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Kansas City Kite Club Spring Meeting 2006

The 2006 KCKC spring meeting is scheduled for March 4th 2006 from 1pm to 3pm. This meeting will be the new board's first official business meeting and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The meeting will update the new board on the state of the KCKC in terms of financial status and general operating issues pending. We will aim to finalize events, planning, and club vision for the immediate and long range future of the club. Members are encouraged to voice agenda items to any of the officers seven days prior to the meeting. Additionally we will have a guest keynote speaker that will address the meeting.

Our keynote speaker **Susanne Wright** is a recognized local expert advisor in professional philanthropic fundraising and development. She is the current Development Director at the Children's TLC Easter Seals which is a nonprofit community resource located in Kansas City, Missouri --founded in 1947 by community volunteers with a goal to prepare preschool children with disabilities for formal schooling. Prior to the Children's TLC she was the Executive Director of the Star Foundation where she managed the day to day operations of the foundation and coordinated the fund raising activities of the board of directors. Prior to the Star, Susanne gained extensive experience as the Director of Development of the Community Link Foundation where she developed annual planning and financial forecasting goals for the group.

In 1995 she earned her Bachelors degree from UMKC and in 2003 her MBA from Alameda University. She is a past President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Mid-America Chapter. Additionally a member of the Non-Profit Communications Network and Past President Soroptimist International of America. Also a current board member BEST Network.

She understands "board development, grant research and development, funding (government, foundation, and corporate types), community needs assessments, community program funding, non-profit growth issues and strategies, how to identify funding sources and reporting / application requirements, holding powerful events, auctions, newsletters, fact sheets, and programs that include coordinated speakers.

She knows valid practice based standards of how to operate many types of community groups, non-profits, and special interest organizations. Her commitment to her profession and extensive professional achievements in her career show us that her standards are high, well planned, well executed, and clearly able to deal with many types of challenges the Kite Club faces.

This meeting is not a fun fly but rather a business meeting located at the Kansas City Public Library's newly remodeled facility located at:

14 West 10th Street Kansas City, MO 64105

PHONE:816-701-3402 Library contact: Sue Sanders suesanders@kclibrary.org

The Central Library serves as the major resource library for the system. It houses the major library departments, including: Document Delivery, Central Reference, Special Collections, Customer Service, Collection Maintenance, Library Outreach, Youth Services, and all of the Administrative departments.

**Parking is free on the weekends and the Library has been very supportive of the club by donating us meeting space at no cost for the business meeting and at future meetings / holiday parties. Dates have not been scheduled for future meetings however check the KCKC website for updates to the events calendar.

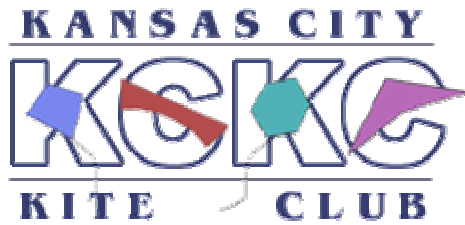
Library Parking Information: The Central Library parking lot is located directly west of the Central Library building on the NW corner of 10th & Baltimore. It is open 7 days a week and cost to park in the Library parking lot is free for the first hour with validation from Library staff. Cost is \$1 every 20 minutes (or portion thereof) after the first validated hour. Parking after 5:00 p.m. in the garage is \$2.

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.





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Hours of Operation:

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Monday - Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sunday



Photo by Alise O'Brien

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 3rd floor (rm 312) and you will walk right into our conference meeting room.



Conference Room - 3rd Floor

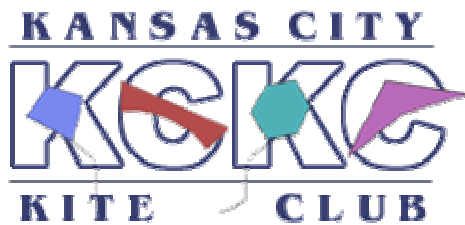


Holiday Party Meeting Room for 2006 (with outdoor balcony)
 5th floor location- date TBD

Presidents Corner-

“The spring flying season is right around the corner” is what I would normally say this time of year. But due to a record warm winter many of my weekends have already been spent on my favorite fields flying kites, bugging, and land boarding among other things. Old man winter is apparently old enough to prefer 60-70 degree December and January days which is all right by me. Kite surfing though is still months away so I will continue to fly the fields around the area until the water reaches an “agreeable temperature”.

