



CONTACTS

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HAPPY SAINT PATTY'S DAY!

Greetings All,

March was a great month for fixing your models and getting ready for the next coming up season club activities! Our annual banquet dinner was a huge success, with 53 members coming out to enjoy a fantastic night of food, fun, and camaraderie. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great event!

Looking ahead, don't forget to bring a model for Show and Tell at our upcoming club meeting. It's always great to see what everyone has been working on! And as a reminder, next month's meeting will be back at the field, so get your planes ready for some flying time.

See you all soon!

Edwin Chavez
KCRC President

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NEXT CLUB MTG.
MARCH 19TH
7 PM @ EAA HANGAR
LEES SUMMIT AIRPORT



February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Club Treasurer Jim Hulse at 7:00pm. In attendance were Keith Stevens, Jim Hulse, Jon Britt, John Midgorden, Frank Myers, Phillip Lucido, Susan Calvin, Bill Steinweg, Tom Carroll, Richard Strickland, Darrell Kunard, Ron Dulinsky, Chris Edinger, Andy Minor, Cary Minor, Robert Snyder, Anthony Sgaraglino, Elmer Harris, Craig McMichael, Rick Hobbs.

There were no visitors.

February meeting 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 2/13/2025 is \$2,422,01.

The secretary reported AMA Chapter paperwork is complete for 2025 and will be submitted after review by Treasurer and previous club Secretary. Asked club is was to submit for AMA Gold Leader status. Club voted yet. Leader paperwork will be submitted.

The Park Liason, Jim Cianciolo was absent but sent a message to Jim Hulse stating a meeting with the Parks department is scheduled for this Friday to discuss concrete walkways and electricity. Andy minor mentioned he wasn't aware of any movement on the concrete U-control circles. Drawings and cost estimates for the circles will be needed.

Susan Calvin, the Club Safety Officer noted that people should be careful in cool weather flying about possible fuel ignition caused by static electricity discharge from clothing. Particularly wool and cotton during low humidity weather.

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

ANNOUNCCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2025 club dues need paid. Thanks to all who have paid.

2. Jon mentioned the club appreciation dinner at V's Italian Restaurant on Saturday, March 15th. Please arrive by 5:30pm to get settled in. We will be raffling two very nice planes. A motion was made and passed to invite Sandy Hulen to the dinner. Our thanks for Jon for taking lead on setting this up., please be there.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Do we want to raffle planes at club meetings. Interest shown. Need to present a formal plan to vote on that includes frequency, cost of tickets, organizers. Some items discussed below.

a. Members pay for raffle ticket \$10 to \$20. Reserve of \$340 must be reached to cover cost of prize and tax. Must attend meeting to purchase ticket(s).

b. Every member that attends meeting gets one entry into raffle. This is based on sign-in sheet attendance from January thru September. A full year membership to KCRC is awarded by drawing at the October meeting. Member must be present at October meeting to win. We continue to draw until someone wins. Member will fill out paperwork for membership at meeting and note will be made that member has won the yearly membership prize. Member can choose individual or family membership.

2. Confirmation of volunteers to cook hotdogs for club meetings held at the field during the summer.

a. April 16: Chef **Duane Hulen**

b. May 21: Chef **Jon Britt**

c. June 18: Chef **Jim Sineath**

d. July 16: Chef **Edwin Chavez**

e. Aug 20: Chef **Jesse Casteel**

f. Sept 17: Chef **Richard Strickland**



3. Discussed our field mowing crew for 2025. After discussion, John M said that retired members typically take care of the mowing.

4. Asking for Donations of models or anything else to help for future events. Raffles for events that have been established.

a. Jet Rally (still looking for model)

b. Fun Fly (have donated models)

c. NMAD (have donated models)

d. Warbird event (still looking for model)

Official meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm by Jim Hulse.

