



# CONTACTS

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## AN HISTORIC MONTH FOR KC/RC

Hello KC/RCers. We're deep into Summer, its been really hot and sunny with highs in the mid-to upper 90s. Winds have subsided so there have been some good flying days, even though staying cool has been a challenge.

On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, KC/RC held its **Annual Fly-for-Fun Control Line event**. No competition, no prizes, just a fun day flying around in circles. Several serious CL flyers had arrived and were flying by 10:00 A.M. Not being an active control-liner for many years, I dug out my old, but never flown, Cox .049-powered Super Chipmunk. Obviously, I'm not a serious ukie flyer. So, after replacing a dried out fuel line, replacing the glow head (thanks to Darwin Ulledahl), and few break-in runs with 35% nitro fuel from Brodak, I was off and running. 25 foot lines were a bit short for my liking, but with the wind kicking up, the lines stayed tight. Laps were pretty fast, though, for someone who hadn't flown CL in a



while. Thankfully, all ended well with a soft landing. Great fun! Winds came up after noon, dark clouds were building, then a big lightning strike not far away. By 1:30 P.M., we received a heavy rain downpour but most everyone had either left or were packing up. Darwin was the last to leave the site and he was getting wet packing up the last of his models and equipment. Re-

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Deon Cross, the man who orchestrated KCRC's NMAD + 70<sup>th</sup> Celebration Weekend

**August 21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting  
at the Flying Field**



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ardless of the rain showers, we all had a good time! More photos are elsewhere in the Contacts. I have plans for a Jimmy Walker AJ Aircraft Fireball antique. Maybe next year!

Our **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & National Model Aviation Day Fly-In** was a great success on the weekend of August 10-11. We were blessed with temps in the mid- to high 70s all weekend and light wind. Perfect for flying! Deon Cross (event leader), Jim Hulse, and Edwin Chavez, our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, did a great job orchestrating the fun-flying "competitive" activities open to anyone choosing to take part. I'm sure Deon will give us a detailed rundown of the day. Scout Troop 1306 did a great job with breakfast and lunch, service both days. We also had available our club training airplanes for anyone who wanted to try their hand at R/C flying, and some of the scouts also took advantage of this opportunity. Hopefully we will cultivate some new blood for KC/RC! And don't forget the raffle planes! The custom built, fully equipped BNF SIG Wonder, a BNF Icon A4 Seaplane (donated by John Midgorden), an Electrify Syncro EDF model (donated by the Klotz family), and two other model kits were in the mix of raffles awarded during the day Saturday. Congratulations, lucky winners. Deon and his team made sure there were plenty of other door prize goodies during the day, too. Proceeds from the raffles will be donated to Angel Flight Central (<https://www.angelflightcentral.org>), based at Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport, in Kansas City. Angel Flight Central's mission is to serve people in need by arranging charitable flights for health care or other humanitarian purposes. They are a great organization helping so many of those in need with point-to-point private aircraft flights. The weather also was great in the evening for our at-the-field pot luck dinner for all flyers and their families. Everyone enjoyed barbecued pulled pork and brisket from Chops BBQ & Catering (Dan Ulledahl, Smithville, MO), while club members and families provided all the delicious side dishes and desserts. A great feast for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration weekend! Open flying continued Sunday to make this a full weekend of R/C fun! Lots of guys came back out to get more flying in on a perfect weekend. We had a couple of guys who made it Sunday who weren't there Saturday. Howard (missed his last name) made it over from Topeka! Thanks for joining us, Howard. Great job and thank you to all the organizers and contributors!!

Next up on our calendar is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KC/RC Float Fly** at Craig McMichael's lake near Centerview, MO, on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. See elsewhere in the Contacts for directions. Everyone is welcome. We will have both a maximum altitude waiver up to 700 feet and a temporary FRIA zone so no remote ID will be required. Dust off your float planes and come out and do a few splash-n-goes with us! My old ACE R/C Seamaster is ready to go, and I'm really looking forward to this fun day. No fees, just fun! See you there! PLEASE NOTE - We also have scheduled Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> as a rain date, just in case.

Only two weeks later, following the Float Fly, is the **Annual KC/RC Warbirds and Golden Era Aircraft Fly-In** on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event every year, so everyone should get their military models ready to go and tear up the skies! Susan Calvin is the contest director for this event and it will most assuredly be another success! Our raffle plane this year is an E-Flite 1.2m BNF F4U-4 Corsair, so get your tickets! Trophies for Best Model and People's Choice will be awarded. Scout Troop 1306 will again be providing breakfast and lunch! Make sure its on your calendar. Of course, we've put in another order for perfect flying weather!

