

JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS NEWSLETTER

Jayhawk Model Masters | AMA Club #2013 | October 2025

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Club Meeting Oct. 18

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
3rd Saturday of the month

2026 Local Flying Events

Watch this space! Tentative
dates for 2026 will be
available next month.

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



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

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



September Meeting Report

By Dave Alexander

The club met on Sept. 20th at 6 Mile Chophouse. President Patrick Deuser called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. There were 14 members in attendance.



Treasurer's Report – Scott Stordahl

We started August with \$5,912.33 in the checking account. Income was \$1,078.69 from the previous month's raffle, Float Fly raffle, food, pilot fees, and dues from 4 new members. Expenses were \$308.15 for Float Fly food and replacement blade spindles for the mower. We ended the month with \$6,682.87 in checking, \$5,122.52 in CDs, \$371.00 cash on hand, for a net worth of \$12,176.39. Scott also mentioned that as of the meeting, we had 73 members in good standing. Wow, nice to see that number grow!



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

Field Maintenance: Back to Field Manager Scott Stordahl, who stated that we still need some folks to step up and join the mowing crew next year. *[Remember, dues are waived for mowing crew members!]* Scott also reported that Kent Kummer has



offered to use his tractor to work on Vernon's Pasture, and smooth new gravel on the parking lot.

Old Business

There was discussion of the new Memorandum of Understanding that is replacing our old lease with Lawrence. The City leases the land from the Corps of Engineers, and we think either could legally bump us from the site. Patrick asked about the apparent "road alignment" through the wetlands just to the east of the



field. Dave Alexander reported that Mark Hecker (Asst. Dir., Parks & Rec) said Wakarusa St. will be extended through the wetlands, but the "exact alignment is still being discussed between the County and the Corp of Engineers." When asked why a route has apparently been surveyed and marked, there was no reply.

Vernon Nelson asked for "his pasture" to be seeded. Dan will buy seed. Kent estimated 8-9 cu. yds. of gravel are needed for the lot, and Dan will also price gravel and arrange delivery. Kent will do the seeding and grade the gravel on the parking lot.



New Business:

Kent suggested we put a plywood cutout of Snoopy on the shelter, but no action was taken. (Copyright issues?)

For the Big Bird fly in, the portapotties need to be serviced (contact A1). Big trailers can park between the shed and shelter. Vern has gotten AMA swag to give away, also arranged two TV promo spots, and got it on the Topeka newspaper calendar of events. Vernon's goal is to make Mike Brown run out of food at the fly-in! The usual Friday pre-setup lunch will be at Burgers By Biggs at noon, followed by field setup. Someone's arm was twisted (Bill Newman?) to bring donuts for the pilots.

Our very own man of many hats, Scott Stordahl, won the raffle, and chose the Uproar. He'll be ready for the 2026 Fun Fly!



Field Maintenance

Photos: Don Thun

A couple days before the Big Bird Fly In, Kent Kummer and Dan Reid got into some serious parking lot maintenance. Don Thun was there to capture the event.



Dan Reid pays the bill as Kent gets ready to start distributing and smoothing.



Kent grading. The parking lot hasn't looked this good since it was first installed several decades ago!



Some of the gravel went under the work tables, badly needed!



Obviously, the tractor didn't fit under the tables, so looks like "armstrong" work going on here. Is that B.C. Chansaviang helping Dan? Thanks a ton, guys!!

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New Airplane

Last month, Don Thun sent me a photo of his new Mustang:



He asked me not to put it in the newsletter yet because he hadn't finished his writeup about it, although I later learned that he had gotten in his first flight. Well, it's been over a month and we both got busy, so I decided to run the photo anyway.

If you want to know the details, come to the meeting this Saturday!

2026 Big Bird Fly-In

Photos: Don Thun & Glenn Minor
Text: Dave Alexander

Your humble correspondent was home recovering from a virus, so what I know about the Big Bird is limited and 2nd hand. That said, the weather looked fine and the webcam showed a full parking lot. There were 39 (39!) registered pilots.



George Jones flies the flag as apprentice flag-flyer Dan Reid spots.



Nice Yak



Cap 232?



Bill Miller flies the always impressive John Dalton Twin Beech



Crosswind woes?



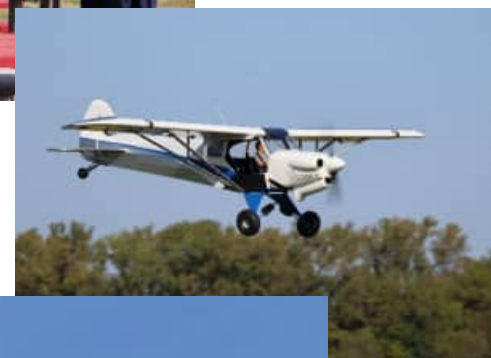
A couple RV's:



A lotta Cubs . . .



Is that door
supposed to be >>
open?



More Cubs . . .



Glenn Minor puts down his camera to punch a few holes in the clouds.



Suman Saripalli has a different take on "big birds".

Rogues gallery:





Mike Brown's
customized giant
Sweet & Low
Stick . . .



Pilots
scoring
swag

And the raffle winner
is . . .



. . . and another giant Stick.



. . . new
JMM
member
Wyatt
Markham
(the short
one).

Note from Raffle Winner

[Editor's note: We received this picture and letter less than a week after the Big Bird Fly-In.]



Dear Jayhawk Model Masters,

My name is Wyatt Markham, and I am a first-year member of the Jayhawk Model Masters. I attended the Big Bird event last week and had such a great time watching everyone fly. The skill and precision of the pilots really amazed me—it was inspiring to see how smoothly and confidently you all handled your planes.

My grandpa and I entered the raffle, and to my surprise, I won the airplane! I want to sincerely thank you for this generous gift. It was a lot of fun to put together, and while I've flown other RC planes before, this is my first wooden model. My uncle's friend kindly gave me a 17cc engine for it, and I'm working on gathering the rest of the parts so I can get it in the air soon.

I'm also spending time studying the Waco F5C so I can be fully prepared when it comes time to fly. I plan to practice at the field regularly, and I'm sure I'll be at the meetings asking plenty of questions as I learn.

Most importantly, I just want to express my gratitude for the raffle plane and for the warm welcome I've received as a new member. I'm very excited to continue learning and flying with you all.

Sincerely,
Wyatt Markham

[That is one impressive young man!]

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Mystery Guest



Does anyone recognize this little visitor to the field, or the location where I met him (or her)? I took this picture just a week shy of a year ago and kept forgetting to include it. Finally found just the right space!