Stephany (my girlfriend and new KCKC member) had purchased a round trip ticket to San Diego to see some old friends of hers and take a vacation. It has been many years since I took some much need time off and she left me with no options. The bad part was that I could not attend the Holiday Party that went over so well.



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Thanks to all of the club members who attended and made it a success. Linda Larkey worked especially hard in setting the event up and making it a wonderful party. Congratulations to Bob for winning the inaugural Chuck Blackwell award and also to all of the nominees who have been recognized by your kiting peers as clearly influential members that have made a difference to the club in Chucks honor.

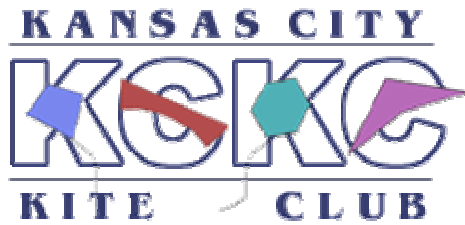
I was not totally out of the kite meeting frame of mind. Scot Thompson I had asked several weeks before to fill in on my behalf for a few reasons. First, he is a great friend that has let his membership with the club lax and in his words he did not care much about club business- just kites. In many ways I understand that position. After all, flying is what we all love and want to do. Clubs are difficult, require work, dedication, and sacrifice all for free. We have to volunteer our spare time to a bigger cause and for so many of us it is hard to do. Serving any cause can be thankless, difficult, and frustrating. Scot stepped up and surprised many by not only attending and getting his membership updated, but offering to serve the club in a board capacity.

My second and most important reason that I asked Scot to cover for me is that without kiting I would have never met such a great friend. Our families are forever linked in kiting and friendship. One of those "hidden" benefits to being a member I guess. Simply put I could not have asked a more appropriate person to deliver my message to the club in my absence. Thank you Scot for everything and I look forward to working with you and the new board over the next few years.

While in San Diego I managed to meet some great lifetime friends of Stephanie's (Vince and Nikki Gonzalez **along with there darling two year old daughter Madison "Maddie"). We stayed in there home and managed to get so Seaport Village where the famous Kite Flight retail store is. It was for me the first truly dedicated store to kites I have ever been in. Wind Wizards retail store I never got the chance to see before it closed.....Bummer. The gentleman that helped me while at the store also is the current Secretary of the San Diego Kite Club. We had a great time sharing stories and he told me that the club meets the second Saturday of each month at the Mission Bay Park.

We then were taken by the Gonzalez family to a state beach where land yachts, kite buggies, kite surfers, and traditional kites converged in a wide open landscape painted by some of the coolest kites you have ever seen. I managed to buy a new Sutton Flow Form, new line laundry, and line while in San Diego. On it's maiden flight I amazed the our host family enough to get them in the sand flying too! The gift of kiting was well received and I assure you that they will be lifetime flyers if "Maddie" has anything to say about it. What a great time we had.

Getting back from my vacation means getting right back to work. Already we are happy to report planning is underway to get our KCKC schedule completed early in the season. Many repeat events are to be scheduled in 2006. One major change is the KCKC Spring Kite Festival that will be held at Smithville lake instead of Clinton Lake. Keep looking at the website for dates and locations to all upcoming events as they get finalized.



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Additionally, our first meeting of the new board (and general members if they want to come) will be held on March 4th 2006. The keynote speaker Susanne Wright is a recognized local expert advisor in professional philanthropic fundraising and development will speak at the meeting about her thoughts on helping KCKC into the future. I know that she will be a valuable resource and advisor to the club. I have found that while many of us know kites well we can all use a little coaching on how to run a successful community group like the KCKC. We aim to take a hard look at ways to improve the clubs operations and financial standing. We are in desperate need of a strategic plan and vision for our clubs future. Without a plan how will we ever know what we have achieved? My hope is that Susanne can help the KCKC in realizing this basic club need and provide insights in how we can attain a simple plan that will benefit the club for years to come.

