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Happy New Year!

Hello R/C Enthusiasts!

I hope this message finds everyone well! Our Max Klotz Icicle Fun Fly event was a fantastic time, with great weather in the 40s. It was great to see so many of you out there enjoying the day, sharing tips, and flying together. While the temperatures were cool, it was still a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy our hobby. As always, let's stay mindful of safety, not only while flying but also when getting to and from the field. With winter in full swing, driving conditions can be tricky due to ice and large snowbanks around the roads. Please exercise extra caution when navigating these areas—icy patches and snowdrifts can make driving hazardous, so take your time and drive safely.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that our Officer Appreciation Dinner will again be held at V's Italian Restaurant this year. It's a wonderful time to celebrate the hard work of our club officers and enjoy some delicious food together. We hope you'll join us for this special evening of appreciation and fellowship.

Lastly, don't forget about our upcoming club meeting we can't wait to see you there and continue to build our clubs community.

May your winds be calm and skies be blue!

Best regards,
Edwin Chavez

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Annual Icicle Fun Fly on New Year's Day 2025!

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December Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to by Club President Edwin Chavez. In attendance were Jim Cianciolo, Keith Stevens, Jim Hulse, Dion Cross, Edwin Chavez, Jon Britt, John Midgorden, Jesse Castle, Duane Hulen, Frank Myers, Darwin Ulledahl, James Sineath, Don Sladky, Phillip Lucido, Stan Harrington, David Wallam, Susan Calvin, Two illegible names, Bill Stejnuary, Tom Carroll, illegible x 2, Richard Strickland Darrell Cunard, Peter Young, Ron Dulinsky, Charley Boyd. Names may be misspelled or missing due to handwriting. Suggest printing on sign-in sheet.

There were no visitors or new club members at the meeting.

November minutes were approved as written by club vote.

There was no VP report.

The treasurer report given by Jim Hulse. The account balance as of 12-18-2024 is \$4,596.28.

The secretary reported we will be renewing our AMA Chapter for 2025. Paperwork to be submitted.

The Park Liason, Jim Cianciolo reported that members who volunteered time need to submit their hours to Parks Department. It was also mentioned we need handicap access to the field and electrical outlets.

Susan Calvin, the Club Safety Officer, reminded everyone be careful driving their vehicles during inclement weather and watch out for black ice. A neighbor recently flipped his vehicle on icy roads.

Keith Stevens, the Newsletter Editor, mentioned that newsletter article submissions can be sent to keithstevenskrcrc@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Build-n-Fly: Susan said the EAA plane is complete. It was asked what plane we should be next year. A motion was made to build the same plane. It was seconded, voted on, and approved. The 2025 plane will be another Old School 56.

2. Appreciation dinner. It was recommended to hold the dinner at V's again this year. Motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. March 15th was requested for the date. This was also approved by vote. Feb 19th is the meeting prior to the dinner and everyone should bring money to pay at or before that meeting. The club will half the cost for the dinner for members.

3. Club dues need paid. Please pay them.

4. Jim Hulse recommended members sign up to be the point person for flying events to take money, getting pilots signed up, wrist bands, etc.

- a. June Jet Rally: Edwin Chavez, Jim
- b. June Control Line Combat: Andy Minor
- c. July Fun Fly: Phil Lucido, Deon Cross
- d. August NMAD: David Wallace, Jon Britt
- e. August Float Fly: Crag McMichael
- f. Sept Warbirds: Susan Calvin
- g. Sept Control Line: Andy Minor
- h. Oct Fun Fly: Edwin Chavez, David

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Scouts have agreed to cook for the Fun fly is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th. Approved.

2. Need chefs for club meetings at the field next summer.

- a. April 16th: Chef Duane
- b. May 21st: Chef Jon Britt
- c. June 18th: Chef Jim Sineth
- d. July 16th: Chef Edwin Chavez
- e. August 20th: Chef Jesse
- f. September 17th: Chef Richard Strickland

3. Grandview 4th graders would like some people from the club to talk about flight and maybe demonstrate in the gym with some light flyers. There is interest.

4. Get Outdoor Jackson County Parks and Rec poc is Jim C.

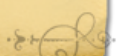
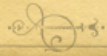
5. Andy Minor mentioned there are 2-each 13ft diameter circles for use in control line events. They want to get concrete circles poured. Request club look into getting two circles poured. Rob Snyder said he can donate excavating and form services. Park will need to know.

6. It was mentioned that the windsock isn't in optimal location (for jets). It was suggested to bring is back 10 or 15 feet. Discussion tapered off without resolution.

