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There is still time for early bird registration for the 26th Annual American Kitefliers Association Convention at Dayton, OH. Cost is \$155 if you buy your tickets before August 14th, \$175 if you commit before Sept. 23rd, and \$195 if you wait to buy tickets at the door. Besides all kinds of kites and workshops the U.S. Air Force Museum, and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will be available. The Wright Brothers took their famous first flight in 1903, and the AKA Convention will be celebrating 100 years of flight. There will be lots of special events that can only happen at an AKA Convention. Are you going? The 2004 AKA Convention is in Seaside, OR.

AUGUST SEWING CLASS

August 2, 2003 Kansas City Kite Club Kite Builders will be meeting at our usual location at the North Kansas City Fire Community Room, 112th and North Oak Tfwy to sew our donation to the Annual AKA Auction. This is the first time we have done this as a club, and it should be fun. After much thought, it was decided to donate a group ground display. Team Larkey has cut out a dozen Guppies to be sewn up, and Kansas City Kite Club will also include



a large ground fish bouncer. All of these items will go as one lot in the Grand Finale at the AKA Convention. Like our local auction, the convention auction is the main fund-raiser for the AKA. This year the AKA will have a smaller "loud" auction, and more of the items will be sold through raffles and silent auctions. But because of Region 8 Director Gayle Woodall's fondness of the KCKC, we have been PROMISED a spot in the LOUD auction to showcase our talents! Come with sewing machine and black thread. All participants will also get to make a Team Larkey ground stake for just \$2.00! And you can bring an item for a raffle. We plan on fun!!!!!!

NEW PRES

The Kansas City Kite Club has a new President. Please welcome and support Ryan Larkey as our club's new president. And let's support all of our elected officials. They are all busy, active people with full lives without kiting in their lives. We could apply the old adage "ask not what your nation (club) can do for you, but what you can do for your nation (club.)" In any club's history a limited number of people do the majority of the club's work. That has also been true of our club. Let's turn that attitude around! Call and find out what you can help with. Ryan is not shy! And he is too busy with work and college to handle many administrative duties. So be ready to step in and help.

2003-2004 WORKSHOPS

Workshop Coordinator Dave Ellis is compiling the schedule of projects for the 2003-2004 Season. It takes a lot of time, and effort to organize each class. Prototypes need to be created (sometimes multiple times), instructions developed and printed, and lots of other hidden challenges to make a workshop go smoothly. The schedule will be very fluid, and different dates are being considered. If you want workshops on a Saturday or Sunday let Dave know.

Dave has tried very hard to tailor it to what participants want with the use of polls. Dave writes



that "This year almost all projects will have a \$5 class fee to cover printing, instructions, cutting costs, and misc. costs

incurred in developing the project. We will have templates and parts list provided at the preceding workshop. You may copy the templates to cut out the kit pieces and gather the materials you need. If you do not have the cloth needed, and cannot find any cloth or needed items, you may get a kite kit from the instructors. The cost of these materials will be the total replacement costs plus shipping which is \$10. If I send in a group order the shipping costs will be split for a much cheaper kit cost than shown on the cost list below. This could cut your kit costs quite a bit, saving at least \$5 per kit. Or you can

order what you need, perhaps getting seconds material, from Kite Studio or Hang 'em High. Or perhaps you can find a club member that has materials to share with you. Be sure to order way in advance to allow time for shipping. I have a LOT of blue balloon ripstop material, but it is not really suitable for any of these projects. Well, maybe a big MAKR spinner..... That material is only 50 cents per square yard, if you really want some."

.....Dave Ellis

MAKR

Now is the time to start planning on going to MAKR next March 12-14th. MAKR has a great line-up of special guest teachers this year—including me, Linda Larkey. I was honored to be asked to present the Guppy Pattern Team Larkey developed for local workshops. After I made the commitment to present two classes during the MAKR weekend, I was told who the other teachers would be. I am sworn to secrecy, but I was so disappointed that I would only be able to take two of other classes offered. There are some really wonderful world-recognized kite makers that will be presenting this coming year. If you have been thinking, think hard. MAKR is held on the second weekend of March each year in Oregon, IL. The outdoor campus of Lorado Taft transforms from an educational facility for children to a colorful arena of fabric and shape. The many different buildings hold classes in both sewing and non-sewing kitebuilding, as well as kite related projects. In addition to all the building projects, there is also the raffle, which features many great items donated by the instructors and attendees of MAKR.. It's a great way to add to your kite collection and pick up new tools and materials. Registration fees are \$115 and includes lodging for two nights (Friday and Saturday) and six wonderful meals (Friday Evening Mixer to Sunday Lunch).

