

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | May 2026

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Club Meeting May 16

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

11:00 a.m.: Lunch & socializing
Noon: Business meeting

Club meetings: **3rd Saturday** of the month

2026 Club Flying Events

May 23 – **JMM Rocketman Rally***
June 6 – KC/RC Jets over Jacomo
June 6&7 – Paola Float Fly
June 7 – Riley County Fliers Fly-In
June 20 – Blue Sky Fly-In
July 11 – KC/RC Fly-n-Swap
June 27– **Stars&Stripes Float Fly****
July 25 – **Jayhawk Fun Fly***
August 22 – **Dog Days Float Fly****
September 12 – Salina Big Bird Fly-In
September 19 – **JMM Fall Night-Fly***
September 19 – Blue Sky Fly-In
September 26 – **Jayhawk Big Bird***
October 10 – FAE(Topeka) Brat Fly-In
October 10 – KC/RC Fall Fly In

*At Clinton International Model Airport

**At Clinton Lk. Bloomington Boat Ramp #7

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

AMA Certified Instructor

Dan Reid

THIS MONTH'S MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE OPTIONS



Tower Hobbies Aurora Sport
.46-.55 GP EP ARF 59" OR



Phoenix Models F4U Corsair
.46-.55 GP EP ARF 58.5"

April Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander



The club met on April 18 at 6 Mile Chophouse. President Vernon Nelson called the meeting to order at noon, with 12 members present.

Treasurer Jim Morris reported that we started the month with \$8,414.91 in the checking account. We had \$291.62 income from dues and raffle tickets. Expenses were \$1,134.50 (\$174.85 Zoom subsc., \$959.65 field maintenance expenses), giving an account balance of \$7,572.03. With 2 CDs worth \$6,163.68 and cash on hand of \$371.00, our net worth was \$14,106.71.



VP Ken Kummer reported on building the concrete jet pad, and reminded folks of the scheduled night fly-in that evening. He and Dan Reid did a small scale experiment with Defender weed killer to see if it is worth doing the whole field. Kent also used some spare dirt from near the shed to fill in a depression on the runway, and we discussed possibly getting more dirt to do more leveling.



Field Manager Scott Stordahl is planning a mower maintenance session with Mike Randel. He said he sprayed some leftover RM-43 weed killer on the parking lot with good success, will be getting more to do the rest of the lot.



Old Business

Tonight's Night Fly-in: Greg Inkman will be there at 5:30 and would appreciate help with setting up and taking down the lights. Next Night Fly-in is Oct. 3, and there is a no-frills (no food) event at FAE on May 2nd.

Last call for club shirts, Scott will place order on Monday.

Members flying glow or gas are reminded to catch fuel overflow in containers to avoid killing grass.

Kent reported on seeking donations from RC companies for our events.

The main work day project is painting

the picnic tables but no date was set.

Members doing set-up for the May fly-in will meet for lunch at Biggs on Friday as usual, before heading to the field. Vernon urged members that are unable to attend the fly-in to register anyway to support the club.

George Jones reported on new rapid charge battery technology being developed for electric cars.

The low attendance at this and recent meetings prompted a discussion about increasing both meeting attendance and club membership. One suggestion is a questionnaire to members about why they don't attend meetings, and asking if different days or times would be better. Vern suggested that we meet at the National Guard museum at Forbes Field on a Sunday in October just for a change of pace. People generally approved of the idea.

Show & Tell

Wayne Hittle brought Big Red 2. It's an enlarged version of his own-design Big Red, which he originally built decades ago to fly on a Weedeater engine and which flew "terrible". It flew much better after he switched it to electric power (Eflite 120, then 160). After he crashed Big Red, he built this slightly larger one. The wing is wire-cut foam covered in 1/16" balsa. He cut the foam in 4 pieces to allow easy installation of wiring and the square aluminum spar. Weight is about 20 lb, power is an Eflite 160 on 8S lipo (two 4S in series).



Patrick Deuser won the raffle and chose the Sport.

Meeting adjourned about 1:20 p.m.



Spring Night-Fly April 18

Photos by Vernon Nelson

According to informal Night-Fly Honcho Greg Inkman, about a half-dozen members participated in the spring after-dark event.

Before it got too dark, Greg let Kasey Hopkins' grandson fly on the buddy box.



George's Flybeam



Is this Greg's or Patrick's Cessna?

Greg wants to thank George Jones for helping with setup, and everyone who took part. He said everyone had fun and there were NO BUGS!

KU Jayhawk Aero Design Funfly April 25

Jayhawk Aero Design photos

According to JAD president Mayah Haug, this was a joint event that included other KU engineering clubs. Some of the members who are also JMM members flew demos.

Vern's screen shot from our web cam.



A popular event!



This is a student designed & built aircraft for a national competition. Mostly carbon fiber!

There were flying demos...



...and socializing. Looks like everyone was having fun!

Seen at the Field April 19

Photos by Don Thun

The weather was perfect the day after the last club meeting, so a bunch of guys came out to fly.



Bill Miller's big Cub



Kasey's fast little Yak EDF jet



From sublime to ridiculous, Jim's mini Fun Cub

Vern's big Valient



Dave's Cessna 170



Kent's Funtana



Somebody's nice motor-glider (Kasey?)



Prez Vern and Vice Prez Kent share a moment

FAE Low-key Fly-in, May 2

Photos by Don Thun & Dave Alexander

The Foundation for Aeronautical Education (Topeka) had outstanding weather for their no-frills fly-in, although the wind was a bit higher than forecast.



George's lit-up Fly-beam (see night-flying above)

Don Thun

Vern's giant-scale Beast in action



I didn't catch this young man's name, but he knew what he was doing. (Gregg Haas spotting.)



Don Thun



Greg's B-26 Marauder and F-86 Sabre



Don Thun

Who's that straw-hatted hayseed flying the Parkzone T-28?



Don Thun



Dan's Miss Piggy III glider launcher doing its job

RILEY COUNTY FLIERS

**33RD ANNUAL
FLY-IN**
JUNE 7, 2026 SUNDAY 9AM



AMA Chapter 855
Event: 19977

**FOOD
RAFFLE
PILOT PRIZES**

All radio control aircraft welcome!
\$20 LANDING FEE FOR AMA PILOTS
FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS

Electric • Glow • Helicopters • Gas • Gliders • Drones - any size!

50' x 500' Grass Landing Field

Tuttle Creek Reservoir

(southeast side of dam of Highway
13) check SITE for construction
updates



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Club Website



SCAN ME
Facebook Group



presents the Gary Rauckman Memorial

ROCKETMAN RALLY! 2026

Saturday, May 23rd !!

This Event is FREE to the Public!



**All RC Planes
are Welcome!**

RAFFLE PRIZE!



**Phoenix Models 1/4
Sbach 65.5" wingspan**

**Clinton International Model Airport
1205 E. 1000 Rd. Lawrence, KS
Pilot Registration 8:00a, Landing Fee \$10
Flight time, 9:00a to 3:00p**

**Unlimited RC SWAP Space
Only \$5 Per Seller!**

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