The Funnies (From previous issues of Contacts)

(from September 1977 Contacts)

RC Truths

1. Live trees have proven to be stronger than balsawood.
2. Blindness caused by diving through the sun will only last a few seconds.
3. When the airplane stalleth, the airplane falleth.
4. "I ain't got it!" proves that the airplane was capable of flying, at one time or another.
5. If evolution is true, how come RC'ers only have two hands?
6. NEVER run out of altitude before you run out of ideas.
7. If you *think* you need help and you are about to ask, don't. If you really had needed it, somebody would have already said so!

(from January 1971 Contacts)

First Flight

Wilbur: "Well, Orville, here we are at Kitty Hawk after years of research and development. Our flying machine is ready for its first flight. What a glorious opportunity, just think, one of us will be the first man to fly. Let's flip a coin."

(Orville flips a coin)

Wilbur: "Heads!" Its "Tails"

Orville: "I win!! Get in and fly it, Wilbur!"

Wilbur: "I've suddenly got this Excedrin headache..."

(from October 1971 Contacts)

Winesap Wrath, by Don Henry, KC/RC President, 1970-1971

Once upon a time there was this fellow who lived in a beautiful garden. There were soft breezes and sunshine all day, and it stayed light until 10 o'clock every night. There was a beautiful green meadow with closely clipped grass. Everything he needed was provided. There was plenty of food and sunshine, and it was so warm he could even go without clothes if he wanted to. One day he said to himself.

"Gosh, what a great place to fly radio controlled aircraft. I think I'll build one." So, he sat down and began construction of the first radio controlled aircraft in the world. He was coming along splendidly. He worked until he got tired, and then he took a little nap, then worked some more. The kids weren't running into his workshop because there weren't any. The wife wasn't calling downstairs, "Honey, its time to wash your hands for dinner." It was really Utopia!!

Then one day, a bright and shining day because there was no other kind, while he was waiting for the 5-minute epoxy to cure, one of his buddies stopped by. The buddy's name was Eve. "Hi, Adam. I just ate the most interesting piece of fruit. Here, you try it. Its delicious." "What do they call it," he asked. "Its called an apple," Eve replied.

The electrical storm and torrential rains that followed not only drove our hero and Eve out of the garden, it also got all his balsawood all wet! Since then, Adam has had to spend his time trying to make a living for Eve and take care of the kids when she went to the Bridge club.

And that, my children, is why it took several thousand years to complete the first radio controlled aircraft!

Parks and Rec

Jim Cianciolo

On February 21, KCRC met with the Director of Operations for the Parks + Recreation to discuss issues at the three Jackson County flying fields. The meeting was held at the Parks Administration office at Fleming Park.

Edwin Chavez, Jon Britt, David Parra and Jim Cianciolo met with Tina Spallo and Kraig Briggs of the Parks Department. We reviewed our schedule of events and Special Use Permits. Night glider flying will be allowed from April until October.

We discussed the farm equipment and hay bales in the outfield. The Director stated that a new vendor will be hired and that the equipment and bales would be removed. We requested grass seed for both CW Reed and Stamm field and for Minor Park helicopter field. Six 50 pound bags have already been delivered.

We discussed the chain link fence which separates the spectator area from the pits. The Parks agreed that this needs to be done. They will get a quote from their vendor and see if we can get this accomplished. It may be an opportunity for the clubs to partner with the Parks to make this happen. We also discussed an ADA concrete pathway from the pits to the flight line. This remains an open issue and no commitment was made.

Lastly we discussed installing two concrete circles in the control line/helicopter area for the F2D flyers. The Parks said that they had no funds available for concrete but that we could install them pending final approval. The Parks did say that they probably could help dig the area with their bobcat.

The Directors said that our group always does a great job maintaining our sites and partnering with the Parks. They stated that they wished other groups were as helpful and supportive.

