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SUMMER IS HERE!

Hello, My fellow R/C Modelers

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Jet Rally this past weekend! Despite the surprise "baby monsoon," the event turned out fantastic once the skies cleared. Special thanks to the Boy Scout troop who catered the event. The cobbler was outstanding!!!

It was great to see pilots and spectators come from as far as Wichita and Omaha we're proud to be drawing in such a passionate and wide-reaching community.

Looking ahead: mark your calendars for our KCRC fun fly this coming up month for July! We'll have games with some flying challenges to test those stick skills. Details will be posted soon on our website and social media, so stay tuned. Come on out and join the fun!

Until then be safe, have fun, and tear up the skies this season.

May your skies stay blue, and your winds be calm.

See y'all soon,

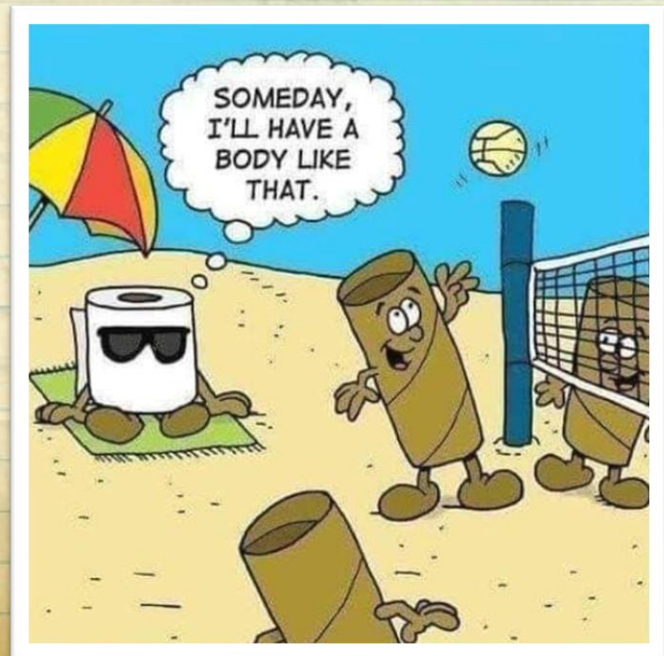
KCRC President Edwin Chavez



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NEXT CLUB MTG!

JUNE 18TH

**7 PM @ CHARLES REED
MEMORIAL FLYING FIELD**

May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Edwin Chavez at 7:01pm at the flying field. In attendance were Keith Stevens, Gary Snyder, Craig White, Susan Calvin, John Midgorden, Jon Britt, Stan Harrington, Jim Cianciolo, Duane Hulen, Charley Boyd, David Wallace, Chris Edinger, James Sineath, Darrell Kunard, Phillip Lucido, Jesse Casteel, Jim Hulse, Richard Strickland, Don Sladky, Robert Snyder, Frank Myers, Bill Steinweg, Anthony Sgaraglinio, Mike Ryken, Don Ronnebaum, Tom Safely, Tom Bomstad, Joe Breault, Frank Curatalo, Mike McFarland, Tom Gensor, Edwin Chavez, Craig McMichael.

There was one visitor, Frank Curatalo.

March and April 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 5/19/2025 is \$7,690.04.

The Secretary reported AMA Club Gold Leader status was approved and a plaque sent to us. For some reason, they show us a new leader. We've been a leader for 7 years as stated in the application submission.

The Park Liaison, Jim Cianciolo stated there was a volunteer recognition dinner at the end of April with about 9 people from the club present. Hay bales will be removed from the field. Parking lot fence is currently being installed. The question came up, "can we part in the grass?" The answer is no. The Park Rangers will give you a ticket if you drive or park on any grass area in the park not designated a parking or driving area.

Keith Stevens, the Newsletter Editor, mentioned that newsletter article submissions can be sent to

keithstevenskrcrc@gmail.com. Please submit pictures, videos, and other topics to be included into our monthly newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jon Britt's P-51 is on display at the aviation museum at Marshall MO. The model will hang permanently in the WWII display.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chain link in progress
2. ADA concrete. No current plan.
3. Electric night flying is from 16 April to 17 Sept. Fly through 10pm
4. Bylaws for membership cancellations. No change yet.
5. Jet Rally: Scouts will have food available
6. Motion approved to have NMAD proceeds awarded to Angel Flight. Deon, Edwin, and Susan went to Angel Flight grand opening.