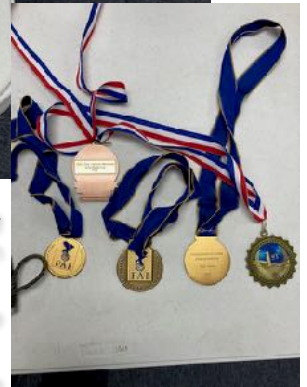
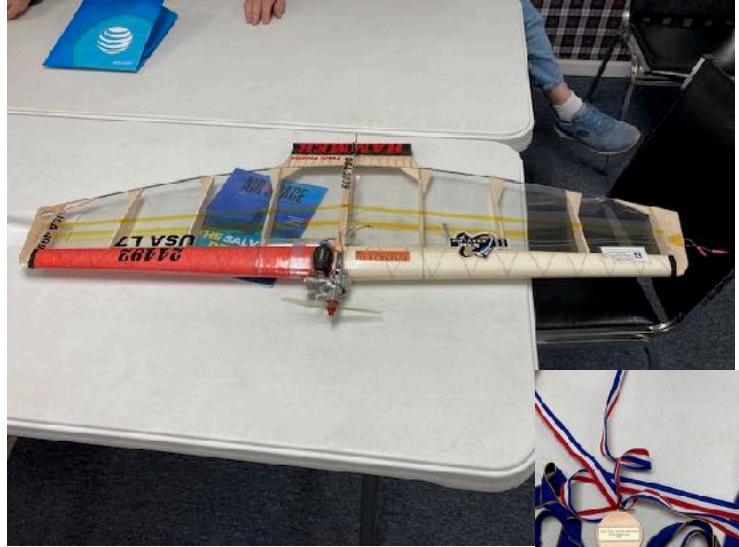
7. It was mentioned that 28 tables sold for the swap meet. Need everyone to get the word out, send to other clubs, etc.

Edwin Chavez adjourned the formal meeting at 8pm.

Afterwards Andy Minor gave an excellent presentation on international competition control line combat flying.



Club Pics



Left: Andy Minor gives a presentation on what it takes to compete flying U-control combat on an international stage

Right: To the victors go the spoils ... in this case medals for placing in control line combat

Above: Finely tuned aircraft and engine made primarily in old Eastern-bloc countries.



Left, right, above: Richard Strickland and Jon Britt show off their Durafly Carbon Arcus F3A Aerobatic Biplanes. Some serious fun after a modification to the motor mount to allow straight flying.



Park Volunteering

Jim Cianciolo

KCRC Members,

It's a new year! And with a New Year comes New Year's Resolutions. Here is a resolution for all of us to take part in.

For over 60 years, KCRC has enjoyed a strong relationship with the Jackson County Parks + Rec Department. It is why we have three of the finest flying sites in the Midwest. These flying fields didn't "just happen". They are the result of our hard work and partnership with the Parks Department.

The Parks + Rec has a Volunteer Recognition Program for anyone who gives their time and talent to improve and promote any part of the Jackson County Parks system. KCRC members and other modelers donate many hundreds of hours each year at the three flying sites; CW Reed Field at Fleming, Stamm Field at Longview and the helicopter site at Minor Park. Think of all we do. Weekly mowing and cleanup is huge. And also all the site improvements like the new safety fence, the runway repairs and the painting and general maintenance we provide. This is all greatly appreciated by the Parks and by the County.

Please track and log your volunteer hours so the Parks Department knows how much we contribute.

Here's how to enroll in the program and track your hours.

Log onto the Parks web page at <https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/About-Us/Volunteering>

There is a Quick Link <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/721632411>

Then log you volunteer hours every time you help improve or support the Park. Your volunteer help is not just limited to each time you mow or paint. You're volunteering when you help at the Parks "Get Outdoors Event" or when we host the kids from the Parks "Summer Camp" program. Anything you do to help can be logged.

And as a registered volunteer, you not only benefit the Parks, it benefits each of us. First, you will be covered under the Parks Department by workman's compensation. And if you log over 100 volunteer hours you will receive reduced cost for your flying permit and may qualify for reduce pricing for other Park amenities such as boat rental or golf green fees. Also the Parks Department host an annual Volunteers Appreciation Banquet.

The total volunteer hours verifies to the County how much we volunteers save the tax payers in labor cost each year. So make your New Year's Resolution now and sign up now.

