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AN HISTORIC MONTH FOR KC/RC



Hello KC/RCers! Summer is coming to a close, temperatures are moderating, a few trees are beginning to turn to their Fall colors, but the weather has continued to be great for flying! I always hope for a long Indian Summer season so we can keep flying in comfortable

weather as long as possible. The August meeting was a beautiful evening to fly, while just a bit breezy and a pesky a crosswind. And yet it was another pleasant and surprisingly cool (74°F) August night for a meeting and flying. We have enjoyed a great string of "good weather" meeting nights this year. Duane Hulen, Jesse Casteel, Tom Bomstad, and yours truly were all enjoying the night sky. Where were you? Bring your night gliders and lighted aircraft! Remember, September 30th is the end of our 9:30 P.M. extended evening time at the field. Starting October 1st, the park rangers will be closing the gates at Sunset. And please note, our upcoming club meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, is the **LAST** meeting at the field for 2024. The October (16th) meeting will be in the EAA Chapter 91 building at the Lee's Summit Airport.

Speaking of the September club meeting, you need to be there. We will be holding elections for our new slate of officers for 2025. If you have missed the previous meetings, here are the current nominees: President – Edwin Chavez, Vice President – Deon Cross, Treasurer – Jim Hulse, and Secretary – Keith Stevens. Thanks to all these guys for agreeing to serve KC/RC if elected. Any additional nominations may be made for these elected positions at the meeting prior to the membership vote. Be at the meeting and VOTE!

CRITICAL – We must have a new newsletter editor!!! John Midgorden has faithfully given us 10+ years as our editor/publisher for the Contacts. I am sure you have all enjoyed his work keeping us abreast of all the great things going on in KC/RC. We would all love it if John would continue, but John has more than paid his dues as the "voice" of KC/RC. This is the last newsletter John

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President Elect Edwin Chavez Doing His Thing with his foamy DR-1

September 18th Club Meeting
This will be the last meeting at the Field
for this Season



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is putting together. You've all known John was retiring from his duties as club secretary and newsletter editor since October 2023. Someone, please step up and take over this important job in support of KC/RC. WE MUST HAVE A NEWSLETTER EDITOR! I am certain someone in this large club has the skills and time to take on this important role. Step up or this issue of Contacts will be the last until someone does!

Saturday, August 24th, found us near Centerview, MO, at Craig McMichael's lake for the 2nd Annual KC/RC Float Fly. Weather was cloudy and cool with light rain that didn't stop until 12:45 P.M. DANG! Sadly, this turned Craig's perfectly manicured flying area in to a lot of mud. There was a south breeze but not enough to cause significant waves. I took my 35 year-old ACE Seamaster powered by an even older Super Tigre G60 Blue Head. But the old engine was also cantankerous needing some additional tweaking, so no flying time for me. We registered 11 pilots, and lots of flying was done. A couple of models were captured by plane-eating trees, including Craig's beautiful Cessna 170 and Cliff Brooks' seaplane. Our intrepid photographer, John Midgorden, took lots of pictures, some of which will certainly appear elsewhere in Contacts. Before the rain quit, we all enjoyed a great Taco luncheon prepared by Craig's mom, Carol. WOW! Many thanks to both Craig and Carol for having everything setup for us to invade their property for the Float Fly. While it was a bit damp, we all still had a fun day.

Right on the heels of the Float Fly, the KC/RC **Warbirds & Classics Scale Fly-In** (September 7th) is also now history. I imagine Susan Calvin (CD) will give us a recounting of the day elsewhere in Contacts along with photos of the day. Congratulations to Jim Cianciolo (Proctor Antic), and Jesse Casteel (F4U-4 Corsair), for winning the "Pilot's Choice" and "Best Model" awards, respectively. The lucky winner of the E-Flight 1.2m BNF F4U-4 Corsair raffle plane was Charles Boyd, a new KC/RC member on that very day! Congratulations and welcome to KC/RC! And we must acknowledge the chefs for the day! Many thanks to Deon Cross and Craig White for organizing great breakfast and lunch menus for us all to enjoy! Outstanding! I think the event was a big success with 50+ beautiful models to enjoy, and plenty of great story telling to go along with them. I look forward to Warbirds 2025!