NEW BUSINESS


1. Motion approved to relocate both windsocks to western end of sidewalks. Location will be identified after meeting and socks will be moved ASAP.
2. Jayhawks Rally this Saturday. They support us and we should do likewise.
3. Fun Fly this summer on 12 July. Only \$5 landing fee. There will be four events, two morning and two afternoon. You need to run one plane for events unless you crash it. Events will be William Tell, Soda Cracker, Roll/Loop, and Fast/Slow Speed Run. Motion approved for up \$500 to fund event.
4. New 700' altitude ceiling for daylight events. Sanctioned events still require a NOTAM.
5. Evan Simpson made flyers for beginners and non-members. Good visual layout of information. Samples provided
6. Next club meeting on 18 June, Sineath is cooking dogs
7. Control line flying F2D competition 13-15 June. Minor brothers are leading event.

Official meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Event Schedule

Keith Stevens

2025 Date	Event Description	Location	Event Leader	Cashier Sign-In Table
July 12	Traditional Fun Fly 	Charlie Reed Field	Phil Lucido	Deon Cross
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
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

Food! => Scouts will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase at events 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!

21 May Winner! Keith Stevens won the raffle (not rigged, he threw down a \$20 for a bunch of tickets.) He chose the Habu 70mm jet trainer!





Next Event! Traditional Fun Fly, July 12

Rain date, July 13

Fun Fly

July 12, 2025

Raffle Plane

Carbon Cub S 2+
\$1.00 ea., or six for \$5.00

William Tell Balloon Bust Soda Cracker Run

The same plane must be used for all events unless crashed and is not able to be flown as determined by the judges.

For event rules
www.kcradiocontrol.com

Skill Test Two Speed Race

Fun Fly is for fixed wing only (gas, glow or electric) and no turbines or FPV.

LOCATION
Charles Reed III Memorial Flying Field
Located in Fleming Park
3581-3899 Rennau Dr.
Lee's Summit, MO 64064
38° 58' 37" N, 94° 20' 31" W
500 x 50 Asphalt & Grass Runways

INFORMATION
Raffles
No Electrical Power for Charging
Generators Welcome
Lunch and Breakfast available for purchase from Scout Troop 1306
Rain date, July 13, 2025 No Food Service

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #18116
Event Leader: Phil Lucido lucido4405@gmail.com

REQUIREMENTS
Registration 9:00 A.M.
Flying starts at 10:00 A.M.
Landing fee \$5
AMA Membership
FAA # on Aircraft
Posted Flying Rules Apply

KC/RC 2025 Fun Fly Event Schedule

When: July 12, 2025 (Rain date, July 13, 2025)

Where: Charles Reed Memorial Flying Field, Registration Fee \$5.00

Time: Registration at 9:00 AM. Flying starts at 10:00 AM after pilots meeting.

There will be 2 events in the morning and 2 events after lunch. Open events – everyone welcomed. Enter one event or all four events. The idea is to have fun – no pressure! The same plane (gas, glow or electric) must be used for all events unless the plane is crashed and not flyable as determined by the judges. A broken prop, bent landing gear, etc. does not qualify the plane as being unflyable. (If someone crashes a plane after each event the judges will determine if you are disqualified.)

A winner award will be presented after each event. There will be random prize drawings throughout the day. You must have an AMA license, and your FAA # must be visible on the outside of your plane. Fixed wing only (gas, glow or electric), no turbines and no FPV. All ties will be broken by a roll of the dice.

Event 1: William Tell Balloon Bust

The objective of the event is to break a balloon with an arrow attached to the wing of your plane. The arrow will be provided by the event coordinator(s). The arrow will be attached to the wing of your plane by string or painter's tape (or however you would like to attach it). A balloon will be attached to the runway 50 Feet away. The time it takes to taxi down the runway and break the balloon will be determined. Shortest time wins. If you leave the ground you will be penalized 10 seconds each time you take off. Also, if the prop breaks the balloon, you will be disqualified. Ties will be broken by the roll of the dice.

Event 2: Soda Cracker Run

Once the pilot is ready to take off, he/she will notify the judges. Time starts when the pilot is given the cracker. The pilot will be given a cracker and will need to eat the cracker and then must whistle audibly (the judge(s)

Fun Fly - Continued -**Phil Lucido**

must hear it) and then takes off and begins looping the plane. After at least one loop, the pilot will be given another cracker to eat. The pilot must keep looping until the cracker is eaten and then whistle audibly (judge(s) must hear it) and then land. The clock stops at touchdown.

Shortest time wins. Ties will be broken by a row of the dice. Water will be available if someone starts to choke on the cracker

Event 3: Skill Test

Once the pilot is ready to take off, the judge(s) will be notified. The pilot flies 3 inside loops, 3 right rolls, 3 left rolls, (the rolls can be done in any order) and then 3 touch and goes. Then another 3 inside loops, 3 right rolls and 3 left rolls (in any order) and then lands. The clock stops at touchdown. (10 SECONDS will be deducted for each maneuver not completed. Shortest time wins. Ties will be broken by a row of the dice.

