



# CONTACTS

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## FUN FLY EVENT — TALK ABOUT WINDY FUN!

Hello KC/RCers. Seems we are regularly dealing with torrential rain storms this summer. Wind is a continuing problem, too. Some storm related winds were sufficient to take out part of a tree on the north end of the pits and damage part of the spectator fence. The tree was dispatched the next day, and fence repairs are pending (as of this writing).

**Don't forget the next club meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> at the field!** Craig White 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've talked Edwin into bringing is tasty grilled onions to go with the hot dogs!

BTW - If you haven't picked up your new 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary KC/RC tee shirts, come to the meeting and get with Jim Hulse ASAP. I think Jim has delivered nearly all the shirts ordered. We do have a few saved for prizes at the various events, so you might get lucky. These shirts are great and pay homage to KC/RC's 70 years of steadfast contribution to model aviation.

The annual KC/RC Fun Fly on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, was exactly as it should have been. A LOT OF FUN! The weather was partly cloudy and hot! 94°F HOT. Unfortunately, winds were 15–25 mph and gusty, but thankfully they were right down the runway from the south. Despite the gusty winds, it didn't seem to deter anyone from the flying, and I believe everyone had a great time! Phil Lucido, our Event Manager, and his team of Darrel Kunard, Deon Cross, and Rob Snyder did an outstanding job developing the various events and executing them with plenty of event prizes and random drawing door prizes throughout the day. Thanks to all of you! It's a lot of work to put on an event like this, and these guys did a superb job! I'm sure Phil will give us a complete rundown of the event, and there are plenty of pictures elsewhere in the Contacts.

And if you didn't get enough "fun flying" this weekend, there's more on tap on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, with the Jayhawk Model Masters Fun Fly at the Clinton International Model Airport (1205 E 1000 Rd, Lawrence, KS). Registration is at 8:00 A.M. and the flying starts at 9:00 A.M. Many



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John Midgorden after his successful Maiden Flight of his Bruce Thorpe's Flying King Kit

**July 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting at the Flying Field**

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thanks to Patrick Deuser and Andrew Augustine from the Jayhawk Model Masters club for making the trek to KC/RC and joining us at our Fun Fly. For more information on their fun fly contact Scott Stordahl at [scott.stordahl@yahoo.com](mailto:scott.stordahl@yahoo.com). I will also have event info at the club meeting this coming Wednesday evening, July 17<sup>th</sup>, The event details are in the CONTACTs this month on Page 13.

Next up for KC/RC, also on July 27<sup>th</sup>, is the Control Line Fly-for-Fun Day. This is simply a 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 getting dizzy! Hopefully we have light winds. If you're not heading to Lawrence, KS, for the Fun Fly there, head to the Control Line Fly-for-Fun day at C.W. Reed III field! Everyone is welcome!

The SIG Wonder raffle plane for our open-to-all KC/RC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and National Model Aviation Day celebration on August 10-11 is complete. Its fully equipped with an O.S. 15 LA engine, Spectrum AS3X receiver, four micro-servos, and 850 mah LiFe airborne battery pack needing only to be bound to a Spectrum transmitter. It is also equipped with two aileron servos so whoever wins this



model can fly it as I've set it up (Y-harness on the servos), or they can elect to set it up with separate differential ailerons, or even flaperons if you want to get really crazy! I will have the new O.S. 15LA run in, but we are not going to test fly a future raffle plane, not after all the work and expense that went into it! Edwin and I will be more than happy to help whoever wins with the initial test flights if requested. This is not a beginner's R/C model. Again, many thanks to Edwin Chavez, John Midgorden, and Jim Cianciolo for their contributions to the project.

