



CONTACTS

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SUMMER IS HERE!

Hey KCRC members!

Warmer weather is finally rolling in, and you know what that means—it's time to dust off those planes and get ready for another amazing flying season! We're excited to see the skies above our field buzzing with activity again.

We want to give a huge shout-out to Duane and all the awesome volunteers who helped prep our grass runway. The field is looking fantastic thanks to your hard work and dedication. We truly appreciate everything you do to keep our flying space in top shape!

As we kick off the season, just a friendly reminder to make sure your club dues are paid and you've got your Jackson County flying permit up to date. Rangers do check, and none of us want a ticket ruining a good day at the field!

Night Flying is Back!

We're excited to announce that night flying is allowed every evening until 10 PM from April to September! So charge up those Batteries and get ready to light up the skies.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back out at the field. Let's make this season one to remember!

Happy flying,

President Edwin Chavez

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NEXT CLUB MTG.
MAY 21ST
7 PM @ CHARLES REED
MEMORIAL FLYING FIELD

March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Edwin Chavez at 7:00pm. In attendance were Keith Stevens, Gary Snyder, Craig White, Susan Calvin, John Midgorden, Pat Masters, Ron Dulinsky, Jon Britt, Stan Harrington, Jim Cianciolo, Duane Julen, Peter Young, Charley Boyd, David Wallace, Chris Edinger, Evan Simpson, George Yocum, James Sineath, Darrell Kunard, Phillip Lucido, Dan Dowdy, Jesse Casteel, Tim Carroll, Jim Hulse.

There was one visitor, Gary Snyder.

February meeting minutes were approved as written by club vote.

There was no VP report (absent).

The treasurer report given by Jim Hulse. The account balance as of 3/13/2025 is \$8,213.55.

The secretary reported AMA Chapter paperwork is approved for 2025. Paperwork and check submitted for AMA Gold Leader status.

The Park Liaison, Jim Cianciolo stated he met with the Parks Department on 21 February. A special use permit is submitted and approved and will be posted on the board at the field. He noted the hay bales at the field have not been picked up yet but are scheduled to be removed. The club received six 50-lb sacks of grass seed. The Parks Department was asked about replacing the fence at the field parking lot area, an ADA sidewalk for flyers, a concrete circle for U-control flying, and electrical ran to the site. No park funding is currently available.

Susan Calvin, the Club Safety Officer was informed there are a couple of hanging tree limbs at the field. These limbs pose an overhead fall hazards to those below.

Keith Stevens, the Newsletter Editor, mentioned that newsletter article submissions can be sent to keithstevenskcrc@gmail.com. Please submit pictures, videos, and other topics to be included into our monthly newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recap of appreciation dinner at V's.

2. Thanks to Katy Horst and Frank Anecchini from Angel Flight.

3. Thanks to John Midgorden for the highlight video.

4. The club voted and approved to do raffles at meetings to encourage attendance. A \$200 gift card for the first raffle. We can have a plane too for people to choose. Raffle starts at next meeting at the field. \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets.

5. Thanks to Jon Britt for handling the lion's share of banquet planning and to all who helped make it a

6. Discussed field maintenance. Need to aerate and deed the runway. \$500 to get this going for rentals. Motion approved.

7. RC helis have submitted a special permit for Helis only on 27-28 September. They didn't contact KCRC. Just a heads up.

Official meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm..

April Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order by President Edwin Chavez at 7PM. Did everyone sign in on the sheet? This was overlooked and there was no sheet. Did you purchase raffle tickets? This was done at the end of the meeting. Thank you Duane for being the chef tonight.
2. Any visitors? Tell us about yourself. None.
3. Is anyone wanting to learn to fly? None
4. Any new club members? None.
5. Any corrections to the minutes? If none then club votes to approve.
Motion to approve. Seconded. All in favor.
All opposed.
No minutes were available so this was deferred.
6. VP report. Deon Cross. None.
7. Treasurer report. Jim Hulse.
8. Scty. report. Keith Stevens. Absent.
9. Newsletter editor report. Absent.
10. Park Liaison Officer report. Jim Cianciolo
 - a. Night flying: April 16 through September 17, 2025 gates will remain open daily until 10PM Note: After dusk, electric power aircraft only.
 - b. Get Outdoors event? None scheduled for this year.
 - c. Concrete walkways. Park says they have no funds for this.
 - d. Electricity. No update. Looking like it won't happen.
 - e. Two flying circles for the combat competitions. No update. This may have to be coordinated by Andy Minor.
 - f. Parks say that the farmer handling the hay has been ill and the hay should be gone by the end of April.
 - g. Parks Appreciation Dinner is April 24th for those invited. Please attend if you can as reps of KCRC.
 - h. Parks are willing to repair the chain link fence if KCRC shares 50% of the cost. Approx. 4K parks and 4K KCRC. KCRC is not interested in spending that much. Jon Britt suggested we wait one year and try to get an AMA grant for field improvements.
 - i. Remember that a Jackson County Parks Permit is required to fly at our site.
11. Safety Officer report. Susan Calvin
 - a. Susan shared the Safety Manual from AMA which has good info for all. She recommended everyone take a look at the document when they have time.
12. Old business.
 - a. Club dues? They are overdue if you have not paid.
13. New business.
 - a. Thank you to all who helped with spreading grass seed on the field. Duane mentioned they spread 150lbs of grass seed donated by Parks, and they also aerated.
 - b. Thank you to David Wallace and to all who helped with the creation of posters for our flying events.
14. **Katy Horst, Operations and Development, Angel Flight Central** has invited all KCRC members to their Lunch Open House on May 1st, 11 AM until 2 PM, for a ceremonial ribbon cutting of their new office, with complimentary lunch, and tour of the new space. Several volunteer pilots will be available to share their stories, allow a tour of their aircraft, and offer limited opportunities for short flights over Kansas City.

April Meeting Minutes -Continued-

- a. **Two RSVP's needed:** One if you plan to attend and Two if you would like a flight.
 RSVP to: katy@angelflightcentral.org
 For info on the event go to:
<https://www.angelflightcentral.org/501day>
 It will be held at:
 AFC Headquarters
 Kansas City Downtown Airport -
 Wheeler Field
 490 Richards Rd Kansas City, MO
 64116
 - b. David Wallace suggested making the control line fun fly an all-day event with training and how-to for those interested in giving it a try.
 - c. Why is AMA saying we are a new Gold Leader? John Midgorden stated that he is still listed as the contact and is still receiving correspondence. He requested that this be corrected right away with the AMA so they have the new contact and the correct Gold Leader info. Keith will get clarifications ASAP.
 - d. Amendment to by-laws regarding membership cancelations and prorated refunds. This will be discussed at our next Board meeting.
 - e. June 7th Jet Rally coming soon. Scouts will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase.
 - f. Richard shared that he was given a violation ticket for driving on the grass while he was searching for a lost canopy on the north end of the field. It was stated we are not allowed on any of the grass, including the area where overflow parking happens during events. There is confusion on this and we need to discuss with Parks. The gravel lot is not large enough for events.
15. Any other business or topics to discuss?
 16. Raffle for either the Habu Jet or the Gift Card. We did not reach the required \$200 in ticket sales so the raffle will be held next meeting. Save your tickets.
 17. Edwin had a box of engines and props for sale from an Estate Sale. Proceeds go to KCRC. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.
 18. Adjourn the formal meeting at 7:25.
 19. Let's fly.

The Funnies

Below is a story of absurdity and RC glory (names may have been changed to protect the guilty)

The Great Lawn Chair Airshow

It all started with a simple question: Can an RC plane tow a lawn chair?

Of course, in the spirit of the KCRC Club, nobody asked why—just how.

*Brandon, the club's resident daredevil (who once landed an RC biplane on his own truck hood **on purpose**), was the first to volunteer as test pilot. The plan was simple: strap the lawn chair to the biggest, most powerful RC plane in the club's fleet, then see what happens.*

The engineering department—otherwise known as Steve, who owns a roll of duct tape and once built an RC submarine that sort of worked—got to work. There were calculations (mostly scribbled napkin sketches), aerodynamics discussions (arguing over whether a lawn chair was more or less aerodynamic than Fred himself), and, of course, test flights (mostly involving a toy drone hauling increasingly ridiculous objects).

Three days later, it was go-time. The whole club gathered, phones poised to document either a glorious success or an epic failure. Fred strapped himself into the chair, giving a confident thumbs-up. The plane roared to life, pulling Fred—lawn chair and all—forward across the field with surprising ease.

For a brief, shining moment, it seemed like he was actually going airborne.

Then reality, gravity, and a strategically placed gopher hole intervened.

*The chair bucked forward, catapulting Fred onto his back while the plane soared off, **free of its earthly burden**.*

The RC aircraft—now liberated from its ridiculous duty—decided it liked life better this way. It executed two perfect loops overhead, as if celebrating its independence, before gently landing right in front of the crowd, completely unharmed.

Fred, flat on the ground, stared up at the sky.

"Well," he sighed, "at least the landing was textbook."






Steve, meanwhile, examined the wreckage (which was mostly Fred's dignity) and announced, "I think we need bigger wings."

