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June Events in Review

June 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 events in the community. So many members enjoyed the month by attending more fun flying activities and events.

- **Topeka Kite Flyers 13th Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival**

Flyers from all over the region attended the 13th annual festival on June 3, 4, and 5th. The AKA sanctioned event benefited the American Diabetes Association. The event included fun fly's, buggy races, candy drops, competition, kite store, concessions, and t-shirts. The rising cost of gasoline cut down on participants, but not on enthusiasm. New member Chris Clark entered the AKA competition and took first in Novice Precision. Lizzie Gilson took second, but Lizze took first in Novice Ballet. Donna Houchins, from the Gateway Kite Club in St. Louis took first in Experienced Precision and Ballet. Sunday found the wind gusty with several kites breaking away to be recovered. Towards the end of the afternoon, Sampson, Charles Keller's kite, broke its line, settling into a patch of tall grass and weeds. True to kiting form, a group tramped into the weeds to haul out Sampson. Like any well-behaved kite should do, Sampson broke his like near the tow point, losing only about 10 foot of line, with no injuries to its bridle or sails. Sampson was easily packed up by the group and then we slowly packed up other kites and ground displays. Even after most everything was packed up, kites stood around talking about kites, kites, and convention this fall in Des Moines.



Three winners in Topeka! From left Lizzie Gilson, Chris Clark, and Donna Houchins mad us all very proud. Congratulations to them all for the hard work and dedication.



One of the fused plastic banners that was at Topeka. Also the Sampson recovery team in full force around many smiles.



Kat G assembles a Della Porta under her tent at Twisted lines 2006.

The 2006 KC Riverfest

The 2006 KC Riverfest was held on June 30 and July 1st of 2006. When we first were contacted and asked to attend many of us had a feeling it was going to be big. How big was it? By some estimates over 60,000 people attended the 2 day celebration! This event was the single largest KCKC flying event in the clubs 15 year history. More visitors watched us fly than ever before. Starting on Friday many members came out to help set up kites and extensive ground displays that decorated the events many areas with many one of a kind pieces made by members of the club. Many members flew kites throughout the day in the exhausting heat taking turns to use the small field as best we could. The event was long and hot but provided the KCKC with a huge audience to witness the wonderful club we try so hard to promote in our community. The event is part of an ongoing effort through the Friends of the River-KC (FOR-KC) to restore pride in the riverfront and once again bring the metropolitan region back to the water's edge as a safe, fun place to live, to work and to play.

This year they had many new events: The Kansas City Kite Club was on hand to display and fly a variety of kites that amazed all of the attendees. Tricks & Flips Action Sports on the River wake boarded on the Missouri River along with a land Wakeboard Slider Pool that was something you had to see to believe. These guys amazed crowds 4 times a day for both days with a once in a lifetime display of there sports. The Missouri Dept of Conservation Mobile Aquarium with local fresh water fish set up, complete with lectures on Missouri fishes. Helicopters landed next to the KCKC and were displayed to educate visitors about them. The largest Exhibitor John Deere had a "test drive" course set along with displays and gave away t-shirts and hats. Music was played by the areas best bands all day long. Food vendors of every type along with vending tents with all sorts of things for sale were at the event. Additionally, a neat g-scale model train was set up for kids to see. Wind Wizards set up in a tent near the vending area and attracted large crowds selling record amounts of kites. As if the event needed more they provided the largest

fireworks show in the Midwest directly across the river and over 60,000 people witnessed the show that did not have a bad seat in the place to see the show. KCTV5 and KSMO were media sponsors along with 710 Fox News, 105.1 Jack FM, 94.9 KCMO and 101 The Fox. The KCKC was on hand with a table to answer questions about kites, display, and fly some of our favorite kites all in an effort to promote the club. Television coverage was extensive of the event and Sean Beaver made us all proud with a great interview on KCTV 5 early Saturday morning.

