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# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | February 2022

[jayhawkmodelmasters.com](http://jayhawkmodelmasters.com)

## Club Meeting, February 19

**New Time and Location!**

Jefferson's West, 1540 Wakarusa Dr.  
Lunchtime instead of breakfast  
(see below)  
Please join us.

### **Schedule of Events:**

#### **February 19th, Club Meeting**

11:00 a.m. Lunch & socializing  
Noon Business meeting

Club meetings—normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Saturday** of the month except:

- No meeting in May
- No meeting in August
- September meeting a week early (Sept. 11)

### **2021 Flying Events**

May 14 - Jayhawk Open  
May 21 - Cap City Open Fly-In  
May 28 - Jayhawk Electric  
June 12 - Topeka CL Assn Fun Fly  
June 18 - Blue Sky Open  
June 25 - Jayhawk Float Fly  
July 9 - Cap City Warbird Fly-In  
July 23 - Jayhawk Fun Fly  
Aug 29 Topeka CL Assn Aerobatic Contest  
Sept. 11 - Cap City Memorial  
Sept. 17 - Blue Sky Big Bird Memorial  
Sept. 25 - Jayhawk Big Bird  
Oct. 8 - FAE Fly-In

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

### **2021 Club Officers**

*President* Scott Stordahl (816)215-2880  
*Vice Pres.* Mike Randel  
*Sec./Treas.* Jim Morris  
*Field Safety* Glenn Minor  
*Board 3yr* John LaGesse  
*Board 2yr* Phil Abbadessa  
*Board 1yr* Gary Webber



## ***The Year's Not So New Any More; Have you renewed your JMM Membership?***

How did it get to be February already? And here I am, one of the newsletter editors, and I haven't gotten around to renewing yet. Oooops.

Well, what do you know, I re-upped online and it may have taken all of 6 minutes. Thanks to the way our Webmaster, Gary Webber, has it set up, it's simple. Just go to the club web page and follow the membership links, couldn't be easier. *Time to stop procrastinating, renew today.*

And to all you diligent folks who have already renewed, **THANKS!**

## January Zoom Meeting

By Dave Alexander

Prez Scott Stordahl started off the meeting by mentioning that the Zoom format was fine for January, with the weather and Omicron, but he and the board hope to start in-person meetings soon. He reported that our old location, Brandon Woods Smith Center, will soon be available but without food (but still with a healthy fee). Officers are looking into other locations, which need to have room for show-and-tell as well as a meal; a lunch meeting may be in the cards.

Technology issues: The solar system shut down on New Years Day, apparently due to low or possibly unbalanced batteries. When the system tried to restart, the surge was causing the control system to shut back down. Cromwell was contacted and took several days to respond. In the meantime, George Jones and Jim Morris managed to figure out how to charge the batteries individually and get the system back up. Our current system is not properly balance charging the batteries, and may need an external balancer. We hope to learn more from Cromwell.



At about the same time, the webcam went down. It also had some problems restarting. The web-savvy members are trying to figure out if it is a problem on our end or with the internet service vendor.

Mowing: Scott will contact last year's mowing crew and see who is planning to continue. Remember: sign up to mow 6 times and you can skip paying your annual dues!



Events: The web site has the updated 2022 calendar of events. We don't have any arrangements for food yet, but there was general agreement that we need food for events to be



successful. Officers will contact the guys we had last year and see if they are available. We also need to see if any members want to do food for an event, like Al Dannerman has done more than once.

Treasurer's report: Jim Morris reported that we started the month with \$5674.50 in the bank. We received dues from 19 new or renewing members, and spent \$339 on materials for the work day. We ended the month with \$6289.16 in the bank, and total with petty cash of \$6676.84.



We discussed awarding a life membership to a certain member who has spent decades working for the club, Glen offered to design an award certificate.

The next work day will include spreading the leftover lime screenings in the low spots at pit entrances, and repairing or replacing the big work table in the pits. Glen also suggested that we consider adding something that would secure models on the work table on windy days.



Safety report: Glen thanked the work crew for making the charging bench safer with the paved area. He also reminded members about the new first aid kit (in the orange satchel), as well as the backup kit and overflow items in the shed.

Now that the AMA is offering an automated defibrillator (AED) at a substantial discount, members wondered if we should have one at the field. We don't know if they are weatherproof or what battery maintenance they require. Scott will investigate.

The only show-and-tell was Scott's Quickie 500 fuselage in progress. This started a conversation about the possibilities of Quickie 500 or other pylon racing at our field, and whether there would be much interest. As that conversation wound up, the meeting adjourned.

## The Way It Was: October 1996

By Dave Alexander

In 1996, the Jayhawk Modelmasters officers were Gary Rauckman, President and Newsletter Editor (!); Tony Holladay, VP; Ed Everett, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Norris, Field Safety Officer. We were meeting at Country Kitchen, 1511 W 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (now the site of Oriental Bistro & Grill). The treasurer's report said we had 93 members (!! ) and a net worth of \$2750. I thought that sounded a bit low but U.S. Inflation Calculator says that's equivalent to \$4927 in 2022 dollars.

At the Sept. meeting, the club discussed when to have a work day and decided on Sept. 28; the editor suggested that many who argued for that date didn't show up. Apparently the club had a fall fly-in on Oct. 5 because the VP was asking for volunteers to work at the fly-in.

Bill Elkins announced that FlightCraft was gearing up to make floats in many sizes. He said if you tell them the size of your plane, they'll try to make floats to fit. By coincidence, the show-n-tell at the meeting was Gary Rauckman's FlightCraft Arrow. He called it a "Super Arrow" because he clipped the wings and left off the landing gear. Power was an OS 46FX. He claimed that it had been hand-launched with no problem. For you guys without hearing aids or grey hair, FlightCraft was a company in Baldwin City that made a line of molded plastic RC models that we'd probably consider ARFs today. They tended to be pretty heavy so they flew (and landed) like a bat out of Hades.

