

# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | September 2022

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## Club Meeting This Month

[Meeting September 10](#)

[Note Time and Location!](#)

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

Lunchtime instead of breakfast  
(see below)

*Please join us.*

## Schedule of Events:

### **Sept. 10th, 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. 10)*

## 2021 Flying Events

Sept. 17 - Blue Sky Big Bird  
Memorial

**Sept. 25 - Jayhawk Big Bird**

Oct. 1 - Smithville Dam Busters  
Golden Age Fly In

Oct. 2 - Cap City Memorial

Oct. 8 - FAE Memorial Fly-In

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

## 2022 Club Officers

*President* Scott Stordahl  
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*Vice Pres.* Mike Randel

*Sec./Treas.* Jim Morris

*Field Safety* Glenn Minor

*Board 3yr* John LaGesse

*Board 2yr* Phil Abbadessa

*Board 1yr* Gary Webber



## **September meeting raffle prize choices!**

**Edge 540 (Phoenix Models) 55" GP/EP ARF!  
OS 46AXII**

**Sig Somethin' Extra Kit**



**In Memoriam:  
Gary Lee Rauckman  
1943 – 2022**

By David Alexander

On August 25, 2022, the club lost one of its most passionate, active, and dedicated members when Gary Rauckman passed away. Gary is probably best-known among club members for his service as club newsletter editor. He was already secretary/editor in 1992 (and 1993 and 1994), and he has served as newsletter editor for well over half the time since then. Gary also served in various other officer posts. A probably incomplete list includes vice president in 2006 and president in 1996, 2005, and 2016.

During most of his time in the club, Gary was our main CD, making him the official in charge of our club flying events. In addition, once the club obtained a PA system, he became our usual event MC. He usually knew who was flying and what they were flying, even when it was someone from another club. That was because he made it a point to attend events held by other clubs in our area and became friends with many of their members.

Gary supported the club behind the scenes in many ways. For instance, if we needed a truck to haul away trash or debris,

Gary almost always provided the truck. If a pickup was needed to pull a trailer, Gary usually provided it. When the club had trouble finding a commercial service that would mow the runways short enough, Gary modified his own mower and did all the mowing at the field for many years. Until the club got our own mower and many club members took a hand in mowing, few of us realized what a massive job this was, particularly for one person. And at any club building or repair project, Gary was always an active worker.

Gary was friendly, cheerful, upbeat, and among the best at welcoming new folks to our flying field. When he was with the guys, it was rare to see him without a big smile. He had a wonderful sense of humor that came through both in person and in his newsletters. His dedication, love of the hobby, and most of all, his friendship, will be sorely missed.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Gary.

*Obituary:*

<https://www2.ljworld.com/life-events/obituaries/2022/aug/31/gary-rauckman/>



## Gary "Rocketman" Rauckman Photo Gallery



At the field



Always helping the club, here having drafted Kathy to help make a banner



Gary was a big fan of float fly events



Gary loved his "jets", including ducted fans, EDF, and turbines



Gary where he loved to be, with the guys

## Seen At the Field . . .



Dennis Chambers constructed this slick, self-aligning box to transport and protect his electric-powered sailplane.



Mike Weinsaft's Acrowot was in several pieces after a recent crash. Mike did a good job reassembling it and now it looks (and flies) nice.

Mike Weinsaft has been working with new member Darrel Craig, shown here with his Apprentice. Mike says Darrel recently soloed, congrats Darrel!



Chis Craig and his father, Bobby, visiting from Missouri. A few days later, they

were seen at the field with several planes including a Top Flite P-51 and a glow-powered Valiant.



Mo Belazrag makes a low photo pass with his rebuilt and redecorated T-33 (Spencer Keith is recording the event for posterity above.) Many of Mo's jets have been repainted in custom, historically-accurate markings, including a spectacular FJ Fury (modified from an F-86) in a dark blue, glossy Navy scheme.

## **Exploding Outhouse Rocks Club**

By Dave Alexander

In the dark of night, sometime shortly after Independence Day, vandals decided to set off powerful fireworks in our porta-potty.



The blast was powerful enough to blow a hole in the holding tank, and blow the toilet seat out through the (latched) door. The holding tank contents went everywhere.

At about the same time, the metal sign by the gate was damaged, probably not a coincidence.

Shortly after the destruction was discovered, Patrick Deuser met with police and filed a police report. Patrick checked sources in Topeka for porta-potties but discovered used ones were in bad shape and new ones were back-ordered for 6 months. John LaGessee stepped in and went to Anderson's Rental to see options. He found a decent used one, and arranged for

Andersons to deliver it and set it up. All for \$311, not a bad deal, thanks John! John and others including George Jones put in anchors and tie-down straps so it won't do a "Wizard of Oz" flight in the next Kansas storm.

We now have the problem of disposing of a thoroughly "contaminated", damaged and unusable porta-potty. This will undoubtedly be a subject of future meetings.

We are now keeping the porta-potty locked for obvious reasons. The new lock is keyed to use the same key as the gate, so all members should have access. Unfortunately, the match is not exactly perfect, it took me several tries to get my key to work. For my key at least, it works best if I push the key in and then pull it back just a hair.

Thanks to all who helped deal with this "messy" situation!!



The new porta-potty with the old one in the background.

## **From the President...**

*By Scott Stordahl*

***Sorry for the late release of the newsletter this month...***

With recent meetings running long, rest assured, I intend to close Saturday's meeting with plenty of time to attend Gary's Celebration of Life at 2pm at the Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Located at 3312 Calvin Dr., Lawrence, KS, 66049.

Please join us at Six Mile for a great meal and meeting and if so inclined at Gary's Celebration of Life.

Thanks,  
-Scott

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