Now the big Fall Fly-In is coming up on October 12th. The Fall Fly-In is an open event, and all types of models are welcome. The September issue of Model Aviation magazine lists it as a Jet Rally, but since the sanction was submitted, the club membership has decided to change to an event open to all types of models. The event listing in Model Aviation should be corrected by the October issue. This is KC/RC's final organized event for 2024, so come on out and fly all day with your KC/RC friends. Even if you're not flying, at least come out and enjoy the day at the field. Scout Troop 1306 will be providing breakfast and lunch for us to enjoy! Any questions about this event should be directed to Edwin Chavez, CD, for this final KC/RC bash of 2024 bringing our 70th anniversary year to a close.

FIELD RULES REMINDER – There is a mistaken belief that electric aircraft are allowed to fly as soon as the park rangers open the site gate in the morning, usually about 8:30 A.M., but occasionally earlier. This is not true. Normal flying hours at Charles W Reed III R/C Flying Field are "9:00 A.M. until Sunset." Yes, each year we request a variance allowing us to extend until 9:30 P.M., April 1 – September 30, to take advantage of daylight saving time. The point is, normal field hours are clearly posted on the Operational and Safety rules sign. We have confirmed with the Park Administration that flying is currently not permitted prior to 9:00 A.M., regardless of aircraft type. If the club membership wants this to change, we can request the park department to consider allowing electric airplane flying as soon as the gate opens in the morning. There is no guarantee they will agree. So be advised, there has been no changes to the posted flying hours. Flying is not permitted before 9:00 A.M.

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This is the last of 24 President's columns you have had to endure from me over the last two years. Woo Hoo! It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your president, but **thank God, and the KC/RC Constitution & By Laws, for term limits!** HA!! I am looking forward to handing "the transmitter" off to your next president. I hope I have met at least some of your expectations as your club president. My personal thanks to our other officers Edwin Chavez, Jim Hulse, and John Midgorden, and to our Board members Phil Lucido, Duane Hulen, Fred Hulen, Jim Cianciolo, Deon Cross, and Craig McMichael for their steadfast service to the club, and being there to stop me from pulling out what is left of my hair. I think we made a great team. We've accomplished a few things, but certainly not everything we would have liked. We are still working to secure much needed electrical power and ADA compliance with the Parks Department. We do, now, have a new ADA compliant porta-potty. That's the easy one. Commercial power and fully paved areas and paths in the parking lot and to the flight line are yet to be realized. These things will come in time, hopefully much sooner than later. We have a new Park administrator, Tina Spallo, who is very interested in our club, and she understands and appreciates the longstanding 62 year history with KC/RC and our truly exemplary stewardship of the site. She knows about the activities we host each year and our vision for the future at Charles W Reed III R/C Flying Field. I believe Tina will be a consistent ally for our future initiatives making them part of the Park's strategic planning process.

Being part of the leadership team as we celebrated KC/RC's 70th Anniversary year was a special privilege. And what great celebrations and events we all enjoyed! Special thanks to the 70th Anniversary planning team, Edwin Chavez, Jim Hulse, Deon Cross, and Craig White for putting a special twist on all our events. Thanks to Jim Hulse who coordinated getting our 70th Anniversary KC/RC tee shirts. They look great and were on full display all summer. We can get more if there's sufficient interest. And how about that great 70th Anniversary KC/RC banner?! Thanks to Jim Sineath and Jim Cianciolo for seeing to its completion. We also have plenty 70th Anniversary KC/RC decals available. Just ask me at the club meeting. I'll have them there. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to lead and support **eleven flying events** KC/RC sponsored over the last two years. Make no mistake, they do not run themselves. A LOT of work goes into the organization and execution of these club flying events. Let's not forget the **eight non-flying** club events, such as our widely acclaimed annual KC/RC Swap 'n Shop, the annual Officer's Appreciation dinner (did you like the banquet