**Don't forget, the next club meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M., AT THE FIELD.**

The June meeting was another beautiful evening to fly, and it was another perfect night to fly NIGHT GLIDERS! Where were you? We still only had just a few models in the air as the sun set! It was great to see Tom Safley out there flying his Night Radian, and Tom Bomstad tearing up the night sky with his high speed glider, while Duane and I floated around with our Night Radians. The air was silky smooth, and virtually no wind. BRING YOUR GLIDER!!!!!! I know there's a bunch of them out there! Bring a friend! Bring the kids!

Perfect flights and soft landings, Perfect flights and soft landings,

Jon Britt, President

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## Minutes of the June 19, 2024 Meeting

The June 19<sup>th</sup> KCRC Club Meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:00 P.M. There were 26 members in attendance. There were two visitors: Evan Simpson and Davidson (missed first name).

Jon called for a motion to approve the May 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, was out-of-town so no Park report.

1. **Mike Ryken Jet Rally:** Jon reported that there were 17 pilots who flew in the Rally. It was so great to see Mike Ryken in his fancy powered chair. There were lots of spectators. The Scouts who provided the noon hamburgers/hotdogs indicated they had never had such a successful cookout. It was also great to see Tom Cook who is recovering nicely from his stroke.,
2. Jon asked Deon Cross how the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee's work was proceeding with the **National Model Aviation Days**. It has been decided to have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. Dan Ulledahl will be providing the meat and Club Members are asked to bring covered dish or desert. It was also decided to have the dinner at the field.
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 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts. The order needs to be done by June.
4. According to Rob Snyder he has heard nothing from the local power company about our request for running **electric power** to the field.
5. Phil Lucido indicated that he will have 4 **Fun Fly** events, 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. There will be a \$5 entry fee that will include a hotdog lunch. A flyer and explanation of the events will be available soon.
6. Jon reminded everyone that the **U-control Event** is still scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>.
7. Jon called attention to the Sig Wonder model (donated by VP Edwin Chavez) he has been building for the NMAD Raffle. It will be complete with engine and a Spektrum receiver.
8. Susan Calvin indicated the planning for the Warbird/Classic event in September is moving along. She has a poster/flyer completed along with the Corsair Raffle plane.
9. It has been suggested that the October Jet Fun Fly be open to all types of aircraft. It has also been suggested that the event be a time to receive donations for Mike Ryken's recovery costs.
10. 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.
11. There was no activity to report on Richard Strickland's Shelter Building.
12. Craig McMichael has yet to set a date in August for the Float Fly at his lake.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Susan Calvin announced that the EAA Ford Tri-motor is at the Lee's Summit airport and they are offering rides in this classic airplane.
  2. Susan also indicated that the local EAA Chapter is wanting to sponsor another Build and Fly Program. It was suggested that KCRC's share of the cost would be around \$400.
  3. Jon mentioned that Craig White will be the chef for the July Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Midgorden, Secretary



## Safety is No Accident by Deon Cross

Happy hot July.

Reminder: Stay hydrated in the heat. Drink plenty of water, and make sure you drink before you feel thirsty. Use sunscreen as needed. UV blocking long sleeve shirts are a great way to protect your arms, and are light-weight and cool. Wide brimmed hats are a good way to help keep UV sun off ears and face. I regularly get asked about wearing long sleeves on hot days but I don't want my derm yelling at me anymore. Plus, I gave up on trying to be a movie star, so I don't have to look fashionably cool anymore.

For the sake of your back, and mine, there is now a plywood ramp in the storage container that fits between the door brackets and makes it super easy to roll that big grille in and out. No more heavy lifting required.

The portable plywood table top, (for our events), that sits on the fence rail under the shelter has now been attached to the rail and has drop down legs. Lift the front of the table and the legs will fall down. I suggest having two people to do this, and be careful of the legs coming down. We will take it in for the winter.

There have been a couple instances recently with RC planes being flown in the UC, drone, and helicopter field at the southwest end, with the most recent occurrence during the jet rally. The young lady flying her small RC plane, and her dad, were from out of town and were not familiar with the local guidelines. They complied without a fuss. Thankfully, she stopped flying right before a Ranger drove by. We want to stay off the park's radar.

