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70TH CELEBRATION T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE AT MEETING



Hello KC/RCers. Flying season is full on. While we have had to dodge rain storms, the wind hasn't been quite as bad as we experienced in April, so there have been more days acceptable to fly. Don't forget the next club meeting is May 15th at the field! Duane Hulen will be our Chef-of-the-Day, so be there to get your hot dog or sausage hot off the grill before the meeting!

Immediately after the last club meeting, Leonard LaForte organized KC/RC's participation in the Jackson County Parks & Rec "Get Outdoors" event at Vesper Park in Blue Springs on April 20th. Leonard, Phil Lucido, Jim Hulse, Jim Cianciolo, and I were there and set up a nice static display. The temperature that day was in the low 50s, it was a bit windy, but at least we had mostly sunny skies. While traffic was slow, there were several families and individuals who showed significant interest in our hobby. We handed out numerous KC/RC brochures, and foam-plate gliders to the kids, a real hit. One family had already purchased their "airplane-obsessed 8-year-old son" (their words) an E-Flight Apprentice and were desperately looking for help! I hope they follow our advice and join us at the field to get started. Overall, the event was nice public relations exposure for KC/RC. Thanks, Leonard for leading the charge! Hopefully someone took pictures for John to include in the Contacts.

As you all know, our Treasurer, Jim Hulse, has expertly orchestrated the purchase of our new 70th Anniversary KC/RC tee shirts. THANK YOU, JIM!! The membership really stepped up on the

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Elmer Harris' 50% Viper

May 15th Club Meeting at the Flying Field



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final quantity ordered. After an initial estimate of 50 shirts to establish a price per shirt, by the April 26th order deadline we had 85 tee shirts on order!! This increase in order quantity saved us all approximately \$600 based on the initial 50 shirt price estimate. The provider, Custom Inc, has promised a delivery date of May 10th, so Jim will have your t-shirt(s) available to pick up at the next club meeting. BE SURE to have your money ready to pay for your order at the meeting. We will let everyone know the actual cost/shirt once the order arrives.

KC/RC has several event sanctions on file with AMA, and are looking forward to our first big event, the 3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally, June 8–9. Edwin Chavez, CD, promises two great days of flying weather. And Deon Cross' affiliation with a local Boy Scout troop will be providing all the food service for the event, relieving the club membership of this duty so we can enjoy the flying! Bring your jets, and have some fun! Even if you're not a "jet guy", come on out and enjoy the action! The raffle plane this year is an E-Flight BNF 70mm Viper, and comes with a spare wing, too! Get your raffle tickets at the Jet Rally! John will include the event flyer elsewhere in the Contacts.

Next up will be the Annual KC/RC Fun Fly on July 13th. Phil Lucido is the event manager for this year. He will be publishing the individual events for the Fun Fly soon, so use your imagination, and get out and practice for this great tradition. He will most certainly need help organizing and executing the Fun Fly, so step up and get involved! KC/RC will be managing the food service that day (Scouts are at camp) so we will need volunteers to keep us all fed! Phil has also promised perfect weather for the Fun Fly, right Phil?

Don't forget, the next club meeting is May 15th, 7:00 P.M., AT THE FIELD. I've put in an order for mild temperatures and light wind. The April meeting gave us near perfect weather to fly, so hopefully, the May meeting will be a repeat! Even if its not perfect, bring something to fly anyway. Experience is the best teacher. And don't forget, its Night Glider night! Bring yours! Bring a friend! Bring the kids! Eat a "Duane Hulen" hot dog, and have some fun with your KC/RC buddies! See you there!

Perfect flights and soft landings,

Jon Britt, President

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Minutes of the April 2024 Meeting

The April 16th KCRC Club Meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:00 P.M. This was the first meeting at the flying field for the 2024 Season. There were 26 Members in attendance, but no visitors.

President Jon Britt asked for a motion two approve the March meeting minutes as printed in the *Contacts*. A motion was received and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Jim Hulse gave a brief financial report.

Secretary John Midgorden reported that he has received the Gold Leader Club certificate from the AMA.

Park Liaison Jimmy Cianciolo shared that he has the Special Use forms from the Park administration and he will post them on the Bulletin Board.

Jon shared that Deon Cross' brother passed away. He asked that we all keep Deon in our thoughts and prayers.

Edwin Chavez was thanked for his "hotdog" duty prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Jon mentioned that the Park had delivered a 100# bag of **grass seed** and on March 17th a group of guys spread the seed on the bare areas on both ends of the runway.

The Club's next event is Saturday, April 20th. It is the **Park's Annual "Get Outdoors" event** where KC/RC will put on a static display to encourage memberships in RC flying. Leonard LaForte is coordinating this Event. Leonard indicated that those displaying can begin setting up at 7:00 A.M. The Event is open to the public from 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Several guys indicated they will bring models to display.

