



**JAYHAWK  
MODEL MASTERS  
NEWSLETTER**

**AMA Club # 2013**

**December, 2016**

Gary Webber, Editor

### ***December 17 Meeting***

Smith Center at Brandon Woods  
4730 Brandon Woods Terrace  
Lawrence, KS

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:00 AM – Business Meeting

### ***Schedule of Events***

- December 17, JMM Monthly Meeting, election of officers
- January 21, 2017, JMM Monthly Meeting
- February 18, JMM Monthly Meeting

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### ***2016 Officers***

President	Gary Rauckman
Vice President	Kyle Walker
Secretary/Treasurer	Rob Dewhirst
Field Safety	Scott Borton
Board 3yr	Jim Morris
Board 2yr	Phil Abbadessa
Board 1yr	Mike Weinsaft
Newsletter Editor	Gary Webber

### ***News-wrap***

#### ***KUAE Class***

The cold weather has finally arrived, and activity has slowed to a crawl at Clinton International, with one notable exception. The KU introductory aeronautical engineering class has been meeting despite cool north breezes to conduct the culminating activity of that class.

Each year freshmen build kit planes as a compliment to the study airplane design. This year they are building the [Great Planes Dynafite Bird Of Time Sailplane Kit](#) and equipping it for electric power.



Once the kits are built near the end of the

semester, the students convene at CIMA to attempt a maiden light, with Darrel C. at the controls. Some go well, some not so much, but it is an exciting time for all.



### ***Come One, Come All!***

As most of you know, we elect new officers at the December meeting, so please attend if you are able.

The December raffle plane reprises a 2015 offering that turned out to be such a nice plane that we are bringing it back. It is the [Phoenix Model Edge 540 .91 GP/EP ARF 65"](#) from Tower Hobbies.

We raffled this plane in June of 2015. It proved to be an excellent flyer, suitable for glow or electric power. The control surface hardware was particularly impressive, with nylon horns keyed into the balsa and ball link pushrod ends throughout. Very nice minor details like spring clip canopy fastener and pilot help make this an attractive ARF!



### ***November 19 Meeting***

Members braved the first cold day of the fall to attend the November meeting. We were sad to say goodbye to our server,

Trudy, who is moving to Arizona in the new year. Breakfast will simply not be the same without her!

The important business for this meeting was, as always, nomination of new officers. Barring any last-minute nominations, here is the slate for 2017:

- President: Gary Webber
- Vice President: Kyle Walker
- Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Dewhirst
- Field Safety: Scott Borton
- Board 3 years: Dave Burnett
- Board 2 years: Jim Morris
- Board 1 year: Phil Abbadessa
- Newsletter Editor: Gary Rauckman

Please join me in thanking the 2016 officers for their hard work in stewarding JMM through another successful year. The willingness of these members to spend their free time dealing with the details and challenges of running an organization like ours should not be undervalued.

I especially want to thank Gary R. for his many years as newsletter editor. Performing this task for one year has given me a new appreciation for the work and attention to detail involved!

Interested members discussed the KCRC Swap 'N Shop held on Dec. 3, and planned for rides and shared spaces.

Gary W. brought the only entry in Show & Tell, a [Goldwing Sukhoi SU-26 26CC ARF 70"](#). A review of this airplane can be found in the [November newsletter](#).

The Club Weekend Flyers drawing was won by George Jones. This drawing is for a gallon of fuel or \$20, and is open to members who fly on the weekend of the club meeting. Come join us, and be sure to sign the sheet at the south end of the large table if you fly!

Finally, the raffle plane this month, a [Phoenix Model Waco F5C GP/EP ARF 63"](#) from Tower Hobbies was won by Phil A. Congratulations Phil! This looks like a beautiful bird!



Phil wins the raffle

### ***Getting to Know You Dave Miller***

*Our member profile for December features Dave Miller, a long-time model builder and JMM member. Here is his story.*

I grew up on a farm east of Waverly, Kansas, and went to grade and high school there. I went to college after graduation, and then to Texas for mortuary school. I was in the mortuary business for 50 years, as a licensed funeral director and embalmer.

I spent my first 13 years in Ottawa, and then moved to Texas to work with the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office. It didn't take, and we moved back to Ottawa, then to Yates Center for the last 20 years. Cynthia and I really like the rural community and the people of Coffey and Woodson Counties. She calls it an unknown paradise. We both enjoy fishing for crappie, mostly in either Melvern or Toronto reservoirs.

I've been married to Cynthia since 1992. I have two children from my first marriage, she has two children also, and we have 8 grandchildren together.

I got started in model airplanes in grade school. The guy that owned the newspaper in Waverly had a sort of a hobby shop, and he flew planes. He got some of us interested in models. I started out with free-flight planes, and then went into control lines. I was probably 10 or 12 years old. When I was working in Ottawa I

flew with John Bowman and Darrel Cordle at a private field the Glen Underwood owned. In Dallas I belonged to a club and flew Quickie 500's in pylon races.

I enjoy the challenge of building kits and assembling ARF's. I like to modify both also, to make them unique. This winter I'm building a Fokker E.III Eindecker 90 from a Balsa USA kit. Building is relaxing for me, and makes time seem to fly when I am working on a plane.



I also like to go to Fly-ins and see what others are flying, and meet them. RC modelers are happy to help others in the hobby, and to be generous with their materials and experience. The camaraderie is important to me, and is one of the reasons I am a member of JMM. I really like the facility too; it is easily accessible and has runways in two directions.

I think one improvement that might attract younger pilots would be a quadcopter race course west of the parking lot. The club also needs to welcome pilots who are limited to smaller planes due to budget or vehicle limits. Times are changing and both drones and smaller planes are on the rise. We need to change with trends like these.

*Thanks to Dave for his support of JMM over the years! His dedication to the club and flying are demonstrated by the drive he makes to the field and to meetings; one hour each way!*