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2004
AKA National
Convention
Seaside, OR.
Oct. 11 - Oct. 16

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

 Once again it is time for thoughts of the American Kiteflyers Association 27th Annual Convention. Early registrations need to be postmarked by August 14th. Activities run Monday through Saturday, with workshops and seminars scheduled Tuesday through Saturday. The official convention hotel is Shilo Inn, located at the world famous turnaround on the corner of Broadway and the Prom (concrete walking path paralleling the beach.) Rooms start at \$69.00. For more information check the AKA website at <http://www.aka.kite.org>

Kansas City Kite Club members elected new officers at the Spring Organization Fly April 3rd, 2004 at Johnson County Community College. Randy Haberle is serving another term as President. Sean Beaver is our new Vice President. Bob Rule is Treasurer, and Linda Larkey is Secretary. Ryan Derr is serving as Director, a new position to assist the board, and fill in for any officer unable to finish their term .

Illness forced a slow organizational start, but the KCKC board has met several times to outline top priorities. The first club meeting will be held at Shawnee Mission Park, July 11th, 2004, 12:00 noon. Our Second Sunday Fly will be held following the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendars and attend these local gatherings!

Fall Picnic

11AM - 4 PM Saturday,
September 18, 2004
Smithville Lake,
Shelter #5 at Crows Creek
Coordinators

Steve and Lori Lane
rickysruci@hotmail.com

Join us for KCKC's Fall Picnic! Please bring a drink, and side dish. Members, guests, and interested future members all welcome. For directions use this website or call the Lanes. <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/smithville/smithville.html>

One Sky/One World



1-4 PM Sunday,
October 18, 2004
Shawnee Mission Park
Coordinator Rebecca Waner
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One Sky One World festivals is held annually around the world to promote protection of the planet, peace, friendship and understanding between all people. The purpose of One Sky One World is to encourage the concept of global harmony and understanding between all peoples of the world through an expression of the universality of kites and the wind. Through sharing the wind, our world wide connection with other flyers and all of nature is symbolically realized.

HOLIDAY PARTY And AUCTION---

Date to be announced. Coordinators Randy Haberle and Ryan Derr

A BIG thank you for those members who volunteered to coordinate events for the KCKC this year.

Dave McCune NKM Fly
Carolyn Moore Prairie Winds
Sean Beaver Spring Fling
The Lane Family Fall Picnic
Rebecca Waner OS/OW
Randy Haberle, Ryan Derr
Holiday Party

The Drachen Foundation Sixth Annual Miniature Kite Contest

The Rules for Entry are:

- Kites must be made by the entrant
- Participants may enter only 3 kites
- Kites may be made of any material
- Kites must be able to be flown by hand
- Kites must maintain a minimum 15-degree positive angle of flight for consideration as a category finalist
- Kites will be rewarded for their size, aesthetics, and flight performance
- Flying instructions must be included with entries
- All entries become property of The Drachen Foundation and may be used for upcoming traveling exhibitions
- All entries must arrive at the Drachen Foundation, 1905 Queen Anne Avenue North/200, Seattle, Washington 98109-2500, USA by October 1, 2004. Prizes to be announced!

WORKSHOPS EVENTS

For local workshops check our website. If you are interested in a particular workshop, day, or location, please send a message to our webmaster. We will compile requests and try to fulfill what we are able to. Ideas for local workshops include, but are not limited to: Gummi Bear Line Laundry, 6 foot kite banner, large (10-12 foot) banner, NASA Parawing, Eddy Kite Arch, Indoor Diamond Train (no sew), fighter kites, Della Porta, Rok.

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Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference 2005 !<http://www.kitemakers.org>

Dates for 2005 The dates for the 2005 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference are March 4th through the 6th. This returns to the usual first weekend in March schedule. If you've never attended, or haven't recently, visit the website's Contacts page to be added to the mailing list. Registration packets will be available for downloading, or will be mailed in early November to those unable to access. A tentative list of classes will be available in July.

MAKR 2005 INSTRUCTOR LINE UP

Scott Spencer—NJ-Rok Variant

Cheryl Kear-OH-Heart kite

Bob Rymaszewski-WI-banner

Paul Fieber-WI-Vacation Bag

Barbara Meyer-MN- 4' Eddy

International Guest ???