Event 4: Two Speed Race

Pylons will be set at each end of the field several 100 ft a part. A pilot will make 2 passes between the pylons. A fast pass the first time and a slow pass the second time. Timing starts when the nose of the plane reaches the first pylon and stops when the tail of the plane leaves the second pylon. The first time through the pilot goes as fast as he/she can. The second time through the pilot goes as slow as he/she can. If the pilot touches the ground, a penalty of 20 seconds plus the time it takes to get back the air, will be subtracted each time the pilot touches the ground. The one with the greatest difference in time will be the winner. Ties will be determined by the roll of the dice.

Events adapted from The South Davis Modelers Club in Utah.

Boy Scouts (Did you know?)

Dion Cross

1. They are Blue Springs, MO Scout Troop 306, and they are also Troop 1306. I learned that the #1 means they are a Missouri Troop and they use this number when at events in other states. I guess that means MO is #1. How about that?
2. Where does the money go? 80% of the profits from events, such as KCRC, goes to a fund to help needy scouts afford to go to summer scout camp and other scouting events. 20% goes to help the troop with general operating expenses. 100% of tips received goes to help needy scouts. The kids very much appreciate everyone's generosity.
3. Did the scouts pay for the nice kitchen pop up camper? No. The camper was purchased by one of the parents who help the kids at our events. The parents also paid for all the renovation and appliance set up in the kitchen, at no cost to the scouts. 100% donated.
4. The Health Dept. regularly inspects the scout's operation for cleanliness and adherence to food safety regulations. If you were at the Jet Rally early enough you may have observed a Health Dept. inspector go through the kitchen set up and give them their approval paperwork for our event. They have never had a violation at our events or any of the other festivals or events they attend. The parents in charge stress to the kids the importance of cleanliness and how to interact with the public in a mannerly way. Good life training.
5. The parents make the kids do the bulk of the work, under supervision, so they learn important skills, self-confidence, and empowerment.

They want KCRC to know how much they appreciate the opportunity to be a part of our events and how much it benefits the scouts. Thank You!

Editor's note: Please save a little throughout the month to spend on the Scout food prepared at our events. And thank you to those who make it a habit of doing so. It's amazing how far our dollars go when we choose to support a volunteer assisted effort like the Scout chow trailer. Say that ten times fast! 😊

PS: At our next event they plan to set up on the opposite side of the parking lot, toward the grass area. That will leave more parking open on the flying field side.

Safety NOTAM

Susan Calvin

Subj: Situational Awareness, Military Flying, and the Wal Mart Parking Lot.

When I was flying for the Army we were constantly reminded to pay attention to what was going on around us. Much of our flying was done at low altitude, sometimes over flat terrain and other times through valleys and around mountains. An annoying constant in these environments was that someone was always putting obstacles in our way. Sometimes it might be an antenna, other times it might be wires stretched across a valley from one mountain top to another. Mid-air collisions were a constant threat. Part of the problem when dealing with these threats was that our maps were rarely up to date. To overcome these situations, we were taught techniques for recognizing hazards. Flying just below the tops of mountains would usually reveal an antenna against the sky in the background. Looking for cutouts in trees was a quick way to detect the path of wires. And always, whenever we encountered such hazards we would mark them on our maps and brief our fellow aviators upon returning to base. There was always a large map on the wall of our briefing room and everyone was encouraged to make timely updates.

It's been many years since I flew for the Army, but much of what I learned has helped me in negotiating operations in my local area. A glaring example of hazards to be dealt with can be found in any Wal Mart parking lot. I'm sure you can relate. How many times have we been looking for a parking spot, or trying to exit the parking lot when someone has walked out from between parked cars without looking? Perhaps such people have faith that they will not be run over, not considering that blind faith can get you killed. Then there is the ever present danger of someone backing out from their parking spot and not seeing you passing by. Sometimes I think it's a wonder that there are not a lot of broken car parts littering such parking lots. In this environment it helps to look for clues that a hazard is eminent. Unexpected motion in our peripheral vision, or shadows in motion can be helpful clues.

Now, translate all this to our flying field. This summer we will be conducting a lot of flying activity. Our traffic pattern will be crowded with all manner of airplanes that create a collision hazard just due to their presence. This being the case it will benefit everyone to look for clues that identify hazards. A little common sense will go a long way to avoiding the re-kitting of your planes. That will assure that you and your plane will return to base alive and well.

Susan

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**NEXT CLUB MTG.
JUNE 18TH**

**7 PM @ CHARLES REED
MEMORIAL FLYING FIELD**

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

**Next Raffle
Plane!**



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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