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July 22 Club Meeting

**Smith Center @ Brandon Woods
Lawrence, KS**

8:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 AM – Business Meeting

Schedule of Events:

July 22, JMM Club Meeting

July 29, Warbirds over Perry

Aug. 19, Nat. Model Aviation Day
Lawrence Comp Fun Fly

Aug. 24-27 AMA Ottumwa Jet Rally

Sept. 9, KCRC Warbird Fly-in

Sept. 16, Blue Sky Big Bird

Sept. 23, Jayhawk Big Bird

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News-wrap

Founding Member Stays in Touch

I received a nice phone call from a former member this week. He had seen the [Kaw Valley Senior Monthly](#) article and wanted to touch base and see how the club was doing. His name is Ray Thornton, and he described himself as a “Founding Member” of JMM. He remembers that the club started flying at Broken Arrow Park in the early 60’s. He couldn’t remember many of the members from that time, but did mention Ivan Herd and George Leinmiller. Ray is now living in Livermore, California, about 30 miles west of San Francisco. He still models and flies, and is a member of two clubs: the [Livermore Flying Electrons](#), and the [East Bay Radio Controllers](#).

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Delayed many years, Webber's hobby finally takes off.

Most of his planes were glow, but he was in the process of switching to gas. He was in Ottawa for a family event, and really wanted to visit the field. Unfortunately, every minute was planned and there was no available time. We had a nice chat about Clinton International Model Airport, and the events and activities of the club. I promised to add him to the newsletter distribution list so that he will receive future issues. I was impressed that even after so many years, fond memories prompted him to get back in touch. If you would like to email Ray, contact me and I will reply with his email address.

Gary Webber

Apparently Ray changed his schedule when he heard we were having a flying event on Sat. so he came over for the morning and talked to Gary and some of the older members who remembered Ray. See photos below:



You may have noticed that Ray saw Gary's article in the most recent Kaw Valley Senior Monthly. To get a full copy of the article be sure and come to the meeting Saturday and receive your own personal copy. Part of the article to follow

Webber has been a member of Jayhawk Model Masters for about 10 years and currently serves as the club's president. When he was in junior high school, Gary Webber wanted to start flying radio-controlled (RC) aircraft as a hobby. However, his father thought the hobby was relatively expensive and somewhat dangerous. "That was before they had electric starters," Webber said. "They were all methane- and gasoline-powered then and you had to start them by spinning the propeller with a stick or your finger."

His father's concerns were not unfounded. In fact, an online survey of powered aircraft modelers showed roughly 60% of the respondents had been injured at least once by a spinning propeller. Over the next several decades, Webber took up astronomy and martial arts (he's a third-degree black belt in Ki-Aikido) as hobbies. However, he never lost his interest in RC aircraft. He finally took action on that interest a little more than a decade ago. "A friend helped me build my first airplane and learn to fly it," "For the first year, I flew a very small aircraft in parks. But I quickly moved up to larger and larger aircraft that required a larger space. When I got to the point that I needed a larger facility, I contacted Jayhawk Model Masters, went out and visited them, and became a member." Webber later became Jayhawk Model Masters' president. Currently, he is serving as president of the club for a second time.

Jayhawk Model Masters was founded about 35 years ago. The purpose of Jayhawk Model Masters is “to promote the building and safe operation of radio controlled (RC) model aircraft. In addition, we strive to fulfill our civic responsibility to the community, and support worthwhile projects.

“We do a fly-in benefit every year where all the proceeds are given to the Lawrence Community Foundation,” Webber said. “We also teach a class at the aviation camp at the Lawrence Municipal Airport every year. The camp is sponsored by Lawrence Parks and Recreation, Jayhawk Model Masters, the Northeast Kansas 99’s Women Pilots, and the Lawrence Municipal Airport Aviation Advisory Board.”

The aviation camp, which is open to children 12 to 15 years old, teaches students about piloting as a career and what it takes to become a pilot. Students also learn about the physics of flight, as well as weight and balancing a plane, and the procedures pilots follow in their pre-flight checklist.



2017 Jayhawk Float Fly

Another successful float fly this year with 21 pilots and fantastic weather. Light winds and 85 degrees; it doesn’t get any better than that. The crowd in the following photo indicates a lot of activity near the boat ramp.



Also popular this year is the 80” Cessna 170 on floats.



Steve Spielbush from Louisberg had both of his nitro twins running great again this year. One a Canadair Water Bomber and the other a newly acquired Catalina. Photos to follow;



Here Pilots and spectators are just having fun. Float events are fun.



2017 Jayhawk Electric

We also had 21 pilots at the annual Jayhawk Electric event which I think is are largest attendance since we started the event about 5 years ago. Light winds and hot muggy mid 90's temps for this one.

An interesting model was Greg Inkman's micro stick and tissue version of his giant scale Super Buccanier.

I believe the following is the Cessna 170 of George Jones





I didn't realize that John LaGessee had a Freewing TigerCat until Sat. and it flew very well. Nice kit.

Dave Miller's E-Flite Super Cub



Rauckman's Cobra on final



Here's Mo launching one of many sorties

Vernon Nelson & Carbon Cub



June 10 Club Meeting

I can't find my notes for the June 10 club meeting, so I will have to depend on a very questionable memory.

We had 3 aircraft for the show and tell portion of our program, one being the restored Top-Flite DC-3 that Phil Abbadessa built. The "3" is unique in that it is covered with aluminum tape to give it a scale appearance. Phil described the whole process and I think won the Model-of-the-Month award.



Dave Alexander has a new Sig T-Clips that he was showing. Of course it is all electric and I think I saw him flying it last week at the Jayhawk Electric



George Jones now owns a tailless aircraft with a canard on the front. It's similar to an old Symatar. No one could come up with a title for it so it may simply be scratch built and therefore one of a kind.