San Diego was a great reminder for me that the club needs to be fun too. The more fun we have the easier it is to get folks that are members involved. As for folks that are not members great times kiting get them thinking about becoming a member.

I am proud to introduce the clubs new board that brings new ideas, visions, and new energy to the leadership. Please join me in thanking all of the past board members for the service given to the club. I personally wish all of the new board members well in their roles and I am always available anytime for assistance. Additionally, we have many new members that have joined the club recently and I want to welcome them to the family of diverse kite enthusiast's .

May your kites fly as high as your dreams.

Best Regards,

Sean Beaver
President

Kansas City Kite Club

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Stephany and Me at Seaport Village San Diego



Stephany and Me at the famous Kite Flight Store



Sean and Dave from Kite Flight and the San Diego Kite Club sharing "war stories"



A San Diego Kite Club member flies at Seaport Village- This guy can fly better than most people you will ever meet! What an inspiration with his Rev! Stephany could not help but to get a photo with such a great flyer!



The host family- Vince, Nikki, and 2 year old new kite flyer "Maddie"



Maddie flying her new kite Sean gave her! So cute!



Maddie's new Teddy Bear!!

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Here is Sean taking his new Sutton Flo Form on it's maiden flight along with some new worm line laundry!



Sean Tuning the kite!



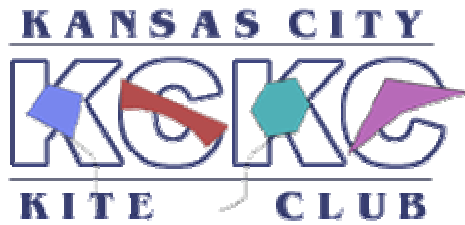
Maddie was a cuttie!



Sean Kite Surfing!



Maddie and me never wanted to leave!



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This newsletter is dependent on YOU for stories.

Catagories include (but are not limited to):

- AKA News
- Upcoming Events
- Events in Review
- Feature Articles
- Member News
- New kites (built or purchased)
 - Tricks and Tips
- Kite Related Websites

FLY SCHEDULE

After years of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month to fly, the Kansas City Kite Club has revamped its Fun Fly schedule. On EVEN months (April, June, August, October), the KCKC will fly at these locations on Sundays: 2nd Sunday of Even Months—Heritage Park in Olathe, KS, 4th Sunday of Even Months—New Mark Middle School in Kansas City, MO. Odd months will be at Odd locations on the 2nd and 4th SATURDAY of the month. Check the website for maps and locations. Hopefully, this will give us the best of both worlds with a permanent location to find us, and the freedom to try new locations and involve Kansas City in our fun!

Fly with us!!!!

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Doug H, Linda L, Chris C., Amber C., Ian R., Shane R., Steve B., Background: Scot T., Ryan L., Dave E., Susie G.



Scott W. with Bob R. at the entrance.....KCKC Memory Lane



Blackwell Nominees; Steve B., Scott W., Dave E., and Rob R.

Not pictured is Sean B.

Bob, seated in front, was presented with The Blackwell Award.



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January 22, 2006 Holiday Party

PLACE: Aldredge Church, Lee's Summit, MO

OFFICERS ATTENDING: Linda L and Bob R and aprox 25 members

AGENDA FOR 2006 HOLIDAY PARTY

Linda L called the meeting to order. These items were discussed:

- o AKA Convention Des Moines October 2-7
- o AKA membership for 2006 officers—Officers will receive free 1-year membership in AKA. It will be an important resource for our leaders.

Thanks/Recognition KCKC for 2005—These members were recognized with a certificate of thanks and a small recognition pin.

