

Pilot Kit



Location

Sunflower Aerodrome
Yoder, Kansas USA
37.9262778N, 97.9066944W
Elevation: 1582 Feet MSL

Schedule

Practice Day 1	Sunday, 2 nd August
Practice Day 2	Monday, 3 rd August
Welcome Dinner - Sponsored by the Sunflower Soaring Foundation	Monday, 3 rd August at 6:00pm
Pilot Meeting	Monday, 3 rd August at 7:00pm
Contest Day 1	Tuesday, 4 th August
Contest Day 2	Wednesday, 5 th August
Contest Day 3	Thursday, 6 th August
Contest Day 4	Friday, 7 th August
Contest Day 5	Saturday, 8 th August
Mike Davis Memorial Dinner	Saturday, 8 th August at 6:30pm
Contest Day 6	Sunday, 9 th August
Contest Day 7	Monday, 10 th August
Contest Day 8	Tuesday, 11 th August
Contest Day 9	Wednesday, 12 th August
Contest Day 10	Thursday, 13 th August
Awards Banquet	Thursday, 13 th August

Organizers

- Kansas Soaring Association
 - Kirk Bittner – President
 - Phone – (860) 670 – 5544
 - Email – kansas.soaring@gmail.com
- Sunflower Soaring Association
 - Bob Hinson – President
 - Phone - (316) 841 – 5561
 - Tony Condon – Manager
 - Phone - (515) 291 – 0089

Key Contest Personnel

- Contest Manager – Kirk Bittner
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- Contest Director – David Stevenson
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- Scorer – Bret Chilcott
 - Phone – (620) 332 – 9264
 - Email – bretchilcott@gmail.com
- Operations Manager – Bob Hinson
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- Retrieve Desk – David Pauley
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Competition Rules and Local Procedures

A copy of the 2026 SSA Competition Rules can be found [here](#).

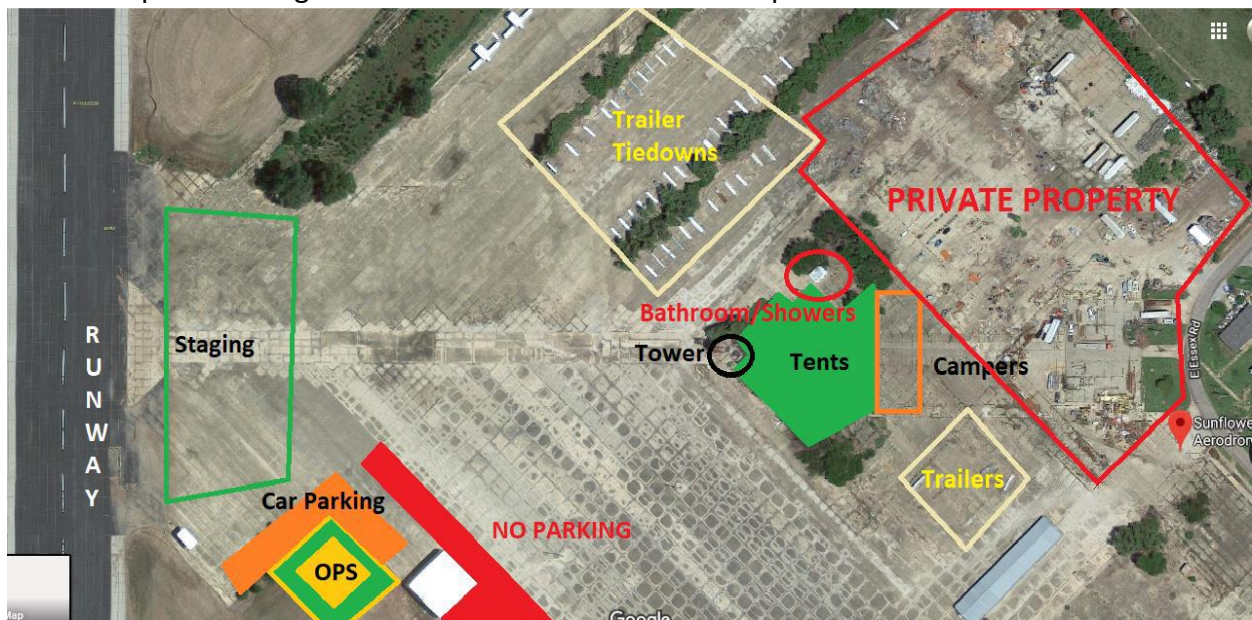
Turnpoint Files

An updated turnpoint file is available on the turnpoint exchange. The database is dated "15 June 2025" and the turnpoint files will be named "sunflwr", "snfl6", "Sunflower 2026" or similar.

