

# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | May 2024

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## Club Meeting May 18th

*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 *June* or  
*August*
- *September meeting a  
week early*

## 2024 Flying Events

*Note new dates for Rocketman  
Rally and Big Bird.*

June 1 & 2 – Rocketman Rally\*  
June 15 – Blue Sky Open Fly-In  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jayhawk Float Fly (*at  
Clinton Lake*)  
July 27<sup>th</sup> – Jayhawk Fun Fly\*  
Sept. 21 – Blue Sky Big Bird  
Sept. 28 – FAE Fall Fly-In  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – Jayhawk Big Bird\*

\*At Clinton International Model Airport

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

**NOTICE:** As of 3/14/2024, all local  
clubs—Cap City, Blue Sky, and FAE—  
have approved FRIAs!! Alright!!

## 2024 Club Officers

*President* Patrick Deuser  
(785) 766-2604

*Vice Pres.* Scott Stordahl

*Sec./Treas.* Glenn Minor

*Field Safety* Vernon Nelson

*Board 3yr* Mike Brown

*Board 2yr* George Jones

*Board 1yr* John LaGessee



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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE  
PRIZE**

**Phoenix Models Corsair 59" ARF  
OR**

**E-flite Night Radian 2 meter  
Illuminated Motor Glider**

## April Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met April 20 at 6 Mile Tavern. Over 20 people were in attendance, including new members and guests. Patrick Deuser called the meeting to order at 12:45. We had at least a couple new members, including Rich Carpenter and Dave Judd, both from Topeka.



Glen Minor was out of town so we had no treasurer's report.

Vernon Nelson, Field Safety Officer, reminded pilots that when more than one is flying, they all need to fly in the standard pattern. As always, communication is key.

Field Manager Scott Stordahl reported that he has finally fixed the leaky hydrostat unit on the mower, and it is now up to date on maintenance for the season. He announced that George Jones had spread crabgrass preventer on the runways. Thanks George!



### Old Business:

The work day was not well-attended but they did manage to start the process of lowering the work tables (Patrick came back and finished later). Items that still need to be tackled include:

- Conduit to run cables under walkway at events
- Paint bleachers and shelter
- More gravel in area around work tables
- Repair several starter stands
- Repair/replace signs
- Repair rail fence by outer parking lot

Vernon also suggested moving pilot blocks closer together and closer to the pits. Patrick mentioned that standing water after rains limit how far they can be moved toward

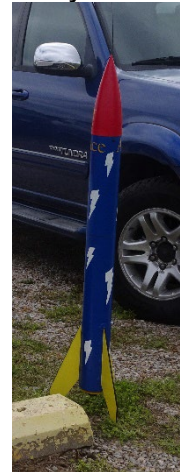
the pit fence. Vernon also brought up the possibility of one long, straight permanent protective fence for pilot stations. That would be easier to mow around than several individual fences.

### New Business:

Patrick talked to Darrin Pearson at Parks and Rec about the outer lot rail fence. Darrin looked at it and estimated that P&R could buy materials and do the repairs for \$1,500. He said if we paid half, P&R would do all the work. Patrick priced the materials through his sources and came up with an estimate of more than \$1,500 just for materials. Patrick asked the club if we wanted to do that. Vern moved that we pay half and let P&R do the work (George seconded), and the motion passed easily.

Patrick said Darrin is also trying to get our lease to have a longer term, and also to renew automatically so we and they don't have to fuss with it every three years. Fingers crossed.

Patrick introduced our guests, who were from the KU Model Rocketry Club. They included Chris Whitlock, Tyler Ackerly,



and two others whose names I missed. They were at our meeting to see if we would let them use our field for their high-powered rocket launches—these are several steps bigger than Estes rockets from the hobby shop. Currently, they only have access to a site over 3 hours south, near Wichita, and a site over 3 hours west.

They have already been in touch with the FAA, and have clearance to fly rockets up to 6,000' when they file a NOTAM in advance. They are members of two different



national rocketry organizations, including NAR, which gives them the same type of insurance coverage that we get through AMA. They presented information on their rockets and talked about safety issues. The club suggested they do a rocket launch demo at the Jayhawk Open, and if that goes OK, they will have access to the field for launches.

The Jayhawk Open was briefly discussed. Currently we have no food vendor (our usual guy is not returning calls). The plan is to meet at Jefferson's West for lunch Friday and go to the field for setup afterwards. The Saturday schedule is for registration at 8:00 a.m., and flying to start at 9:00. Glenn won't be available for registration so we will need help there. We will have the build contest and a swap meet. Because it is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, night flying will also be an option for anyone who wants to stay or come back out Saturday night.

Show and Tell:

Bill Miller gave a slide presentation on the building of his giant scale Cessna 310 (Sky King flew a Cessna 310 if you are old enough to remember that TV show!). He and Wayne Hiddle, also at the meeting, decided to each build one, and Bill said he took on the huge project partly because he knew Wayne could help with any fiberglass work. The model was a partial kit based loosely on the Bud Nosen plans. The fuselage was fiberglass, and most of the rest was conventional wood construction. Bill had functional landing lights and a boarding ladder that extended down from the wing when the retracts came down. Bill concluded with a description of the model's sad demise. If you are not aware, the 310 hit a utility pole at the Blue Sky field, shattering the model (and breaking a power line). Our own late, great Gary Raukman caught the instant after impact in a stunning photo. Bill was honest that he was distracted and not following his usual sequence, which got him out of his usual

groove for fly-bys.

The Cessna 310 theme continued with Mike Brown showing off his almost complete C-310 built from a wood kit based on Bud Nosen plans. The structure is complete and covered and almost everything is installed, he is still working on setting the CG. Mike painted it to match one



his father had flown. He described how it took a programmable controller to handle all the retract and gear-door sequencing. It has lots of lights—including an actual rotating beacon! He also has bright LED landing lights that pivot down out of the wing when the gear extend, among many other scale details.

James Davies won the raffle and chose the Night Radian.



After the longest meeting in living memory, we finally adjourned sometime after 3:00.



## Jayhawk Open, May 4, 2024

By Dave Alexander

The day started wet and cloudy, and just when it looked like the clouds might be breaking up, light rain started and the wind got gusty. Fortunately, the rain was brief, and the gusty wind did not deter most pilots, and eventually died down. In spite of the clouds, lots of flying took place.

### Registration



Visitors  
Landon  
Reeder and  
Chance  
Gendry  
brought  
several  
planes and  
flew a lot.



George Jones flies  
the flag to open the  
event.



Greg  
Inkman's  
oldtimer







The only 2 build contest entries: George Jone's (left) and Mike Brown's (right).





KU  
Rocket  
Club  
demo





## Seen at the Field . . .



This is Mike Brown's Cessna 310 shortly after its nearly tragic first flight (Saturday, 5/11). Shortly after lifting off, one of the engines started to fail. By the time he had turned downwind, it failed completely. With full rudder trim and some manual right rudder as well, Mike got it back on the runway in one piece. In the photo, Mike is trying (unsuccessfully) to get the bad motor running. Congrats on the successful first landing, Mike!

For anyone who has not been out to the field lately, this is how it has looked for most of the last month or 2!



## At O'Hare Airport



This is a fun display at Chicago's O'HARE Airport. This is an F4F-3 Wildcat. I believe it sank in Lake Michigan in a training accident. It was hauled up and restored, and painted in the colors of Edward "Butch" O'Hare. He received the Medal of Honor for shooting down or damaging 6 Japanese bombers attacking his carrier, the *Lexington*, in one flight.