



**JAYHAWK
MODEL MASTERS
NEWSLETTER**

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February 20 Meeting

**23rd Street Hy-Vee
Lawrence**

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:00 AM – Business Meeting

News-wrap

By now many of you will have registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and can legally fly your Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) in the National Air Space (NAS) on Feb, 20. Yippee! Got your “Drone question” replies ready?

Schedule of Events:

Feb. 20, JMM Meeting

March 19, JMM Meeting

April 16, JMM Meeting

May 7, Jayhawk Open

May 14, JMM Meeting

May 21, Jayhawk Electric



February Raffle Plane

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We have a nice warbird to raffle this month, another Phoenix Model from Tower Hobbies. The February plane is an [F4U Corsair GP/EP ARF 58.5"](#). FEATURES: May be glow or electric powered, balsa & ply construction, fiberglass cowl,

retractable landing gear, detailed instrument panel, pilot figure REQUIRES: Rimfire .46-.55 brushless motor, ESC, LiPo Battery, charger, OR .46- .55 glow engine, starter, fuel, 6+ channel radio, servos, prop, field equipment.

I hope many of you can attend!

January 23 Meeting

The January meeting was a small one, with 16 members attending. It was a cold and snowy day, which might explain the low attendance. The 2016 officers took their places in the cockpit, and ran the meeting with admirable skill.

Kyle Walker brought an interesting scratch-built biplane for Show and Tell, one that was built by the late Ivan Hird, and that he purchased from Bill Andes, both former JMM members. The biplane was small, with a 40" wingspan, powered by a .12 HD glow engine.



One interesting feature was a removable top wing that was attached to the cabane struts with what appeared to be plastic landing gear attaching hardware.

Old business included a reminder that it is time to pay 2016 member dues. By the time you read this, you will have received a reminder via email. You can download a [fillable membership application](#) from the web site. Dues are \$65 for full adult membership, down from \$75 in 2015.

Gary W. reported that Cromwell Solar will be visiting the field soon to investigate our battery capacity, and George reported on

the Capital City Freeze Fly. Finally, Gary R. reminded the members to register with the FAS before the February 19 deadline.

In new business, the members agreed to reschedule the Jayhawk Open from May 14 to May 7 to allow Gary R. to attend. This will require rescheduling the work day originally planned for that day, and reserving the Club Room for a meeting on May 14.

The Board of Directors decided to discontinue issuing club membership cards, since the advent of 2.4 GHz transmitters has eliminated the need to use cards to post frequencies. Anyone using FM gear should still use their AMA, FAA, or JMM card to post their frequency. In addition, the board is investigating the possibility of guest speakers at future meetings. More to follow on this.

Members were reminded to conduct thorough safety checks on all their aircraft prior to the flying in the spring. In another safety-related item, there were no nominees for the "Dumb Thumb" award for 2015, which is good news since there were no injuries at the field last year. Well done, pilots!

Last but not least, Rob Dewhirst won the raffle plane, a Flitework Flying Bulls Zlin 50 LX ARF 63.5" from Tower Hobbies. Congratulations Rob!



Clinton Model Airport Visitors

Recent visitors to Clinton Model Airport included a couple from the Medford Oregon area with an interest in RC airplanes and a special connection to Lawrence. Ron and Juanita Kelso were in town to watch their grandson, Landen Lucas, play basketball.

Landen is a junior on the KU men's basketball team, and presented his grandparents with an overtime win over Kentucky in which his defensive play was critical to victory.

Ron is a member of the Rogue Eagles RC Club and has been flying since 2009. He enjoys sport and aerobatic flying, and owns a number of glow-powered airplanes.

Ron was impressed with our facility, and particularly appreciated our 2-runway site. Agate Skyways, their club airport, is an excellent facility, with a single, 750 ft. asphalt runway.



We enjoyed comparing notes on our 70" Revolvers, both agreeing that it was one of our favorite planes. I invited Ron to fly at Clinton on his next trip to Kansas. They travel extensively in their RV, and promised that if they are ever in the area, they will contact us and perhaps visit the field to fly.

You meet the nicest people in this hobby!

Meeting Venue Change

This month brought news that Hy-Vee, our meeting host for the last two years, is remodeling the restaurant and Club Room and that we will no longer be able to use it starting in June. They are not certain that they will restore the Club Room during the remodel, so we will be looking for a long-term venue for our monthly meeting.

The Board will discuss this at their meeting on Feb. 15, and report to the membership. If anyone has a good idea, [contact one of the officers](#).

Airport Update

The main green gate will be in use until our smaller gate across the parking lot access road is installed this spring. It appears that the golf course employees are not using their smaller interior gate, so please make certain to lock the gate when you leave after 5:00 pm and on weekends.

The weather station and webcam are working well, with cloud cover causing about 50 hours of down time since early December. That's about 2% down time, not too bad. I am working with Cromwell Solar to fine tune the system to reduce down time.

KCRC Swap-N-Shop

A number of members attended the KCRC Swap-N-Shop on Feb. 6 at the Pavilion at John Knox Village. Here is Gary Rauckman's report:

Bill Elkin's sold his 105" Giant Scale Curtis Jenny and several 40 size planes. Kyle Walker and George Jones also sold a couple 40 size aircraft, but not me. I took my Harmon Rocket with a modest price and a GP Patriot ARF, but they generated no interest. Well, one guy said he had to have the Rocket but never came back.

I personally made some good deals. I spotted an old 1970's Sig kit of the Yak 18, but the guy wanted \$275. I waited until late

in the meet and saw it marked at \$200. Then I overheard him tell another guy to just make any offer on anything he had. So, I offered \$100 on the old Yak kit, and he surprisingly said, "get it out of here".



I also worked a deal for an old 1980's Jet Models Product, Starfire Ducted Fan kit. If anyone is interested let me know; it will probably be seen on RC Universe.



The swap Meet was a lot of fun as usual. We always see some familiar faces, and get to talk shop. One guy wanted to know the where-abouts of the big Cessna twin on floats I sold about 5 years ago. And yes I did know and it is for sale. George and I went out for barbeque afterwards like we usually do. *Thanks Gary R.!*

Seen at the Field

The wind finally abated enough to fly on Sunday Jan. 30, and Gary R. took a few photos of the gathered aircraft and pilots. The first was an E-Flite Super Cub 25e ARF on turf wheels, pilot unknown.



George Jones was there with his recently finished his Hanger Nine 1/4 Scale PA-18 Super Cub ARF. George says "I know I am slow and most of you guys can build an airplane from scratch quicker than I can put an ARF together."

Nick Brown was there with his Super Falcon turbine jet. It refused to start; he thought the fuel pump was failing. Turns out he did what we all do, forgot that the fuel valve was closed.



The weather is improving, it won't be long until flying season is upon us! Thanks to Gary Rauckman for his contributions to this newsletter. See you soon!