Charlie Sotich-IL-Chinese paper cut kite

Gary Goodenough-OR-Brazilion Pipa kite

Rhonda Brewer-OR-Tyvek Fluted Sled

Deb Von Bokern-KY-Magic Carpet Sled

Drachen Sponsored Guest

Marten Bondestam, Finland Heat Sealing Plastic

Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat

is held on the Second Weekend of March, in Oregon, IL. It is about 7 hours from Kansas City, and a whole world away. The MAKR campus offers more than sewing and non-sewing classes, it offers conversations, ideas, techniques, and friends. Cabins are scattered throughout a wooded landscape, with wonderfully smooth concrete pathways. The wildlife is plentiful, the early morning solitude inspiring, and the food is great. For the price of registration (\$115), participants will receive dormitory lodging, all meals (6), evening entertainment, and access to some of the best kitebuilders. Start putting money away now and make plans to attend. For more information contact Barbara Meyer

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Chicagoland Skyliners Kite Club

<http://hometown.aol.com/makr2002>

The Drachen Foundation Sixth Annual Miniature Kite Contest

Participate in the challenge! Drachen Foundation is looking for the smallest-but also the most creative small kite! Rules are on the preceding page. Please visit their website for additional info and news about The Drachen Foundation. The Drachen Foundation is a nonprofit educational corporation, founded in 1994 for the purpose of facilitating educational projects concerning historical, cultural, and artistic areas of kiting.



http://www.drachen.org/about_drachen.html

EVENTS IN REVIEW

Kansas City Kite Club Members have had fun at quite a few events this year so far. Members gathered for an Indoor Fly/Organization Meeting the first weekend in April, and in following weekends attended Westlake in Oklahoma, Prairie Winds, Scout Workshop/Fly, Burlington, KS Fly, Hunington Beach Party, CA, Perry Farm Kite Festival, IL

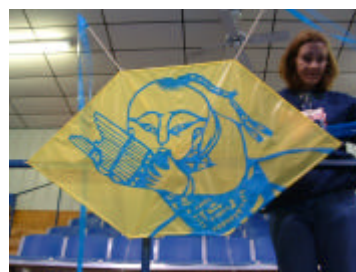
Skydance Sakakawea, ND, Jamestown, ND, Grinnell, IA Kite Fly, Spring Fling, and Twisted Lines in Topeka. Below are photos taken by Team Larkey of these events, with one exception. Betty Suhr took a wonderful photo of the big kites at Grinnell, IA. She has given us permission to reprint it here. To have a photo printed submit it to www.kckiteclub.org.



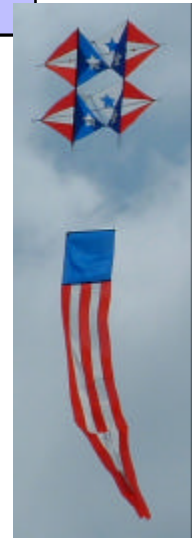
Due to a reservation error, KCKC got to fly in this HUGE gym instead of the small one we rented.



Kites Over Grinnell, IA was a study of large single lines, and huge ground displays. Well worth the trip. This photo courtesy of Betty Suhr, MWWKF.



Cat Gabriel holds a welded plastic kite she made. Fragile? I watched this kite fly in 15-20 mph winds.



Dave McCune made this wonderful kite and flew it at the Boy Scout Fly.



Elizabeth Gilson took a trophy for her flying abilities at both Twisted Lines and Westlake.



Kites Over Grinnell offered more than large show kites.



These tubes flown by Tulsa Kiteflyers were made of welded plastic. They made a huge statement in the sky.



This Flowform was a joint project of Carveth Kramer, NM, and Blake Pelton, CO

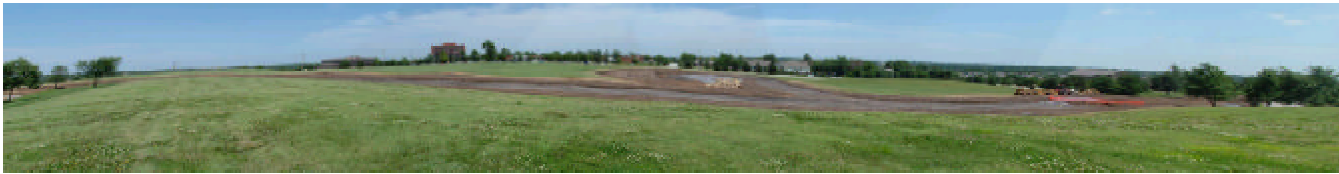
Change is coming.....

I have been writing the Kansas City Kite Club newsletter for the past 4 years or so. Much has changed in that time, and much has not. I have been blessed by technical support, programs, and knowledge. News is slower. Reports of events, calendars of future events, pictures, and plans are submitted slowly, fitfully, or not at all. Usually the later. Often I hear promises of photos/reviews that will come. Seldom do they show up. The last call for news I made solicited only one response. Carolyn Moore, although she had no news, acknowledged my inquiry. This lack of help delayed the newsletter, a fact that I am sorry for. However I find it increasing difficult to continue to write, publish and mail the newsletter without help. I am asking once again for that help. If you would like to assume all responsibility for the newsletter that would be GREAT! I could devote more time to the KCKC Steering Committee, Events, and Workshops. If you would be willing to divide the newsletter into parts (Future Events, Editorials, Features, Events in Review) and take responsibility for part that would be appreciated also. Again, this comes down to simple support. If you value the newsletter or the kite club, please find time to actively support them.