T-shirts: Jim Hulse reminded everyone that their T-shirt order has to be made by April 26th. Orders so far are up to 55. The total order will be shipped to Jim and the shirts will be available at the May Club Meeting. Jon indicated that anyone can still order shirts by going to the link Jim has shared. The link is also in the April *Contacts*.

Electrical Power:

Jon shared that the Board of Directors had discussed this issue at a recent meeting. The options are solar power, generator or regular power from the local utility company. The board decided to pursue regular power from the local power company. President Jon is putting together a case to share with the Park Administration for why we need power at our site. Leonard LaForte

has gone around the Park and all the shelter houses, the boat ramps, etc. have power. Rob Snyder and Jimmy Cianciolo have shared our need with a person from Evergy (the power company) but the Club needs to make a case to share with the Park. They may have more clout with the Evergy.

Competitive Fun Fly Event: Phil Lucido has volunteered to run the Fun Fly Event. Jon thanked Phil for stepping up to do this event. There is an AMA Sanction already for this event that will have an altitude waiver for 700 feet.

Boy Scouts: The Scout Troop that wanted to come and watch our flying decided they would like to come to the Warbird/Classic Event in September. Also, the Scout Troop that Deon Cross has contacted will be cooking at all our Events except the Fun Fly.

Upcoming Events:

1. April 20 — Get Outdoors Event (Leonard DeForte)
2. June 8-9 — Mike Ryken Jet Rally (Edwin Chavez)
3. July 13 — Traditional Fun Fly (Phil Lucido)
4. August 17-18 — NMAD (Deon Cross)
5. September 7 — Warbird/Classics (Susan Calvin)
6. October 12 — Fall Jet Rally (Edwin Chavez)
7. Float Fly — Jon is still waiting for Craig McMichaels to set a date to fly at his lake.

Jon has discovered that it is now possible through AMA and the FAA to get a temporary FRIA designation for the float fly if it is Sanctioned.

All of these flying events already have AMA Sanctions.

Strickland's Shelter

Jon explained that he, Richard Strickland and Tom Bomstad tried to get in to the field to measure the shelter but couldn't get the lock box open to open the gate. Richard and Tom climbed over the fence and walked to the old Winnebago flying field and took the measurements needed.

Skills Data Base:

Anthony Sgaraglino reported that David Hoskins can't help with putting the data base on our Website. It would have to be done by the person who developed the website. Jon mentioned that the data base should also include Club members in terms of what they fly, what kinds of radios do they use, what kind of models (gas, glow, electric), etc. Anthony asked Midgorden to help him with developing a letter to send to Club members to gather the data.

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NEW BUSINESS

Jon reported that 4 guys had volunteered to be the new **Safety Officer**. The Board appointed Deon Cross for Safety Officer.

Duane Hulen announced that the field needs to be rolled. He will determine the date and the Secretary can alert those who would like to help run the roller. A motion was made to allow Duane to rent the roller for up to \$300. The motion was seconded and passed.

2024-2025 Officers

It is only 5 more months before new officers for KC/RC will need to be elected.. President Jon is term limited so a new President will need to be elected. Edwin Chavez has agreed to serve as President. Midgorden is not going to run for Secretary or news letter editor. Officers needed are Vice-president and Secretary. The Club will also need a newsletter editor.

Jon pointed out that Randy Cameron had submitted KC/RC for AMA **Club of the Month**.

The Board also talked about the possibility of having a **control line fun fly**. Jon suggested maybe the July 27th might be a good day.

Hotdog Cooks:

May: Deon Cross

June: Duane Hulen

July: Craig White

August: Jame Sineath

September: Don Ronnebaum

The next meeting will be May 15th here at the field. There was a motion to adjourn that was eagerly approved.

Respectively Submitted,
John Midgorden, Secretary

BRING YOUR MONEY TO THE MEETING IF YOU ORDERED 70TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS

Schedule of Remaining 2024 Events

Date	Event	Location	In Charge
June 8 & 9	3rd Annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez
July 13	Traditional Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Phil Lucido
July 27?	U-Control Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	No One Needed
Date to be determined	Annual Float Fly	Craig McMichael's Lake	Craig McMichael
August 10 & 11	NMAD & KCRC's 70th Anniversary Celebration	Charlie Reed Field	Deon Cross
September 7	Annual Warbird & Classic Aircraft Fun Fly	Charlie Reed Field	Susan Calvin
October 12	Jet Rally #2	Charlie Reed Field	Edwin Chavez



Safety is No Accident by Deon Cross

First of all, I would like to thank the KCRC officers and board for their confidence, in asking me to take on the role of Safety Officer for the club. Please remember though, we are all safety officers and we all have a responsibility for the safe operation of our aircraft, whatever we choose to fly.

