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Don't forget AKA is offering Spring Membership Incentives! **Recruit a new member between April 1 and July 4, and AKA will send them a fine looking, 3 x 5 foot American Flag** that normally sells for \$20 as a membership bonus. And of course, they also receive all of AKA's other great benefits including Kiting magazine, insurance, a 10% discount with Member Merchants, free publications, monthly email updates, and a great AKA window decal. And if an existing AKA member sponsors your application for membership, **AKA will send each recruiter a free flag too!**

For existing members if you send in a 3-year renewal before July 4, AKA will give you a flag for that too! And everyone that qualifies for a flag, also qualifies for a bunch of cool prizes from New Tech Kites.

Remember the AKA has cool raffles also. You don't have to be a member to buy a ticket. Here's how it works. Each month AKA will add a "big ticket" item to the raffle. A limited number of tickets (usually about 750) will be issued. You can buy the tickets through the AKA's secure Association web page, send a check to the office, or call 800-252-2550 with your credit card number.

Prairie Winds Kite Festival
May 17, 2003
Saturday Only, 10-5

National Agricultural Hall of Fame
I-70 & K-7 @ Bonner Springs Exit
20 minutes west of downtown Kansas City

Kansas City's skies will be filled with color during the 11th Annual Prairie Winds Kite festival. The festival is dedicated to the celebration of the kite and the free-spirited hobby that it represents. The goal through this event, is to share the art, sport, craft, science, and technology of kite flying. A kite festival is beneficial to the "Child at heart" in all of us. In this day and age when family quality time is at a premium, an activity like this can be very important for family bonding.

Visualize the fresh, gentle breezes on a warm Spring day beckoning...the vibrant colors of pink, yellows, and blues splashed on a background of lush green. Kites are boldly suspended against the rich, blue Kansas sky, and straining at their tethered lines. It is nothing short of a magical scene. Hope for wind!!



Prairie Winds is a FREE EVENT!! No Alternate Rain Date!
Kansas City Kite Club will color the sky with their awesome kites.
Rokkaku Challenge & Fighter Kite Demos & Challenge
Stunt kite flying demos - Mystery Ballet Buggy & Power Kiting demos
Boi Races - pit your strength against the wind
Wind Wizards WOW Wagon will be available selling kites, windsocks, wind art, yard art, toys

Bring your kites, Pack a picnic lunch and lawn chairs and join in the fun! For More Info - Directions, etc. go to www.windwizards.com

This year Prairie Winds will not be in conjunction with the Blue-grass and BBQ events. Please bring a picnic lunch and fill the sky to make this FREE event huge!!

Call Carolyn for more info 913-856-0145

KCKC Spring Picnic Festival

SATURDAY
MAY 31, 2003
Noon to 5 pm.

Clinton Lake
Bloomington State Park
Shelter #6

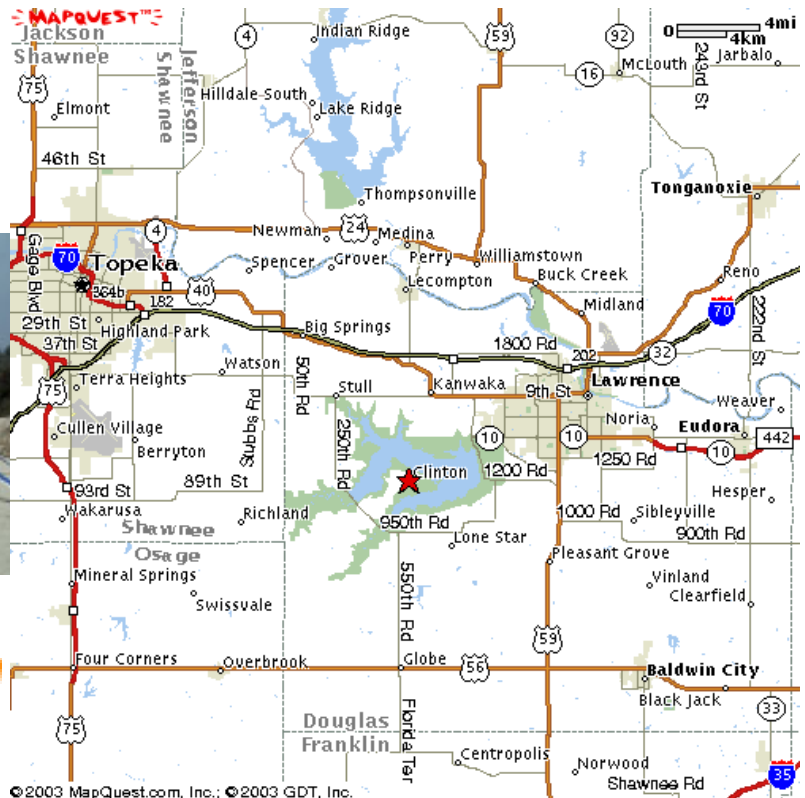
Food
Music
Prizes-Give-aways
Adult Moonwalk
Camping
Swimming
Kite Making
Kite Surfing
Kite Flying

