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JETS RULED THE SKY AT MIKE RYKEN'S JET RALLEY

Hello KC/RCers. Flying season is full on. While we have had to dodge rain storms, the wind hasn't been quite as bad as we experienced in April and May, so there have been more acceptable days to fly. Don't forget the next club meeting is June 19th at the field! Deon Cross will be our Chef-of-the-Day, so be there to get your hot dog or sausage hot off the grill before the meeting! I also heard that Edwin will be bringing is tasty grilled onions to go with the hot dogs! BTW - If you haven't paid for your new 70th Anniversary KC/RC tee shirts, come to the meeting and get with Jim Hulse ASAP. These shirts are great and pay honor to KC/RC's 70 years of steadfast contribution to model aviation. Get yours and proudly display our heritage!

The 3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally was a great success! The weather turned out near perfect after some threatening storms overnight Friday and Saturday. Winds were light, the sun was out, and everyone had a great time! Edwin Chavez, our CD, did a great job orchestrating the event,



and everyone got plenty of flying time. The local Boy Scout troop did a fine job providing all the food services for the event. Burgers and hotdogs were all prepared to order with chips and drinks topping it off! We are told that their fundraiser surpassed any other event they have previously supported. I'm sure Edwin will give us a rundown of the event, and there are plenty of pictures elsewhere in the Contacts!

The Annual KC/RC Fun Fly will be next up on July 13th. Phil Lucido is the event manager for this year. The individual events for the Fun Fly are on

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CD Edwin Chavez's Boeing 737 Makes Low Pass

June 19th Club Meeting at the Flying Field

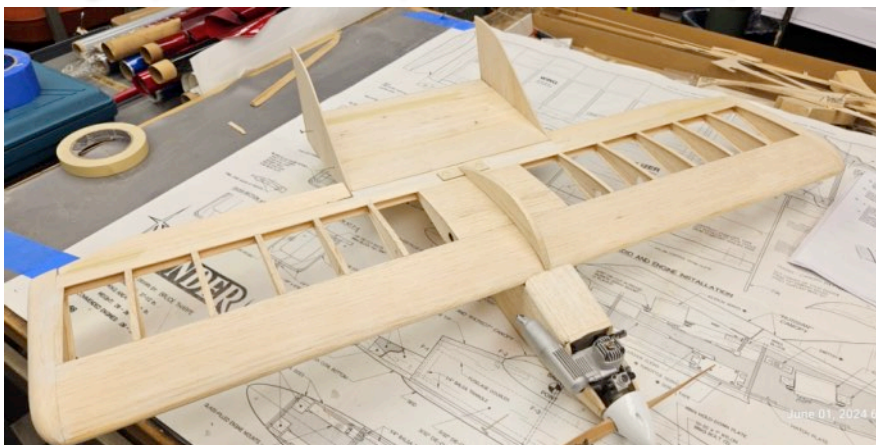


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Page 8. Use your imagination, and get out and practice for this great tradition. He will most certainly need help organizing and executing the Fun Fly, so step up and get involved.

Next up on July 27th is the KC/RC Control Line Fun Day. This is simply a defined day to bring out your control line models and have fun with your buddies! No competition, no pressure. Just a fun day at the field. See you there!

The SIG Wonder raffle plane I'm building for our N.M.A.D. celebration on August 10-11 is progressing smoothly. Construction is done, with finishing and equipment installation remaining. I hope to have it completed by the July meeting. It will be a fully equipped model (O.S. 15 LA engine, Spectrum AS3X receiver, four micro-servos, 850 mah LiFe airborne battery pack) needing, only, to be bound to a Spectrum transmitter. We may even have



test flown it before then. Thanks to Edwin Chavez (Wonder kit), John Midgorden (mini-switch harness), and Jim Cianciolo (4 oz. Sullivan slant tank) for their contributions to the project.

Don't forget, the next club meeting is June 19th, 7:00 P.M., **AT THE FIELD**. I've put in another order for clear skies and light wind. The May meeting gave us near perfect weather to fly, and it was a perfect night to fly **NIGHT GLIDERS!** Where were you?!!! Duane and I were the only ones flying gliders after the May meeting. The air was absolutely smooth, and virtually no wind. **BRING YOUR GLIDER!!!!!!!** Bring a friend! Bring the kids! Eat a "Deon Special" hot dog topped with Edwin's famous grilled onions, and have some fun with your KC/RC buddies! See you there!