Here is a list of emergency contact numbers along with the flying field address posted on the field bulletin board. If you have not added this information to your phone, please consider doing so. I have attached them for your convenience. Obviously, **911** would be your first choice if there were a serious issue at hand.

Charles W. Reed III Model Airplane Field

Street Address: 3581 Rennau Drive

Lee's Summit. Missouri 64064

****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

Since the flying season is coming into full swing, I wanted to remind everyone of some good information provided by Duane Hulen at the Club meeting last September.

The 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.

On Page 6 is a map to visually help you identify the boundaries. The RED outline shows the approved FRIA boundaries. However, the PARK 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.

Remember: We cannot fly over any vehicle roads, which is also an AMA and FAA requirement.

Please do not jeopardize our Flying Site by flying outside of the approved boundaries.

Safety is No Accident (Continued)



Andrew Sites (last years Safety Officer) had posted this helpful list of resources and I will keep it listed each month for the convenience of new and existing club members.

FAA approved safety test.

<https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>

FAA site for registering drones.

<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/>

AMA membership and/or renewal

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/user/login?destination=/membership/renew>

AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/105.pdf>

Jackson County Parks location to obtain an RC permit.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Sports/Radio-Controlled-Airfields-Lakes>

Jackson County Parks location to obtain an RC permit.

<https://kcradiocontrol.com/a/r/szz/rc/home>

Kansas City Remote Control Association website to join and for info.

Let's all go home in one piece, even if occasionally our aircraft do not.

Happy and safe flying



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Jackson County Park & Rec "Get Outdoors Event" April 20, 2024



Jimmy Cianciolo, Jim Hulse, Leonard LaForte, Jon Britt and Phil Lucido Reps for KC/RC



April 24th, A Perfect Day at the Field



Part of the Gang



Mike McFarland to Take Off



Mike Flying



Enjoying a Great Day



Neil McCumber and Tiny Model



Tom Bomstad Flying Pilot View



UKE Flyers Waiting Turn



Duane Hulen's Big Bird



Dan Dowdy & Darwin Ulledahl



Gaggle of Foamies



UKes Raring to Go



Corsair (Forgot Pilot's Name)



3RD ANNUAL MIKE RYKEN JET RALLY JUNE 8-9, 2024

FRIA Location:

Charles Reed III Memorial Flying Field
Located in Fleming Park
3399 NE Rennau Dr.
Lee's Summit, MO 64064
38° 58' 37" N, 94° 20' 31" W
Overnight Camping (no facilities)
Website: kcradiocontrol.com

Contest Director — Edwin Chavez
EdwinRazorChavez@outlook.com
An AMA Sanctioned Event #16697



Requirements:

Landing fee \$20
Current AMA Membership
FAA Number on Aircraft
All posted flying site rules
and boundaries apply.
Open to EDF and Turbine Aircraft
No Electrical Power but
Generators Welcome

Saturday:

Registration at 8:00 A.M.
Pilots Meeting at 9:00 A.M.
Asphalt & Grass Runways (both 40x500)
Pilot and Best Plane Awards
A Boy Scout Troop will be proving
Lunch both days.



Come and Help KC/RC Celebrate 70
Years as an AMA Chartered Club





KC/RC's Flying Fields by Jimmy Cianciolo

When KCRC began, control line flying was still king. U-control required much less space than Free Flight or Radio Control. There were even concrete control line circles in Swope Park at 63rd street. And in those days control line was often flown from school parking lots. The bark of those unmuffled engines drew kids from blocks around.

To fly Free Flight or Radio Control required much larger areas. Often it meant a trip outside of the city limits. Finding suitable flying sites was a primary reason that KCRC founded.

Information found in the 1958 Contacts indicates that there was a place to fly in Liberty Missouri. The site was on MO 152 between US 71 Bypass (MO 291) and US 69. A note in the Contacts states, "The lock on the gate is to keep the cattle in and the property owner happy." This field closed in 1960 because of property development expansion.

R/C was also flown at the Heart of America Airport which was located west of the Truman

Sports Complex. Starting in 1959, R/C flying events were held in Lamar MO at a private GA airport with "PAVED RUNWAYS"! It's hard to imagine flying R/C at a general aviation airport now days. I also remember my dad flying single channel R/C from the playground at Northwood School near Sterling and I-70.

In 1958, Jackson County created Fleming Park when the Little Blue River was damned forming Lake Jacomo. The call went out to County residents asking for ideas for the new Park. KC/RC modelers answered. They wanted an area for flying radio controlled model planes. So began our long relationship with the Parks + Rec Department of Jackson County Park system.

In July 1960, the first flying field at Jacomo was cleared just east of our present site. And it was just a field. But most planes of that time were hand launched then glided back in when the engine ran dry. I remember going there with my dad and his friend Les Tindal to fly when I was about 6. The plane was gliding in but the land-

KANSAS CITY RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION  1960 Annual

OPEN R/C CONTEST

**Saturday and Sunday
JUNE 4th & 5th
Lamar, Missouri**

Enjoy R-C to the fullest & safest from a surfaced runway, courtesy of the Lawn-Boy Mower Co.