On a happy note, the jet rally that Edwin directed in June had no issues other than the one mentioned. All pilots conducted themselves well, had a good time, and put on a great show. There were multiple times the spectators in the stands gave a rousing round of applause. Nice job Edwin and everyone involved.

June was AMA Safety Month. Here is a link that AMA provided for YouTube with numerous articles about RC flight safety. I encourage you to keep this link close at hand if you have any questions about the safe operation of your style of craft.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYA5FHbSdqotNnhWOK33sfWzQOAKtiRxq>

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

## Schedule of Remaining 2024 Events

Date	Event	Location	In Charge
July 27	U-Control Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	No One Needed
August 10 & 11	NMAD & KCRC's 70 <sup>th</sup> -Anniversary Celebration	Charlie Reed Field	Deon Cross
August 24	Annual Float Fly	Craig McMichael's Lake	Craig McMichalel
September 7	Annual Warbird & Classic Aircraft Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin
October 12	Jet Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez



## National Model Aviation Day + KC/RC 70th Anniversary Saturday and Sunday — August 10 & 11, 2024

From your 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event committee: Jim Hulse, Edwin Chavez, Deon Cross

\*\*\*At our Wednesday 7-17-24 Club meeting we will discuss where to donate our charity proceeds from the event. A nomination was suggested for: "Angel Flight Central" who serve people in need by arranging charitable free flights for health care and other humanitarian purposes. This is a BBB accredited charity and pilots donate their own aircraft and time to help the needy, free of charge. You can find the organization online if you want to learn more.

### Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>:

**8:30 A.M. to 10 A.M.:** The Scout Troop will be serving breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, pop, and water. The time will dependent upon when the Health Dept. arrives tp do their inspection clearance. All morning: Bring your old radios and equipment for a "museum" type display spread out on the picnic tables. It would be nice if you could write a brief description on an index card so the public will understand what you brought. Bring your old, vintage planes to show off.

**8:50AM:** American flag raising ceremony by Blue Springs Scout Troop 1306.  
Pilot's meeting to follow.

**9 A.M.:** Open flying.

**10:00 A.M.:** **Contest & Trophy:** **2-person teams** for "Blind Leading the Blind", Taxi "70".

There will be a "70" on the runway with a start/finish line, similar to what Phil did at the fun fly.

1. The 2-man team and timers will stay behind the flight line fence for safety.
2. Pilot faces the runway and places their plane at the start line.
3. Timer starts when the plane taxis across the start line.
4. Pilot taxis one lap around the "0" and then one lap around the "7", without touching any part of the numbers.
5. 1 second penalty each time any part of the plane touches any part of the 70.
6. Taxi across the finish line, then, turn around and go to the start line again, and roll to a stop at or near the line. It's OK if you roll over the line a small amount. (Timer continues to run).
7. Pilot then has to turn their back to the runway and for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, without looking, taxis one lap around the "0" and then one lap around the "7", without touching any part, while their partner coaches them verbally on which way to turn.
8. 1 second penalty each time any part of the plane touches any part of the 70.
9. Timer stops when finish line is crossed the second time.
10. Fastest time wins.
11. Wings stay on all planes to keep the competition more equal. Weights are OK.
12. If you go too fast and your plane lifts off the runway any amount, you are disqualified. Have fun but be safe.

Open flying after the contest, as time allows.

**11 A.M. to 2 P.M.:** Scouts selling burgers, hotdogs, chips, pop, water, for lunch. They will also have "Scouts" cobbler for sale for dessert.

**12:30 PM:** **Contest & Trophy:** Who can fly the best "70" pattern in the air.

Call out to the judges when you approach the runway and are ready to start your 70 pattern.

Fly a "7" however you like, then immediately fly a "0" however you like.