Linda Larkey Kansas City Kite Club Newsletter "Editor" 816-415-9363 or airhead@kc.rr.com

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Recently, Johnson County Community College broke ground on what was the KCKC's Second Sunday Fly Field. This unfortunate opportunity will force us to explore areas that can host the beautiful kites of the Kansas City Kite Club. If you know of a place, please e-mail the webmaster. The Board is considering moving the location every Fly, to let us fly in all areas of the metro. Please give us ideas of locations (complete addresses, please), and check the news page on the website. Fly sites will be announced, along with a map. Remember, Second Sunday Fly in July will be held at Shawnee Mission Park. A short meeting will be held before the fly at 12:00 noon.



Recently the AKA notified members



that their insurance carrier had, within weeks of policy renewal, notified them that their policy would not be renewed. This started a mad scramble to find a new carrier. In our society, insurance IS a necessary evil. Many cities will not allow festivals, or even organized flies to be held without insurance coverage. When we rent gyms for indoor flies locally, we need to prove coverage. After much comparison shopping the AKA has settled on a new policy that covers events only. Drawbacks are that EVERYONE flying a kite at the event, whether they are competing or not, must sign a waiver, and the traction kiting (buggies and boards) are not covered in any way or form. As for 24/7 coverage that AKA members used to enjoy, it is a thing of the past. The Board is continuing to look at other alternatives.

Insurance, that necessary evil, the members of the Kansas City Kite Club have. KCKC members in good standing enjoy a \$300,000.00 primary insurance policy while flying (or crashing) kites anywhere, anytime. And while we hope that the knowledge that you are insured does not make any KCKC member take ANY risks, we do hope it adds to the enjoyment you get from kiting, and relieves part of the worry.

The Columbia Insurance group by the JC Rupp Agency of Liberty, MO underwrites our general liability policy. 816-792-5560 Ask for Chris Rupp.

For my money, that is THE BEST BENEFIT that our club dues can buy.

CHANGE CAN BE GOOD.....

The newly elected officers have met several times and outlined plans they would like to see enacted. These plans range from a revamped website with an e-mail list for communication, updated pages, outlines for new member packets, electronic newsletters to reduce cost, pamphlets, business

cards, request for flies, changing in Not-For-Profit status, bylaws, and funding grants. To find out all about the proposed changes, and to voice your opinions and positions, please attend our next meeting.

Second Sunday Fly of July, 11, 2004, 12 Noon, Shawnee Mission Park, Shawnee, KS.

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As we explore new places to fly, please check our website for locations for our Second Sunday and Fourth Sunday Flies. Do you have a location near you? Call Randy H. at 816-584-1718 or send you location (complete address, please) to our website to be forwarded to the Board.

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DATE	TYPE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	CONTACT E-MAIL
Aug. 6-7	FF	Oklahoma City Balloon & Kite Festival	Oklahoma City, OK	Terry Officer	405-341-5477	terry44@cox.net
Aug. 20-22	FF	Traditions Kite Festival	Albuquerque, NM	John Gabby	719-637-3113	winddependent@pcisys.net
Aug. 27-29	CP	Lone Star Kite Competition	Desoto, TX	Warren Harris	972-839-7115	wharris@connect.net
Aug. 28-29	FF	Callaway Kite Flight 2001	Calloway, NE	Connie May	308-836-2620	
Sept. 18th	FF	KCKC Fall Picnic	Smithville Lake, MO	Steve & Lori L		ricksrucy@hotmail.com
Sept. 25	FF	Sister Cities 2nd Annual Kite Fest	Shawnee, OK	Cheryl Cowden	405-878-0375	
October 10th	FF	One Sky/One World	Shawnee Mission Park	Shawnee, KS	816-734-9444	wanerr@maplewoods.cc.mo.us
Oct. 11-27	CV	27th Ann AKA Grand Nationals, Conv.	Seaside, OR	Mel Hickman	800-252-2550	XD@aka.kite.org
Oct. 23?	FF	4th Annual Houston Kite Fly	Houston, TX	Rick Osgood	713-952-5899	rickosgood@houstonkites.com
Oct. 24th	FF	8th Bi-Annual Cedar Hill Kite Fest	Cedar Hill, TX	Sandra Martin	972-291-5130	sandy.martin@cedarhilltx.com
Nov 20-28	FF	11th Annual Dead Bird Buggy Bash	Galveston, TX	Dick & Gail Bell	972-423-3630	dickbell@attbi.com
Dec?	Party	Annual Holiday Party		Randy H, Ryan D.	816-584-1718	ahaberle@kc.rr.com



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**Meeting at Noon
Second Sunday Fly
July 11, 2004
at
Shawnee Mission Park
Shawnee, KS**

Please Attend.