Rudder-Only . . Intermediate . . Multi . . Scale
Entry fee \$1.50 per event; enter any or all events. AMA 222.

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\$300 in loot you can use
R-C engines in every class; etc., etc.

A couple of hours' drive south of KC, the airfield is on US Highway 160, a mile or so west of a junction with US 71 and Lamar, Mo. The red circle on this "map" will help you locate it on your full-sized one - iffen you can't make this one out!

KANSAS CITY RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION  1961 Annual

OPEN R/C CONTEST

**Saturday and Sunday
JUNE 24th & 25th
Kansas City, Missouri**

You're invited to enjoy a weekend of R-Cing on the model field in beautiful Lake Jacomo Park.

Classes similar to one proposed AMA change:

- CLASS I.** Rudder & Throttle Only. Single channel radio. No brakes or steerable wheels.
- CLASS II.** Rudder-Elevator-Throttle. ANY radio. Brake-steerable wheel if coupled to RET
- CLASS III.** Rudder-Elevator-Aileron-Throttle, plus ? . . . ANYTHING, ANYWAY

Trophies, RC engines, & Mdse. in each Class
Entry fee \$2.00 for first event; \$1.00 ea. add'l event. AMA 457.

Jackson County Park - "Jacomo" - lies between US 40 and 50 just east of KC, may be reached from US 71 Bypass. Markers will lead to the flying field, which is opposite Shelter House B.

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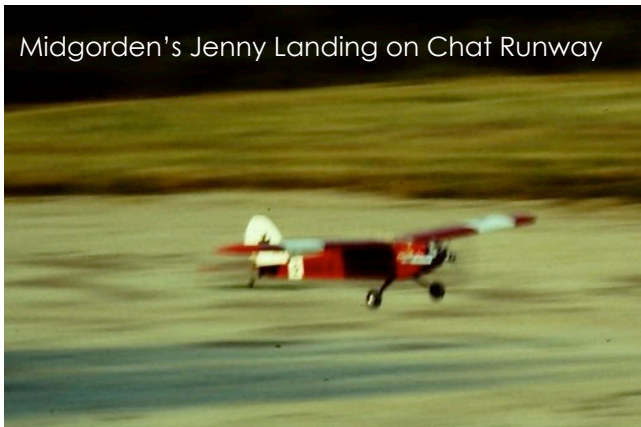
ing gear broke off on touchdown. I was heartbroken. The bad thing about this location was that the flyers were facing west, looking directly into the afternoon sun. It was apparent that this was not an ideal site.

So in 1962 the field was relocated west and the pilots faced toward the east. We have been at our present site for 62 years. Through the decades the field has been maintained and enhanced by the partnership between KC/RC and the Parks + Rec Department.

As R/C technology developed from single to multi-channel control, planes could take off and land under power. Soon competitions followed. A set of scheduled maneuvers was created which every pilot flew in sequence. Each pilot flew the same pattern. That's where the term "pattern contest" came from.

Through the 1960s the original grass runway was further north. Eventually the runway was covered with chat, a compact-able fine gravel.

Through the years safety fences, a shelter house, bleachers, storage facilities, water service, pilot stations, helicopter and control line areas were added. And in our cooperation with the Parks Department we have worked together to also build safety rules and regulations. The success of Jacomo also has led to two other flying sites in the Park system.



Midgorden's Jenny Landing on Chat Runway

As planes became more powerful and sophisticated, in 1979 KC/RC installed the asphalt runway further toward the south.



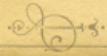
Midgorden's Cessna on New Asphalt Runway

HONORING PARK VOLUNTEERS

Annual Jackson County Parks & Rec Banquet
Held at Adams Point Conference Center



Left to Right
Judy and John Midgorden and
Jimmy and Gail Cianciolo



Jon Britt — An Amazing Friend Indeed!



On April 8th, Jon was making a second test flight on your editors Flying King when he lost complete control and it crashed. The “no spark” switch, recommended by the kit designer, failed. The Fuselage broke badly behind the trailing edge of the wing. I was about to put the model in the trash barrel when Jon volunteered to put in back together—what a friend!

It is now ready to go into flight test again. The switch has been replaced with the power plug (shown below) to complete the circuit to the speed control and receiver. We have re-named the Flying King the **Flying Phoenix** (from the ashes).



CONTACTS

**CLUB MTG. MAY 15TH
COME EARLY AND FLY**

**HOT DOGS AT 6:15
CHEF DUANE HULEN**

BUSINESS MTG AT 7:00

**BRING YOUR LIGHTED
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NIGHT FLYING**

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