at V's Italian Restaurant? Do it again?), and multiple static display public outreach events. They happen only due to hard work by the members who donate their time and resources to make them all a success. Finally, we must not forget, and we should all applaud, the guys who are at the field early in the morning nearly every week, Spring thru Fall, keeping the site mowed and immaculately groomed. To John Midgorden, Stan Harrington, Darrell Kunard, Pat Masters, Phil Lucido, and Joe Breault, THANK YOU! The field always looks great! And just like club events, our beautiful flying site does not just happen. Its thanks to hard work, time, and money sacrificed by our club members. We roll the grass runway and pits each year, and we have added many cubic yards of new soil on the perimeter of the runway, not to mention distributing 100 pounds of grass seed provided by the Park Dept. 1000's of man-hours are invested in our site each year. Its impossible to thank everyone for all the contributions to the club's success so, **Thanks to all volunteers and contributors!** Never take for granted that all this "club stuff" will just magically happen. If you are not already, GET INVOLVED! Sure, it is a public use park and flying site, but it has been KC/RC's flying field since 1962, and KC/RC is your club. Both will only be what we make of them. VOLUNTEER! It really doesn't hurt.

I'll close my tenure with a sage piece of flying wisdom penned by a distinguished and revered past KC/RC President, Mr. Don Henry (1970-1971). *Perhaps* we can all learn something. It is entitled "**Birds Don't Crash.**" And with tongue- [firmly planted] in-cheek,



**Birds fly well
Birds don't crash
Birds eat worms.**



**Therefore, R/C pilots should go
outside with a shovel and..."**

The next club meeting is Wednesday, September 18th, 7:00 P.M., AT THE FIELD. Our summer season-ending grill master is Don Ronnebaum, so be there early, get 'em while they're hot, and have some fun with your KC/RC buddies!

And, finally, as we used to say in Pattern competition, "Maneuver complete."

Jon Britt, President



Minutes of the August 21, 2024 Meeting

The August 21st KCRC Club Meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:00 P.M. There were 30 members in attendance.

Jon called for a motion to approve the July 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 not in attendance. President Britt shared that they had a meeting with Tina Spallo, the new Park Administrator. They discussed having an ADA comparable porta potty, a concrete walkway from the gate to the pilot stations, and a case for electrical power at the field. Tina will include these items in a strategic plan that she is working on for a Fall timeline.

Safety Officer Deon Cross cautioned FPV pilots not to fly outside the AMA/FAA FRIA boundaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jon thanked Jim Sineath for the hot dogs.
2. Jon also asked the Club to offer congratulations to Carey, Andy and Austin Minor for their success at the International F2D Control Line Combat. Austin won the Junior Class and came in 3rd overall. Carey was 5th. The US Team won the entire competition. A big round of applause was given the KCRC members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **False Rumor:** There has been a rumor going around that during the Jet Rally last year the Club pocketed the money that was given for Mike Ryken's medical bills. The event was named in honor of Mike Ryken but it was never advertised as a fund raiser for Mike. There was a donation jar at the event. At the end of the day we gave Mike's sister \$350. The landing fees went to cover the raffle, and other expenses of the event. Jon indicated that the Club Officers have been offended by this accusation. We know who it is and if you want to know I'll give it to anyone in private. The person was not a Club member. Please don't propagate the rumor because it is totally false.
2. **U-control Event:** Jon indicated there was a goodly number of control line flyers on the

27th. The event was cut short because of the weather. But those we attended had good time.