Jim Cianciolo

Parks and Rec

Jim Cianciolo

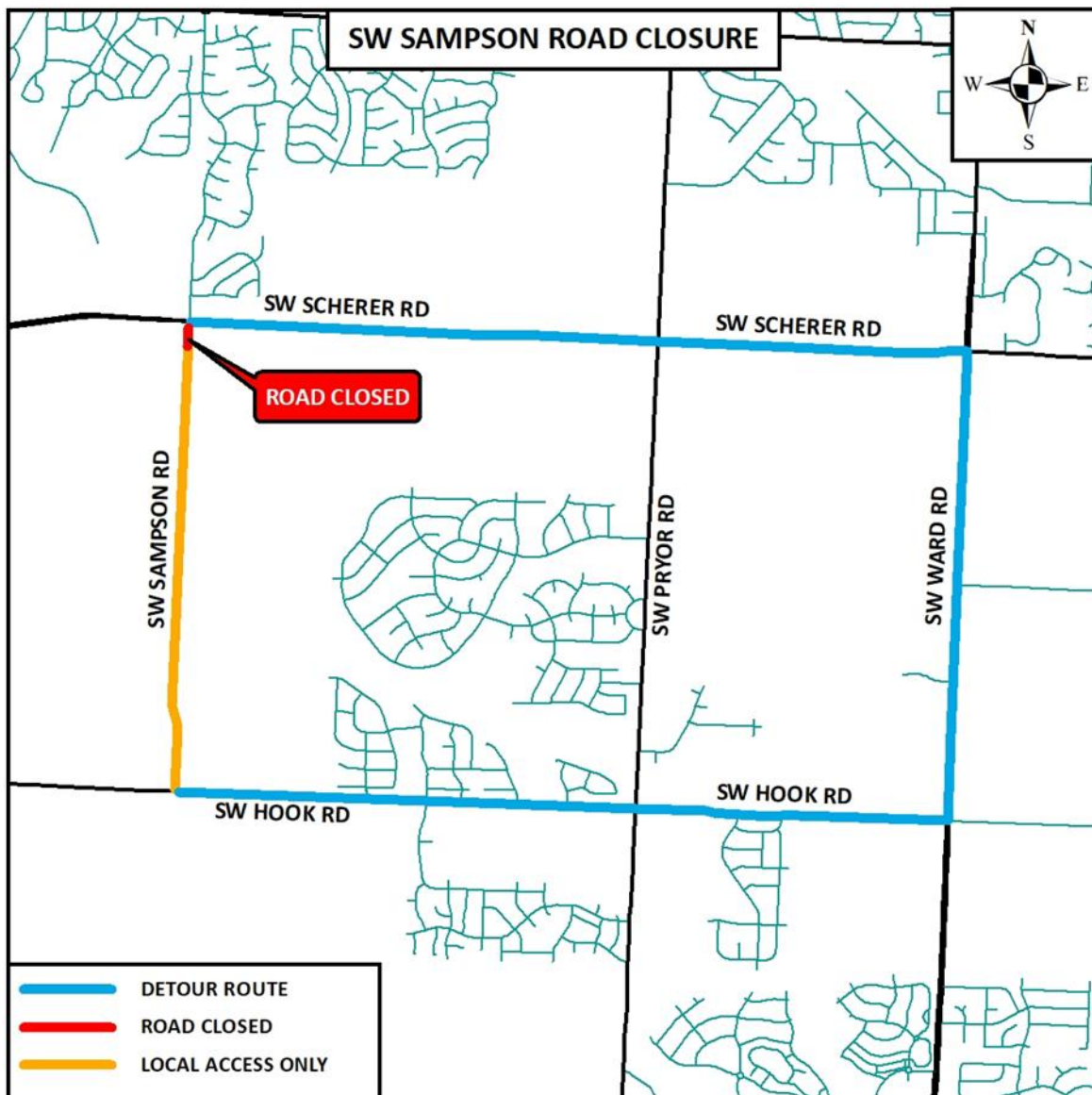
Road Closure and Detour to Stamm Field at Longview.