The Kansas City Kite Club's (KCKC) first ever Spring Kite and Kite Surfing Festival located at Clinton Lake, in Lawrence, Kansas is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st from 12-5. This year's event will have the first ever KCKC Kite Surfing demonstration aimed at increasing the awareness of this rapidly growing section of kiting and the aquatic possibilities with kites. RedBull is this years platinum sponsor. They will be providing a hospitality tent and plenty of Redbull to drink.

E-105 FM will broadcast from their van and have prizes for attendees. Wind Wizards will be a festival sponsor with different prizes and give-away items. ABC inflatables will be providing an adult size moonwalk for all to enjoy throughout the day. Clinton Lake is located just a few miles from Lawrence Kansas off K-10 (west of the city). The event will be held at the Bloomington State Park (swim beach area on the west side of the lake) Shelter #6. The shelter is within walking distance from parking and swimming. Many of our KCKC members will be camping out over the weekend beginning on Thursday evening. Join in on our weekend of fun or just the Saturday event and invite the neighborhood! Check out the US Army Corps of Engineers site for more lake information and camping reservations at

http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/clinton/clinton_home.htm.

The Army Corps of Engineers has a fee for access to our flying area/ beach area at Bloomington Park. The fee from May 1st to September 30 is \$1.00 PER PERSON, 13 AND OLDER, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$4.00 PER VEHICLE This fee is paid at the southeast corner of Bloomington Beach parking lot.



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FOURTH SUNDAY FLY May 25th 16400 N Mullen Drive;Belton, MO

On May 25 we will be moving the Fourth Sunday fly for this month only to Belton. Bob Howard has gained special permission for the KCKC to fly at Wallace Park, Belton, MO. This is a great park! We will be flying on 5 soccer fields. The bathrooms will be opened just for us, and playground equipment and walking trails will be close by. The KCKC hasn't gotten to fly in this area of the metro before, so let's plan on attending in force and putting on a good show. Bob promises wind! Go South on 71, exit on Y Highway and turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp. It is 1/2 mile to Mullen, turn right, and Wallace Park is just 1/4 mile further. Questions? Call Bob Howard 816-322-8812 howardl@juno.com

TWISTED LINES June 6, 7, & 8 Grant-Bradbury Park, Topeka, KS

Topeka Kite Flyers are gearing up for their festival. Mark your calendars! The fun starts Friday night around 5pm and will continue after dark with a night fly. Saturday the opening ceremony will be a mass ascension at 10am, with candy drops, and kite demos throughout the day. Competitions will be scheduled according to interest and wind conditions. After 4 kites will adjourn to an area restaurant, then later will meet at Topeka West high School (20th and Fairlawn) from 7-9pm for an indoor fly and auction. Sunday will finish competitions, and fun flies. Competitions will include, but not be limited to, dual line, quad line, buggying and fighters.

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR TWISTED LINES, the Topeka Kite Flyers are having a special work/fun fly to get Grant-Bradbury Park in shape for the festival. Everyone is welcome to attend their June 1 Fly. Pack a picnic lunch and bring your kites. This is a great way to really be a part of Twisted Lines Festival. Also be sure to volunteer. Organizers can use all the help they are offered, and even non-flyers can assist. Contact Bob Homan 785-273-3715 bjhoman@msn.com

SURFING THE WEB by Dave Ellis

The internet is an excellent source of information about kites, and kite tricks and tips. I have done a lot of surfing and have compiled a list of links which are posted on the KCX2 Yahoo Groups club site. Be sure to drop by and take a look, there are more than a dozen excellent sites listed. Here is a sample of what you will find.