3. **National Model Aviation Days/70th Celebration Event:** Deon Cross gave a summary of the big 2-day event. The Committee of Jim Hulse, Edwin Chavez and Deon have worked on this event from the first of the year. The mini contests were designed around the number 70, the anniversary year. Deon thanked everyone for being so generous to the Scouts who provided breakfast and lunch both days. The money they earned goes to help under privileged kids go to Scout Camp. And a big thank you for donations to Angel Flight. We were able to make a donation of \$1,000 to Angel Flight of KC. And special thank you for Edwin, Jimmy C and Scott McMurtre from Wichita for flying the scouts on training flights. According to Jimmy C. over 22 scouts got stick time on one of the 2 Club models or McMurtre trainer. And thanks to Dan Ulledahl for the BBQ meat for the great Saturday evening dinner. Deon thanked everyone for their generosity. Jon mentioned the weather was great and there were 36 registered pilots. He praised the event that showed the best side of KCRC.
4. **Second Annual Float Fly:** Jon reminded everyone of the Float fly at Craig McMichael's Lake on the coming Saturday. He suggested a time of 10:00 to 10:30 as a start time. Craig explained how to get to his place. He mentioned that it is about 30 minutes from the flying field here. He will have signs to guide you into his property. Just follow the signs to the lake. Craig suggested portable tables and canopies would be great if you have them. His mom will be making tacos for lunch. Jon mentioned that he has established a FRIA for this event which includes a 700 foot altitude limit and now remote ID required.
5. **Warbird/Classic Aircraft:** Susan Calvin will be the Event Coordinator. She asked for a couple of volunteers to hand out flyers and a couple of volunteers to help with the "Pilot Awards." Jon asked if all military aircraft are allowed. Susan indicated any military aircraft are OK going back to WW I. The Scouts will not be able to provide food service for this event. Deon has volunteered to cook breakfast and lunch but he will need some volunteers to help him.



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6. **Fall Fun Fly:** This was originally billed as a Fall Jet Rally. It has been changed to a fun fly with of any kind of aircraft. Edwin Chavez will be running the event. Edwin asked for some help with the Best Model and Pilot's Choice awards. The Scout Troop is going to provided the food service for this one-day event.
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 indicated she asked the Scout Troops about kids to participate in the Build and Fly program but didn't get any takers. The EAA will be funding the entire project this time.
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. Nominations can be made anytime up to the time of the October Club meeting when the election will be held. There is still the need for a Newsletter editor.
10. **Strickland's Shelter:** The owner of the field doesn't want the shelter to be moved, so this issue is no longer a possibility according to Richard Strickland.
11. **Safety Officer:** Duane Hulen asked if Deon will no loner be Safety Officer is there any one else that has stepped up for the job. Jon indicated that Susan has volunteered, but no one else.
12. **Jet Exhaust:** Jon made a plea for jet turbine fliers to line there models so the exhaust is pointed down the sidewalk and not at the grass. There are still patches of brown grass where the turbine exhaust is burning the grass. Please be careful not to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Next Years Events:** Edwin wants to get started deciding on next years events so they and the dates are published as soon as possible for the benefit of coordination with other Clubs in the area, etc.
2. Don Ronnebaum will be Chef duty for August. The meeting was adjourned.

Next month will be the last meeting of this year at the Field. The October meeting will be at the EAA Hanger at the Lee's Summit Airport.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Midgorden, Secretary

LONG TIME VERY ACTIVE KC/RC MEMBERS WHO HAVE TAKEN THEIR LAST FLIGHT



Marvin Lackamp



Richard Carey



John Cianciolo



Jim Koch



Safety is No Accident

Keep an eye out for wasps in the door handle of the storage unit. They love to nest under there. Ouch.

As I talked about at our August meeting, we are required to keep all flights within the approved park boundaries shown below. Prop planes, jets, FPV, drones, quad copters, helicopters. We may get tired of hearing it but, flying outside our boundaries will place the entire club at risk. We fly on Parks & Rec land and it can be taken away if we don't comply with the agreed upon rules. Please remember; the safety officer is not intended to be the club police. If you see someone flying too far, too high, or in any unsafe manner, please give them a courteous reminder. It might be they simply don't understand the rules or the consequences. Thank you for your help.