B	STEVE	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, WEBSITE, PRESS RELEASE
B	SEAN	CLINTON FESTIVAL, PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, PRESS RELEASES
B	BILL	ST. JOESEPH FLY
B	CHUCK	MELANIE GRACE INDOOR DEMO
C	VICTOR	HOLIDAY PARTY
E	DAVID	ART IN THE PARK DEMO, WORKSHOPS
G	ALLAN	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, WEBSITE, FALL PICNIC
G	LIZZIE	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, FALL PICNIC
G	LAURIE	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, FALL PICNIC
G	SUSIE	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, FALL PICNIC
H	RANDY	MELANIE GRACE INDOOR FLY
H	DOUG	HOLIDAY PARTY



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L	LINDA	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, OS/OW JOINT FLY, WORKSHOPS, NEWSLETTERS, HOLIDAY PARTY
L	RYAN	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO
L	DON JR.	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, PRESS RELEASE
M	DAVID	NATIONAL KITE MONTH FLY
R	SHANE	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, WEBSITE
R	BOB	MELANIE GRACE INDOOR FLY, HOLIDAY PARTY
W	REBECCA	SPECIAL NEWSLETTER SECTION FOR CHUCK
W	SCOTT	PUMPKIN FLY DEMO, WEBSITE, OS/OW JOINT FLY
W	TERRI	WEBSITE

Blackwell Award Nominees—these members were recognized as Blackwell Nominees with a certificate, and a Nomination Award Pin. The winner received a banner to display on the field.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE Dave E For the 2005 Blackwell Award. He/She has David Ellis for me was the first person that helped me understand about the kite club and the great many memories that I would share during my time flying kites with so many great people. His passion for the sport is something that I look up to and hope learn so much more from him. Over 3 years ago David came to my home for a basement eddy kite class where I had family, and friends attend. Still to this day I am reminded by many who attended of how cool it was and that they never thought that they would ever make a kite. I met Dave in 1995 at JCCC when a friend of mine had bought a large green traction kite and I was pulled all over the place in amazement. Dave could have never known at the time but him being so nice to me forever fueled my kiting interest and I will always love him for it. Dave has always exemplified great heart for his kiting interest and helped so many of us along the way. Chuck is proud to be looking down on continued passion from Dave and so am I.
 Signed Sean

My nomination for the 2005 Blackwell Award Dave E. My family have known Dave for around 9 years- or about as long as we have been flying. Dave has consistently been an ambassador and representative of the KCKC for even longer. He has amazing sewing talent, and shares his love of our sport/hobby with everyone he meets, just like Chuck did.

He is one of the first people to seek out and engage spectators with the finer elements of kiting, always talking to interested folks and especially kids. He has always led demonstrations for all sorts of groups, each one focusing on aspects of kiting. He has taught many sewing classes to beginning and advanced sewers.

Dave has a great deal of wisdom and experience from his teaching career that he uses all the time to promote kiting in the KC area. He has seen the KCKC tide fall and rise, and has always participated regularly and consistently, providing honest contribution and input even when that input may be difficult to hear.

Dave is quite talented in kite construction, with an ability to make kites from all sorts of materials. His award winning designs always light up the sky and draw praise from everyone below.

Dave most definitely embodies and carries out the kiting spirit that Chuck possessed, and very much deserves the award this year.

Submitted by Allan



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I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE STEVE B I would like to nominate Steve Batliner for the Blackwell Award. I think that Steve attends more events than any other member, and he is always available to teach and talk to new fliers. There have been a few times that Steve was the sole KCKC representative at flys, and he handled such occasions with grace and acceptance. He always has a willing attitude, and enjoys helping new pilots. Watching Steve fly is a joy. His love of the sport is revealed in his flying; his spirit of sharing with his quiet instructions to new fliers. Steve shares many traits with Chuck. Like Chuck, Steve is not an accomplished spokesman, but overcomes this with his mission to share his passion for kites. Even his humbleness reminds me of Chuck. Although one of the better flyers that the Kansas City Kite Club has, you will never hear Steve boast of his ability. Instead, you will hear him say that all it takes is practice.

