



CONTACTS

The Official Newsletter of KCRC
An AMA Chartered Club #390 for 71 Years

January 2026

www.kcradiocontrol.com

Hello RC Enthusiasts,



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Icicle Fun Fly! We had a great turnout and the weather wasn't too bad for the first day of the year minus the cloud coverage and a smidge of cold wind.

Hopefully everyone is staying busy in the shop working on new models, or maybe giving some love to those older planes that like to give us a challenge. We'd love to see your projects at our last meeting for the winter at our show and tell.

A reminder to please store your batteries safely when not in use, and never charge them unattended.

For those brave winter flyers, stay warm out there—and try not to lose your models in the woods!

Hope to see yall soon!

May your skies be blue and your winds be calm,

President Edwin Chavez



The picture on the front page was taken in 1953 at Olathe, Kansas. This was the original KCRC! From left to right—center: Stan Thomas; Stan Thomas; J. P. (Duke) Lee; Bob; Robert Sperry; Marshall; Bud; (standing) Kelly; Fred; Don; Walter. Bud furnished the picture and gave Charley the list of names who he could remember. Thank you. KCRC Contacts 1-24-1971

IN THIS ISSUE

Page

President's Communique	1
Club Appreciation Banquet	2
Swap N Shop information	3
The Icicle Tradition.	4-5
Minutes of the December, 2025 Meeting	6-7
Safety is No Accident	8
2026 Event Schedule.	9

Visit us on Social Media

[Kansas City Radio Control Website](http://www.kcradiocontrol.com)

[KC/RC Facebook Page](#)

[KC/RC Youtube](#)

Notice to all Airmen and Families



2026 KC/RC Association 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 14th, 2026. The cost this year is **\$36/person** if you pay by **cash or check**, or **\$38/person** if paying with **PayPal**. PayPal link and QR code are shown below.

Be sure to attend the January club meeting (January 21st) prepared to pay for reservations for you and your additional guests. You cannot put your name on the list if you are not prepared to pay at that time. **OR** you may mail your reservation fees, including the names of those attending, to Jon Britt if you are unable to make the January meeting. You may also pay for your reservations at the February club meeting (2/18).

IMPORTANT: We MUST have your "paid in full" reservations no later than February 21st. KC/RC is required to provide V's management with an accurate headcount the following week. So, please make your reservations early. We also have some great entertainment planned for the evening, and, of course, attendance prizes (TDB)!

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.

Note – If there are special dietary requirements for you or your family members they must be specified so I can communicate those needs to V's management. They are happy to meet your requirements.

Do not miss this annual KC/RC Appreciation Banquet tradition!

Jon Britt – Banquet Coordinator
31100 E Old Major Road
Grain Valley, MO 64029
816-825-9490
joncat@sbcglobal.net

2026 KCRC Banquet Reservation - V's



Here is the PayPal link and QR code for the **V's** reservations. Both the link and the QR code allow a quantity to be set for multiple reservations. Be sure to include your reservation and your guest(s) reservations.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/KNLVA73X5N2MQ>



Coming Up. Get your tables TODAY!



Swap 'N' Shop

Saturday, February 7, 2026



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

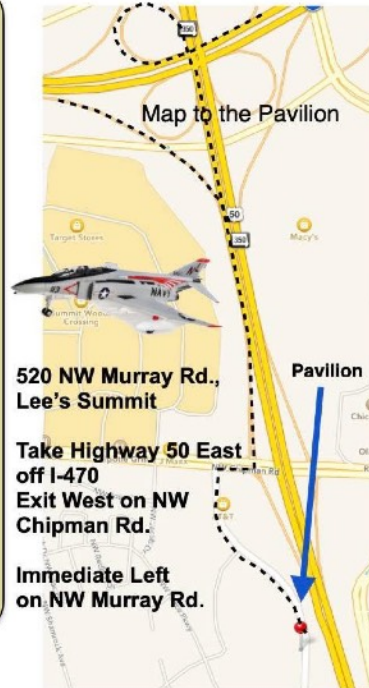
Walk-up Registration begins 8 A.M.
 (Assuming tables are available)

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
 1024 SE. Dover Dr.
 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





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, 2026
 All table locations will be assigned by KCRC
 One Vendor Admission for each 8' table

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

Kansas City Radio Control Association invites you to join us for the 2026 KC/RC Swap & Shop on Saturday, February 7th, in Lee's Summit, MO. An informational flyer is attached detailing the date/time, location, admissions, and seller table application for those who would like to sell some of their prized, or not-so-prized, modeling possessions.

Table space is selling fast, so if you want to take part in the largest R/C swap meet in the Midwest, get your applications for limited table space in as soon as possible! Pre-registration ends on January 22nd, so don't delay!! Floor space is also available for large models.

As in previous years, Chops BBQ (Smithville, MO) will be catering both breakfast and lunch. It is outstanding!!

Please join us for this great mid-winter gathering of aeromodeling enthusiasts of all special interest groups. Everyone is welcome!