Jim Cianciolo

KCRC Liaison to the Jackson County Parks + Rec Department



JACKSON COUNTY Parks + Rec

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MakeYourDayHere.com

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Volunteer Benefits

To show our appreciation for your volunteer service, Jackson County Parks + Rec offers three exciting benefit packages for volunteers. The distinction between packages is made according to the number of hours the volunteer has served during the previous calendar year. Each year, a new identification card will be issued based upon the recorded hours you have turned in the previous year. Thus, your benefits will be good for the year after the volunteer hours are worked and documented.

Active Volunteer

Any active, **registered** volunteer who works **up to 50 hours** for the Jackson County Parks + Rec Department receives an **Active Volunteer Identification Card** and is eligible for the following volunteer benefits:

- Coverage by Workers' Compensation in case of injury incurred while working for the Jackson County Parks + Rec Volunteer Program.

Silver Volunteer

Volunteers, who work **50 hours or more** during a calendar year, will receive a **Silver Volunteer Identification Card** and are eligible for the following benefits in addition to the three listed above:

- Free admission to seasonal swimming at Longview and Blue Springs Lake Beaches.
- Free admission to historic sites (Fort Osage National Historic Landmark and Missouri Town Living History Museum) and 10% discount on gift shop purchases.
- 50% discount admission to campgrounds, on a space available basis.
- Complimentary use of standard pedal boats for one hour, only at Lake Jacomo Marina. Limited to availability, no advance reservation. Kayaks and Specialty Pedal Boats not included. Rentals not available during high winds or inclement weather.
- Free admission to dock fishing at all Jackson County Parks + Rec marinas, when available.

Gold Volunteer

Volunteers, who work **100 hours or more** during a calendar year, receive a **Gold Volunteer Identification Card** and are eligible for the following benefits in addition to all those previously listed:

Note: For privileges at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course, volunteers must present their Gold Identification Cards and sign in at the Pro Shop prior to playing. These privileges are for volunteers only. Use of carts, driving range and Pro Shop merchandise are not discounted.

Gold Volunteers will receive a 20% discount on the following:

- Annual permits for boats and motors. Permits will be issued only in the name of the Gold Volunteer. The County requires a copy of the current State Registration with Proof of Ownership and the current Personal Property Tax Receipt.
- Gift shop purchases at historical sites.

Gold Volunteers will receive a 50% discount on the following:

- Reservation and rental of picnic shelters, if available. Payment is required at the time of reservation. (Excludes Platinum shelter sites.)
- 50% discount on the rental of motorized boats during weekdays only. Holidays excluded. Discount offers may not be combined. Full payment is required for gas used during the rental. Volunteers must be present for the rental and provide Volunteer ID card for discount. Valid driver's license required, Boater Education card required, if applicable. Contact the marina for rental policy requirements, reservations, or further information.
- Annual permits for Archery, Horse Trailers and RC planes and boats.
- Free admission to the 9-hole Executive and 18-hole Fred Arbanas Golf Course, except weekends and holidays. Advance tee time on the 18-hole course is required. Volunteers must present their Volunteer Identification Card and sign in at the Pro Shop prior to playing. Use of carts and/or the driving range is not discounted.

Gold Volunteers will receive FREE the following:

- Admission to Missouri Town Fall Festival.



Safety NOTAM

Susan Calvin

Back in the day when I was actively flying for the Army, there was a periodical titled Aviation Digest. Each month there were articles on various subjects, many of which I glossed over. One time there was an article that caught my attention because it reminded me of a TV show called "The Twilight Zone." Picture if you will, a world where imperfection with regard to safety was a defense for faulty human performance. Now picture a courtroom where an Army aviator was on trial for failure to perform a mission. It seems he was unable to start the engine of his aircraft even after performing a pre-flight inspection "by the checklist."

The aviator's only hope for an acquittal was to show there was an imperfection in the system that created the checklist. The prosecutor questioned the aviator about each checklist item and the aviator reluctantly confirmed he had performed each item on the checklist. Things were looking grim for the aviator until his defense attorney's face lit up like a spotlight. He had but one question. "Did you sniff the fuel tank to be sure it actually contained fuel." There was a collective gasp from the court martial board and the aviator was immediately acquitted. Despite the fact the checklist had been developed by the efforts of numerous aviation experts, an imperfection had crept in.

Fortunately we live in a different world where perfection is a defense in such cases. That raises the question, "If perfection is a defense, how many of us can present enough evidence to be acquitted?" Of course the answer must be "None of us." Imperfection in our lives, our systems, and even our environment is something we must deal with everyday. That's why we make up checklists for operating airplanes, or many other systems. And that's why we must be constantly on the lookout for conditions or behaviors that can get us into trouble. Attention to all the little details of our lives will pay great dividends. Most of you have new planes for the upcoming flying season, and it's understandable that you want to get them in the air soon. Just be on the lookout for any imperfections the manufacturer may have missed. Each of you has the knowledge, skill, and ability to do so. Here's wishing you long and enjoyable flying hours this year.