Perfect flights and soft landings,

Jon Britt, President



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Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Meeting

The May 15th KCRC Club Meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:00 P.M. There were 38 members in attendance. Mathew Kepler was a visitor who is interested in joining KC/RC and who has a son he would like to get involved in RC.

Jon called for a motion to approve the April Minutes as printed in the Contacts. A motion was received, seconded and the Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Jim Hulse provided a report of the Club's finances.

John Midgorden, Secretary, had no report.

Jim Cianciolo, Park Liaison Officer, reported that he and John Midgorden and their wives had attended the Jackson County Parks & Rec annual volunteers banquet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deon Cross mentioned that he had updated the GPS coordinates and they will be correct in his June Safety newsletter article.

Duane Hulen was the Chef at this meeting, trading with Deon Cross who will cook in June.

Jon reported that he had talked with Tom Cook who is recovering nicely from his stroke a couple of months ago.

Jon also reported that the field had been rolled (Tuesday) and mowed the morning of the Club meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Phil Lucido reported that 5 Club members had helped with the static display at this year's Park "Get Outdoors" event on April 20th. The location for this year's event was not ideal. There was some interest expressed and Brochures were handed out and small gliders to the kids.
2. Jim Hulse asked everyone who picked up their T-shirts and to look them over carefully for flaws. If any are found the company has promised to make good on their workmanship. Jim mentioned that the total order came to a little over \$1,900. He bought a few extras for prizes at Events this year.
3. Jon mentioned that the AMA is offering T-shirts for the National Model Aviation Day in August. Jon suggested that we order some for our NMAD event. He also mentioned that the AMA is using the same T-shirt vendor as KC/RC used for its 70th Anniversary T-shirts. The order needs to be done by June.

4. In terms of electric power at the field Jon indicated there has been no action.
5. Phil Lucido is still debating with himself on the number of events for the competitive Fun Fly Event on July 13th. Phil needs volunteers to help run the different events. A motion was made to provide Phil with up to \$500 to run the event. After a second to the motion it was approved.
6. Jon went through the list of 2024 Events (see page 4). There are also 2 Control Line Combat events that are not listed on Page 4.
7. Jon also shared that he had written a very comprehensive letter to the Park Administration regarding the need to allow camping at the field for the planned major events. Their response was to allow one camper for protection of any set up that may need to be protected.
8. Jon indicated that Dan Ulledahl has agreed to provide BBQ meat for the NMAD Saturday evening potluck. VP Edwin Chavez has donated a kit and Jon is building a bind and fly model for the Event.
9. Susan Calvin shared her work on a poster for the Warbird/Classic Aircraft Event in September. She has already purchased a Vought Corsair F4U for a raffle plane.
10. Jon mentioned that Brian Shields is donating a nice gas grill to the club.
11. Jon asked about Club Trainer aircraft. Jimmy C. has the 2 SIG trainers that were built at the EAA hanger "Build and Fly" Programs (electric powered) and Duane Hulen has a glow powered Club trainer. It will be important to have these trainers (with Buddy boxes) available at the NMAD and later events when the Scouts will be at the site.
12. Jon made another pitch for guys to step up and serve as Club Officers. The positions of VP and Secretary need to be filled for next year. And Newsletter Editor is a must to keep the Club informed.
13. There was no activity to report on Richard Strickland Building or Anthony's data base.
14. Craig McMichael will set a date in August for the Float Fly at his lake.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Duane Hulen recommended that the old Frequency Control stand be torn down. After

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much discussion it was decided to keep it for now.

2. Leonard DeForte recommended that the Club's Brochure be updated and printed. Secretary Midgorden agreed to do the update and have them printed. A budget of \$250 was approved.
3. Susan mentioned that the coming Saturday is the EAA's pancake breakfast. This is the Saturday for their Young Eagles program where they give rides to youngsters.
4. Jon mentioned that Deon Cross will be the chef for the June Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Midgorden, Secretary



DID YOU KNOW?

Early in World War II the Air Corps went to Consolidated Aircraft Company and asked them to build Boeing's B-17s. Reuben Fleet, the Company President, didn't like the idea. So he asked his engineering department, headed by Isaac Landon, if Consolidated could do better. The answer was a resounding "yes." Less than a year after a contract was signed the first B-24 took to the air.

Since Charles Lindberg was on the "outs" with the Roosevelt Administration Henry Ford asked



him to come to Detroit and help him tool up a large assembly plant to build B-24s. Lindberg helped get the plant up and running plus did a lot of test

flying of new B-24s as they came off the assembly line almost one every hour.