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Don't forget, the next **Club meeting is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00 P.M. AT THE FIELD. The July meeting was another beautiful evening to fly, and it was yet 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! As in June, the air was silky smooth, and virtually no wind. **BRING YOUR GLIDERS and NIGHT-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT!!!!!!!** I know there's a bunch of them out there! Bring a friend! Bring the kids! Bring your dog! Speaking of dogs, our August grill master is

Jim Sineath, so get there early, eat a hot dog or two, and have some fun with your KC/RC buddies! See you there!

Perfect flights and soft landings.

Jon Britt, President

## Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Meeting

The July 17<sup>th</sup> KCRC Club Meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:00 P.M. There were 31 members in attendance. It was great to see Steve Engleman at the meeting. Steve later joined the Club after a long absence due to health concerns.

Jon called for a motion to approve the June Minutes as printed in the Contacts. He mentioned one correction. The member who has been working with the electric service was Rob Snyder, not Ron Payne. A motion was received, seconded and the corrected 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 on the tree limb that fell on the fence recently and the Park will repair the fence.

Safety Officer Deon Cross had no report.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jon welcomed Steve Engleman back in the fold after a prorated absence.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fun Fly Report:** Phil Lucido thanked Darrel Kurnard, Rob Snyder, Deon Cross, Pat Masters, and Don Sladky who did the cooking. It was a little windy like 12 to 25 mph but the wind added to the fun. There were 4 flyers from other Clubs. 2 guys from the Lawrence Club and 2 flyers from the Swanee Club. Phil was given a round of applause for a job well done. Jon announced that the Lawrence Club is having a Fun Fly event on July 27<sup>th</sup> and it would be great if some KCRCers would attend their event.
2. **U-control Event July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Jon shared that KCRC's U-control fun fly is also on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It is not a controlled event, just come out and fly your U-control models and have fun.

### 3. **National Model Aviation Days August 10-11:**

Deon Cross will be managing this event. Deon reminded everyone that it is also the weekend that we will be celebrating the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> year of operation. The 3 special flying events set forth in the July Newsletter. Deon gave a short description of the 3 fun events scheduled throughout the day Saturday. He suggested you now have time to practice the events. Deon made a pitch for guys to bring out old aircraft, radios and RC equipment that members might still have. They will be put on display. One of the events scheduled later on Saturday will be a demonstration of the oldest airplane that still flies. The next award will be the oldest radio that still works. There will be a vote for the best old aircraft (possibly asks spectators to vote also). Deon made a pitch for helpers for judging the various events. The Scout troop will be providing breakfast and lunch both days. The proceeds from the weekend will be given to Angel Flight Central. A motion was made and seconded to accept this organization as the charitable organization for this year's NMAD. Jon Britt shared his experience of flying a 10 year old cancer victim from Omaha to Chattanooga. Jimmy C shared that his son's scout troop will also be coming to share in the event and Jimmy will be in charge of training using the 2 trainers that were built a few years ago in the Build and Fly Program in conjunction with the EAA chapter at the Lee's Summit airport. Deon then shared that there will be a potluck dinner on Saturday evening with BBQ pork and beef provided by Dan Ulledahl.

4. **Second Annual Float Fly:** The event will be held and Craig McMichael's lake on **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a sanctioned event so no remote ID will be required. The sanction means the lake will be a temporary FRIA area.