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Once you fly the pattern please land and let the next contestant go.

This is for fun so scoring will be whatever the judges think best resembled something that kinda sorta resembled a 70 looking something or other.

**Trophy:** After the "70" pattern contest concludes:

Oldest vintage plane still flying after many years. Demonstrate with a flight. (Even if all it can do is lift off the ground a few seconds). Please ensure your old plane is safe to fly.

**Trophy:** Demonstrate your old radio equipment that is still working. Trophy for the oldest radio still working. No flight required.

**Trophy:** Fan favorite of the older, vintage aircraft whether or not they fly, (by ballots taken during the day of all pilots, spectators, public, up to this time).

One vote per person. Hey, this isn't Chicago. 😊

Please place a sticker on your plane with the name of your plane as an identifier, so we know how to write down our vote.

These are to be old planes. Not new versions based on an old plane.

Place your old planes on the grass at the south end of the shelter for people to view. Leave plenty of room for people to walk so no one steps on a plane.

Give your vote card or piece of paper to Deon.

We will give a lot of latitude on what constitutes old or old-ish.

### **2 P.M. or so: Raffle drawings**

**Raffle #1:** One KCRC 70<sup>th</sup> T-shirt.

**Raffle #2:** One KCRC 70<sup>th</sup> T-shirt.

**Raffle #3:** John Midgorden has donated his practically new Bind-n-Fly Icon A5 seaplane. John has flown it with the landing gear at our flying field. John says it flies good but has not been flown off water yet.

**Raffle #4:** Edwin Chavez donated a Sig "Wonder" kit. Multiple members donated some of the needed parts. Jon Britt personally built it as a "Bind-n-Fly" model compatible with Spectrum transmitters. Jon also donated and installed all servos, receiver, LiFe battery pack, switch, and engine (new O.S.15 LA)

### **2:30 P.M.: Contest & Trophy**

1. Timer starts at wheels off the ground.
  2. Pilot guesses at flying 70 seconds in the air. (No devices allowed to assist with timing).
  3. Fly any way you like while you count 70 seconds in your head.
  4. Timer stops when you first land. Landing must be on any of the appropriate short grass near or beside the runway, or the asphalt runway. The tall hay field does not count.
  5. A landing is considered to be first wheel touching down, or an attempted landing with a wheel touching down, or a touch and go, or first wheel bunny hop touch, or if you cartwheel it will be the first wing tip to touch, or first piece of the plane that hits the ground while landing vertically at high speed, etc. Although any of the approved grassy areas are OK, please attempt to land on the asphalt runway or adjacent grass runway.
  6. Closest to 70 seconds wins whether you are before or after 70 second
- Open flying the rest of the day.



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**Saturday evening pot luck** banquet with Danny Ulledahl supplying BBQ meat.

This is a casual potluck.

We will stay at the flying field and use the shelter and tables so people can hang around and fly if they wish.

You may want to bring extra chairs for yourself.

During the potluck: Trivia fun contest.

**Sunday August 11th:**

**8:30 A.M. to 10 A.M.:** Scouts will again be offering breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, pop, and water..

American flag raising ceremony by Scouts. Time TBD.

**Open flying all day.**

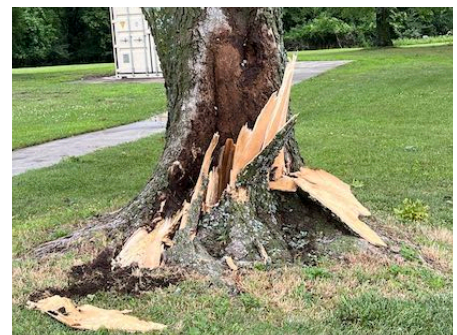
**11 A.M. to approximately 2 P.M.:** Scouts selling burgers, dogs, chips, pop, water, for lunch. They will also have "Scouts" cobbler for sale for dessert.

