



# N.E. Kansas Blue Sky Squadron, Inc.

## Smoke Screen ~ May-June 2022

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### Dates To Remember

Club Meeting third Sunday every month 2:00  
Lunch Wednesdays 11:30  
Breakfast Thursdays 8:00 at Cook's

### Upcoming Events

June 12 TOPCLASS Fun Fly  
June 15 WIBW Filming at 8:30  
June 18 Blue Sky Open  
June 25 Jayhawk Float Fly  
July 9 Cap City Warbird Fly-In  
July 23 Jayhawk Fun Fly  
August 29 TOPCLASS Aerobatic Contest  
September 10 Salina Big Bird  
September 11 Cap City Memorial  
September 17 Blue Sky Big Bird Memorial  
September 24 Jayhawk Big Bird

### 2022 Club Officers

President: Mark Davidson  
Vice President: Bill Miller  
Secretary: Sam Carkhuff  
Treasurer: Sam Brown  
Safety: Don Regier  
Contest Director: Patrick Deuser  
Editor: Bill Miller

### MARK'S REMARKS

Our June meeting will be this coming **Saturday, June 11th** at 2 at our field. We are meeting a week early to get organized for our Fly-In the following Saturday, on the 18th. BTW, this Saturday is looking like it will be great weather for flying so why not plan on coming early and fly, bring your lunch, and stay for our meeting. There are a number of things that I want to remind you of as we prepare for the Fly-In.

### **WIBW Filming**

On Wednesday, June 15, we will be gathering at 8:30 am in the WIBW parking lot to display planes for the filming of a promotion for our fly-in. Filming will begin at 9:00 am. As many as can please bring planes to show in the parking lot. We should be finished by 9:45. Often after this filming club members go to breakfast at Denny's.

### **SETUP WORKDAY**

On Friday, June 17, at 8:00 am we will gather at our field to get everything set for the Fly-in. We will get out the tables, tents, signs, grills, and whatever else needs to be done.

### **FLY-IN DAY**

Our Spring Fly-In is Saturday, June 18. We ask all club members to arrive by 7 am and help to do all the final setup for the day. We will start serving breakfast around 8 am and flying will begin at 9 am. If you plan on setting up a personal tent, plan on doing that before 7 am so that all can help with club setup at that time. We usually have a good number of guests and we ask all club members to work at making our guests feel welcome. Following the fly-in there is a lot of work to be done in tearing down and putting things away. Please plan on staying after to help with that as well. If we all work together tear down will go quickly.



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**Club Meeting Highlights**

**April Meeting**

Due to the weather conditions, we held April's meeting in the barn at our field site. As you can see it was well attended. We had standing room only, almost.



Dan Reid won the tee shirt drawing, congrats Dan!



Wayne Hittle brought for show and tell his custom molded cowl out of fiber glass for his, now being restored, Big Red One plane. He gave a detailed description on just what it takes to do this. Looks very professional Wayne, just a typical day in the shop for you right?



At one of the winter time club meetings, Jim Lee showed us some progress on his Victory model that was built from scratch. Here at this meeting he showed the completed model. The precision and effort that has to go into these competition models is truly remarkable.



Bud Park brought his new C130 from Avios, which is the same maker of his Albatross, to show. Lots of neat features that include, 4 motors, retracts and navigation lights



Here Bud demonstrates the retracts in action.





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May Club Meeting was at our flying field and it was a beautiful, sunny day. We all are shown here gathered in the pit area where Mark is conducting the meeting.



For show and tell Wayne brought his completed cowl for his Big Red One. Sorry Wayne I did not get a picture of it. But many commented about how professional it looked.

Patrick brought a new Speed Freak Outlaw plane to share. He commented how fast this thing flies.

### Darrin Nasmith – Contributor

#### New Starter Bench



In this picture Darrin shows his plane in the over-sized stand. Looks like a custom fit Darin.



Darrin brought the new stand out to our flying field right before our April meeting, which was held in the barn.



This picture is Wayne Hittle's newly restored Big Red One. He tore his old one up pretty bad last fall at the Salina Fly-In. He said shortly after takeoff, he was having difficulty controlling the plane and decided to land it on the next lap. As he was bringing it in to land, he thinks he may have stalled it and it went in nose first.



This is Chris Johnson showing the perfect fit of his electric Pitts Special on the new stand.



Here is a picture of the radio compartment. Very nice Wayne....

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hitting metal flight stand posts. I was able to order a new rudder and quickly replace it. That left me with two good sized dings in the foam wings. I had never worked much with foam, but the repair turned out to be fairly easy.



He also decided to change things a bit by making his own fiberglass cowl and vacuum formed a new canopy.



Dan Reid gave me a piece of foam insulation material he had. I cut out the damaged sections of the wings. Then cut oversized pieces of foam and glued them in with canopy glue. Then I sanded them down to shape and used some putty to smooth it out. I picked up some art paint at Hobby Lobby that matched pretty well and my Carbon Z is almost good as new.



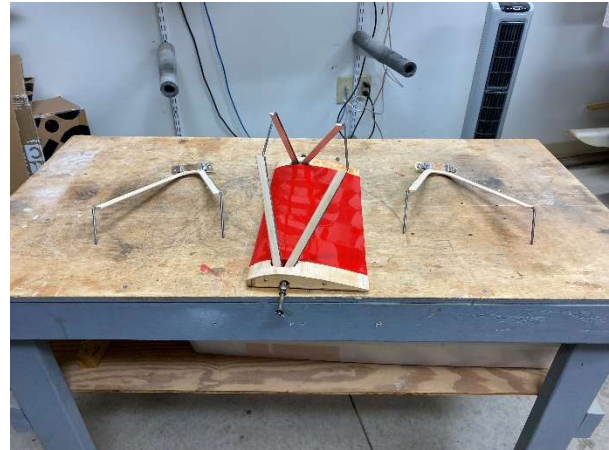
Here are a few of our members enjoying some good food at Cooks American Grill and enjoying time with each other discussing the past week and maybe making plans to fly soon. All of our members are welcome to come join us each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

### Mark Davidson - Contributor

At the Lawrence Fly-In I took my new Carbon Z Cub. On takeoff the rudder control arm broke off and it veered to the left



This picture shows the oversized piece of foam now glued in place.



The DR1 is done and waiting for a few parts to be painted.



Here you see the sanded down repair spot that is ready to paint.



I painted the parts but asked Wayne if he would come over and spray the clearcoat.

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All of the DR1 parts are repaired and recovered. It is now an ARF and I'm working to complete the assembly. My time is somewhat limited as I help each day with daycare of the 6-month-old granddaughter.



Wayne has a lot of experience mixing this type of paint and does a great job spraying it on. I, on the other hand, am like a monkey with a spray can.

For this process I configure my shop as a spray booth. Completely cover the floors with drop cloth and hang a drop cloth curtain with a vent hole cut out in it for a fan. This works pretty good for a make shift paint booth.



Most days I'm able to work on it for a while and I'm getting very close to finishing it.



I also repaired and repainted the wheel pants for the Bravo. Here you see Wayne spraying on the clear coat paint.



This picture shows the completed center wing which also has the machine gun mounted on it.

### Vernon Nelson – Contributor

Vernon, John, Rod, Wayne, and Rob all made it out to do some flying on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.





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Vernon took a few pictures of most of the pilots there. Sorry he was not able to get all the planes there that day. Here are a few pics for you.





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