

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | July 2021

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July Fun Fly!

-See rules inside newsletter.

Schedule of Events:

Club Meeting in July via Zoom!

Breakfast at 8 am

Club business 9 am

Location: Anywhere you like!

NO Club Meeting in August!

2021 Flying Events

July 17 - Capital City RC Club Warbirds over Lake Perry fly-in, (not limited to warbirds, any type of model airplanes welcome)

July 24 - Jayhawk Model Masters Fun Fly (contests!)

August 22 - Capital City RC Club Memorial fly-in

September 18 - Northeast Kansas Blue Sky Squadron Big Bird fly-in

September 25 - **Jayhawk Model Masters Big Bird**

October 9 - FAE (Topeka) open fly-in, rain date October 10

2021 Club Officers

President Patrick Deuser 785-766-2604

Vice Pres. Scott Stordahl

Sec./Treas. Jim Morris

Field Safety Glenn Minor

Board 3yr Mike Randel

Board 2yr Gary Webber

Board 1yr Mike Weinsaft

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



Chuck from Alabama cleans up at the Float-Fly

Jayhawk Float Fly!

By Scott Stordahl

If you didn't recognize the gentlemen on the cover of the newsletter, then allow me to introduce you to Chuck Pierce. He travelled all the way from Huntsville Alabama to attend our Float Fly and didn't leave empty handed. The purchase of \$30 in raffle tickets was all Chuck needed to with both the Beaver and Twin Neptune. When he's not flying off water or land in Rocket City, he works for NASA! Our Float Flys attract the coolest people.



Speaking of cool people, (above) George gets his bird ready to fly with our own Rocketman, Gary, who is obviously providing moral support.



Needle valve adjustments on the late great Neptune



Blue sky's chase away the rain!



This strange photo was taken just as sailboats filled the lake. **Name the object?**

- A) Russian submarine
- B) Bad swimsuit photo
- C) Escaped Sailboat
- D) Supermarine Spitfire
- E) Loch Ness monster of Bloomington Beach

Float Fly pictures from Gary Raukman!



Is this a Balsa USA Laker?



Two interesting characters!



Must be a **warbird**, I see Marines on the side.



For those of us who don't have float planes, why not build one for this winter's build contest? Then we would have something to fly at the next Float Fly!

2022 Build Contest

- \$10 entry due by December 1st
- No ARF's
- Projects started in previous years allowed, need to be finished before the 2022 Jayhawk Open.

The Way it Was...

By Dave Alexander

In August of 1997, Jayhawk Model Masters met at Willie C's Café (6th and Vermont).

Officers included:

- Greg Lehman, President
- David Alexander, VP
- Dale Heiserman, Sec/Treasurer
- Gary Rauckman, Newsletter Editor

Our net worth was down to \$2818.59.

Apparently the Flitecraft Bonanza (made right there in Baldwin City for you new guys!) was very popular, because it was reported that Don Brents, Greg Kloepper, Dave Norris, Dave Vineyard and Vidar Engebretson had one (actually, Vidar was on his 3rd!). A picture of Vineyard with his Bonanza appeared at the end of the newsletter.

Gary described how Nate Ericson test flew a scratch-built biplane amphibian, powered with an OS .40 4-stroke, bicycle wheel landing gear, and functional flying wires. With a 68" wingspan, he was looking forward to flying it at IMAA meets, although GR said he thought it would fly backwards in a 5-mph wind. A picture of Nate and the seaplane appeared at the end of the newsletter, and his model appears to be in Swedish colors.

One item of business was whether to build a shelter. A committee was formed to look into it, including Gary Rauckman, Greg Kloepper, Patrick Deuser, Bill Elkins, and Nate Ericson. *[Editor's note: The committee was successful; after their planning, after a lot of loans and donations, and with a lot of members' sweat equity, the result is our current shelter!]*

The newsletter reported that JMM member Ed Wiley placed 3rd in two different free-flight events at the AMA nationals in Muncie IN. He placed 3rd in both the P-30 (30" free flight rubber power) and the A-1 (65" free flight gliders) events. He was 3rd out of 35 in the A-1, and this was the first time he'd ever

placed higher than 8th. *[Ed. note: Although Ed mostly flew free flight, he also did some RC soaring, both at our field. He retired from KU a few years ago and moved to Texas to be closer to grandkids.]*

Gary Rauckman reported on what it was like to fly into Oshkosh in his Yak-54. The Yak qualified as a warbird, so Gary said, "We get treated with some of the same royalty as all the other warbird pilots; however, there is a definite pecking order." He enjoyed a lecture by Chuck Yeager, and an extremely rare flyby by an SR-71!



At the end of the newsletter were flyers for events at other clubs. One was for the Blue Sky Squadron's 8th annual two-day IMAA Fly In that September, also listed as the Dan Walters Memorial Fly In, at Pomona Airport; the \$15 landing fee included Saturday night dinner and coffee and donuts both mornings. The other was for the KC-Area Fly-In, put on by the Shawnee Mission RC Club. The \$10 landing fee for this one-day event included a sandwich and drinks. They advertised \$500 in prizes, and drawings on the hour.