Signed and nominated by: Linda L

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE: Scott W For the 2005 Blackwell Award. He has: Scott is always able to come and help me fly my Beetle. He worked really hard to help me learn how to fly my Beetle. I think Scott is the best kite flier in the Club (next to my Daddy!). Scott was very patient when I was learning to fly. He stood in the grass and picked up the kite every time it crashed. And also, one kite fly in Topeka, when I went up to him to see him (it was the first time I saw him) and he taught me how to do the "kite cart wheel thingy".

Signed and nominated by Laurie

I NOMINATE SEAN B because of his dedication to improving the club by trying new venues and his constant optimism. The job he has taken is a thankless necessary role in the club with the only reward the brief satisfaction of seeing everyone having fun. This is a rare selflessness that is shown by Sean and is trait I wish to see more in the club. Please thank Sean and those like him that give up their time to make the KCKC the best it can be.

Ryan, Past KCKC President

And the winning nomination.....announced by Chris Blackwell.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE BOB R For what it's worth I want to nominate Bob Rule for the award. Bob was a close friend of Chuck's, and shares many of his traits. Bob can usually be found at New Mark's field, and he is very friendly with visitors. I admire the way Bob volunteered to be a leader of our club, and the spirit he exhibits. Bob participates and serves his club well with his standard response, "Sure, I'll give it a try!" Bob is an inspiration to many of us.

Signed and nominated by: Scott W

- President's Message, Scot T—Scot read a message from Sean B, who was unable to attend the Holiday Party due to a surprise trip to California.
- Election of officers, 2006-2008



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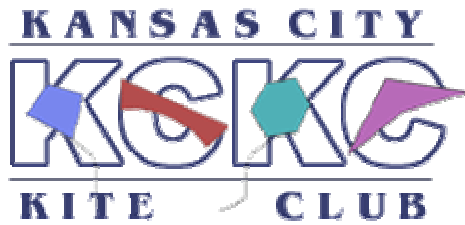
- o Sean B asked to be nominated as President. This was quickly seconded and voted unanimously.
- o For the other positions, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director at Large, these members volunteered and were voted into the positions.
 - Steve B
 - Scot T
 - Shane R
 - Scott W
 - Ken W (Requested treasurer)

Old Business

- o Pins—If the KCKC would like to order pins, the extras could be sold at the AKA convention. No action was taken.
- o Bylaws/Liability discussion—Susie G let us know what she learned from rechecking the information assembled. The KCKC would benefit from a liability shield, but we are still unsure which direction to go. Several building blocks we need may have to be researched or redone. As an alternative, we suggested adopting a no-liability clause into the KCKC by-laws. Amendment was unanimously carried.
- o Insurance—Members voted to renew insurance, and voted to continue to update it yearly if we can buy a policy for under \$300.00.

New Business

- o Newsletters/Minutes on website. Members agreed to have newsletters and minutes on the website. No last names will be used.
- o Workshop Ideas—Several ideas were presented. Sharyn V requested a workshop featuring the Fan Ban.
- o Templates for Kids Kite Workshop (aprox \$30 per template)—Will be considered for a future date.
- o Continue Second Saturday Odd Month Flies—Members will continue with the Second Saturday Flies in Odd Months. The Board will make sure advance notice is posted on the website.
- o Request for Flies—These requests were put on the fly agenda.
 - § April 8, Shawnee Library 2-4 pm
 - § National Kite Month Fly 1-4 Heritage
 - Spring Kite Festival Dates? Location- Smithville By the Marina or Sailboat cove. We have Corps support, we just need date options selected.
 - § September 30 Great Outdoors Festival 9-2 pm
 - § October 14 Joint Fly, Columbia



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- § October 21, Pumpkin Patch
- § Independence Kite Festival 2007 Still planning this event with City Officials and will meet this year again. (McCoy Park, 24 HWY and Delaware)

At the conclusion of the Holiday Party, Team Larkey let attendees select a 4 foot banner to display when they are flying.

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

ALL currently paid members are now listed on the website. Please join online.
Credit Card payments are now accepted.