Susan Calvin
Club Safety Officer

Club Banquet

2025 KC/RC Club Appreciation Banquet

All KC/RC members, we will, again, be enjoying the food, surroundings, and fellowship of our annual club appreciation banquet at V's Italian Restaurant on March 15th , 2025. The cost this year is only \$20 per person since the club voted to subsidize half of the overall cost. Please come to the January club meeting (1/15) prepared to pay for reservations for you and your additional guests. OR, you may mail your reservation fees (and names) to me if you are unable to make the January meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

I MUST have your paid in full reservations no later than February 19th (club meeting night). We must provide V's management an accurate headcount later that week. So, please make your reservations early. We will also have some much anticipated entertainment for the evening, and, of course, attendance prizes!

The Menu – Three (3) entrees - Baked Lasagna, Baked Chicken, and Cannelloni Florentine. Additionally, we will enjoy tossed salad, Broccoli Normandy, and hot garlic toast. Soft drinks, coffee, iced tea are included, and V's famous Rum Cake is served for dessert.

Do not miss out on this annual KC/RC tradition. Where else are you going to get first class dining at a famous Kansas City restaurant, and entertainment, too, for only \$20/head? SIGN UP at the January club meeting, or mail your reservations to me now!

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Swap 'N' Shop

Saturday, February 1, 2025



John Knox Pavilion

Hours: 9 A.M.– 3 P.M.

RC Planes-Boats-Helicopters-Cars
(Buy-Sell-Trade)

Admission \$7.00 — Kids Under 12 Free

Concessions Available for Breakfast & Lunch

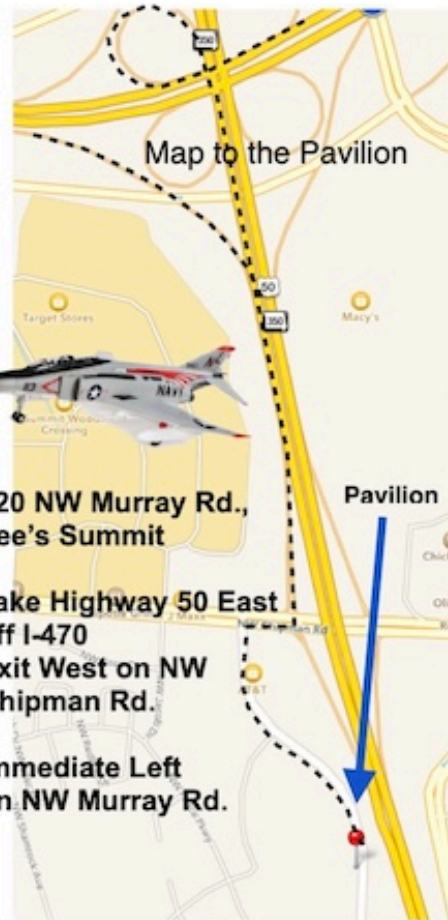
Walk-up Registration begins 8 A.M.
(Assuming tables are available)

Vendor setup at 8 A.M.
Doors Open to Buyers at 9 A.M.

Please Consider Friday Evening Setup
Pavilion will be open for setup from 5–7 P.M.
and will be secure over night

Mail Registration Form and Fee to:
Duane Hulen
KCRC Swap 'N' Shop
1020 SE 11th
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
Pre-Registration is Recommended
Tables sell out fast!
Questions? Call Duane at
816.516.4526 or email
drhulen@sbcglobal.net





520 NW Murray Rd.,
Lee's Summit

Take Highway 50 East
off I-470
Exit West on NW
Chipman Rd.

Immediate Left
on NW Murray Rd.

Write on this form when you return it if you have a preferred location for your table(s)!

Registration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____ @ _____

Tables Wanted	#	Price
8 Foot Table		\$30.00
Additional Vendor Admission		\$7.00

**Limited Floor Space for large models, first come, first serve.
2 table purchases required for floor space.**

Last date for Pre-Registration—Jan 22, 2025
 All table locations will be assigned by KCRC
 One Vendor Admission for each 8' table

Vendor 1. _____ 2. _____
 Badges 3. _____ 4. _____
 5. _____ 6. _____

**NEXT CLUB MTG.
JANUARY 15TH
7 PM @ EAA HANGAR
LEES SUMMIT AIRPORT**

**BRING POSITIVE ATTITUDES
AND IDEAS FOR GREAT
2025!**



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