AMA guidelines state our responsibility this way: *"Creating a safe environment to protect bystanders, other model pilots, as well as surrounding property, is crucial and the responsibility of every individual participating in modeling activities"*.

There has been a lot of national discussion recently regarding First Person View drones, quad copters, and FPV planes so I looked into it a bit. The AMA states that ALL flying craft, including First Person View, must remain in "Visual Line of Sight" of the pilot or their spotter.

The FAA is currently in discussions about making spotters mandatory in order to ensure FPV craft stay inside approved boundaries, below the max altitude, and to observe if any private planes are approaching the same airspace. Many of the transmitters for these craft have parameters that

Deon Cross

can be set up to give the pilot a warning if they have flown too far away or too high.

Again, our agreement with Parks & Rec supercedes the AMA line of sight rule. Line of sight could easily be well beyond the park approved boundaries for any of us. (Roughly the north, south, east tree lines and 400' altitude). That means flying over the dam, lake, soccer fields, roads, houses, etc., is a no-no.

There is also legislation currently being debated in Congress to ban DJI drones.

"The U.S. government may ban DJI drones, (Da Jiang Innovations), concerned that China is collecting information through them. This would impact several areas of the consumer market and commercial drone market".

And now drones are even more in the news with one being flown to scout the rally area by the person who shot at Mr. Trump, and another one being flown to spy on an Olympic soccer team practice.

As I researched, I found that FPV flying, and especially drones, are a hot topic nationwide so let's stay within our flight boundaries and stay off the radar with this one.

Remember: We are all safety officers. Let's all do our part to keep this great hobby safe.

Happy and safe flying, Deon

A tradition at Fleming Park

Model airplane enthusiasts to mark anniversary with a gathering

By Mike Genet
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For six decades, members of the Kansas City Radio Control Association have gathered several times a year in Fleming Park, near Lake Jacomo, to fly model aircraft.

The club actually was formed a decade earlier, and it will celebrate its 70th anniversary the weekend of Aug. 10-11 at the Charles Reed Memorial Flying Field, 3581 Rennau Drive, Lee's Summit. It's open to the public both days.

"The National Model Aviation Day is Aug. 17, but we're holding it week early and we're combining it with anniversary," club president Jon Britt said.

The first KCRC club



Jim Cianciolo, with his Spitfire in this photo from a few years ago, is among dozens of model airplane enthusiasts in the area. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

members started to meet in 1953 and then next year officially formed a chapter of

the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Over the first several years, they met at places in

Liberty or what is now the Johnson County See PLANES, Page A7

This article was in the Independence Examiner newspaper on August 8th prior to NMAD & KCRC's 70th Bash! I'm including in this issue for Historic Purpose.
Editor



Original members, from 1953, of the Kansas City Radio Control Association. From left to right, Leonard Zarda, Dick Hinkle, Dick Stamm, Bill Wait, Ralph Stoltz (secretary-treasurer), Max Boal, Hubert Speer, Jack Marshall (vice president), Bud Atkinson, Wally Freeburg and Dan Walters (president). (Submitted photo)

PLANES

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(Kansas) Executive Airport before the Fleming Park site came to be.

Essentially, Britt said, model aircraft are fully functional miniature aircraft.

"It has all the control features of a small aircraft," he said. "Some are intended for maneuvers, some are just sport models, and some are

scale models or replicas."

Some model aircraft are controlled-line - flown in a circle and controlled by hand. The radio-controlled craft can even be model jets or helicopters. Sometimes, they don't fly the planes but rather race them around paved-ground courses.

"There's so many facets to model aviation," Britt said.