<https://soaringweb.org/TP/Hutchinson/>

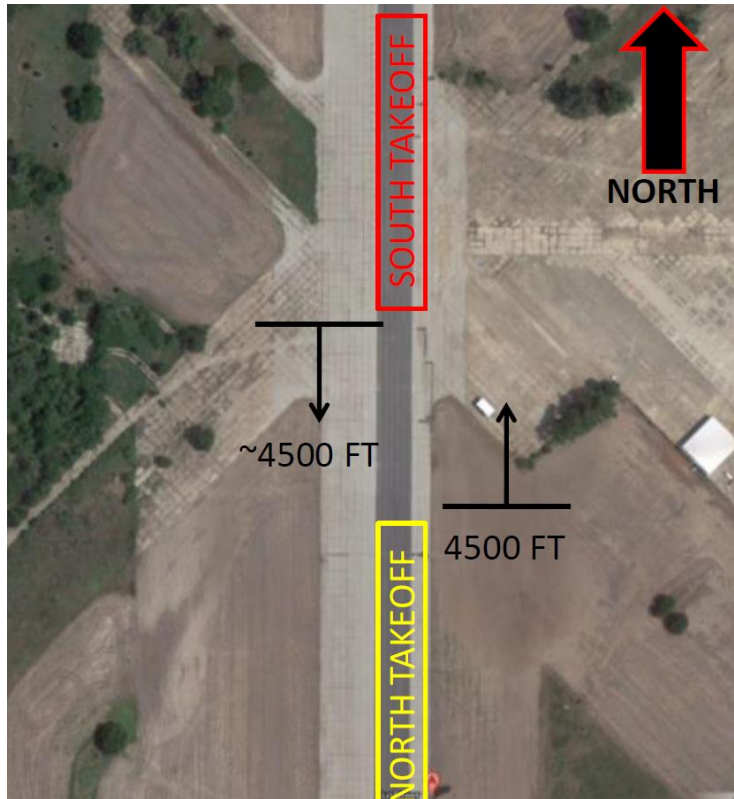
Field Operations

- Sunflower is a Private airport used primarily for glider operations.
- We will probably have some contest related airplane traffic in the mornings.
- Keep an eye out for traffic inbound to Wichita Mid Continent (KICT) and Hutchinson Airport (KHUT).
- You must provide your own tie out gear for trailers and gliders. Tie down rings are set in the concrete.
- Park trailers in any open spot.
- Gliders can be tied out overnight if desired, at or near your Trailer.
- In the event of Severe Weather, the rooms in the base of the tower or the bathroom in the Operations Building are the best place for protection.
- Do not park glider trailers or assemble gliders on the Ramp/Staging Area.
- Do not tie gliders out overnight on the Ramp/Staging Area.
- Do not park vehicles on the asphalt surface of the Ramp/Staging Area . Vehicles should be parked along the tree line to the east of the Ramp.



Grid Procedures

- Grid positions will be marked on the Runway.
- Gliders on East half of runway, Towplanes taxi on West half of runway.
- Grid for takeoff in either direction will start at the South end of the ramp at midfield.



- Sunflower has one runway, 17/35, 7000x200ft.
- *Be aware of the Tall Trees at both ends. Fly over or around them.*
- Do not land on the ramp.
- Left hand patterns if possible, otherwise announce.
- If possible land with enough energy to clear the runway at the ramp.
- Landing short or long is OK. Someone will come get you.
- Expedite moving your glider off to the side to give others room to clear the runway behind you.

Radio Frequencies

- 123.5 on tow, contest frequency, start & finish
- Wichita Approach
- 126.7
- Hutchinson Tower/ATIS
- 118.5/124.25

Accommodation

VisitHutch.com – Lodging

List of Hotels, Motels, RV Parks, and other lodging options in the greater Hutchinson KS area.

<https://www.visithutch.com/lodging/?compact=&sort=&cat=Lodging>

Airbnb – House and Apartment Rentals

There are several listings within Yoder KS. For more options, expand your search to “Reno County, KS” to see listings in Hutchinson and the surrounding area.

<https://t.ly/pV7k>

ICT Campers – RV Rental Business Located in Wichita <https://www.ictcampers.com/>

Outdoor Adventures RV – RV Rental Business located northeast of Wichita

<https://www.outdooradventuresrv.com/>

Ramsey RV Rentals – RV Rental Business located east of Wichita.

<https://www.ramseysrvrental.com/>

Outdoorsy.com – RV Rentals

Search for RV rentals in the Wichita or Hutchinson area, or search for RV rentals that can be picked up along your route. [https://www.outdoorsy.com/rv-](https://www.outdoorsy.com/rv-search?page%5Boffset%5D=0&address=Hutchinson%2C%20KS)

[search?page%5Boffset%5D=0&address=Hutchinson%2C%20KS](https://www.outdoorsy.com/rv-search?page%5Boffset%5D=0&address=Hutchinson%2C%20KS)

Campground at Sunflower Gliderport – RV and Tent Camping

Tent camping and limited RV camping is available onsite at Sunflower. For more information or to reserve a spot please read the pdf at the link below.

<http://www.soarkansas.org/variovd/campground2019.pdf>

Entry Fee and Charges

Entry Fee per Pilot	–	\$400
Towing Charges	–	\$65 to 2000 ft
Camping Charges	–	Free Tent Camping
		\$10/Night 20 amp RV Hookup
		\$15/Night 30 amp RV Hookup
		\$25/Night 50 amp RV Hookup

Merch

T-shirts, Posters, and Stickers will be available for sale. A limited number of T-shirts will be available at the contest. If stock runs out and you would still like to purchase a t-shirt in your size, you will have the option to purchase a t-shirt and have it shipped to your home after the contest.