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5. **Warbird/Classic Aircraft:** This annual event will be **September 7<sup>th</sup>** and Susan Calvin will be the Event Coordinator.
6. **Fall Fun Fly:** This was originally a second Jet Rally but last month the Club voted to change this event to another fund raiser for Mike Ryken. This event will be **October 12<sup>th</sup>**.
7. **Electricity at the field:** Rob Snyder indicated that he had received one bid but it wasn't any good. He is waiting for a second bid. When he gets it will be time to meet with Park officials.
8. **Build and Fly Program:** Susan is working with the EAA. Susan explained that the EAA is going to foot all the cost, so KCRC will not have any financial part in the project. Susan will need KCRC members to help the kids with the building of the trainer model. The building will begin in September. Jon suggested it would be a good idea to get the kids to the flying field to get them on the trainers we already have.
9. **Officers for Next Year:** We have a full slate as follows: Edwin Chavez for President, Deon Cross as VP, Keith Stephens Secretary, and Jim Hulse Treasurer. The officer field will be open for other nominations if anyone is interested. There is still the need for a Newsletter Editor. Edwin explained that he is giving up the task of social media person and the Club will need someone to replace him in this job.
10. **Strickland's Shelter:** Richard has made contact with the guy who owns the property where the shelter is located and he is going to keep it. So, this project is now abandoned as far the KCRC is concerned.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Park Meeting:** Phil Lucido brought up the need for a sidewalk from the entrance gate down to the pilot stations for physically challenged pilots. Jimmy C. shared that there have been changes in Park personnel that he has contact with. Jon suggested that Jimmy set up a meeting with the Park to discuss sev-

eral thing including the walkway, compliance with Federal ADA requirements and electricity at our site.

2. **Club Trainers:** Jimmy C. has both of the Build and Fly trainers ready to go. Jimmy has purchased 4 new batteries and several props for the 2 trainers for a little over \$200, Jimmy has 6 batteries now. After discussion Jimmy will have 2 systems with TX and Buddy Boxes thanks to donations from Club members. There was a strong majority in favor of reimbursing Jimmy for the costs of the batteries, props, etc.
3. James Sineath has Chef duty for August. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Midgorden, Secretary

**DID YOU KNOW**



**Boeing B-29 Superfortress**

The B-29 was the most advanced bomber of WW II. It was also the most expensive US weapons system. Its cost was greater than the Atomic bomb project. Your Editor's sister and brother-in-law worked on the B-29 in Seattle, WA. Helen worked on the automatic gun turrets and David worked in the paint shop.

**Schedule of Remaining 2024 Events**

<b>August 24</b>	Annual Float Fly	Craig McMichael's Lake	Craig McMichael
<b>September 7</b>	Annual Warbird & Classic Aircraft Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin
<b>October 12</b>	Fun Fly Mike Ryken Fund Raiser	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez



## National Model Aviation Day + KC/RC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Deon Cross Reporting

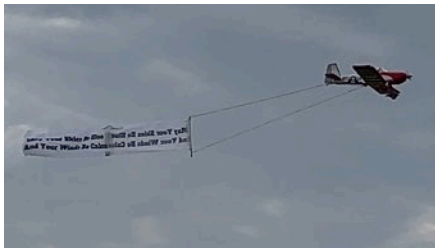
Hello KCRC'ers.

The weatherman sent us one of the most beautiful weekends of the year for our event. Mild temps, soft breezes, variable skies, no rain. It was picture perfect. Far from your typical hot, humid, August day, thank goodness.



Scouts made some great pancakes and sausage to get everyone's tummies happy and ready to go. They also raised the American Flag while Edwin piped the National Anthem through his megaphone.

We got underway with Edwin flying a banner around he had made. "May your skies be blue and your winds calm". I think it was Edwin who brought the great weather. Nicely done. There were 35 pilots registered for the Event.



The Blind Leading the Blind taxi contest was our first event and was won by Cliff Brooks from Topeka with a total time of 1

minute 39 seconds. Quite a feat since the average time was twice that long. Thank you to Phil Lucido and Jim Hulse for helping with timing and judging.



My personal favorite moment: Jon Britt taxied with John Midgorden as his eyes. Britt became discombobulated inside the zero. Midgorden was giving instructions like left, right, more

right, wait, oh well. "Britt asked what am I supposed to do with "oh well"? What direction is that? A lot of laughs and fun for all involved with that interchange.

Next came the 70 Pattern contest with some cool variations on the 70 theme. Rolls, snaps, inverted, reverse path, very creative.

Barbara Carey from Springfield, Jim Hulse, and Deon Cross were the pattern judges. And since Barbara was the only one who knew what she was doing, we looked over her shoulder to see how she scored the contestants so we would look smarter. We were good and our judging seemed very "fluid". 😊

Duane Hulen and Jon Britt battled it out for top honors but Duane posted an almost perfect 29.5



out of 30 to take home the hardware. Or wood block, as it were.

Jon might have won but the 3 of us had a Pac Man contest on our phones with each other so we really didn't see what he did. There was some applause so we gave him all 9's.

Jim gave all the winners a 100,000 grand (candy bar that is).