Special thanks to: Randy and Linda Larkey, Don Larkie, Stephany Rosenholtz, Sean Beaver, Steve Batliner, Dave Ellis, Chris Clark, John Massey, Ken and Terri Wible, Shane Rowse, John Roberts his girlfriend Linda and John Burke from the Riverfest who helped so much in setting up with us and was assigned to us all weekend as an assistant. Both Shane, Chris, and John's families came out to support them and the KCKC- we really appreciated that too! Chris made a wonderful table KCKC banner to display and worked epically hard on updating club fliers for this event. Also Linda Larkey pumped out flags like a factory and made this event stick out unlike anything they had ever seen. She really made all the difference for the event. Unfortunately some of the spectators decided to walk off with a few 6 foot banners of Linda's but she did not let that slow her down. Thanks again to all of you.

Photos of the 2005 KC Riverfest



Wind Wizards had a tent set up near all the vending action. Thanks to the Moore's for braving the 95 degree heat with us all to man the tent all day. Carolyn said she had record sales with such large crowds at the event!



Steve Batliner is at almost every show these days. His graceful flying was a huge hit at Riverfest and he spent much of his time talking to fans of his flying (while he was flying mind you)- Great job again Steve!



Many of the flying fields and sidewalks were decorated with extensive ground displays and banners. Special thanks to Linda Larkey and Dave Ellis for the banners.



Now here is something that you do not see everyday. A United States Army Apache Helicopter landing on the KKC flying field. Hundreds of spectators came to see this rare site.



Chris Clark flew his new Rev and put on quite the show.



The smiles say everything. Kids all day long were amazed at the kites we flew.



Families all day long walked by the KKC tent and flying field.

OK unless you saw this contraption that the wake boarders had you would never believe it. See the black trailer in the background? These guys came flying out of that thing skimmed across the water, up and down a rail, then landed on the other side in a pool made of hay bails only 2 feet deep. Insanity on display but very cool to witness in person.



Very large crowds watched the four daily wakeboard river shows next to the KCKC flying area.



Tens of thousands of people walked the events 1.5 mile main promenade that was extensively decorated with KCKC banners and flags.





More decorations at the event and more people. What a site to see.



Local music jazz favorites the McFadden Brothers played before a packed house on Saturday night. The stage area was sponsored by the Isle of Capri Casino and the KCKC decorated it too!



The \$200,000 fireworks show was unlike any in the area. It combined traditional fireworks with extensive lasers that provided an outstanding show for those that stayed.





The close of the show on Saturday night with the final blast!

- **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.

Upcoming Events

<p>July 8, 2006 Saturday 11:30 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p>Church of the Resurrection 13720 Roe Avenue Leawood, Kansas 66224</p>	<p>http://www.cor.org/Summer_Festival.3287.0.html</p> <p>Join the Kansas City Kite Club at the 2006 Church of the Resurrection. The Church will host Summer Fest 2006, a full day of fun activities and entertainment for the community and neighborhood on Saturday, July 8. The kite club will be on hand from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm to display a variety of different kite systems for the event. Also the following events will be conducted at this event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Car and Motorcycle Show• Professional Kite Flying Demonstrations and Displays• Food Beverages and comedy• Skateboarding Demos and concerts• Art shows & Rummage Sales Pet events and more! <p>The festival is located at 13720 Roe Avenue Leawood, Kansas 66224</p>
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<p>July 19th, 2006 Wednesday 6PM to 7:30PM</p> <p>SKY HIGH KITE DEMONSTRATION</p> <p>Sponsored by: St Joseph YMCA / Girl Scouts / Sertoma Club</p> <p>RR1 Easton, MO 64443</p>	<p>SKY HIGH KITE DEMONSTRATION</p> <p>On Wednesday July 19th 2006 at from 6PM to 7:30 the KCKC will be on hand at a camp near St Joseph to do a demo fly for the Sertoma Clubs yearly camp for kids. The camp consists of hearing impaired kids of all ages and will be a great opportunity to showcase and educate them about our kites for a great cause.</p> <p>We will begin setting up our KCKC gear from 4:30 – 5:30. They have several different fields that the KCKC can use for kite flying.</p> <p>For more information please email sbeaver@hotmail.com</p> <p>We need any KCKC members that can volunteer to help us for this great cause. Thanks for your continued support. Those members that live up north or in the St Joseph, this is a great chance to help support the KCKC for such a good cause. We really need all of your support. ***This event is very similar to the Kansas School of the Deaf event the KCKC did earlier this season.</p>
<p>September 30, 2006 Saturday 9-2 pm</p> <p>Great Outdoors Festival Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Highway 291 and I-35 in Liberty, MO.</p>	<p>KCKC will be doing a demo. Other participants will be Dick's Sporting Goods, Bass Pro, Cabela's, MO Dept. of Conservation. Event will be heavily promoted with a website, posters, PSAs and newspaper ads around the Kansas City metro area, and live remote with 106.5 Country. Contact Sean Beaver @ seanbeaver@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday, October 21st 2006 (**rainout date is the 22nd)</p> <p>Pumpkin Patch Festival.</p> <p>Blue Valley Parks and Recreation 137th & Antioch</p>	<p>For more information go to : http://bluevalleyrec.org/ Join the Kansas City Kite Club from 1pm to 4pm at the 2006 Blue Valley Parks and Recreation Departments yearly Pumpkin Patch Festival. This year's event is the second year the KCKC has been invited to fly at this wonderful event that will have an extensive array of kid's games, events, and activities. Come out and join this wonderful event. Please confirm with Sean Beaver for more details as there is some event passes to get and background information prior to the fly.- email him at seanbeaver@hotmail.com</p> <p>The festival is located at 137th and Antioch</p> <p><u>All who want to participate in this event MUST have a background check on file. CLICK HERE to submit application.</u></p>