We received an email from the Parks + Rec Department concerning a detour on Sampson Road near Stamm Field at Longview Park. The City of Lee's Summit will be working on Sampson Road and the bridge just north of the field entrance. The email states:

"Find attached a map of improvements Lee's Summit is making to Sampson Road near the Longview Flying Field.

Per Lee's Summit...The contractor is planning to close SW Sampson Rd to thru traffic on March 19. Attached is the detour route that will be in-place until mid-October 2025.

Please notify the Flyers so they are prepared for the detour from March 19-Mid October."



2025 Banquet, March 15th**Jon Britt**

The 2025 KC/RC Club Appreciation Banquet, held at V's Italian Restaurant, is now history. Suffice it to say, I believe everyone (57 attending) had a great time. KC/RC President and MC, Edwin Chavez, did a masterful job officiating the packed agenda for the evening. Following an outstanding meal and dessert, John Midgorden was awarded a service plaque for his **12 years** of dedicated service as KC/RC Secretary from 2013 through 2024. Jon Britt was also awarded a service plaque for serving as KC/RC President for 2023 and 2024. President Chavez then introduced our guest speakers, Katy Horst and Frank Annechinni, representing Angel Flight Central. They gave a very interesting talk and Q&A session on the charitable air travel services Angel Flight Central provides to patients in need of rapid transport for medical care throughout the central US. Angel Flight Central was our selected charity for the 2024 NMAD event in August 2024. We all then sat back and enjoyed John Midgorden's 2024 KC/RC feature length movie, complete with a 10-minute intermission and popcorn for everyone! **THANK YOU, JOHN!!** He also announced that this will be his last movie production so a new tech/video savvy member needs to step up and take the reins to continue this great annual tradition John initiated in 2013. Following the movie, everyone's favorite, Door Prizes were awarded. Everyone received a raffle ticket upon their arrival to have shot at the loot! Lots of R/C goodies, KC/RC hats, aviation related table décor, and the two grand prize ARF models were awarded through random drawing. Prez Edwin and money-man Jim Hulse officiated the drawings. After awarding all the "small" prizes, everyone's ticket went back in the tumbler for a chance at the two grand prizes. The Freewing 64mm F-8 Crusader EDF was won by Cathy Britt (Jon's wife), and Duane Hulen won the Phoenix Models F5C Waco biplane ARF. This concluded the planned activities for the evening at about 9:00pm. Everyone was then invited to partake in the leftovers from dinner as carry outs if they wished. The big surprise was it was **SNOWING** when we all left, but, thankfully, it was not sticking to the roads. Overall, I think the evening was a big success, and I believe everyone attending thought so, too. If you missed it, *"Ya shoulda been there!!"* A few photos from the evening are elsewhere in the *Contacts*. A link to all the photos and videos from the evening is below, thanks to David Wallace, our photographer.

<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B2YGGXqixG3qFWI>

Jon Britt, Event Organizer



2025 Banquet, March 15th

Jon Britt

Photos from the 2025 KC/RC Appreciation Banquet



President Chavez officiates



Dinner is SERVED!!!!



Jim Cianciolo really enjoys his dinner.
Sharon Koch is worried about Jim!



John Midgorden accepts his 12-year
service award as KC/RC Secretary.

2025 Banquet, March 15th

Jon Britt



Jon Britt accepts his service award as KC/RC President, 2023-2024



Guest speakers Katy Horst & Frank Anecchini, Angel Flight Central



Cathy Britt wins the F-8 Crusader!



Duane Hulen wins the F5C WACO!

