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December 2006 NEWS IN REVIEW

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December Events in Review

December 2006 proved to be the another great month of action packed activities and events that the Kansas City Kite Club participated in. Thanks to all of you that showed up to help the KCKC continue to promote kite flying education events in the community. So many members enjoyed the month by attending more fun flying activities and events.

- **The KCKC Monthly FLY's**

The KCKC Monthly fly's were held at New Mark and Heritage parks this month as planned. Many of the KCKC members came out to both events to relax and fly.

The Kansas City Kite Club Website by Sean Beaver

For many years now the Kansas City Kite Club has maintained a website that we regularly use to communicate to the general public and our members about many new and exciting things happening with the club. Many of you probably do not know the history of the clubs website or even what goes on behind the scenes to keep the website maintained, updated, and running smoothly. Recently I caught up with the clubs webmaster Terri Wible to hear first hand what exactly goes on behind the scenes and check into getting some updated web data that can help us all understand the powerful impact the KCKC website has on our clubs mission and future. Terri and Ken Wible have truly made a long lasting priceless contribution to the club by designing and maintaining one of the premiere websites in the kiting community on a national level. We are all very glad to have her as a proud member of this wonderful club and we all owe a lot to Terri and Ken for there work in this important area of our clubs mission.

- **Terri, can you give us a feel for the history of the site? When was it first introduced- how many revisions and major overhauls.... how does something get added or removed easiest should someone want to?**

The KCKC website was first introduced when Ken and I joined back ...I think it was in 1999? We went to the Fall Party out at Longview Lake by our house. Everyone seemed glad to have newbie's there. After a day of flying, we joined on the spot. We were invited to stay for the meeting. After listening to ideas for promoting the club being batted around I cautiously suggested a club website. Everyone thought it was a great idea, but at that point there was no way the club could afford to host or maintain a site. I took a deep breath....and volunteered to design and host the site on my company's servers. Everyone was surprised...I am sure some thought I was a nut job (and they were right), others thought there was no way I would ever complete it (and they were right too—a good website is NEVER "done"), and Lord only knows what everyone else was thinking. I am sure that it was agreed on just to see what I would come up with.

The site has now gone thru 3 major overhauls. As far as revisions, it is updated anytime a club member or officer requests (ok---usually within a week). If ever there are suggestions that the membership feels are important to add, I usually just add a new section to the site. Overhauls are only needed when the functionality of the site needs major restructuring or technology upgrading. If someone needs something added or removed, they just need to send me an email at webmaster@kckiteclub.org

- **Terri, what exactly is your business- we do realize that you have a real job? Why did you decide to donate your time to the clubs web mission? How have you seen the club and its operations improve by having a website etc?**

My business is The Marvel Group, LLC. We are in Blue Springs, MO. We are a campaign source. Small business marketing, political campaigns, internet presence....they all work on the same basic principles of marketing. We work with non-profits to State Senators to restaurants to international veterinary supplies.

At first, I decided to donate my time to the club because I viewed it as a way to get to know everyone. I continued, because it has become an integral part of our national/international presence. Our web stats are very impressive. We went from having a few hits a month to several thousand a day during the spring. I will continue to be the web geek until someone else steps up to the plate.

- **Things the average non-web kiter member could do to improve the web site and content or information?**

What I always need help with are IDEAS. I am usually too close to the tree to see the forest. If ANY member emails me some ideas or information for the site I am all eyes.

- **What do you see as potential changes to the site as the club grows? What are you biggest challenges with maintaining the site?**

I like our current format. It is relatively easy to expand. The next thing on my list is drop down menus. Biggest challenges? Getting content for newsletters or EBLAST updates to be emailed to members. I always encourage everyone to submit ideas to the webmaster so that

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Ken and Terri keep very busy with the kids! Terri can be reached at an email at webmaster@kckiteclub.org

Upcoming Events

 <p>February 3, 2007 SATURDAY WORKSHOP</p> <p>North Community Room 110th and North Oak Kansas City, MO</p> <p>1-4 pm</p>	<p><i>Saturday, February 3, 2007</i> <i>Workshop, Time 1-4 pm</i> <i>Address 110th and North Oak, Kansas City, MO</i></p> <p>Workshop—Ladybug Ground Bouncer \$20.00</p> <p><i>Participants will learn appliqué techniques for eyes and spots, and larger sizes will be available for tracing. Ladybugs' were developed by Geoff & Carey Campbell, with plans on the web.</i></p> <p><i>Kits will be limited, so be sure to reserve one. Contact Linda Larkey @ airhead@kc.rr.com or call evening 816-415-9363. Cell phone for the day of class will be 816-509-3979.</i></p>
<p>February 17th 2007 11-4 The 2006 Holiday Party and Auction</p> 	<p><i>Saturday, February, 17th 2007 Time 11--4 pm</i> <i>Address*14 West 10th Street Kansas City, MO 64105</i></p> <p><i>Expectations ** Opens at 11am for food and auction staging etc. Lunch served at 12pm till 12:45pm</i> <i>Auction and meetings begin at 1:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver or Linda Larkey</i></p> 
<p>Lions Gate Community</p>	<p><i>Saturday, March, 10th 2007 Time 1-4 pm</i> <i>Address* Lions Gate Community in Overland Park Shelter</i></p>