With the weekend anniversary celebration, Blue Springs Scout Troop 1306 will be serving breakfast and selling lunch Saturday. Open

flying begins at 9 a.m. that day, and there will be various contests throughout the day before a club member potluck dinner. Sunday will be another day of open flying.

"It's pretty much an open fly-in; you bring whatever you'd like to fly," Britt said.

Britt said he joined in 1969, a couple years after he first tried radio-controlled aircraft at age 12.

"The club 'first flew on that property in 1963, and they were directly east at first," he said. "I remember the

flying field because we'd go out there with my uncle and dad."

Another longtime member, Jim Cianciolo of Independence, also joined around the time, when he was 15 years old.

"My mom would drop me off and pick me up, and of course it was before cell phones, so if I crashed (the plane), I just had to wait," he said.

Like himself, Cianciolo said, several club members have earned pilot licenses

to fly regular planes. A few have obtained drone pilot licenses.

Membership has remained strong over the decades, usually in the 50s or 60s, and sometimes higher.

"Some drop out, and some come in," Britt said, they come from "all walks of life."

While the weekend is open for spectators, to fly modelers must have a Jackson County parks radio control permit and pay a \$20 entry fee. Proceeds will benefit Angel Flight.



Second Annual kC/RC Float Fly — August 24, 2024 At Craig McMichael's Lake



Pat Master's Great Flying Otter

The day began with a light rain/drizzle until noon. There were 10 pilots (if I counted correctly) and several spectators including Craig's mom Carol and girlfriend Lisa. The rain stopped a bit after noon. The plus was we waited in Craig's mom's home to keep dry. Carol served us a nice Taco lunch while we were inside. This meant they didn't have to cart all the food down to

the lake as they did last year. Craig carried most of the pilots and their float planes to the lake because of the muddy lane. Although Craig had worked hard the day before to make the site great for the event, the rain made it muddy. Your Editor took a lot of movies of the action that will follow on this and the next page. Enjoy!



Pat Master got things going with his beautiful Otter



A5 Model won at NMAD Raffle flown by Brooks Father & Son team



Rescue Kayak was busy

More of the Second Annual KC/RC Float Fly



Craig's Mom and Girlfriend



Richard Strickland before and after a successful flight



Craig's Beautiful Cessna fly by and landing. Sadly lost later in trees shown in background



Jon Britt's 35 year old Seamaster Unfortunately engine quit on takeoff.



Edwin Chavez taking off



Tom Bomstad to the water



KC/RC Members on USA Team Win at F2D Combat International Contest Hosted by US at AMA Headquarters

All of you KC/RC Members are very familiar with the Minor family who practice and hold 2 contests each year at the U-control area at Charles Reed Memorial Field. Cary Minor placed 6th at the Muncie, IN Event. Andy Minor's son Austin won the Junior class and placed 3rd overall. The USA Team won the overall competition. The photo below shows the perpetual trophy that will soon have a plaque attached with the USA Win.

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3	1		D052	MINOR, Austin Mechanic: MINOR, Cary	Jr USA	6-2	W W W W W W W W L L
4			D041	KUCKAILIS, Gintaras Mechanic: RASTENIS, Audrius	LTU	6-2	L W W W W W W W W L
5			D032	SHIELDS, Andrew Mechanic: WISEMAN, David	GBR	5-2	W W W W W W L L
6			D018	NIELSEN, Morten Mechanic: SCHOU, Bjarne	DEN	4-2	W W L W W L
6			D054	NADEIN, Andrey Mechanic: RITCH, Rylan	USA	4-2	W W W W L L
6			D055	RUDNER, Mark Mechanic: WORNELL, Greg	USA	4-2	W W L W W L
6			D053	MINOR, Cary Mechanic: MINOR, Andy	USA	4-2	W W W L W L
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11			D026	FORSS, Timo Mechanic: VALKONEN, Kimmo	FIN	3-2	L W W W L
11			D010	MACKENZIE, Patrick Mechanic: MACKENZIE, Ivan	CAN	3-2	L W W W L
11			D023	SILVA, Leonardo Mechanic: DELGADO, Arnulfo	FAI	3-2	W L W W L
11			D028	VALKONEN, Kimmo Mechanic: FORSS, Jussi	FIN	3-2	W W W L L
11			D043	DEMENTIEV, Igor	MDA	3-2	W W W L L