Schedule of Remaining 2024 Events

Date	Event	Location	In Charge
July 13	Traditional Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Phil Lucido
July 4-7	Control Line Combat	Charlie Reed Field	Minor Brothers
July 27	U-Control Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	No One Needed
August Date to be set	Annual Float Fly	Craig McMichael's Lake	Craig McMichael
August 10 & 11	NMAD & KCRC's 70th-Anniversary Celebration	Charlie Reed Field	Deon Cross
September 7	Annual Warbird & Classic Aircraft Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin
October 12	Jet Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez

Safety is No Accident (Continued)



Helpful websites for new and existing club members:

FAA approved safety test.

<https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>

FAA site for registering drones.

<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/>

AMA membership and/or renewal

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/user/login?destination=/membership/renew>

AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/105.pdf>

Jackson County Parks location to obtain an RC permit.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Sports/Radio-Controlled-Airfields-Lakes>

Jackson County Parks location to obtain an RC permit.

<https://kcradiocontrol.com/a/r/szz/rc/home>

Kansas City Remote Control Association website to join and for info.

Let's all go home in one piece, even if occasionally our aircraft do not.

Happy and safe flying



Safety is No Accident by Deon Cross

Having spent a career in home building I understand the value of safety, and this is true for any activity we undertake. I have seen many accidents and injuries at work, at home, at play, on roads, and almost all had two things in common; (1) Most could have been avoided. (2) Each person thought it would never happen to them. I have plenty of scars to prove my point.

The same applies to this great hobby/sport we enjoy. It is a safe activity as long as we remain aware of our surroundings and use common sense best practices to protect ourselves, our fellow fliers, and the general public in and around the area. The risks increase when we become over-confident, complacent, or reckless.

There can occasionally be unforeseen issues such as signal loss/interference, switch failure (as John Midgorden recently experienced), the earth shifts on its axis, etc., but we can help ourselves out by checking equipment regularly, performing range checks, and other routine maintenance.

Now is a good time to check over anything you are flying for tight bolts and nuts, solidly fastened engines, all components adjusted and in good working order, etc.

Also, stay away from that prop. And do not fly over the pit area.

As a reminder, when each of us joined the AMA we agreed:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

Let's all do our part to keep this great hobby safe. Happy and safe flying, Deon



Get Ready to Have Fun and Fly in this Year's Fun Fly

Do You Want to Have Fun with NO Pressure? Come to the...



This is an open event—everyone is welcome!

Saturday, July 13, 2024 • C.W. Reed III Field at Fleming Park

Rain date: Sunday, July 14, 2024

Registration at 9 AM, followed by a pilots' meeting • Flying starts at 10 AM

\$5 Entry Fee (includes one hot dog, chips & drink)

Four Fun Events ✖

- ♥ Choose your events—one or more!
- ♥ A "Winner's Award" for each event will be presented at the end of each event.
- ♥ Random prize drawings throughout the day.

Requirements

- ♥ AMA license
- ♥ FAA number must be visible on all aircraft
- ♥ Fixed wing only (glow, gas, or electric)
- ♥ No turbines
- ♥ No FPV

✖ For event descriptions (available June 15), see the KCRC website or Facebook page. Use the QR code to access the website or go to www.KCRadioControl.com. Event descriptions may also be obtained by sending an email to lucido4409@gmail.com.



Phil Lucido is organizing and heading up This year's Fun Fly
The 4 Events are listed on Page 10 — So, begin practicing!



2024 Fun Fly Events to Celebrate 70 Years of KC/RC

Event 1: TAXI RACE

The runway will have a course laid out with balloons that will represent a "70" for our 70th anniversary. Maintaining contact with the ground, the pilot will start at the front of the "7" go through the number following the balloons till they get to "0". Then, the pilot will need to make two rounds in the "0" and then go back through the "7" to the starting point. The pilot who goes through the fastest will win. If the pilot goes outside the balloons, he/she will need to come back in where he/she went out. If the pilot lifts off the ground during the race, there will be a 10 second penalty for each second in the air. All planes must have wings. There will be a 2 second penalty for each balloon broken. The time will stop when any part of the plane touches the starting line. Ties will be determined with a roll of the dice.

