

# **JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER**

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | April 2023

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## **Club Meeting April 15th**

**Six-Mile Chop House, 4931 W 6th St,  
Lawrence, KS 66049**

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 or August
- *June & September meetings a week early*

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

## **2022 Club Officers**

*President* Mike Randel  
(785) 799-5287

*Vice Pres.* Jim Morris

*Sec./Treas.* Mike Weinsaft

*Field Safety* Mo Belazrag

*Board 3yr* Patrick Deuser

*Board 2yr* John LaGesse

*Board 1yr* Phil Abbadessa

## **2023 Flying Events**

May 13 – Jayhawk Open\*

May 27 – Rocketman Rally\*

June 17 – Blue Sky Squadron Fly In

June 24 – Jayhawk Float Fly  
(Clinton Lake)

July 22 – Jayhawk Fun Fly\*

Sept. 16 – Blue Sky Big Bird

Sept. 23 – Jayhawk Big Bird\*

Oct. 14 – FAE (Topeka) Brats Fly In

\*At Clinton International Model Airport  
(JMM, Lawrence)

## **APRIL MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE**



***Phoenix F4U Corsair ARF 59"***  
**OR a SIG Something Extra kit**  
**OR an Engine Test Stand (as  
seen at previous meetings)**

## March Club Meeting

By Dave Alexander

On March 18 at 6 Mile Chophouse, Prez Mike Randel called the meeting to order at 12:25. Eleven members attended in person and three by Zoom.



The first topic was the condition of Mike Weinsaft, treasurer and long-time club member. Mike suffered a stroke about a week ago, and several members have visited him at LMH. He is paralyzed on one side and is being fed through a tube. By all reports, he seems to be in good spirits, but he may have a long road ahead of rehabilitation.

Jim Morris took over as temporary treasurer. He was able to put together a report on short notice (thanks, Jim!!). We started the month with a bank balance of \$6,485.27 We had income of \$565.48 from dues and raffle tickets, and expenses of \$435.00 for meeting and Float Fly raffle prizes, for a new balance of \$6,615.75. That gives us a net worth of \$7,002.75 with cash on hand to end the month.



The Safety Officer was not present and the Field Manager Scott Stordahl had no report other than to urge members to sign up on the mowing crew.



John LaGessee looked into fertilizer and concluded we need about 4 bags for the field; he and Scott will coordinate applying it.

Scott reported that the T-shirts will be ready to pick up next meeting, so bring your payments.



Mike R. reported on the new altitude clearance: The AMA has gotten blanket clearance from the FAA for a maximum

altitude of 1,200', which unfortunately ONLY applies to AMA-sanctioned events. Otherwise we are still limited to 400', but the officers have applied to raise the ceiling, fingers crossed that will be approved.

After a successful night fly-in in early March, the board suggested we try having a monthly night fly-in the first Sat. of the month. We have a couple more attendees each time, so get your LED strings or a pre-lit plane like a Night Timber, and join the fun!

A member asked if any progress has been made toward a paved runway. According to those who've been investigating, they have nothing new to report.

For show-n-tell, John brought his *Starling* ARF from Motion RC.



It is a smallish, foamie trainer-type model. He found a set of LED light strings on Amazon intended for lighting up RC planes, and has installed them in preparation for the next Night Fly-In. See how easy it is, folks? Lots of nice, quick options out there for night-flying!

The raffle was won by our own



Interim Treasurer, Jim Morris. Of the 4 prizes, Jim chose the Edge 540 as shown here.

## **George Jones Interview**

By John LaGesse (*Edited to fit page*)

*1. George Jones, tell me a little bit about your background: where you were born and raised and how you got involved in model aviation and about the first planes you flew.*

I was born in 1933 and raised on a farm six and a half miles SSW of Pawnee city, NE and when I was about six years old I used to make and fly hand launch gliders. When I was about 8 years old I started making rubber band powered aircraft and aviation was always my dream.

Every time an airplane flew over whatever I was doing I had to stop and look up at the airplane, but farming was a big part of my life at that time.

I joined the Navy in 1951 and I was an Aviation Machinist Mate a mechanic and worked on the Pratt and Whitney R2800 Wasp engines that were in the Grumman F6F Hellcats at Corpus Christi, TX. While I was in the Navy at Corpus Christi, TX I decided I was going to learn how to fly. One of the Chiefs that I worked under there had a 1941 Taylor craft and he invited me out one day for a ride. He also had an instructor's license so that started my flying career and he trained me until I soloed while I was in the Navy.

Six of us guys went together and bought an 1946 Aeronca 7 AC Champ for 100 bucks each and at that time a 46 Champ in 1952 that was a pretty new airplane so it was a good airplane anyway we all soloed in it. I had my cross country out of the way and my private written passed but I didn't have quite enough time built up for the private check ride before I got discharged from the Navy to the reserves. My dad wanted me to come back home to help on the farm. When I first went into the Navy after boot camp they sent me to Jacksonville, FL to go through an ANP school there and then from there I went to Memphis, TN and went through ADA school (Aviation Machinist Mate) and from there I was transferred to Corpus Christi, TX to a training command where they were training pilots transitioning from SNJ's to the F6F Hellcat's.

*2. How did model aviation impact your life and career?*

Model aviation gave me the incentive to want to go to 1 to 1 scale aircraft and that's how I ended up getting my start in aviation as far as flying. After I got out of the Navy I didn't have quite enough time for my Private Rating, so

when I went back to the farm I drove to Lincoln, NE and finished up my private license there at Lincoln Aviation Institute. I ended up going to work for Lincoln Aviation Institute and getting a Commercial and Flight Instructor Rating and worked for Lincoln Aviation Institute. In 1959 I went to work for the CAA as an air traffic controller. They first sent me to OKC and then to Kansas City Center. In 1965 I was transferred to the Chicago Center and in 1968 I was transferred back to Kansas City Center where I retired in 1980.

