

# **JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER**

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | January 2026

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## **Club Meeting Jan. 17**

### ***Six-Mile Chop House***

*4931 W 6th Street*

*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

## **2026 Club Flying Events**

May 23 – Rocketman Rally\*

June 27– Stars&Stripes Float Fly\*\*

July 25 – Jayhawk Fun Fly\*

August 22 – Dog Days Float Fly\*\*

September 26 – Jayhawk Big Bird\*

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\*At Clinton International Model Airport

\*\*At Clinton Lake Bloomington Boat Ramp  
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**Newsletter Committee:** Dave  
Alexander (Ed. in Chief), Scott  
Stordahl and Glenn Minor

## **2026 Club Officers**

*President* Vernon Nelson  
(785) 207-7387

*Vice Pres.* Kent Kummer

*Sec./Treas.* Jim Morris

*Field Safety* Dan Reid

*Board 3yr* Rob Leiker

*Board 2yr* Greg Inkman

*Board 1yr* Mike Brown

## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS**



**Tower Hobbies (cleverly named)  
“SPORT” .46-.55 GP EP ARF 60”**

**OR**



**Phoenix Sbach 342 Aerobat  
.46-.55 GP EP ARF 55.3”**

## **Presidents Corner:**

Greeting members of the Jayhawk Model Masters Club.

I want to first of all thank Patrick Deuser, Scott Stordahl, and George Jones for a great 2025 year of service as club officers. Welcome Kent Kummer, Jim Morris and Rob Lieker as new club officers for 2026. I need to thank Gregg Haas for bringing his tractor and brush hog from Topeka to cut down the tall weeds around our runway. It sure makes it look nice and bigger!! Sorry John LaGesse that this wasn't done before our Big Bird but it made an awesome picture of you flying thru the weeds on your take off.

Wow, the flying this year was fantastic on all our fly-ins. Our Club has one of the best flying sites around this area that I know of. I want to also welcome three of our newest members, KC Hopkins and father and son Fouad and Anthony Medlej. Fouad and Anthony have been spending hours on the simulator and came out January 6<sup>th</sup> to put their airplane in the air for the first time. Dan Reid took the plane up and let Anthony fly it around with some instructions. He did very well. By the way, Anthony is only 8 years old!! The second time Anthony wanted to take the plane up. Well, he did and he was a natural. Fouad took off and flew around and landed by himself also, he is also a natural. "Like son, like father!!!"

This was January 6<sup>th</sup> and we had several members there also flying and enjoying the good weather. Also in attendance were new member KC Hopkins. He brought several jets to fly and flew them well, it will be great to have him as a club member. It was nice that KC and Fouad knew each other.

2026 looks like it will be a good year with

good members to fly at Clinton International Model Airport (CIMA). It is important to have fun when you fly, but more important to fly safely. Remember to NEVER fly over the pit area and if two or more are flying, you need to fly the same pattern. When in doubt just ask!! Please be courteous to all members, remember the flight line and pit area are marked NO smoking so please adhere to that.

Please remember to pay your club dues and make sure your AMA is current. Club dues can be paid to Jim Morris (sec/treas) or you can pay them online at our club website. I have to thank Dave Alexander and anyone else that contributes to putting our newsletter together and remember this is your newsletter so if you have an article or want to share what you are working on plus pictures please send them to Dave Alexander. Hope you all can attend our meeting Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. We eat and socialize at 11 and the meeting starts at noon. Mr. Kent Kummer (VP) will be running our February meeting as Toni and I will be enjoying some warm weather in Florida.

*Vernon Nelson, President*



## December Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander



President Patrick Deuser called the meeting to order at noon on Dec. 20 at 6 Mile Chophouse. We had 20 members in attendance, including new member Robert Zernikow. Robert works at DARCorp, a local aerospace engineering and design firm. He mentioned that they have a hot-wire cutter and they can do custom foam cutting.

Treasurer Scott Stordahl gave the financial report, which was brief. We started Nov. with \$5,846.24 in the checking account. We had income of \$631.02 (dues, raffle) and expenses of \$108.16 (lawnmower gas, donuts), leaving \$6,369.10 in the checking account. With \$6,039.03 in two CDs and \$371 cash on hand, our net worth is \$12,779.13.



Safety Officer Dan Reid had nothing to report.