<p>Kite Festival Saturday March 10th 2007</p>	<p><i>(more info to come)</i></p> <p><i>Expectations* The social committee for Lions Gate is putting on a kite themed event for the over 575 homes in Lions Gate.</i></p> <p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver</i></p>
<p>Longview Community College 1st Annual Flights of Fancy Festival</p>	<p><i>Saturday, April, 28th 2007 Time 1-4 pm</i></p> <p><i>Address* Longview Community College front lawn</i></p> <p><i>Expectations* Large advertised event for the local community to have a kite and rc plane festival.</i></p> <p>Kite Festival and Radio Controlled Airplanes Display</p> <p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz</i></p>
<p>Kites Over Grinnell 2007 May 5th, 2007</p>	<p><i>Hello all: We have set the date for Kites Over Grinnell for May 5, 2007. We are in the process of getting AKA sanctioning and hope you spread the word to all and attend yourself.</i></p> <p><i>Hope to see you in Grinnell for information concerning our festival to follow.</i></p> <p><u>dicknsis@yahoo.com</u></p>
<p>KC Riverfest 2007</p> 	<p><i>Friday and Saturday, June 30th and July 1st 2007</i></p> <p><i>Address* Berkley Riverfront Park</i></p> <p><i>Expectations* Large advertised event for the local community to have the largest outdoor festival and fireworks show in the Midwest. 60,000 Visitors expected!</i></p> <p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz</i></p>
<p>One Sky One World Sunday , October 14th 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Columbia Joint Fly 2007</i> • <i>11am to 4pm</i>
<p>Additional Events 2007</p> <p>Coming soon.</p> <p>Stay tuned!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blue Valley Pumpkin Patch</i> • <i>Fall Picnic 2007 TBD</i> • <i>Church of the Resurrection Event Leawood KS</i> • <i>YMCA and School of the Deaf</i> • <i>Great Outdoors Festival Liberty MO</i> • <i>KC area library fly's</i>

- **The 2006 KCKC Holiday Party and Auction**

The 2006 Holiday Party and Auction is scheduled for February 17th from 11am to 4pm. This year we are having the event at the Kansas City Missouri Public Library located 14 West 10th Street Kansas City, MO 64105. Everyone is encouraged to bring a food, drink, or desert item. Of course the event will host the yearly auction that will be one of our best yet. Make sure you bring items to donate or money to bid with!

Chuck Blackwell Award

The Kansas City Kite Club will accept nominations for **the 2nd Blackwell Award beginning in November 2006**. The Blackwell will be presented to a Kansas City Area Kiter who best demonstrates the outstanding traits that Chuck Blackwell (1958-2005) exemplified. Chuck was usually one of the first kites one would meet on the field, always with a positive comment, or an offer of help. He would often go out of his way to help others enjoy, or understand kiting more. He loved kiting, and always strived to share that passion.

Nominations must be in writing, signed, and presented to a KCKC Board Member, or presented through the KCKC website a week (seven days) before the Holiday Party. One nomination per member, please. Nominees will be announced at the Holiday Party. All 2006 KCKC Members in good standing will be allowed to cast ballots for one nominee. Members must be present at the Holiday Party to vote. No absentee votes will be allowed. In case of a tie, the highest-ranking Executive Member present will cast the tiebreaking vote.

Chris Blackwell, Chuck's son, presented the 2005 Blackwell Award to Bob Rule. Other nominees included Dave Ellis, Scott Weimer, Sean Beaver, and Steve Batliner.

The Central Library located at **14 West 10th Street Kansas City, MO 64105**
Library Parking Information: The Central Library parking lot is located directly west of the Central Library building on the **NW corner of 10th & Baltimore**. It is open 7 days a week ****Parking is free on the weekends**. One hour metered parking is available on adjacent streets and is free on the evenings and weekends. The library does not assume any responsibility for damage or loss.



Map & Directions to the Central Library: Click on Yahoo! Maps Button for a customizable map and door-to-door directions.



Hours of Operation:

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Saturday
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This is a photo of the front of the library. To get to the meeting rooms go into the main entrance to the elevators to the 5th floor and you will walk right into our conference meeting room.



Photo by Alise O'Brien



Holiday Party and Auction Meeting Room for 2006 (with outdoor balcony)
5th floor location- date February 17th 2007



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- **The KCKC Workshops Information**

HOW ARE WORKSHOPS SELECTED?

Although participant opinion is considered, workshops are selected by the presenter. Team Larkey considers what participants say they would be interested in, but time is a big consideration also. How large of a project can participants assemble in the time frame? How long will it take to develop prototypes, plans, hand outs? How long will it take to cut out pieces for each kit? Does each kit have 60 pieces? We aren't going to be assembling that one! Or if we do we need to break it down to 3 classes—one to make patterns and cut, one to start to sew, and one to finish the project. Would enough participants be interested? What days would work best for all interested people to attend? What price range can participants afford? Would participants like small projects that do not cost much, or large showcase projects?

If there is a particular project that you would like to see presented, please let the board know.

Team Larkey is already considering a larger multi-workshop project for next year. With more times to meet a larger project can be accomplished, like a 5 foot Rok.

Contact Linda Larkey @ airhead@kc.rr.com or call evening 816-415-9363. Cell phone for the day of class will be 816-509-3979.

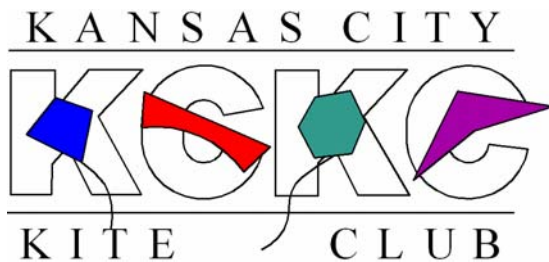
Thanks to everyone that helped with this month's submissions, photos and articles. As a reminder any member can submit an article or idea for this monthly communication tool the KCKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

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Sean is available by email at seanbeaver@hotmail.com or you may call him at 913-238-9333 for comments or questions. We would love your suggestions about ways to improve the KCKC.

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.



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Membership Dues (Jan-Dec)
\$15 Individual: \$20 Family