

# JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | September 2025

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## **Club Meeting Sept. 20**

### ***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

## **2025 Local Flying Events**

**Sept. 20 – Blue Sky Fly-In**

**Sept. 27 – Jayhawk Big Bird\***

\*At Clinton International Model Airport

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



## **2025 Club Officers**

*President* Patrick Deuser  
(785) 596-3035

*Vice Pres.* Vernon Nelson

*Sec./Treas.* Scott Stordahl

*Field Safety* Dan Reid

*Board 3yr* Greg Inkman

*Board 2yr* Mike Brown

*Board 1yr* George Jones

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



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

**OR**



**Tower Hobbies UPROAR V2 ARF  
EP/GP 48"**

## August Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met on Aug. 16th at 6 Mile Chophouse. President Patrick Deuser called the meeting to order at 12:05. There were 18 members in attendance including new member John Rieke.

### Treasurer's Report – Scott Stordahl

We started July with \$8,420.96 in the checking account. Income was \$1,670.82 from the previous month's raffle, Fun Fly raffle, food, shirts, pilot fees, dues, and farewell donations for Mo. Expenses were \$1179.45 (Fun Fly food, trophies and ribbons; portapotty service; business cards; lawnmower gas; signs; 2 raffle planes) plus \$3000.00 for another CD for a total of \$4179.45. We ended the month with \$5,912.33 in checking, \$5,122.52 in CDs, \$371.00 cash on hand, for a net worth of \$11,405.85.



Field Safety: Safety Officer Dan Reid had nothing to report. Be Safe!

Field Maintenance: Wearing his other hat, Field Manager Scott Stordahl reported that he borrowed some weed-killer from a neighbor and used it on unwelcome foliage in the parking lot. Also, one of the mower spindles was damaged, leading to very lop-sided cutting.

Scott replaced all the spindles and 3 new blades, so the mower is now in good shape.

### **Old Business:**

We will need a work day before the Big Bird to get the field in top shape. Patrick listed several tasks on the agenda, (painting bleachers & shelter, etc.) but noted that the signs have already been replaced and George Jones has already repaired the broken conduit by the shelter.



Lease: We finally have news on the lease renewal. Patrick reported that we will now have "Memorandum of Understanding" instead of a lease (whatever that means). Good news: it will last through 2030. Not so good: the draft calls for \$3 Million liability insurance and we only get 2.5 through AMA, so more communication with the city is needed.



### **New Business:**

Glenn Minor asked about the possibility of placing another T-shirt order. Scott will email the club to find out if there is enough interest to meet the minimum order (25 shirts, can be mix and match of styles, including jackets and hoodies).

Kent Kummer offered to take care of moving and leveling gravel, and will work on smoothing out "Vernon's pasture" (extreme southeast end of E-W runway).



We discussed getting things organized for the Float Fly, and who will handle food, tables, generator, etc. Some folks were looking into organizing some float fly practice (at lake Shawnee?), details were still being confirmed.



We had brief discussions (with no action taken) of the fact that 30% solar system rebates ends at the end of the year (upgrades?) and of landing fees at events.

For the Big Bird Fly-In, we'll have the usual Friday afternoon setup after meeting for lunch, probably at Burgers By Biggs. **To publicize the event, Vernon Nelson has arranged for JMM to do demos for TV stations WIBW (Channel 13) on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and Fox 43 on the 25<sup>th</sup>.** If you are available and have a big bird you can show off, please be at Ch. 13 on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. for an 8:30 taping (631 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, KS 66615) and Ch. 43 on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. (6835 NW HWY

24, Topeka, Kansas 66618) for a 9:00 live broadcast. See email from V.P. Vern for more details

A member asked if the work-day might include cleaning out the shed, with a view toward getting rid of unused items. We will probably offer as many such items as we can for free at the swap meet during the Big Bird Fly-in.



Bill Miller gave some very gracious compliments on the newsletters, and other members seemed to agree. Your newsletter editor thanks everyone very kindly for such kind words, and I will do my best to "keep up the good work!"

### Show and Tell:



Scott brought his newest (newer?) EDF jet, a Freewing BAE Hawk. He is testing out a stabilizer-receiver to eventually use in his Sukhoi.

The Hawk has a 48" WS, 70 mm fan, and flies on 6S Lipo. He had hoped to fly it after the meeting but the fan was running backwards due to odd default of reversing on the ESC.