Field Manager Scott S. had nothing to report, but he said he'll soon be looking for mowing volunteers. Those who mow 5 times have their dues waived! Also, Patrick thanked Jim Morris for rebooting the solar system, which shut down due to snow on the solar panels.

Vernon Nelson mentioned a letter from AMA that came with a check for \$175 which was due to the publicity (TV news spots) about our events. The publicity was organized by Vern, thanks for your lucrative efforts!

### New Business

Greg Inkman will be setting up runway lights at 2 pm Dec.31, and taking them down 2 pm Jan. 1; he'd appreciate some help. Greg hopes to take off in 2025 and land in 2026. He'll be there around noon on New Year's Day for the Freeze Fly.

### Election Results

President: Vernon Nelson (unopposed)

Vice President: Kent Kummer

Sec/Treas: Jim Morris (unopposed)

Safety Officer: Dan Reid (unopposed)

1<sup>st</sup> yr Board: Rob Leiker

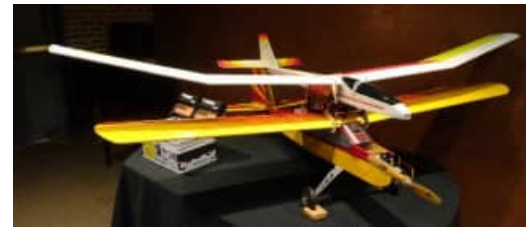
### ***Thank you gents for agreeing to serve!***

Bill Miller mentioned a long term robot project he has been working on and offered to do a presentation on it at the next meeting.

Rob Zernikow offered to give members a tour of DAR Corp, to see their work on VTOL, etc., maybe in February.

### Show and Tell

Dan Reid brought 3 items. First up was Miss Piggie II, his new piggy-back glider launcher. After the first piggie crashed, he got a new model (which he switched from glow to electric power) and changed the glider carrier to lower the incidence.



Next up was his Magnus effect flyer, which he has changed from hand-launched to ROG. He has also switched to 2 motors so he can steer with differential thrust, and

get some elevator effect by variable thrust angles.

Finally, after my report of an exploding Lipo last month, Dan showed a "Bat Box", an insulated storage and charging box that has filtered vents to contain soot and

flames from a burning Lipo battery. [Ed. note: The next week, I ordered two!!]



Bill Miller won the raffle and chose the Avanti EDF.





⇒ ***If anyone is willing to be listed in the newsletter as an “Instructor”, PLEASE contact a newsletter editor or officer! ⇒***

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## **NewYear’s Eve Night Fly**

Photos by Sam Carkhuff



## **January Meeting Presentation**



Meet Otto (above), the result of a long-term robotics project that Bill Miller has been working on. According to Bill, Otto was started as a continuing education project in 2010. It encompasses a lot of the things we all do with our RC models, from the construction materials to its autonomous abilities.

Bill is planning to give a 30 – 45 minute presentation of its concept to construction.

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⇒ ***Calling for Volunteers! ⇒***

***For us to run our club events with sanction by AMA, we need to have an approved **CD** (Contest Director) or **ED** (Event Director). We currently only have 2, we need at least one more. CDs/Eds get a break on AMA dues, and the approval process is not difficult, see AMA web site.***

## Seen At The Field (Just Before and After Christmas). . .

Photos by Don Thun  
**Before:**





## After Christmas:

Text & photos by Don Thun



Christmas week pilots



BC's Decathalon on final



George Jones makes a low fly-by

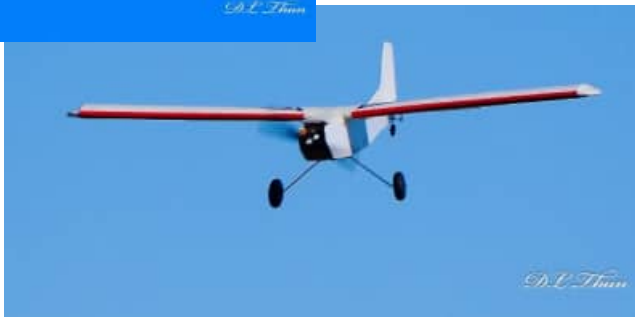


Last photo of the P-51 on its 13<sup>th</sup> and final flight

Kent Kummar readies his 4-Star 60 for flight



Vern's Valiant in an inverted spin [Nice special effects, Don!]



Wayne Hittle's Falcon 56 on final approach



Yes, Greg, it was getting cold!