Second Quarter Club Meeting Held- This open KCKC meeting was held at the Berkley Riverfront Park located on the Missouri River on June 14th at 7pm. General business and meeting was conducted so that we can update everyone on the progress of many KCKC projects, events, and general business. This meeting was open for all to attend. Items addressed included:

Riverfest final planning-

We will be at Riverfest on Friday and set up around 10am. Extensive ground display will be used to offset the smaller flying field area and to take advantage of the large promenade. The Port Authority did make a donation to the club as they really believe in the work the club is doing for the community. Many members have expressed the desire to fly, attend, and volunteer. Wind Wizards will have a 10 x 10 foot tent with power to sell products. KCKC will have a similar tent near the flying field area.

Membership and financial update-

The KCKC has grown it's membership in 2006 by 10 new members. A strong 2006 donation base from events the KCKC has requested to fly at has helped the KCKC to grow the financial standing of the club to record levels. Thanks to everyone that has come out all year long helping to put on great events for so many organizations. The donation breakdown is as follows:

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| ■ KC Riverfest 2006 | donation= \$500 |
| ■ Smithville Lake | cost=0 |
| ■ Grinnell Iowa | cost=0 |
| ■ Advice and Aide | donation= \$50 |
| ■ Longview Mansion | donation= \$250 |
| ■ Shawnee Library | donation= \$50 |
| ■ 41 News Fly | cost=0 |
| ■ Heritage Park Fly | cost=0 |
| ■ Kansas School of the Deaf | donation= \$250 |
| ■ Southside Baptist Church | donation= \$150 |
| ■ Pumpkin Patch Fly | donation= \$600 |
| ■ United Methodist Festival | donation= \$500 Scheduled for July 8 |
| ■ St Joseph Camp Fly | donation= \$250 Scheduled for July 19 |
| ■ Great 2006 Outdoors Fest | cost=0 -----Scheduled for September 30 |

Total Donations to date for 2006= \$2600

Legal process update:

The following goals were established to help the KCKC in the first quarter meeting held earlier this year.

- Part of our mission is to challenge old assumptions, stretch our thinking, and provide new tools and methods in order to grow and sustain our clubs future.
- It is just as much about human development as it is about KCKC planning development.
- We MUST be a team. We and the club will fail without a united approach to the KCKC.
- Manage the facts: Numbers do not lie. (Membership growth, retention, fiscal sustainability and growth)
- Provide a better legal solution to exposure of liability and a more formal non-profit club standing.

The 2006 goal of becoming a public benefit corporation registered 501 3 (c) is well underway. With the extensive assistance of the UMKC Entrepreneurial Legal Clinic the KCKC has for many months now been able to navigate the process of this goal. The KCKC now has a Federal Tax ID #, is registered in the state of Missouri as a Corporation and has applied for the federal recognition to be a registered non-profit public benefit corporation. Most of the work in this process was completed on schedule and the filing has been accomplished. Now the KCKC is waiting for the federal application to be approved. The remainder of this process should be completed in the next 90 days. Total costs associated with this application were \$150.00, much lower that expected initially due to the UMKC Entrepreneurial

Legal clinic donating the legal expertise in the process. Special thanks to Judy Sharp the staff director for helping the KCKC in this endeavor.

Randy Habery- Long time Kansas City Kite Club member, President, and friend needs our help. Please contact the KCKC webmaster for more information. 816-810-1924

webmaster@kckiteclub.org



KCKC's Birthday! It was 15 years ago this month that the KCKC was formed as a way to promote kite flying activities in the Kansas City community. Thank you to everyone that has helped to make the KCKC a great organization over the last 15 wonderful years!



AKA LOGO CONTEST

Last winter some kiting minds turned to the 2006 AKA Convention which will be in Des Moines, Iowa. A free AKA Convention registration would be awarded to the artist, graphic designer or doodler who submitted the winning logo design for 2006 AKA Convention. The logo will be used on the 2006 convention patch, pin, shirts and other convention materials for silkscreen, cloisonné and embroidery. Logos needed the red AKA logo, convention year, city & state, and received no later than Feb 24, 2006.



The winning design was submitted by AKA and Kansas City Kite Club member, Linda Larkey. Linda will be receiving a free convention registration. You can order convention merchandise through the AKA website. <http://www.aka.kite.org/con2006info.shtml>

It is never too early for next year. Ocean Shores, WA has been selected as the site for the 2007 AKA National Convention October 1-6th.

AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

29th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL

<http://www.aka.kite.org/con2006info.shtml>

Registration By August 14th ---\$185

Clothing needs to be ordered by August 14th.

<http://www.aka.kite.org/data/download/pdf/Con2006RegForm.pdf>

DES MOINES, IOWA USA OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 8, 2006

Logo Design by: Linda Larkey

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
PLEASE REMEMBER!! This schedule is tentative. After arriving in Des Moines, please refer to your on-site program for official events and times.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 Registration,

Auction Receiving & Early Bird Reception.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 Registration, Auction Receiving, Workshop/Seminars, Mass Ascension, Sport Kite Competitions, Fighter Kite Competitions and Indoor Fly.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 Registration, Auction Receiving, Workshop/Seminars, Mass Ascension, Sport Kite Competitions, Fighter Kite Competitions, Kitemakers' Competition, and Annual Business Meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 Registration, Auction Receiving, Workshop/Seminars, Mass Ascension, Kitemakers' Competition, Fighter Kite Competition, Reception for Miniature Kites and Pin Challenge, and opening of the Fly Market & Kite Gallery.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 Registration, Workshop/Seminars, Fly Market, Kite Gallery, Mass Ascension, Sport Kite Competitions, Fighter Kite Competitions, Silent Auction, Loud Auction & Banquet.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 Registration, Workshop/Seminars, Fly Market, Kite Gallery, Mass Ascension, Rokkaku Battles, On-Field Kiting Extravaganza, Members' Choice, Awards & Banquet.

COMPETITIONS

FLYING FIELD:

Water Works Park
909 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, IA 50316
www.DMWW.com

Located on Fleur Drive directly across from Gray's lake, Water Works Park covers nearly 1,500 acres of open and wooded areas. The park stretches from Fleur Drive west of 63rd Street, bounded by the Raccoon River on the north edge and Valley Drive to the south. Biking, jogging, picnicking, fishing and hiking are a few of the activities that park patrons enjoy. Picnic areas, complete with tables and grills, are located in several areas of the park. Large, open areas are available for team sports such as softball, tag football, kiteflying and soccer.

INDOOR FLYING:

AIB College
2500 Fleur Drive Des Moines, IA 50321

The popular Indoor Fly will be held in the beautiful gymnasium of AIB college – Be there!

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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.