## Serious Weather at the Ole Flying Site This Summer

Just before the Club Members where preparing to eat hotdogs and Polish Sausages there was a brief shower accompanied by thunder and lightening. A bolt of lightening sailed just West of the Shelter and the thunder clap was instantaneous, the strike was so close. I was personally sitting looking West and the lightening appeared to be horizontal striking into the trees to the North. It was scary and someone mentioned it was good we no longer use the transmitters with those long antennas. There were a couple of guys at the pilot stations preparing to fly.

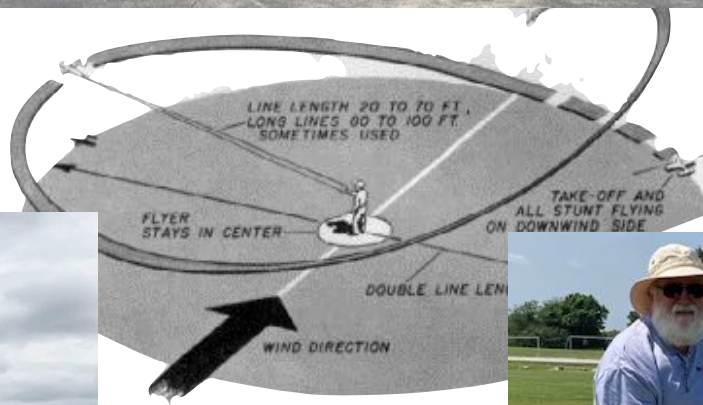
Then on July 2 there were 90 mph winds recorded at the Lee's Summit Airport. That high wing blew a large section of the first tree North of North entrance to the pit area. When I got out there the next morning the Park personnel were hard at work removing the tree. They were going to be busy for several days since there were trees down in other parts of the Park. In fact. one area of the Park was closed. One of the workers told me there were headed for Missouri Town next to clear trees and allow the Town to open for a special event over the 4<sup>th</sup>. As President Britt mentioned in his article this month the big limb fell on the chainlink fence which will need to be repaired.

Here are some photos I took of the tree.





# Control Line Fun Fly July 27, 2024



Come & Join  
the Fun  
at the Fleming Park  
U-Control Area  
at Charles Reed  
Memorial Field  
in Lee's Summit, MO

**The RC Runways will be open for RC Flying**

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# July 13<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly Event

On a hot and windy day Phil Lucido and his crew of helpers put on a fun day of taxing and flying. It included a timed taxi around a zero and seven layed out on the runway, a timed 2 loops and climb for 35 seconds to a spot landing, a limbo and egg drop events. At the conclusion of each of the 4 events the winners were presented with a certificate and a gift card. There were also a large number of door prizes given via a drawing through out the day. Jon Britt won the first 3 events and Edwin Chavez and his partner won the egg drop event.



Don Sladky manned the grill for hot-dogs and sausages. Phil had a large crew of helpers, both with the flight line and concession stand. Although the wind played havoc with some of the lighter aircraft everyone had a fun time. A BIG THANKS to Phil and all those who helped make this year's Fun Fly Event **FUN!**

The following pages tell the story in Photos by Jon Britt and John Midgorden.



Pat Lucido, Phil's Lovely Helpmate



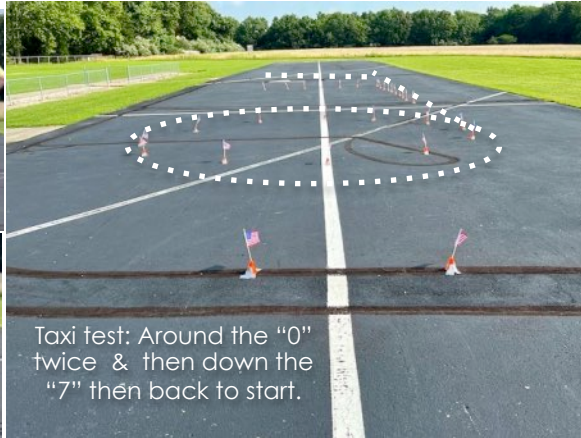
# July 13<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly Event (Con't)



It was GREAT to have Patrick Deuser and Andrew Augustine Join KCRC's Fun Fly  
Patrick and Andrew are members of the Jayhawk Model Master's Club in Lawrence, KS



Britt Taxi



Taxi test: Around the "0" twice & then down the "7" then back to start.