The raffle prize was an ACE Digipulse NiCd/NiMH battery charger, won by Ray Brents. We had a drawing among members who flew the day of the previous meeting for a gallon of glow fuel, and that was won by Ray's son Don. I seem to remember Don had uncanny luck with raffles and drawings over the years. ACE was another local outfit, with a factory over in Higginsville, MO, making airplane kits, radio systems, and

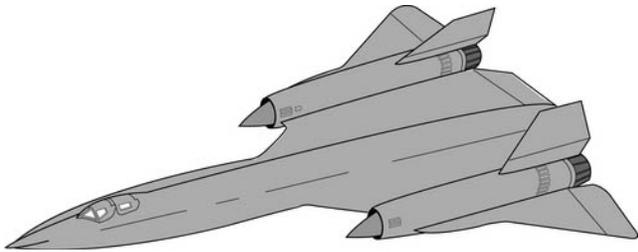
electronic accessories. In fact, the newsletter mentioned that a representative from Ace would be speaking at a club meeting later that year.

The newsletter editor seemed to have lots of spies, he always knew what members were up to. He reported that Bill Elkins bought a Model Tech Dragon Lady, only to open the box, take a look, and close it back up. "Now that's intimidation." Dale Heiserman had been flying a giant Space Walker with a 7' 9" wingspan. Dave Norris was one of the designated instructors and reported that he was being overwhelmed with students [Dave, I know how ya feel!]. Jesse Longoria may or may not have been building a new Cub kit, but he was apparently seen more than once flying Doug Anrig's big Cub.

The October Fly-In was a great success, with over 30 registered pilots. Raffle prizes included a Hitec 6 channel transmitter and at least two FlightCraft kits. HobbyTown USA also provided pilot door prizes—yes, for a few short years, Lawrence actually had a HobbyTown USA hobby shop. Jeff Pattin brought a radar gun and measured flight speeds; at the low end, Curtis Bjerke of Manhattan flew his Telemaster at 5 mph, and Tony "Need for Speed" Holladay had his Diamond Dust clocked at 133 mph. Cooks included Ed Everett and Nate Ericson; Tony Holladay was CD, and Dave Norris ran the transmitter impound. Remember transmitter impounds?



*This is the only picture I could find on the web of a FlightCraft Arrow, a bit worse for wear. Hollow foam wings?*



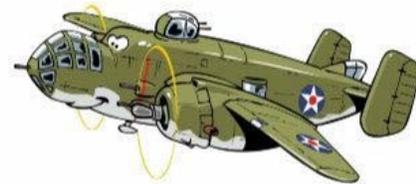
## 2022 Build Contest Entries

(As of Jan. 1)

Scott Stordahl	40 sized SR71 RCM Plans (SR71) – Glow
Scott Stordahl	40 sized SR71 RCM Plans (A12) – Electric
Scott Stordahl	150% Enlarged RCM Plans (SR71)
Scott Stordahl	Quicky 500
Gary Rauckman	Northstar
Jim Morris	Top Flite Contender
Jim Morris	Quickie 500
Jim Morris	Cloud Dancer 120
Jim Morris	Super Bat (aka Raven)
Glenn Minor	Great Planes Cherokee 40
Loren Kloft	SIG Kougar
George Jones	Edge 540
Patrick Deuser	Broomhilda 2.0
Patrick Deuser	Super Decathlon
Bob Charlesworth	Zirolu B-25
Mo Belazrag	3-D printed F-86 90mm EDF
Mo Belazrag	3-D printed FanBlade
Mo Belazrag	3-D printed Panthera
Dave Alexander	Jim Ryan park-scale P-38 Lightning
Dave Alexander	Keith Sparks OV-1 Mohawk
Phil Abbadessa	60 sized Top Flite Corsair



*Piper Cherokee-180*



## From the President...

By Scott Stordahl

Welcome to the wild weather of February!

Hopefully everyone has their snow planes ready for flying. I know I don't, but I have a good excuse. I entered three non-North Star planes in the build contest so my snow/water plane will have to wait.



*Under construction North Star*

Speaking of the build contest I trust everyone is in full build mode and ahead of schedule. If so, there is still plenty of time to enter a second, third or even fourth plane. It only costs the everyday low price of \$20. Just remember contest planes must be in flying condition prior to the Jayhawk Open.

Those of us not into building had an opportunity to pickup other modelers creations at this years KCRC Swap meet at John Knox Pavilion a couple of weeks ago. The show wasn't as large as it has been in the past but there still was deals available for those willing to search them out. I had a plane follow me home that I hadn't intended to buy.

This month's club meeting will be held at Jefferson's West, the one close to Brandon Woods. With our old meeting location unable to provide food, we are trying a new venue and

menu. Social hour will start at 11am with the meeting beginning after we are done eating around noon. They are expecting us and recommend we use the large table in the back. If after our meal it is too loud to conduct a meeting, we will be allowed to move to the game room with drinks only no food. Be there or be square. If enough members show, we will be raffling off the FW-190 shown in last month's article.

Next month we have 6 Mile Tavern as our meeting place. They will be providing a separate room for us just in case we get out of hand. So, mark your calendars; March meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am 6 Mile Chop House and Tavern, 4931 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Finally, Level Up Kreations, the caterers that provided the meals for some of our events last year are excited to provide food again this year. We hope to get them signed up for all 5 events. They will cook up just about anything we ask for, so let us know what your interested in eating during the coming events.



***Until next month, be safe  
and fly often!***