APPLIQUÉ HINTS AND TIPS Here is a lot of information about appliqué shared by Kathy Goodwinds. This is a trove of valuable information, so print it out and review it often. <<http://www.kites.tug.com/goodwinds.html>>

E2 PROJEKT A very interesting kite project that has taken on a life of its own over most of the world. Using only two Eddy kites and a square all sorts of kites have been made. Take a look at some of them here. <<http://web.wanadoo.be/belkite/projekte2.htm>>

HOW A SEWING MACHINE WORKS A web site with animated graphics showing how a sewing machine works. Great for those that want to know what is happening inside their sewing machine. That is something everyone should have a passing interest in if you are going to sew more than one kite.

<http://web.mit.edu/2.972/www/reports/sewing_machine/sewing_machine.htm-1>

ANTHONY'S KITE WORKSHOP Excellent source of info. He is very detail oriented. You will not believe all the information Anthony has accumulated into his web site. <<http://www.sct.gu.edu.au/~anthony/kites/>>

EVENTS IN REVIEW

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND KITE FEST

KCKC had several members who took a break from our winter weather to fly in the wonderful steady winds of the Gulf. Jerry Gillespie and Marge and Walt Smith were one of the first kites on the beach Saturday and Sunday.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Our workshop season has concluded. Projects that were presented included a spinning helix, noodle kite, spinning bol, yard bird, lifter sled



kite and other projects. Missed a project that you really wanted, or didn't get one completed? Dave Ellis is offering to give an individualized workshop for up to 4 people. If you have thought about taking a class, but do not have a machine, Dave has an extra or two. These

workshop sessions are open to anybody, so if you have a friend that might be interested in trying to make a kite, banner, or windsock, bring them along. Call Dave Ellis at 913-648-4925 or e-mail him at kiteguy@everestkc.net

MAKR

Dave Ellis, John Roberts, Linda and Ryan Larkey all traveled to MAKR in March. Dave presented his version of a Ginki kite to rave reviews, while the other members contented themselves in making all types of kites and learning new techniques. MAKR is very unique. Plan on coming with us next year.

SNAKE SATURDAY PARADE

KCKC members once again marched in the Northland's Snake Parade. Although we did not win a prize, we had fun and gave out over 500 brochures highlighting the KCKC.

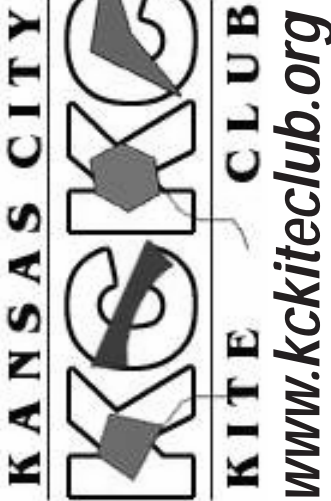
WESTLAKE KITE FESTIVAL

Members Dave Bartlett, Eva Bartlett, Ryan Larkey, Linda Larkey, Larry Tatum, Amy Pittman, and Dayton Wright all attended Westlake. Winds were good this year, with gusts on Sunday to make the buggy races interesting. Ryan Larkey took first for Smallest Kite, second for Largest Kite, and third for Best Made Kite, while Linda Larkey took third for individual ground display. Congratulations!



DREAM FACTORY FLY

The KCKC invited over 40 families associated with the Dream Factory to a special fly. The Dream Factory is an organization that helps serious and chronically ill children and their families. Children got to make kites, color, and fly. Parents got to fly also!



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Please check our website for changes and updates.