The USA Team



Austin Minor 3rd Place Overall



The Annual Warbird & Vintage Classic Scale Model Event



My special thanks to everyone who participated in our 2024 Warbird & Classic Scale fly-in. It was a great day for flying and visiting with old friends. We were favored with great weather, including a friendly breeze that was essentially right down the runway. Our selection of aircraft was quite impressive with everything from WW-1 to the present. Most flew, but some were just for show. Personally I liked the Beechcraft Staggerwing but every plane was impressive. Something else that was impressive was the way everyone that was asked to help did so enthusiastically. One thing I learned long ago is that all our KCRC members can be counted on to make things work smoothly. That makes the job of contest director very easy, and rewarding. Again, my thanks to each of you who made this event a great success.





More Warbird & Classic Aircraft Event





It is with reluctance that I will no longer be serving KC/RC as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. It has been my joy to serve as Secretary for the past 12 years and Newsletter Editor for 10 years. I will be 93 years old, come December 2024 and find my age is catching up with me.

Those of you who have seen me at the field recently know that I'm having difficulty walking, especially on uneven terrain. I

have really valued how many of you have helped me get my planes out of my car and then back in again. This has been a great help that I really appreciate.

Jon Britt took the picture of me above at the Warbird/Classic event while I was flying my Piper Cub. Although I've lost some confidence in my flying ability, so far I manage to make successful flights. I'm sure my diminished skill level is better than most guys my age. I attribute this to my years flying Pattern here at KCRC in the 70s-80s and IMAC in Arizona and California. As Charlie Reed hammered into me, "Flying Pattern will make you a better pilot"—Thanks Charlie!

I've belonged to 9 RC Clubs from KCRC (twice) to Arizona and California. I've served as Secretary/Newsletter Editor for 25 years in 3 of these Clubs since I retired in 1994. I sincerely hope that someone will step up to the plate and volunteer to be Newsletter Editor. It is a vital position for any RC club, but especially important to KCRC to keep the important information documented for historical purposes. We have been celebrating 70 years as an AMA Chartered Club this year. Those of you who attended the March banquet at V's

Restaurant and experienced Jon Britt's amazing Power Point presentation of the Club's history way back to the beginning can understand what I'm saying. Jon gleaned much of the pictures and information from old Newsletters now permanently preserved on the Club's Website. In another 5 years the AMA will be honoring KC/RC with their special 75th recognition award.

I further want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you who have been such good "mates" to me over the past 12 years. I've often told friends that RC flying is 10% flying and 90% sharing life's stories. Thanks for sharing your stories with me and I hope I haven't repeated my stories too many times (a common problem for old people).

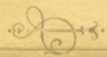
As many of you know I've produced an annual movie to be shown at the Swap N Shop in February and at the annual banquet in March. I have a lot of photos and movies of 2024 activities and plan to make one more video of 2024 KC/RC activities after the first of the year.

I will remain active as a member of KC/RC as long as I'm able.



Here is a nostalgic picture of my 1980 models 8, 9 and 10. Yes, I use to number my models. I guess it's my engineering career and my fixation on data. Notice the hotdog (#8) on the starboard wing has just completed a loop. The Cessna and Quick Ray followed the Hotdogger on the assembly line. I have also kept a log of my flights on a computer since the late 1970s and it shows I have made 4,570 flights with a flight time of 630 hours.

As Always John Midgorden



JON BRITT'S LYSANDER FLY BY



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CHEF DON RONNEBAUM**

BUSINESS MTG AT 7:00

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