Event 2: CLIMB, GLIDE + SPOT LANDING - MARATHON

Electric Airplanes

The event is to demonstrate flying skills. The objective is to see who can remain aloft the longest after taking off, making two loops, then climbing, and then doing a spot landing. The plane will be placed in takeoff position. When the pilot is ready, the clock will begin. The pilot has 35 seconds to takeoff, fly back across the field and make two loops at least 10 feet in diameter (10 SECONDS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH LOOP NOT MADE OR A PARTIAL LOOP), and then climb as the pilot so desires. At the end of 35 seconds, the power must be reduced to zero. 5-minutes MAX for time. If the pilot comes down before 5 minutes, the time at which the ground is touched by the plane will be used. In addition, the pilot will also have to demonstrate landing skills. There will be a spot on the runway for a spot landing. The closest part of the plane to the spot will be measured. One second will be removed from the pilot's air time for each foot away from the spot. Ties will be determined by the roll of the dice.

Gas or Glow planes

The event will be the same as for the electrics, except the pilot will be given 1 ounce of his/her fuel after demonstrating the fuel tank is empty.

Event 3: FUN FLY LIMBO

A limbo set up will be made using crepe paper. The limbo will start at an elevation of 8 feet. If the paper is torn, the pilot loses. For each round the, the paper will be lowered, 1 foot down to a minimum of 3 feet. If there is a tie at this point, the tied pilots will have a run off and the winner will be determined by who can make the most passes "under" the crepe paper in 1 minute. Timing will start when the pilot indicates he/she is ready (they can be in the air).

If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by the roll of the dice.

Event 4: FLY-FISHING FOR EGGS

This will be a team event. Each team will consist of two members. The flyer and the catcher. The catcher, if he/she so desires, can catch for other pilots. Also, the catchers can fly and have someone else catch for them. (You might want to wear an old shirt for this event or have something to change into.) Each contestant will be given a drop cup that can be attached to his/her plane and "one" raw egg. The egg will have a piece of crepe paper attached to it to make it easier to see. The objective of this event is to have the catcher use a fish net to catch the egg. The team that catches the egg closest to a designated spot wins. If the egg breaks, as long as it is in the net it counts. If no eggs are caught, the egg closest to the drop point will win. If no eggs are caught and there is time, a second egg will be given to the contestants. In the interest of safety, the pilot must be at least 50 feet in the air when passing over the catcher. If not, you will be disqualified. Safety glasses will need to be worn by the catcher. If you do not have your own, there will be some provided. In addition, Stan asked that we do this on the grass field as last year the eggs made a mess on the runway and I guess it was difficult to clean.

Event 5: ROBIN HOOD

This event was suggested by our safety director. He suggested that an apple be put on an individual's head, and then see if could be knocked off using a plane or an arrow attached to a plane. The pilot who retrieved the apple without harming the holder would be the winner. After some very serious thought, we did not think that we could get anyone to volunteer to put the apple on his/her head. Thus, the event was cancelled. Sorry guys!



3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally



The Mike Ryken Jet Rally was a huge success, with 17 pilots participating and perfect winds for the event. The Troop 1306 Scouts of America did a great job with concessions. It is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

It's also wonderful that so many spectators came out to watch the event. There's something special about watching model airplanes take to the skies, and it's great that the community came out to support the event.

The EDF frenzy took over the skies, with great landings without any incidents. It was an exhilarating experience for everyone involved. On top of the EDF frenzy were plenty of turbine pilots showing that they get it. It's clear that the pilots had a blast.

The pilots' choice award and best model award went to two impressive models—Edwin Chavez's 737 Freedom One by Freewing and Craig McMichael's F-15 90mm by Freewing. It's always exciting to see what innovative designs and models are out there in the RC community.

The Kansas City Radio Control Association (KCRC) is a great organization that promotes and supports the hobby of radio control modeling, and it's clear that they put in a lot of effort to make this event successful.

I'm sure you're already looking forward to the next jet rally next year. I'm hoping it will be just as successful, if not more, than this year's.
CD Edwin Chavez





More 3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally



Troop 1306 Serving lunch

It was so great to see Mike Ryken on Saturday of this Event



The Noon lineup for viewing and awards



Raffle Viper won by Jesse Casteel



CD Edwin Chavez



Two Jims and a John



Still More 3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally



Richard Strickland's Smoking Turbines — Excalibur above and Chinese J10 Below



Jesse Casteel and Pat Masters Compete for the Runway

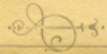


Jesse, Duane and Fred Hulen Taking it Easy



Tom Bomstad & Craig McMichael Enjoying the Shade

Photos of Jet Rally by Jon Britt and John Midgorden



DUANE HULEN'S NAVY TRAINER



CONTACTS

**CLUB MTG. JUNE 19TH
COME EARLY AND FLY**

**HOT DOGS AT 6:15
CHEF DEON CROSS**

BUSINESS MTG AT 7:00

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