Vern Nelson showed a replacement fiberglass cowling for his big Avistar on floats, which had been damaged at the first float fly. Wayne Hiddle made the cowling, and offered to give a talk at a future meeting on fiberglassing.



Vern also won the raffle and chose the Uproar kit; he said he's going to use it to compete and win in next year's Fun Fly!

### Seen at the Field

Photos by Don Thun

Here are a bunch of pics from a recent weekday when Vern got folks out flying.





## **JMM Second 2025 Float Fly**

Photos: Don Thun & Glenn Minor; Text: Dave Alexander

We had great conditions for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Float Fly of the year, mostly sunny, light winds in the morning, not crazy hot.



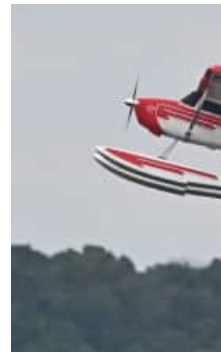
Prez Patrick puts his C150 through it's paces



Mike Brown's big Cub headed down the ramp



Vern's giant Avistar gets a launch



I love how my C170 flies on floats!



Glenn Minor's Dragonfly flies great with a new, more powerful motor



We had some visitors flying really cool models.



Pat Masters  
flew this  
Flex  
Innovations  
Twin Otter



Rescue  
boat  
Cap'n  
George  
Jones  
made a

few rescues but still had time to commit some  
float flyin'.



Sorry I  
didn't catch  
the name  
of the pilot  
of this  
Duraflly  
PB  
Catalina.  
Retracting tip floats, differential and reverse  
thrust, how cool is that??





## **Notes from Our Vice Prez, Vernon Nelson**

I just got the September issue of Model Aviation and on page 107 is a group picture of all the pilots and their aircraft who attended the Paola Float fly the first weekend in June. From JMM were Greg Inkman, Andrew Augustine, Bill Miller and me (Vernon). It's a small picture but we had a lot of fun!! *[Editor's Note: look for the red shirts!]*

September 6 FAE (Topeka) had their Fly-In and we had 13 Jayhawk Model Master pilots there. It was a fun time for all and good food!!! Members that was there were Don, Dave, Mike, Bill, Wayne, Mark, John, Dan, Rob, Patrick, Greg, Gregg and I. They appreciated our support and I put out some flyers for our upcoming Big Bird!!! A big thank you for those that traveled!!!!

September 13 we had 6 members travel to Salina's Fun Fly. This also was a great fly-in with several Giant big birds!!! We had Wayne, Bill, Rob, Greg, Don and me with 3 of the wives making the trip. There was a plane in the sky all the time and later we got to see Art's big Connie take flight with a sad ending. I passed out several flyers and several said they will come to our Big Bird fly-in.

I want to thank all the pilots who made the travel(s) on these fly-ins. This is how we can increase our pilot numbers at our fly-ins. Our Big Bird is our biggest fund raiser and I hope all our members can register and buy a lunch to support our club. If you can't make it please consider sending your \$20 (landing fee and lunch) to Scott.

Thank you very much,  
Vernon Nelson, Vice President

## **Salina Fun Fly**

Photos by Don Thun



## **F.A.E. Fly-In, Sept. 6, 2025**

Photos: Don Thun; Text: Dave Alexander

Our Topeka buddies had a sunny warm day with light winds that stiffened up after lunch.



My little ol' Icon A5 doesn't seem to care whether it's water or grass, takes off just fine



Some of the dozen or so JMM folks at the fly-in

Mike brown's unmistakable biplane



*Don Thun*



Hmm, how did Don take this picture?



*Don Thun*



*Don Thun*

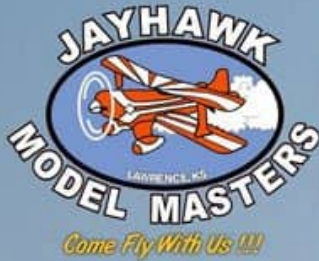


*Don Thun*



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presents the  
**JAYHAWK**  
**BIGBIRD!**  
Saturday, September 27, 2025



Build and Fly Your Own  
Free Glider!



Raffle Prize  
1/6 Scale Waco F5C ARF 63"

Clinton International Model Airport  
1205 East 1000 Road, Lawrence, KS 66047

Pilot Registration 8:00a  
Flying from 9:00a - 3:00p  
Landing Fee is \$10

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

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