*3. What are the biggest changes you've seen in model aviation since you got started?*

I would say the transmitter and receiver change to 2.4 gigahertz. It revolutionized everything as far as I was concerned the older transmitters and receivers were good but the 2.4 is the Cadillac of the crop as far as I'm concerned.

*4. What other hobbies and activities have you enjoyed during your life?*

Well I love working on mechanical stuff, engines or anything mechanical, fishing and hunting. The other thing I've done is restore an antique automobiles. I restored a 1930 Model A Ford Sport Coupe from the ground up it took me one year. That was all I done was work on that car that year.

*5. Did anyone in particular influence you in your hobby about model aircraft?*

Don Thun was one of the guys that helped me a lot in later years with the hobby and before that I was just on my own.

*6. What are your current types of planes you've built and do you have any ongoing projects right now?*

Just before I had this last episode with congestive heart failure I just finished up a Seagull RV8 that another club member gave me that needed a lot of work. I have a Beechcraft Bonanza Top Flight kit that I have been working on for a couple of years that is now ready for paint.

*7. Do you have any idea how long you've been a member of the AMA ?*

I think since 1995.

*8. Have you owned any 1 to 1 scale aircraft?*

Yes, in my lifetime I have owned and flown an Aeronca 7AC Champ N1983 EZ, a J3 Cub Coup N24562 and a J3 Cub N73632.

*9. How long have you been married?*

My wife Julia and I have been married 71 years as of last November.

## Second Monthly Night Fly-In April 1, 2023 (not a joke!)

Photos by Scott Stordahl, John LaGesse, & Dave Alexander

Unfortunately we neglected to take many photos after dark, but here are some pictures of the event.



This month we had at least a couple more people from Topeka and KC besides Greg Inkman. (Mike Brown in foreground.)



While the sun was still up (note long shadows!), John LaGesse readies the big Corsair for another sortie as Gabe Bernart-Shenk flies one of his warbirds.



Testing the lights on Glenn Minor's *Valiant* (at home).

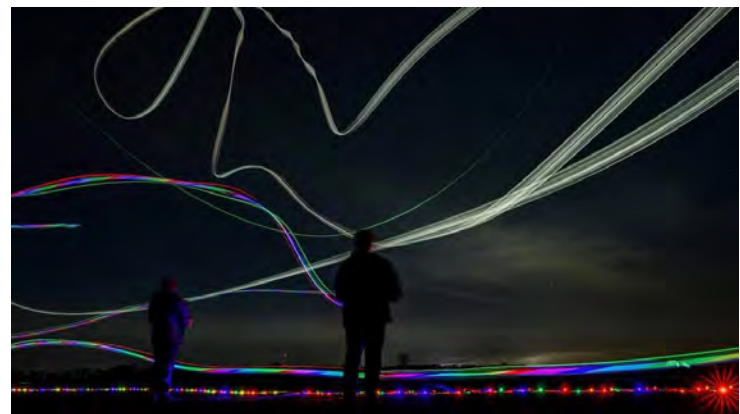
Glen flying the *Valiant* before dark (his son recording for posterity?)



John LaGesse getting ready to fly his *Starling*. (It's actually almost dark, the cell phone

camera makes it look lighter.)

John flew his *Wildcat* again; unfortunately it landed in a black-berry patch this time.



A spectator known to me only as Nikon Guy took this awesome timed exposure and put it on our Facebook page.

# 2023 JMM BUILD CONTEST

## WHEN

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Jayhawk Open

## WHERE

Clinton International  
Model Airport

1205 East 1000 Road, Lawrence, KS 66047

PRIZE FOR KIT/SCRATCH BUILD CATEGORY  
Great Planes Super Skybolt Kit



OPEN TO  
EVERYONE

## RULES

+ Build any aircraft you like from kit, plans, personal design or even ARF.

+ Start a new project or complete one already under construction, just finish and show off at the 2023 Jayhawk Open.

+ Contest aircraft are required to fly at the event or prove the plane has flown before.

## JUDGING

All registered pilots will vote for their favorite entry of each category, both ARF and kit/scratch build. Separate prizes will be awarded for each category. **ARF prize is the Tower Hobbies Sport.**



*Come Fly With Us!*

# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS

Lawrence, Kansas

presents the

# JAYHAWK OPEN! 2023

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Build and Fly  
Your Own Free Glider!

**Open to the Public!**

Clinton International Model Airport  
1205 E. 1000 Rd. Lawrence, KS

Pilot Registration: 8:00 am. Landing Fee \$10.  
Flight Time 9:00a to 4:00p



breakfast  
**COFFEE and PASTERIES**  
available for purchase



**RAFFLE PRIZE!**

Spektrum NX8 with  
8 channel telemetry  
receiver!



**LUNCH**

catered by  
Level Up Kreationz!

**Unlimited RC SWAP Space  
Only \$5 Per Seller!**

Look for us just east of the Clinton  
Lake Dam and south of the golf course!

Contest Director: Mike Randel, mikerandel@gmail.com, AMA Sanction # 14204

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# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS

Lawrence, Kansas

presents the Gary Rauckman Memorial

# ROCKETMAN WARBIRD & JET RALLY! 2023

**Saturday & Sunday, May 27 - 28, 2023**

Clinton International Model Airport  
1205 E. 1000 Rd. Lawrence, KS

Pilot Registration 8:00a. Landing Fee \$10  
Flight Time 9:00a to 4:00p.



Nexa P-51 Mustang Voodoo

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