We are having a good old fashioned fun fly on Saturday July 24th. Registration starts at 8 AM and competition begins at 9 AM

Fun Fly Contests and Rules for 2021

Entry fee \$10

Rule # 1 is to HAVE FUN!

Each pilot will use the same aircraft for all events. Autonomous flight is not allowed. In the event that the pilot's primary aircraft is rendered unairworthy a backup plane may be used. Pilots who enter all events with the same airplane will get a 5 point bonus added to their overall score. There is no limit to the number of back up aircraft that can be used but after the third backup plane the pilot will be asked to cough up another entry fee. Each event will have a maximum score of 10 points for First place, 7 points for second place and 5 points for third place. All Pilots will be given 2 points for attempting an event. These point totals will be tallied and the pilot with the highest point total wins the Top pilot award. There will be a 20-30 minute break after each contest for open flying while scores are tallied.

1) Climb and Glide / Spot Landing:

Pilots will have 45 seconds after the wheels leave the ground to climb as high as possible. At 45 seconds they will shut off the motor/engine and glide for as long as possible (for glow models engine shutoff will be verified by advancing throttle stick to full.) Glide time begins after verification of throttle shutoff. The pilot will attempt to land on the active runway closest to a predetermined spot. The distance from the spot to the closest part of the plane will be subtracted from the glide time to get a final score. Highest score wins.

2) Bombs away

Pilots will attach a pre engineered "bomb holding device" to their aircraft. A "bomb" (golf ball) will be placed in the device before takeoff. Pilots will have 3 attempts to drop their golf ball from the plane onto the target. (usually by performing a roll, loop or a blip of the elevator to get the bombs out of the device) Bombs will only be scored if

they land in the mowed portion of our runways. Bombs will be scored from their final resting place not from where they initially hit. Only their closest bomb to the center of the target will count.

2) Carrier Touch and Go

Pilots will be given 2 minutes to do as many touch and goes on the "carrier" as possible. The "carrier" will be a marked area on the runway. Touch and goes must all be performed in the same direction with the aircraft changing directions between each touch and go. (Sorry guys those multiple bouncy landings will only count as one touch and go) The first wheel to touch on each pass must touch within the carrier area to count. If a wheel touches within the carrier area then rolls Off the carrier the touch and go will still count. In the event of a prop strike or dead stick engine, restarts will be permitted but no additional time will be given.

4) Roller Coaster – Vegas style

Pilots will each start this event with their aircraft on the runway ready to take off. Before take off the pilot will roll the dice then take off and perform the number of loops shown on the dice. Then land. Then roll the dice again, take off and perform the number of rolls shown on the dice. Shortest time wins. Time begins when the first dice is rolled, and ends when the aircraft touches down.

5) Musical Airplanes

Performed in heats of 4 airplanes at a time. Aircraft all take off and fly upwind of a line while the music is playing. When the music stops everyone races to the other end of the field and lands on the active runway and taxis across a line to a predesignated area. (Bouncing or flying across the line is not permitted) First two planes in the area advance to the next round. The final round will determine who gets the points. First in gets 10 pts, second gets 7, third gets 5. All others get 2 points.



The P Factor

Welcome to the July edition of the P Factor. I hope you are all healthy and staying cool.

We had an excellent float fly! I believe we had 26 registered pilots which I thought was outstanding given the forecast and rains Saturday morning. The weather app on my phone said that after we got through the early morning there would be less than a 30% chance of rain till late afternoon. For once the app was spot on and the weather could not have been much better. The folks from Level up Kreationz provided some good food, and I would highly recommend them to anyone. I think everyone that came had a really good time. A HUGE thanks to George Jones for providing aircraft retrieval services when needed. We could not have had a successful float fly without his services. If you didn't make it, why not? What can we do to help get you flying at next year's event?

As I mentioned last month, there are always folks willing to help fellow modelers. This month the spotlight is again on Mike Randel and Scott Stordahl. They are restoring a couple of glow powered trainers donated by former member Mark Burns. The hope is to have them in the shed to serve as demo planes along with the timber aircraft. They should be able to handle the wind a little better and it will give us another way to help show folks the wonderful world of model airplanes.

This weekend, after our zoom meeting please consider attending the warbird fly in sponsored by the Capital City RC Club below the dam at Lake Perry. I am told that you do not need to have a warbird to fly at the event. (They like anything that flies!) I have another commitment that afternoon, but I am going to try at least to go have lunch there and check out the action. I think it's important to support the other clubs that support us.

Our next event is the funfly scheduled for July 24th. This should be a fun event where you can show off your skills. It should also be entertaining for spectators as well. We will be talking more about it at Saturday's zoom meeting and probably at the Thursday night zoom meetings as well. I hope to have some periods in between contests for anyone to fly. Level up Kreationz will be providing lunch for us. Please come out and join us and bring an airplane!

If you haven't joined us for any of the Thursday night build night Zoom meetings you are missing out. We have gotten to know each other a lot better and have learned about different projects and aspects of model airplanes. There is usually a lot of kidding around as well. I try to email a zoom invite link to everyone Wednesday or Thursday each week, so you don't have to look through your email to find the link. Just click on the link and join us. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like. It's a lot of fun.

That's all for this month. See you at the field.

Gentle winds and soft landings,
Patrick