Please pass this notice on to all your friends. We hope to see you all there!!

Jon Britt

New Year's Day at the Field: The Icicle Tradition.



For over 50 years, generations of Kansas City Radio Control Association members, January 1st does not mean sleeping in or watching bowl games, it means heading to the flying field no matter what the thermometer indicates. Pilots showed up for what became affectionately known as the Icicle Fly-In or Icicle Stick Fun Fly. It was the club's way of ringing in the year the right way, with airplanes, friends, and sometimes snow on the runway.

The Icicle Fly-In is never about competition. It is informal by design. "Bring what you have and fly if you can." KC/RC Contacts newsletters from the late 1970s and early 1980s consistently list the January 1st event with no rules beyond showing up, flying safely, and enjoying the day. Some years the wind and temperatures were mild, while other years only the bravest managed to get an engine started and complete a flight. The coldest KC/RC New Years Day event recorded was January 1st, 1985, with 11°F temperature, -22°F wind chill with about five inches of snow on the runway. About twenty members were there "enjoying the day!" As the tradition grew, one name became inseparable from January 1st at the field, Max Klotz. By the early 1980s, Max was not only flying but actively shaping the character of the Icicle Stick Fun Fly. While serving as KC/RC president, he regularly promoted the event in the December newsletter encouraging all members, flyers and spectators alike, to attend, and then recapping the event in the January newsletter.

Alongside Max, his wife, Sue, played an equally significant role. Together, they helped turn a cold-weather fly-in into something genuinely welcoming. Club articles from the mid-to-late 1980s describe hot chili, hot chocolate, and coffee as staples of the event, along with simple certificates recognizing participation for those completing a successful flight. One article notes that "Sue Klotz brings her famous chili, hot chocolate, and coffee—it's worth seeing all the pilots flying with big smiles." When Max passed away KC/RC deeply felt his absence. In December 1991, KC/RC formally dedicated the New Year's Day Icicle Fly-In in Max's honor. Beginning with the January 1992 Contacts, the event was officially listed as the Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly. The name changed, but the spirit did not.

For 2026, twenty-two members attended the annual January 1st fun fly with temperatures in the mid- 30s, winds light & variable, a roaring barrel fire, and hot chili recipes and desserts, all while enjoying our passion for flying radio control model airplanes. Max would have been proud as the tradition continues!



Family of Max and Sue Klotz joined KCRC for the event in 2024.

New Year's Day at the Field: The Icicle Tradition.





Minutes of the December, 2025 Meeting

OPENING INFORMATION

The meeting was called to order by club VP Deon Cross at 7:03 p.m. at the EAA Hangar. 20 people were in attendance: Deon Cross, Keith Stevens, Susan Calvin, Charley Boyd, Richard Strickland, David Wallace, John Midgoden, Phillip Lucido, Jon Britt, Don Sladky, Jim Hulse, Darrell Kunard, Jim Cianciolo, Mike Ryken, Dan Dowdy, Mike McFarland, Craig White, Steven Engelman, Bob Deskins, Craig McMichael

There were no first-time club members present, no visitors, and no one wanting to learn to fly.

CLUB OFFICER REMARKS

1. Duane Hulen is in the hospital at St. Luke's Plaza and is accepting visitors. We need 5 people to assist the Swap n Shop. There were plenty of people ready to assist.
2. November meeting minutes were approved by vote.
3. VP reported that per instructions from Sig Manufacturing instruction, you need to look over your plane ... did you screw anything up? Solid advice to always double-check because we are humans and make mistakes.
4. The Treasurer, Jim Hulse, presented a summary of the bank account.
5. The Secretary noted that the airfield crack repairs will be submitted by Feb. and that we needed a tax form for the submission.
6. The Park Liaison asked people to turn in their park volunteer hours by the end of the year. If you have more than 100 hrs, your flying fees are reduced. It was asked if they said anything about the park entrance. The response was no.

7. The Safety Officer, Susan Calvin, provided a synopsis of the safety report regarding night driving. She mentioned that if you are blinded by oncoming lights, to close one eye to preserve night vision. And to always close the same eye so you don't lose night vision in both. She asked if anyone had small balsa airplane models they'd be willing to donate to the kids, then please contact her. The build and fly is complete.