DAE
 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	RACE	CONTACT	PHONE
May 10-11th	FF	Tulsa Wind Riders 10th Fest of Kites	Tulsa, OK	Lay Stiles	918-835-0844
May 10th	FF	9th Annual Kites in the Sky '99"	Orrmtra, NE	Pard Fox	402-597-3653
May 16-18	CP	Texas State Kite Championships	Rockport, TX	Dano Wright	361-442-4608
May 16-18	FF	Prairie Winds Kite Festival	Bonner Springs, KS	Carolyn Moore	913-856-0145
May 25th	FF	Belton (4th Sunday Fly)	Belton, MO	Bob Howard	816-322-8812
May 30-Jun 2	VS	Junction Kite Makers Gathering	Junction, TX	Judy Kragey	915-692-5927
May 31st	FF	KCKC Spring Picnic & Kite Surfing	Clinton Lake, KS	Sean Beaver	913-492-8345
June 1st	FF	Festival Prep Fly Grant-Bradbury Park	Topeka, KS	Bob Homan	785-273-3715
June 6-8th	CP	Twisted Lines Kite Festival	Topeka, KS	Bob Homan	785-273-3715
June 14-15	FF	4th Annual Angel Fire Kite Festival	Angel Fire, NM	Carvein Kramer	800-446-8117
June 28-29	FF	Libertyfest Kite Fest	Edmond, OK	Terry Officer	405-341-5477
August 2nd	VS	Summer Time Sewing	North Corn, Building	Dave Ellis	913-648-4925
Aug. 8-9th	FF	Oklahoma City Balloon & Kite Festival	Oklahoma City, OK	Terry Officer	405-341-5477
Aug 31-Sep 1	FF	Calaway Kite Flight 2001	Cabway, NE	Corrie May	308-836-2620
Sept 6th	VS	KCKC Workshop 1-6pm	North Corn, Building	Dave Ellis	913-648-4925
Sept 14th	FF	KCKC Fall Picnic	To Be Announced		
Sept 19-21	DM	CCUJ Plano Balloon Fest	Plano, TX	Troy Gurn	940-691-8522
Sept 27	FF	KCKC Cat Allrege Orchard	N Hwy, Platte City, MO	Lori Lane	816-880-9889
Sept 27	FF	Sister Cities 2nd Annual Kite Fest	Strawnee, OK	Cheyl Cowden	405-878-0375
Sept 29-Oct 4	CP	25th Ann AKA Grand Nationals, Conv.	Dayton, OH	Mel Hickman	800-252-2550
Oct 4th	VS	KCKC Workshop	North Corn, Building	Dave Ellis	913-648-4925
Oct 12th	FF	One Sky One World	To Be Announced	David Bartlett	816-455-6826

GROUND ANCHOR SPIKE

BY LINDA LARKEY

This is a GREAT ground anchor idea I came up with just recently. We may have a class on them, but for those who don't want to wait, here is how to make them!

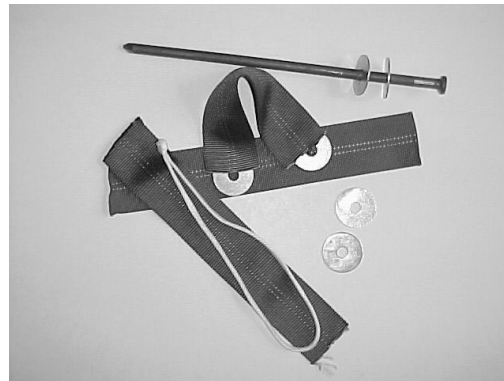
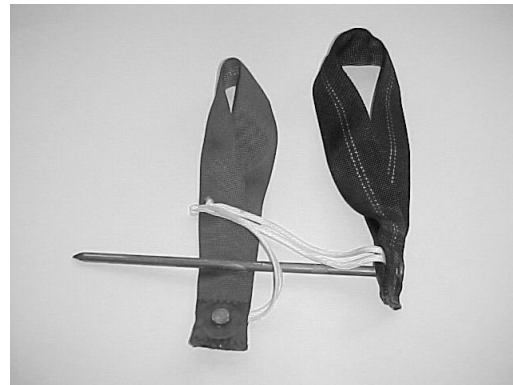
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Houston, TX
Cedar Hill, TX
NCommunity/Building
South Padre Island, TX
NKCWO
Galveston, TX
To Be Announced

4th Annual Houston Kite Fly
7th Bi-Annual Cedar Hill Kite Fest
KCKC Workshop
4th Annual Tails Over SPI Fun Fly
NKC Writer Wonderland Demo
10th Annual Dead Bird Buggy Bash
KCKC Holiday Party