Hulse Taxi



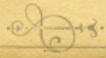
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Lucido Taxi



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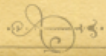
The Limbo was tricky in the wind. Some made it, others didn't.

The Egg Drop Contest required an assistant who was tasked with catching the egg in the net.

Here Jon Britt takes off and Jim Hulse with the net ready to catch the egg.

Guess what? No eggs were caught.





## July 13<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly Event (Con't)



Tom Bomstad on Egg Drop Mission



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## JMM Fun Fly Contest Rules for July 27, 2024 Event

The event is open to fixed wing aircraft only, operated by line of sight (LOS). No FPV or autonomous flight allowed. Each pilot will use the pilot's same aircraft for all events, unless the pilot's primary aircraft is ruled un-airworthy, at which time a backup plane may be used. Pilots who enter all events with the same aircraft will receive 5 bonus to their overall score. There is no limit to the number of backup aircraft that can be used.

All events will have a maximum score of 10 points for first, 7 points for second and 6 points for third place. All pilots will be given 2 points for attempting the event. These point totals will be tallied and the pilot with the highest point total wins the Top Pilot Award. There will be a short break after each contest event for open flying while the scores are recorded.

### 1) Bombs Away

Pilots must attach a provided bomb holding device to their aircraft, rubber bands will be provided. The bomb (golf ball) will be placed in the device before takeoff. Pilots will have two minutes to attempt as many drops as possible on the target (one golf ball per flight). Scorer will reload once the pilot has landed and is stationary. The dropping of the bomb is normally achieved by performing a roll, loop, or a blip of the elevator to get the golf ball free of the device. Bombs will only be scored if they land in the owed portion of the runway. Bombs will be scored from their final rewriting place to the center of the target not from where they initially hit.

### 2) Carrier Touch and Go

Pilots will be given two minutes to do as many touch-and-goes on the carrier as possible. timer starts when the aircraft moves. The Carrier will be marked area on the runway. Touch-and-goes must all be performed in the same direction between touch-and-goes. Therefore multiple bounces will count as one. The first wheel to touch on each pass must

be in the carrier marked area to score. Rolling out of the carrier area after first touching inside the still counts. Prop strikes requiring a propeller change, low battery situation requiring a battery swap, dead stick requiring glow engine restart, etc. will be allowed but the timer will continue to run, no additional time will be permitted.

### 3) Stealth Mission

Your covert mission will be assigned to you at the pilot's briefing. Details will be based on the latest intelligence and weather conditions. If you choose to accept this clandestine mission you will team up with a secret operative who will provide you information on a need to know basis.

### 4) Musical Airplanes

Performed in heats of 4 airplanes at a time. Aircraft will take off and fly upwind of an establish line while music is playing. When the music stops, or an air horn is sounded everyone races to the other end of the field and lands on the active runway and taxis across the line of a designated area. Bouncing or flying across the line is not permitted. First two planes in the area advance to the next round. The final round will determine first, second and third place points.

### 5) Limbo

A Streamer will be placed across the runway at the 6-foot level. All pilots will have two attempts per height level. The aircraft must pass under the streamer without breaking it and not touch the ground anytime on the limbo pass to advance to the next height. Pilots must finish the event with the same aircraft they started with.

**JAYHAWK MODEL MASTERS** presents the **JAYHAWK FUN FLY!**  
Saturday, July 27th, 2024

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**RAFFLE PRIZE!**

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