Currently the class schedule is as follows.

September: Doggy Chew Toy (Dave E.) Class \$5. Appx. Kit costs \$12.50 Shipping \$10 Total \$27.50

October: Banners (Linda L.) Kit \$7.50 Similar to pictured at side.....

November: Electron (Dave E.) Class \$5. Appx. Kit costs \$25.45 Shipping \$10 Total \$40.45

December: Auction. Fly the Electron indoors. Free, except for what you spend at the auction and raffle!

January: Dual line kite (Guest instructor) To be announced.

February: MAKR Spinner (Dave E.) Class \$5 Appx. Kit costs \$9.25 Shipping \$10 Total \$24.25

March: Pan Flute (Dave E.) Not calculated at this time, but suspect the total cost would be around \$40.

April: Basket Spinner (Dave E.) Class \$5 Appx. Kit cost \$12 Shipping \$10 Total \$27.00

Call Dave Ellis 913-648-4925 or Linda Larkey 816-415-9363 for more info, dates, & times.



UPCOMING EVENTS

KCKC FALL PICNIC, September 6th, 2003 Cancelled due to lack of organizer

DREAM FACTORY ANNUAL PICNIC, The Dream Factory had invited KCKC to team up with them, Price Chopper and Channel 9 on their Annual Fall Event. They regret to inform us that their Annual Fall Event has been rescheduled. Their committee is working on rescheduling a date. When we are notified we will send out a postcard. In the past years, as well as a fabulous Picnic, the event has included balloon artists, face painting, Chief Cheerleaders, and local ball mascot Slugger. The Dream Factory helps make dreams come true for the seriously ill children in our area.



September 27, 2003, ALLDREDGE ORCHARD, 11 a.m.-3 p.m in Platte City, MO! It is "always windy up at Alldredge." Please join us for a fun flying event. HUGE fields to fly in. Alldredge is a second generation family orchard located at 10455 "N" Highway, just south of Platte City, Missouri. From I29 in Missouri, go west on Hwy 152 (which is very close to Barry Rd). Approximately five miles down 152 Hwy, you will pass over I435. From this point, 152 Hwy becomes County Road N. Follow this road, as it curves to the north, for another three miles. Alldredge is on the right hand side of the road.

October 12, 2003, ONE SKY ONE WORLD PICNIC KCKC will meet at Wallace Park, 16400 N Mullen Drive, Belton, MO to celebrate One Sky One World, a world wide celebration will be held annually to promote protection of the planet, peace, friendship and understanding between all people. We have flown once at Wallace Park, and the Parks and Rec. Dept. loved having us. Again they are opening their bathrooms for us, and advertising locally. Go South on 71 Hwy, exit on Y Highway and turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp. It is ½ mile to Mullen, turn right, and Wallace Park is just ¼ mile further. For more information contact Linda Larkey 816-415-9363.

"I am striving to complete the highest award possible within Girl Scouting, The Girl Scout Gold Award. For those of you only familiar with Boy Scouts, it is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award. My plan I have in mind is full of goals, activities and hard work. I am currently planning a daycamp for Dream Factory children at Alldredge Orchard scheduled October 18, 2003. As part of the project, I will be directly contacting KCKC members to ask for volunteers. I will be having a day of kite flying, kite making, pumpkin carving, bobbing for apples, nature walk/tours and will need volunteers to assist me in this event. Please mark this day on your calendar, as I still have to meet with my Girl Scout advisor to finalize details before I can contact my volunteers for the event. Thank you and I will be talking to you soon."

NINA LANE KCKC MEMBER

October 18, 2003 ALLDREDGE ORCHARD, DREAM FACTORY, & KCKC Help a fellow KCKC member reach for the GOLD! Nina Lane is chairing and coordinating this event as a way to reach the highest award possible within Girl Scouting, The Girl Scout Gold Award. LET'S BE SURE TO GIVE NINA ALL THE SUPPORT THE KCKC CAN.

December 2003 HOLIDAY PARTY Plans on underway for the Holiday Party. Location has not been confirmed, so the date may need to be flexible. However, Team Larkey is working on the plans for the kite that will be in the Holiday Auction (it will be a beaut!) We have also begun plans for a special project to be raffled off to members who have renewed for 2004. So start saving those bucks! And plan on renewing your Kansas City Kite Club membership by, or at, the Holiday Party in December for your free tickets to the special Membership 2004 Raffle.

POSSIBLE BLAKE PELTON WORKSHOP

The Larkey's were so impressed by the flying ability of the kite Ryan won at Twisted Lines Auction he approached the kite's maker Blake Pelton about the possibility of teaching a class in the Kansas City area. Blake was excited about the opportunity, asking for only his tickets to fly here, and cost of the workshop supplies. I was even more excited when Blake e-mailed me this **"I would love to do a class on theory and have everyone build their own kite. I can Cut generic sails out and have everyone take what they learned from the class to trim the sail to make the kite fly the way they want it to before reinforcements, pockets and frame are put on. If you like we can even go in depth on the bridle and how it effects the flight."** WOW! Pretty neat class. We are currently accepting donations to pay for Blake's airfare, with sign up for class after that has been realized. No date has been set. For more information contact Team Larkey at 816-415-9363 or email Linda at airhead@kc.rr.com



Elizabeth Gilson, Sport Kite Competitor!!

When Elizabeth went to the Twisted Lines Kite Festival, she knew a little about competing, but had never thought about actually doing it. As she and her mom checked out the tables, they spotted the info about the Sport Kite Competition. Susie pointed out the difficult figures the expert and master classes need to do and half jokingly said “You could do the Junior Novice”. As they walked back up the hill, Elizabeth thought about it. At the top of the hill she announced “I want to do it!” “Do what?” her parents asked. She wanted to compete. Her parents were definitely surprised! Elizabeth and Susie went back down the hill to sign up and get the paperwork with the required figures. She then practiced the maneuvers for



1/2 hour or so. It was actually longer, but the wind kept dying! Her dad gave her a few pointers and encouragement.

Soon enough, it was time for the big event. Elizabeth stood alone with the three judges as the audience (and her nervous parents) looked on. She launched her Beetle into the sky and practiced a bit, getting tips from Steve Thomason and Blake Pelton. She then proceeded to fly the maneuvers. She followed with a flawless stunt-kite landing! The judges consulted for what seemed an eternity, recorded her score, and proceeded with the remainder of the competition. And- what do you know, there were no other competitors in Elizabeth’s class! Hence, she took first, second, and third place. The judges were very complimentary about her maneuvers, indicating that with some practice, she would be able to beat most adults at this level! They gave her ‘extra’ credit for the perfect landing. Blake also admitted that Elizabeth had moved beyond the range of her Beetle, and that she should move into something more sophisticated. (The Gilsons will be working on that one.) Who would have thought that Elizabeth would be the first Gilson to win a kite flying competition! We look forward to seeing what she does in the years to come.



!Traditions! by Susie Gilson

After spending a day at the Omaha Zoo with Laurie and trying to imagine five days in Dayton with her, Allan and I decided to look for a different sort of kite vacation. I had read through Kiting before Allan could get his hands on it. I nearly woke him up at 11:30 p.m. to tell him about the new !Traditions! Kite Festival that John and Mary Gabby are getting started outside of Santa Fe, NM. It takes place August 23 & 24. There will be demos, a fun fly, kite art exhibits and a kid’s booth. John has lined up quite a few headliners for the event, including Team Too Much Fun, kitemaker Scott Skinner and many others. This festival is built around the international Wind Festival held at the same time. If you are interested, contact John Gabby at Windependent@pcisys.net (719) 637-3113. The article that caught my eye is in the AKA Summer 2003 issue of Kiting.

EVENTS IN REVIEW

BELTON FLY Bob Howard hosted a small but great fourth Sunday Fly in Belton. A special thanks goes to the Belton Parks and Recs. Dept. for allowing us to fly on their soccer fields. Member in attendance included (but not limited to—I know I’ll forget a few!) Bob, and Lorene Howard and their grandson Terry, Dave Ellis, Don Larkie, Allen and Laurie Gilson, Dave Bartlett, Bob Mendez and Lee Ann Ellis. We got to see Bob Mendez’ Green Tiger Rok fly, and that is always a treat, and there was another gentleman there that made kites out of housing tyvec, and had contrived a line winder out of an old bike. What an innovative kiter!

PRAIRIE WINDS Lack of wind plagued Prairie Winds again this year, but we had some spurts and memorable moments. We had great participation in a mystery ballet including Blake Pelton, a Colorado flyer who happened to be in the KC area for a graduation ceremony. He drove by, saw the kites, and like any good kiter, happened to have a couple of kites in the car with him. Sean Beaver had his

CLUB RECOGNITION

Sometimes one wonders, why actually join the Kansas City Kite Club? Why not just come out and fly when it is convenient, no hassles, no commitments? Recognition is one reason. When the Gilsons called John and Mary Gabby to get more info about the !Traditions! Festival they were organizing, (and inquire if there might be any complementary hotel rooms left) the Gabby's wanted to know a bit about the Gilsons. A good part of the identity question was answered when the Gilson's identified themselves as both AKA and Kansas City Kite Club members. The Gabby's immediately were complimentary of the KCKC; they had heard wonderful things about us! Club Recognition! So, with a bit more conversation the Gilson's were offered a great complimentary room for the festival, and access to the day spa that went with it. Isn't kiting fun?

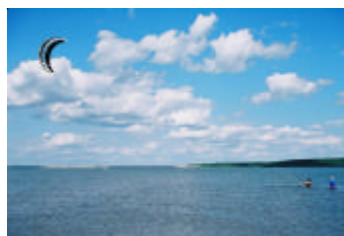
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NEWMEXICO

The Gilsons will be heading for New Mexico to represent the KCKC the end of August. I have already planned to sort out banners and fancy kites for the Gilson's to take and display. This year it will be the only way my stuff will get to go. Do you have anything in your bags that has been pleading to go somewhere fancy? Contact Allan and Susie Gilson at (913)782-0335 or e-mail catluvr@worldnet.att.net

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surf kites on display. Brutus, the Moore's rainbow flowform, was fitful in the sky, and finally came down in the late afternoon. Joe Michaels did a fine job entertaining us with a stack of kites. As the afternoon wore on the wind disappeared, giving us an early night. Next year Carolyn Moore is planning Prairie Winds for April 17&18, 2004. Westlake will be the second weekend of April.



SPRING PICNIC AT CLINTON LAKE

The KCKC Spring Picnic was held May 31st at the Clinton Lake Bloomington Swim Beach. The event was well attended with an estimated 500 people watching the Kansas City Kite Club and Topeka Kite Flyers fly every type of kite in the bag throughout the day's event. Red Bull, E105-fm, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and Wind Wizards sponsored this year's event which was also the first time members showcased the exciting new kiteboarding sport. We even had a giant adult sized moonwalk! This was a fun, exciting fly with great food, flying, volleyball, sand, and water to mix things up! We had a wonderful

public response, and are considering having a repeat of this event. Photos on this page courtesy of Jessi Liem. Thanks Jessi! Great pictures!!!

TWISTED LINES KCKC competed! Elizabeth Gilson entered her first stunt competition to rave reviews. Team Larkey, Susie Gilson, David Ellis, and Don Larkie all entered various kitemaking and bol competitions. Kansas City Kite Club nearly swept the field with the exception of an exceptional appliqué kite of the Flintstones. That evening, in a special award/auction ceremony, plaques were presented, and we fought it out bidding on all kinds of kiting articles. Sunday in the fighter competitions Larry Tatum and Dave Bartlett entered the fray finishing just outside of the top three. Of course, they had some stiff nationally ranked competitors. Twisted Lines is always a lot of fun!



Photos by Jessi Liem

MEMBERNEWS

AMY PITMAN is recovering from injuries she received in a one-car accident. Cards can reach Amy at: Amy Pittman 915 Edgemere, Olathe, KS 66061

CRIS AND DON PFISTER welcomed a new grandson, Hunter, July 4, 2003. This makes seven grandsons for the Pfisters, with another grandson on the way. They can form a soccer team now, but it sounds like they may be going for a football team. Congratulations!!

LORENE HOWARD is home recovering from surgery. Cards can reach Bob and Lorene Howard at 41 Honeysuckle Drive, Belton, MO 64012.





DATE
 1st Sunday
 2nd Sunday
 3rd Sunday
 4th Sunday
 Each Wednesday
 Each Friday

REPEATING EVENT
 Topeka Kite Flyers Fly
 Kansas City Kite Club Fly
 Topeka Kite Flyers Fly
 Kansas City Kite Club Fly
 Hump Day Sundowners Fly
 Kansas City Kite Club Fly

TIME and PLACE
 12-4 pm 6th & Fairlawn Topeka
 1-4 pm College & Quivara
 12-4 pm 6th & Fairlawn Topeka
 1-4 pm 106th & North Oak
 Shawnee Mission Park
 4-dark 106th & North Oak

DATE	TYPE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT
August 2nd	WS	Summertime Sewing	North Com. Building	Linda Larkey 816-415-9363
Aug. 8-9th	FF	Oklahoma City Balloon & Kite Festival	Oklahoma City, OK	Terry Officer 405-341-5477
Aug. 23-24	FF	!Traditions!	Santa Fe, NM	John Gabby 719-637-3113
Aug 31-Sep 1	FF	Callaway Kite Flight 2001	Calloway, NE	Connie May 308-836-2620
Sept. 6th	WS	KCKC Workshop 1-6 pm	North Com. Building	Dave Ellis 913-648-4925
Sept. 14th	FF	KCKC Fall Picnic	Cancelled	Ryan Larkey 816-415-9363
Sept 19-21	DM	CCU Plano Balloon Fest	Plano, TX	Troy Gunn 940-691-8522
Sept. 27	FF	KCKC at Allredge Orchard	N Hwy, Platte City, MO	Lori Lane 816-880-9889
Sep 29-Oct 4	CV	25th Ann AKA Grand Nats, Conv.	Dayton, OH	Mel Hickman 800-252-2550
Oct. 4th	WS	KCKC Workshop	North Com. Building	Dave Ellis 913-648-4925
Oct. 12th	FF	One Sky One World	Belton,, MO	Linda Larkey 816-415-9363
Oct. 8th	Gold	Dream Factory, Alldredge, KCKC	N Hwy, Platte City, MO	Nina Lane 816-880-9889
Oct. 25th	FF	4th Annual Houston Kite Fly	Houston, TX	Rick Osgood 713-952-5899
Oct. 26th	FF	7th Bi-Annual Cedar Hill Kite Fest	Cedar Hill, TX	Sandra Martin 972-291-5130
Nov. 1st.	WS	KCKC Workshop	N Community Building	Dave Ellis 913-648-4925
Nov. 1-2nd	FF	4th Annual Tails Over SPI Fun Fly	South Padre Island, TX	Bill Doan 956-761-1248
Nov. 22nd	DM	NKC Winter Wonderland Demo	NKC, MO	David Bartlett 816-455-6826
Nov. 22-30th	FF	10th Annual Dead Bird Buggy Bash	Galveston, TX	Dick & Gail Bell 972-423-3630
December		KCKC Holiday Party	To Be Announced	
March 12-14	WS	MAKR	Oregon, IL	Linda Larkey 816-415-9363



Make plans NOW to attend our Summertime Sewing Workshop this SATURDAY AUGUST 2nd, 1 to 4 pm. We are making the AKA auction project to be donated by the KCKC. Come have fun!!