OLD BUSINESS

1. KCRC membership for 2026. Please fill out a form even if all info is the same.
2. Deon and Jon gave a presentation at the last meeting showing progress photos and completion of four planes they rebuilt after mishaps. The four planes were on display in the hangar.
3. Pavement Management LLC sealed the runway cracks last week at a cost of \$2,750. Keith will submit that for AMA grant funding for 2026. We need a tax form for the submission. Keith will fill one out.
4. Appreciation dinner. Let's trim the list down here and Keith will send out a survey. The reduced list is V's, DAV, Legacy Grill. Please check your email and fill out the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Keep Duane in your thoughts and prayers.
2. KCRC Swap n Shop will be on Saturday, Feb 7th. Need some help managing this because Duane is in the hospital. Jim Hulse will manage the finances and coordination with John Knox. Jon Britt will help with envelopes. Chops will be doing



Continued from Page 6

- food according to a text from Jim to Danny Ulledahl.
3. Big thanks to every member who, during this last year, contributed, managed, coordinated, volunteered, donated, assisted in any way. Many hands make light work. Thank you all.
 4. Future events and meeting signups:
 - Jan meeting cookies: Keith
 - Feb meeting cookies: Susan
 - March meeting cookies: Tom Carroll
 - Hot dog chefs:
 - April-Keith
 - May-Duane (may need backfill)
 - June-Jon
 - July-David
 - August-Anthony
 - September-TBD
 - Jon Britt will submit a sanction request for the Oct 10th Fun fly.
 - Mike Ryken will be the CD for the Jet Rally
 - Andy Minor will have U-control contests in June and September
 5. Our next event will be Thursday, Jan 1st, 10am at the field, for the Max Klotz Memorial Icicle fun fly. Chili by Richard, Jon, Craig. Desserts by Deon and Jim.
 6. 6. Next club meeting is Wed, Jan 21st, 7pm, here at the EAA Hangar.

CLOSING REMARKS

Next club meeting is Wednesday, January 21st, at the EAA building at the Lee's Summit Airport. Keith is bringing cookies. Dan Dowdy is showing a video of FPV flying at the field.

Special presentation tonight after formal meeting is David on the "KCRC Year in Pictures." There's a card for Duane going around tonight. Please sign it.

Formal meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

NUMBERS AND INFORMATION TO ADD TO YOUR PHONE

EMERGENCY 911

Police for non-emergency:

Lee's Summit 816-969-7390

Independence 816-325-7300

Kansas City 816-234-5000

Blue Springs 816-228-0151

Jackson County Sheriff 816-524-4302

Jackson County Park Ranger Dispatch 816-503-4890

Jackson County Parks & Rec 816-503-4800

GPS Coordinates: Lat 38.977233 Long -94.342222

Street Address: 3581 Rennau Drive Lee's Summit.

Safety is No Accident

Susan Calvin

We have just come through another busy Christmas season. No doubt you experienced the same crowded parking lots and hectic highways (perhaps better described as war zones). At our last club meeting, I mentioned that during such times, they (better known as the general public) are out to get us. And I suggested that a little paranoia can go a long way in protecting ourselves. Normally, I would have left it at that, but a recent event in my life serves to justify a reminder that we're still at risk, especially from the driving public.

A few days ago, I was picking up some decorations I had put out at a cemetery so I could use them again at the next appropriate time. I do this at several cemeteries where friends and family are interred so that the decorations are not thrown away by the cemetery staff. As I was driving onto the nearby highway, I heard the loud sound of brakes screeching and looked immediately to my left. I realized I was about to be struck by a black SUV that was in the process of running a red light. Fortunately, the driver swerved at the last instant and avoided me by what seemed like a layer of paint. Although I take a very dim view of someone trying to run over my truck, especially while I'm in it, I decided to move on and be grateful that no one was hurt.

Because I think it's a good idea to learn from experience, I have been trying to develop the habit of taking my time when entering a highway and looking carefully for bad situations that may be developing. This all comes back to a saying that was popular during my tenure in the Army: "The Situation Dictates". Put another way, it's always a good idea to take the time to look around during any activity and identify all reasonable hazards. And be prepared to modify whatever you're doing so as to avoid an accident. That way, you/we can be around for many successful flying sessions in the future.

Susan



Republished from May 2024

Flying boundaries agreed to by KCRC and Jackson County Parks & Rec many years ago are not as large as the FRIA boundaries that have been approved by the FAA and the AMA. Above is a map to visually help you identify these boundaries. The RED outline shows the approved FRIA boundaries. However, the Jackson County Parks & Rec approved boundaries state that the tree line at the north end of the runway is the North flying limit, (shown by the YELLOW line). We are supposed to follow the Park boundaries but it is often difficult to line up for landing when coming in from the North so please make sure you stay well within the RED FRIA approved boundary lines, especially on the North. Please do not jeopardize our Flying Site by flying outside of the approved boundaries.



2026 Event Planner

Jan 1	Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly
Feb 7	KC/RC Swap “n’ Shop
June 6	Jets Over Jacomo
July 11	Fly-n-Swap
Aug 22	National Model Aviation Day
TBD	Float & Fly
Sept 12	Annual Warbirds & Golden Era Fly-In
Oct 10	Fall Fly-In

Join us on the Web, Facebook, or YouTube for updates and notifications.

Web: <https://kcradiocontrol.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kansascityradiocontrol>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@kansascityradiocontrolclub6001>



CONTACTS

KCRC
17804 E. 29th Street S
Independence, MO 64057

January, 2026

Volume LXXII, Issue I

MAIL TO: