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November 2006 NEWS IN REVIEW

www.kckiteclub.org

November 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 educational 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.

- **2007 MAKR www.makr.info/**

Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat is the second weekend in March (March 9-11, 2007) at Lorado Taft Field Campus in Oregon, Illinois. Registration begins on December 15th. MAKR is a bargain at \$125 per person. Registration fees include six meals, dorm-style housing Friday and Saturday and access to some of the most talented kite people in the Midwest. Check for local car pools if you are planning on attending. For more info go to <http://www.makr.info/> Classes include sewing and non-sewing, and this year's line up is below.

Penguin Parade - Betsy Agar and Sandi McGuire, Cincinnati OH A banner that will be a 10 foot tall Emperor Penguin built from ripstop nylon, and complete with pole, the cool fold down traveling kind. Kit cost \$36



Kite Trains, indoor version - Pauly Berard, Woonsocket RI Participants will construct an Eddy Kite Train, Sode Kite Train, and a special seasonal mini kite for those of you who like green. That one is a surprise! Simple to do, very effective flying indoors over the crowd's heads, or outdoors in no wind situations. Learn some more techniques. Cost \$10



A truly unique kite - Ralf Dietrich, Denmark



Owl kite - Paul Fieber, Madison WI provides the knowledge to build an owl kite.

Things that go bump from a Kite - Jerry Houk, Maplewood MN, Have you ever wanted, or wondered how, to drop things from a kite? Most of us have seen fauna, or bears, dropped but what else can be dropped? In this workshop we will discuss dropping devices both manual and radio controlled. If you already drop things from a kite come share your experiences, show and tell, with us. Cost \$5 (probably less)



Painting on Washi - Charm Lindner, High Ridge MO, returns to teach Japanese style painting on washi paper.

Cubes and Boxes - Grant Lovett, Brownsburg IN and Dave Ellis, Overland Park KS The larger of the two cubes you will be building is the Sedgwickube designed by Lee Sedgwick and taught by Grant Lovett. This is a tumbling cube with a sliding bridle to allow a change in flight direction with the flick of the wrist. It is a great indoor or outdoor, light wind kite. Made from prismatic gift wrap and Carbon Fiber rods, only taping and gluing is involved in the construction. Kit cost \$13 per kite. For the smaller kite, Dave Ellis will help you build almost a 1/4 scale model of the one that Grant is making.. However, the construction will be much different than his. It is a box kite, and once you see one mylar box kite, you have seen them all. Kit cost \$1 per kite.



Tiki Time Two - Barbara Meyer, Maple Grove MN A delta variant, this simple kite is the perfect platform for you to add a tiki style face. This is a simple kite, a delta variant based on a design by Helen Bushnell. This is a great beginner kite since you learn some simple appliqué techniques, easy seaming, and a fun way to explore a design without needing to be totally realistic. The kite is 48" tall with a 25 foot tail to complete. Your tiki will fly in moderate to heavy winds. Class is suitable for beginners, and all those that just want to have a little fun without a lot of pressure. Kit cost \$30

A wonderful train - Cliff Pennell, Olympia WA The class will build 6 of the "Korean Wave Kite" in rainbow colors and put them in a kite train configuration. How to attach the kites into the main line of the train which will allow easy removal of an individual cell from the rest of the train? Cliff's simple knot system can apply to any kite train. Kit cost \$20

Structural details - Cliff Quinn, Coopersburg PA Ever looked at a kite plan and been frustrated? What size spars did they use, how were the pockets put on, how was it bowed? This is a show, tell and try format discussing kite construction details/methods keying on pockets, reinforcement's, seaming, tensioning, framing, fabric layout and fittings. Folks attending this class won't leave with a finished kite but with the knowledge to make kite making easier and better. This is not a class for someone who has never made a kite. No cost.



Circular Miniature - Charlie Sotich, Chicago IL Using joss paper, you will cut the circle. Then split the bamboo and construct the kite. Where should the cross spar be positioned? Where

should the bridle point be located? How much tail should you add? Charlie will help you figure out all that and more!

Woodblock - JoAnn Weber, Minneapolis MN teaches carving with new materials to make your personal design.

• **KCKC Tu-Pak Sled Workshop**



Above: Chris Clark selects his sled colors.

Right: Linda explains a seam technique to Pat Chapman. Photos by Chris Ellis.

Tu-Pak Sled Workshop

The first Saturday of November saw several Kansas City Kite Club members gathering at the North Community Firehouse Community Room (11101 N Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64155) to make a simple 20 inch tall sled kite.



Originally, this class was to be a



Dave Ellis and Sean Beaver discuss kites and K-State. Photos by Chris Ellis.

three pack of sleds.

While cutting out pieces it downsized to a two pack—one we made at the workshop, and another to make at home. This is a great sled pattern—easy to sew, easy to fly. And it has Team Larkey's wonderful dressmaker diamonds—which make it a snap to put together. Participants brought posterboard to trace the pattern to make more. We hope to see a ton of these sleds next spring and summer.

NEXT WORKSHOP

February 3, 2007 SATURDAY	<i>Saturday, February 3, 2007 Workshop, Time 1-4 pm</i>
WORKSHOP	<i>Address 110th and North Oak, Kansas City, MO Workshop—????? Possible Eddy Arch or Train, or Appliqued Banner or maybe something else!!</i>
North Community Room 110th and North Oak Kansas City, MO	<i>Expectations—FUN!!</i>
1-4 pm	<i>Contact info: Linda Larkey airhead@kc.rr.com or 816-415-9363</i>

WORKSHOP RULES.

New participants always ask about workshop rules. There are no rules. Once I was asked the rules for these workshops, and I finally decided the only thing we didn't do was take off our clothes. Then I remembered a participant showing off a new tattoo--(and it was a GREAT tattoo!) but there went that rule. Bring food and drink. Kids are welcome. Plan on having a good time. If you don't get there on time, well, I sometimes have that problem too. If you want to come and just visit, bring a snack for everyone.

Upcoming Events



Alyssa Beaver creates kites from scrap fabric. New Member Chris Stamm sews in the background.

Photos by Chris Ellis.

 <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 Workshop, Time 1-4 pm Address 110th and North Oak, Kansas City, MO</i></p> <p><i>Workshop—Possible Indoor/Outdoor Bird Kite designed by Don Larkie or Possible Eddy Arch or Train, or Appliqued Banner or maybe something else!!</i></p> <p><i>Expectations—Stay Tuned Contact info: Linda Larkey airhead@kc.rr.com or 816-415-9363 Cell 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 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 Auction and meetings begin at 1:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver or Linda Larkey</i></p> 
<p>Lions Gate Community Kite Festival Saturday March 10th 2007</p>	<p><i>Saturday, March, 10th 2007 Time 1-4 pm Address* Lions Gate Community in Overland Park Shelter (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 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</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</i></p>

<p>May 5th, 2007</p>	<p><i>hope you spread the word to all and attend yourself. Hope to see you in Grinnell for information concerning our festival to follow. dicknsis@yahoo.com</i></p>
<p>KC Riverfest 2007</p> 	<p><i>Friday and Saturday, June 30th and July 1st 2007 Address* Berkley Riverfront Park Expectations* <i>Large advertised event for the local community to have the largest outdoor festival and fireworks show in the Midwest. 60,000 Visitors expected!</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 Coming soon. 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> • KC area library flies

• **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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NKM RUBBER DUCK BANNERS

This year National Kite Month is March 31 - April 30, 2007. To kick it off, the AKA is announcing a great little contest. Design the 2007 NKM Poster and win a set of 5 two-foot-tall Rubber Duck Banners designed and donated by Mike Dallmer. The deadline for submissions is January 2, 2007.

Send entries or questions to: nationalkitemonth@aka.kite.org. The purpose of this poster is to make it available to all those who want it, it will be on the NKM website to downloaded and used where appropriate.

Requirements:

1. Size 8 ½" x 11"
2. Color is preferred
3. Preferred format is .doc or .jpg. I'd like space at the bottom so that the time, date, location and name of the event could be written or typed in
4. Logos that should be included are:
 - a. National Kite Month
 - b. American Kiteflyers Association
 - c. Kite Trade Association
 - d. Sponsor

All entries must be the original art work of the entrant, received no later than January 2, 2007 and become the property of the American Kitefliers Association.

- More Information: <http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/PosterContest.shtml>
- Or email nationalkitemonth@aka.kite.org.

Remember, NKM is a month-long celebration of those things at the end of the strings. Kite events around the world will help introduce people to the fun of kiteflying, the rich history of kites, the stunning artistry of kitemakers, and how kites can be used as educational tools. NKM was co-founded by the [Kite Trade Association International](#) and the [American Kitefliers Association](#) and sponsored by [Into The Wind](#).

There are a number of ways you can get involved. Although the list is as endless as the human imagination, some examples of what you can do include;

- Supporting the big events through attending or volunteering!
- Becoming a Kite Advocate!
- Organizing a local fly! Or, organize a few events throughout the month...the more the better!!
- Contacting your local store and offering to help them with a reception!
- Scheduling an indoor kite demonstration! (A REAL MEDIA DRAW!)
- Contacting your local library or shopping mall and offer to help set up a kite display for the month!
- Posting kite information (& links to this site and others) on your web sites!

- Lobbying your local park district to keep wide open spaces for kites!
- Calling your local school, park district, or public library and offering to present a kite workshop!
- Contacting your local hobby shop and ask them to carry kites! Be sure to give them the link to the KTA!
- Emailing CNN, ESPN, or any of the other major networks and ask them to show footage of kiting!
- Inviting your local celebrities (Mayors, Athletes, Police Officers, Etc) to try kiting (Don't forget to get the media there)!
- Organizing a kite fly as part of a fund raising project for charity!
- Inviting members of other established community action groups to attend a kite fly (Kiwans, Girl & Boy Scouts, Jaycees, etc.)!

AKA Logo Contest

WIN FREE FUN!

Design the winning logo for the 2007 AKA Convention and see how cool it is to have the attendees wearing YOUR DESIGN on their shirts. In addition, you receive a free registration to the 2007 convention in Ocean Shores WA on October 1 - 6. Submit your design by February 23, 2007. It's fun for free!

The logo design will be used on the convention patch, pin, shirts and other convention materials. Your design must look good in formats ranging from 1" to 10". Remember simple color schemes translate best for silkscreen, cloisonné and embroidery – as well as help keep our production cost down. Make sure your design incorporates the red AKA logo, convention year, city and state. The winning design will look good in color, in black and white, be scalable and suitable for many uses.

You may be required to submit alternative versions if necessary. Please submit your original design, preferably using vector graphics – although not required, to:

Annual_meeting@aka.kite.org -or-

Mike Shaw - AKA Convention / Annual Meeting Committee Chair
6910 W 25th Pl Lakewood, CO 80214

All entries must be original art work of the AKA member entrant, received no later than February 23, 2007 and become the property of the American Kitefliers Association.

-- More information: <http://www.aka.kite.org/?con2007LogoContest.html>

-- Or email annual_meeting@aka.kite.org

AKA Announces Dues Increase

As of January 1, 2007, the American Kitefliers Association membership dues will increase from \$30 a year to \$35 a year. This is the first increase in eight years. Anyone can join or renew now for up to 3 years at the current rate of \$30 a year. New members or renewals can join online at:

<http://www.aka.kite.org/mbrship.shtml>

Benefits include

Kiting a quarterly newsletter which includes event coverage, kitemaking plans, local and regional reports, festival calendar, club activities, contacts, and association news

- 10% discount on kite merchandise from over 100 member merchants and online stores
- Over 100 sanctioned events in your community and around the country each year
- \$1,000,000 insurance coverage for organizers and members at [sanctioned events](#)
- \$1,000,000 insurance coverage for members at recognized local club flies
- National membership directory listing members, clubs, and stores
- Monthly news and information emailed directly to you from the national AKA president
- Regional reports and news emailed directly to you from your local representative
- World record tracking of achievements within the sport
- Annual national convention with workshops, competitions, awards, and flying
- National Kite Month program to celebrate and promote kiteflying
- Competitor ranking and recognition at regional, national, and international level
- Regional and national awards program for contributions to kiting
- Professional staff available in national headquarters office
- Free 800 telephone number
- Online list of hundreds of recommended flying locations with details and directions
- Regional referrals to encourage information sharing, personal contact and assistance
- Archival materials and publications
- Safety codes, competition rules and event specifications for sport kites, kitemaking competition, fighter kites, and kite buggies

Access to member-only webpages with bylaws, meeting minutes, and financial and historical information

Online Kite Talk Forum where members post announcements and information, or ask for assistance

An AKA Regional Director familiar with kiting in your area, clubs, contacts and local concerns

Over 100 affiliated local kite clubs

Opportunities to serve in leadership roles locally and nationally or on policy committees

Free publications including rule books, event and club organizing manuals, and instructional materials

Educational materials for teachers including Kites in the Classroom programs, reference materials, and teaching tools

Cooperation and coordination with kite associations and events around the world

Discounted dues for family members

Instructional pamphlets for flying and competing

Calendar of local, regional, and national kiting events, festivals, and workshops

Association products including clothing, patches, hats and pins

Friends in the field

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.

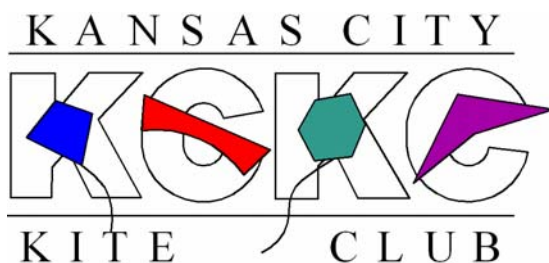
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Sean is available by email at seanbeaver@hotmail.com or you may call him at 913-238-9333 for comments or questions. We would love your suggestions about ways to improve the KCKC.

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.



Join the
Kansas City Kite Club!

www.kckiteclub.org

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