Scouts lunch with burgers, polish sausage, and cobbler. Yum.

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Jon Britt took the award for Oldest Working Radio. He demonstrated a servo operating off the signal. He and others brought several examples



of vintage equipment that was fascinating to see, touch, and learn about.



We had an amazing five airplanes to raffle off, plus a couple KCRC shirts, and some nifty little clamps. A lot of happy winners.



Jimmy C took the Oldest Airplane award with his cool Hot Dogger, circa 1984.

Scouts joined in the voting and had a great time examining the planes on static display, and Duane Hulen won the "Fan Favorite" aircraft with his vintage Chipmunk.

Fly for 70 Seconds: Pat Masters took top honors with an amazing time of 69.96 seconds. He set the wheels down within 4/100ths of a second of a perfect 70 second score. In his post flight interview he said: "I thought I was closer than that".



The scouts loved flying the buddy box trainers. A very special thank you to Jimmy C, Edwin, and Scott McMurtry, from Wichita, who had his own airplane and buddy box, and helped with the kids. The scouts had a great time flying on a simulator and then actual flying in the air. Their parents might be getting Christmas present suggestions.

You flight instructor guys were extremely generous with your time Saturday and Sunday and with your patience explaining flying to the kids and coaching them along. They will always remember this day. Over 20 Scouts took turns fly-

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ing the trainers and some got more than one flight.

It was a full day and many stayed for the pot luck dinner which featured "Chops BBQ" from Dan Ulledahl, with super tender brisket and pulled pork. Lots of sides and desserts. We were ready to put our feet up a while and chow down while we shared stories of the day and the past. It was a wonderful and relaxing evening.

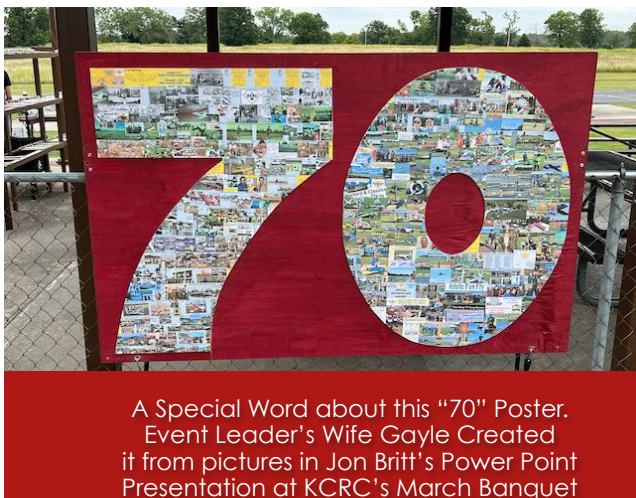
Sunday dawned almost as perfect and many came for the open flying and camaraderie. Plus, more scouts cooking.

There are so many people to thank. Forgive me if I miss your name or have forgotten to note other items of the day. Jon for building the raffle plane and securing the event waiver, Jimmy C and others for donating some parts, Jon, John M, Edwin, and others who donated raffle items, Barbara, Jim, Phil, for helping judge, Dan for BBQ, the scouts, and all the others I know I am forgetting.

A lot of people kept thanking me but it took the combined efforts of Jim Hulse, Edwin Chavez, and myself who had been kicking around ideas since January. None of this could have hap-



One of the several waves of spectators on Saturday enjoying the flying



A Special Word about this "70" Poster. Event Leader's Wife Gayle Created it from pictures in Jon Britt's Power Point Presentation at KCRC's March Banquet





## More NMAD + KC/RC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos



Photos by Jon Britt Fred Hulen and John Midgorden

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# Annual U-Control Fun Fly — July 27th



Lots of Senior Citizens  
Going Around in Circles



Photos by Jon Briff and John Midgorden



# Don't Forget the Annual Float Fly — August 24th (Rain Date 25th)

Location: Craig McMichael's Lake

An FAA NOTAM and AMA Altitude and remote ID waver has been obtained for both days.

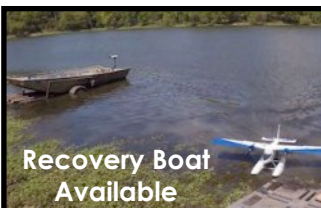
There will be a 700 foot Altitude Limit.