*The legend of the Great Lawn Chair Airshow lives on. Fred still claims partial success. The club unanimously agrees to never, **ever** let him near the engineering department again.*





Event Schedule

Keith Stevens

2025 Date	Event Description	Location	Event Leader	Cashier Sign-In Table
June 7	Mike Ryken Jet Rally 	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez	Jim Hulse
July 12	Traditional Fun Fly 	Charlie Reed Field	Phil Lucido	Deon Cross
June 13, 14, 15	Control Line F2D Combat Competition	Charlie Reed Field	Andy & Cary Minor	Minor's
July 26	Control Line Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Jimmy C	N/A
August 16	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
September 6	Annual Warbird & Golden Era Fun Fly 	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin	Chris Edinger
September 13	Control Line Combat	Charlie Reed Field	Andy & Cary Minor	Minor's
October 11	Fun Fly 	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez	David Wallace

Next!

Food! =>  Scouts will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase at the 5 events above identified with the Scout logo. 

- Breakfast times approximately 8:30 to 10:30: Pancakes, sausage, coffee

- Lunch times 11:00 to 2:30 or 3:00-ish: Burgers, dogs, cobbler, root beer floats, pop, water

Proceeds benefit scouts who struggle to pay for summer camp. Great way for young scouts to earn money and attend camp



Prizes! => The club will be raffling a prize at our monthly meetings. Typically, you'll have a choice between a \$200 gift card or an airplane. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prize will be awarded when the pot reaches \$200. The goal is to increase attendance at our meetings. Buy your tickets at the meeting!

Safety NOTAM

Susan Calvin

I was just reminded in an email from Jon Brit that we're still under the thumb of the FAA. This is in the form of an "Important Announcement: FAA Authorization Briefing for all RC pilots." To avoid any confusion I have included the text of the message below.

All pilots must:

- **Follow USC 44809 and AMA Safety Guidelines:** You need to be aware of and follow all AMA safety code practices, USC 44809, and any rules that apply specifically to the flying site in question.
- **Be Aware of Nearby Aviation Activity:** Clubs should be aware if their field is within 2 nautical miles of charted, manned air traffic (such as small airports) and inform you of any safety mitigations or site-specific rules you need to follow in case of possible aircraft nearby. The increased altitudes do not constitute waivers from any other law or safety rule. [See the FAQ link for documentation requirements.](#)
- **Know Site-Specific Limits:** Some sites have altitude or area restrictions based on their size or location. This might change during an event vs. daily flying if the local leadership feels it is necessary or is required by a separate local agreement. Remember, even if a field has received 700-foot or 1,200-foot above-ground-level (AGL) clearance, the club might have restrictions on when they allow pilots to utilize the space above 400 feet. Ask before you fly.
- **Understand the National Authorization:** Especially if you don't regularly fly at a field covered by this authorization, you might not be familiar with all stipulations. Make sure you read through the authorization and seek guidance from local club leadership if you don't understand a section. AMA and District leadership will be available for questions as well, but local restrictions could apply, and club leaders should advise members prior to operation.
- **Be FAA Registered:** Make sure you've registered with the FAA as a recreational flier if operating UAS above 250 grams or 0.55 pounds and are following registration requirements.
- **Have Completed the The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST):** The FAA requires all recreational drone and model aircraft pilots to pass the TRUST safety test. If you haven't done this yet, it's quick and free to complete on AMA's website.

Other Items About These Sites:

- **Flying Above 400 Feet Is Only Allowed During the Day:** The altitude extension only applies between civil sunrise and civil sunset. If you're flying at night, you must stay at or below 400 feet AGL unless otherwise specifically authorized.
- **Fixed Sites, Not All Class G:** This authorization applies to registered AMA sites within Class G airspace that have been submitted for review; it does not authorize altitude extensions for all modelers in Class G airspace. [Members can easily view approved sites on the FAQ page.](#)
- **You Must Always Stay Within Visual Line of Sight:** You or your spotter need to be able to see your aircraft clearly **with your own eyes.**
- **Operations Must Follow the Weather Rules:** If operating during an event at an applicable site, look to your event managers, contest directors, and FAA national altitude extension for guidance on weather and visibility conditions.
- **NOTAMS: A NOTAM must be issued for any AMA Sanctioned Event in Class G airspace when flying above 400 feet AGL.**

I've highlighted some things that merit additional attention. Please read this information, and make a copy if you wish, so that we can all enjoy a safe flying season.

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MEMORIAL FLYING FIELD

LOCATED AT.
3899 RENNAU DR
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64064

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**



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