our event and make it a great success. The weather was amazing for the last Sat. of Oct. We again had pilots from Wichita, Topeka, Manhattan, Lawrence, and Paxico Kansas.

Here is a photo of Vernon Nelson's Howard DGA in flight



And below is Mo's 3D aircraft with the smoke on:



One of the highlights was Kyle Walker's Jet Legend Viper Jet. What surprised us all was when the canopy came off and deposited the canopy frame in the left stab. See Photos:



And photo of the left stab after flight:



Fortunately, the frame part didn't much impair the movement of the elevator so that Kyle was able to make a somewhat normal landing. Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good I always say.

Mo gets into the at again with a helicopter demonstration; this was a big hit with the youngsters.



One of the big highlights of our event was an unusually large number of used aircraft that we decided to raffle this year. Most of these airplanes were donated to our club by the family of Randy Reiss, a former member from DeSoto. Each registered pilot received a raffle ticket for this drawing. Here is Patrick with his selection:



Another happy raffle winner is Greg Inkman from Topeka holding his selection:



Here is a group of Pilots all getting into the raffle action:



### ***October 19 Club Meeting***

We had 18 members at the club meeting and no visitors this time. Two members came with a show and tell; Dave Alexander and Bill Wachspress.

Since Gary Webber was out of town Dave Alexander gave the Treasurer's report indicating that our current balance at the time was \$4453.58.

We decided to raffle a nice Spectrum Transmitter at the November Club meeting this Saturday. I believe it will be a \$480 DX9 Tx. Therefore, many of you will want to be there for this \$480 value whether you need one or not.



### ***2020 JMM Club Officers***

It was again mentioned that we will need to have at least 2 new club officers for the new 2020 season. We will need a treasurer or a president if Dave moves to the treasurer's job. We will also need at least one new board member. So, be thinking about how "you" might want to serve in one of these position opportunities. I'm sure you have heard about the keys to the club corvette etc, etc. This will all take place this Saturday; that's why we are bribing you to be there with the above Tx raffle prize

It was also mentioned that KC Aero might be looking for several pilots. I think Dave Alexander will be one.

## ***Show and Tell***

Bill Wachspress, and winner of the model of the month, came with a somewhat large model rocket. I didn't realize he was into this aspect of modeling. I guess you might say it is not a model but a "Rocket" This one has an H Motor that puts out 195 newtons of thrust. I think he said a 1.6 second burn will take this rocket to about 3,000 ft.



Dave Alexander came to show his Multiplex Twinstar; this aircraft was really Dave's idea of a perfect FPV aircraft. Dave said this bare-bones FPV setup is about half the size of a similar one just a year ago. It has 2 Park 480 3S motors and 30 amp esc's



The winners of the 2 Glider raffle prizes were Bill Elkins and Jim Morris. Bill here with a powered glider and Jim Below with a non-powered glider:



Jim Morris also won the \$20 Breakfast Drawing to complete his winnings of the day. Too bad you guys on the back row missed the meeting and therefore increased Jim's chances of making the big haul.