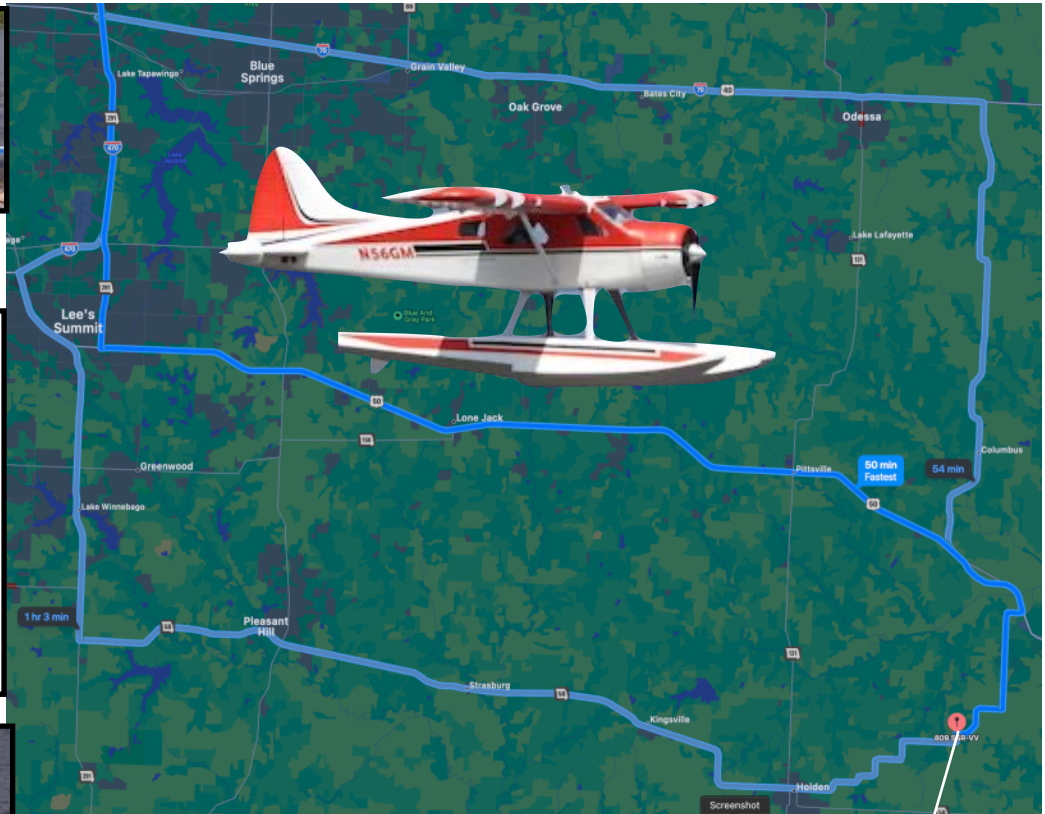
No events or landing fee. Just come and fly.

Start time around 10:00 A.M.

Fly after sunset if you dare with your lighted float plane.



Recovery Boat Available



No events or landing fee. Just come and fly.

Start time around 10:00 A.M.

Fly after sunset if you dare with your lighted float plane.



The lower map shows the intersection to turn off of Route VV to Craig's lake. Craig will have a sign at the road to help you find the turn off.

If you have navigation in your vehicle his exact address is:  
809 SSR VV  
Centerview, MO





**FRIA Location:**

Charles Reed III Memorial Flying Field

Located in Fleming Park  
3581-3899 NE Rennau Dr.  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
38° 58' 37" N, 94° 20' 31" W  
Website: [kcradiocontrol.com](http://kcradiocontrol.com)  
AMA sanction #16707

**Requirements**

Landing fee: \$20.00  
Current AMA membership  
FAA number on aircraft  
All posted flying site rules and boundaries apply.  
Open to EDF and Turbine Scale Aircraft  
No electric power, but generators welcome.



Tom Bornstoid on Egg Drop Model



**Warbird & Classic scale fly-in.**

7 September 2024

A fun fly for Scale Military & Classic Era aircraft

**Saturday:**

Registration at 8:00 A.M. Pilots Meeting at 9:00 A.M.  
Asphalt & Grass Runways (both 40x500)  
Pilot and Best Plane Awards  
No Electrical Power but Generators Are Welcome.  
A Boy Scout Troop will be providing Lunch.

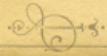


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**PETER YOUNG & HIS RV-8**



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**HOT DOGS AT 6:15  
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**BUSINESS MTG AT 7:00**

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