Upcoming Events

Keith Stevens

Date	Event	Location	Event Leader	Cashier & Sign In Table
Jan 1, 2025	Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	All	N/A
Feb 1, 2025	Swap & Shop	John Knox Pavillion	Duane Hulen	TBD
March 15, 2025	Annual Appreciation Dinner	V's Restaurant	KCRC Officers	N/A
April TBD	Jackson County Parks & Rec "Get Outdoors" event	TBD	Jimmy C	N/A
June 7, 2025	Mike Ryken Jet Rally	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez	Jim Hulse
June 13, 14, 15	Control Line F2D Combat Competition	Charlie Reed Field	Andy & Cary Minor	Minor's
July 12, 2025	Traditional Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Phil Lucido	Deon Cross
July 26, 2025	Control Line Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Jimmy C	N/A
August 16, 2025	NMAD, National Model Aviation Day	Charlie Reed Field	David Wallace	Jon Britt
August 2 (3 alt)	Annual Float Fly	Craig McMichael's Lake	Craig McMichael	N/A
Sept 6, 2025	Annual Warbird & Golden Era Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin	Chris Edinger
Sept 13, 2025	Control Line Combat	Charlie Reed Field	Andy & Cary Minor	Minor's
Oct 11, 2025	Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez	David Wallace
	Monthly Club Mtgs at Charlie Reed Field			
April 16, 2025	Hotdog Chef: Duane Hulen			
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July 16, 2025	Hotdog Chef: Edwin Chavez			
August 20, 2025	Hotdog Chef: Jesse Casteel			
Sept. 17, 2025	Hotdog Chef: Richard Stickland			
	Monthly Club Mtgs at EAA Hangar			
Oct 15, 2025	Cookies: Deon Cross			
Nov 19, 2025	Cookies: Chris Edinger			
Dec 17, 2025	Cookies: Susan Calvin			
Jan 21, 2026	Cookies: Robert Snyder			
Feb 18, 2026	Cookies Robert Carrol			
March 18, 2026	Cookies: Phil Lucido			

Safety NOTAM

Susan Calvin

Paranoia; noun: a tendency on the part of an individual or group toward excessive or irrational suspiciousness and distrustfulness of others.

Maybe it's just me getting older, but as more time passes I find myself getting more distrustful of people and things around me during any given day. This seems to happen most often during times of bad weather when I'm driving, but good days are not immune. And it's not always cars and other ground vehicles that are involved. I'm not writing about clinical paranoia, just the level of paranoia that causes us to look for potential trouble that could develop around us and result in anything from annoying inconvenience to financial trauma.

It can be anything from traffic incidents in our cars to near mid-air involving our airplanes. How many times have we been driving and witnessed another driver blow through a red light just as we are about to enter an intersection? Honestly, I've been on both sides of this scenario. It can happen when we get distracted, or in my case, when afternoon sunlight obstructs our vision. Fortunately, in my case, there was no conflicting traffic. If you've been there, and survived without an accident, count yourself lucky, and blessed. Distractions and environmental issues are all around us and demand constant vigilance.

Then there are situations where we must develop a large mental picture of activities developing around us. This was brought home to me during a cross-country flight in a Piper Cherokee many years ago when I was a young aviator. We were getting ready to depart Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on runway 06L. It was midafternoon and the weather was clear with light traffic. What could go wrong? Plenty as it turned out. Just after clearing us for takeoff with a straight-out departure, the local controller also cleared a DC-8 for takeoff from parallel runway 06R with an immediate left turn on course. I had recently returned from my first combat tour in Viet Nam where I had experienced a sometimes-loose air traffic control system. That had engendered a level of paranoia in me that saved our bacon that day. I immediately envisioned that DC-8 turning left just after lift-off and flying through our little Cherokee during climb-out. A quick call to the local controller, and a request to delay our take-off got everyone's attention. The DC-8 was allowed to depart, while we were held on the runway until we were clear of the airliner, and its wake turbulence.

The bottom line is that constant vigilance and attention to detail are necessary no matter what we're doing. Stated another way, "Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you." Tongue in cheek, of course.

Susan

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YEAR!**
**APRIL'S WILL BE
AT THE FIELD!**



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