Oct. 25th
Oct. 26th
Nov. 1st
Nov. 1-2nd
Nov. 22nd
Nov. 22-30th
Dec. 6th



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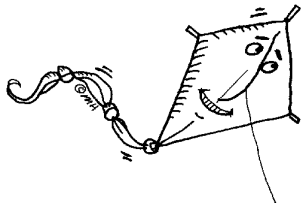
- 2 Foot of Tubular Handle Webbing
- Heavy dacron or parachute cord
- 12 inch spike (used for landscape ties)
- 2 fender washers (spike can slide in center)

After reading the materials needed, you probably already can guess how to put this stake together. Insert the washers into the tubular webbing. I give the webbing a half twist, (lays flat on the wrist when pulling the stake out, then) however, you can just double the webbing. Sew the ends together firmly. Push the washers towards the sewn edge, and sew as close to the washers as your sewing machine will allow. With the cording, double a length and tie an overhand knot. Larks head the other end and slide it between the washer sandwich to catch on the nail when in position. With a HOT soldering iron sear the material from the middle of the washers. Insert nail. Snug up cording for use as tie off point.

Hammer the stakes into the ground. For added strength angle the spike away from the pull of the kite or ground bouncer. Be sure to put all laundry and kites where I can enjoy them. See you at the field!

HUMP DAY SUNDOWNERS FLY

KCKC has an exciting new opportunity to fly in the Southland. Kiting enthusiasts are meeting at Shawnee Mission Park Wednesday evenings to fly. After the kites are put away, participants often go out to share an evening meal or snack. Great kites, great company!



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DES MOINES COMMUNITY FLY

Phil Broder organized this fly at Des Moines Area Community College on about 80 ACRES of regularly mowed grass for the experienced kites. Beginners had 4 more acres to fly on. Kites were on display all day with light and variable winds. But being a bit north, all the trees were in bloom decorating the sky even when the kites weren't up. Lots of large kites with line laundry, Gecko, Octopus, Rocs, Della Portas, Deltas and a host of other kites graced the sky. The Moore's had an impressive display in, on, and around their WOW wagon, as usual.

SCHOOL AND SCOUT DEMOS

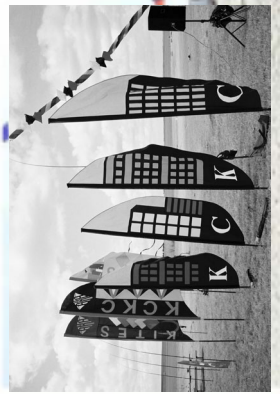
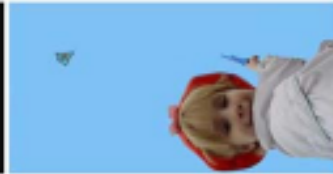
A special thanks to Dave Ellis, Dave Bartlett, Steve Batliner, Larry Tatum, Ryan, Linda, and Randy Larkey for the time and effort to share kiting with the area schools and scouts. THANKS!

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS:
NEW CLUB SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!
PLEASE CHECK WITH CHUCK
BLACKWELL FOR SIZES AND PRICES.
WITH LIMITED NUMBERS THESE
SHIRTS ARE ON A FIRST COME/FIRST
WIN BASIS.DON'T MISS OUT.

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The Kansas City Kite Club Presents: Saturday May 31, 2003
2003 Kite Festival *"open to the public!"*
Time: 12 pm to 5 pm

2003 Kite Festival *Located in Lawrence Kansas at Clinton Lake (West Swim Beach)
 Bloomington State Park shelter #6

- Event Highlights:**
- Kitesurfing, land baggies, stunt kite exhibitors and large kite displays.
 - Kite racing, waterwalk & kids games
 - Prizes, raffle, and games.
 - Beginner clinic sign up w/ experts
 - Kite making workshop information
 - Membership drive special

Join the Kansas City, Tapaha, Lawrence, and area kite enthusiasts for a fun filled day of kite flying (for all ages) and witness the fastest growing water sport, kitesurfing! Also GIGANT kites, a giant moonwalk, great parking, swimming, volleyball, camping facilities and lots of family activities. *Kites are not required - but if you have one, bring it. -or just come and watch the fun-

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