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December 2007 NEWS IN REVIEW

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December 2007 proved to be 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 outreach events in the community. Many members enjoyed the time by attending more fun flying activities and events.

The Kite Runner

December 20th, The Kansas City Kite Club was asked by one of the nations premiere motion picture organizations as well as several local media outlets to help participate in the Kansas City area movie premiere of the Kite Runner Movie. The event was attended by KCKC members Sean Beaver, Stephany Rosenholtz, Steve Batliner, Trafton and Kerrie Creemer, Rob Furman, and more. Thanks to all that helped make this unique one of a kind event so special. Several prize raffles made up of some great kites were given away to a few lucky winners in the crowd of over 500 that attended. All the KCKC members that attended got to visit with the crowd and see a free movie which I highly recommend.



The 2008 KCKC Holiday Party and Auction

The 2008 KCKC Holiday Party is set for February 9th from 12pm to 4pm- Doors open at 11am.

Location: Irene B. French Community Center
Hocker Grove Room
5701 Merriam Drive Merriam, KS 66203
913-322-5550

Directions:

Take the Johnson Drive Exit off I-35. Turn Right (West) on Johnson Drive to Merriam Drive. Turn Right on Merriam Drive (North) 3 blocks to 5701 Merriam Drive. The Parking lot is located on the east side of the community center. Upon arriving, enter the facility's main entrance and walk to the front desk. The Hocker Grove Room is located down the left hallway of the front desk.

The 2007 Holiday Party and Auction is scheduled for February 9th from 11am to 4pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a food, drink, or desert item. It's a pot luck of sorts.....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 **kite related items! All of the proceeds go back to our wonderful club to support our future operations. We also will have a few special guests at this year's event from Longview Community College / Metropolitan Community college, and the City of Merriam will be represented by the Parks and Recreation Director.

If you have never been to a KCKC Holiday Party they are lots of fun and offer a great chance to meet new friends and catch up with many other kite flyers from around the area that you have not seen in a while. Plus the KCKC auction is not only a key fundraiser but is also a great way to pick up a kite for a great deal. Finally the yearly business meeting is conducted and some very important awards are given out.

Chuck Blackwell Award

The Kansas City Kite Club will accept nominations for **the 3rd Chuck Blackwell Award tradition that began in November 2006**. The Chuck Blackwell Award 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 can be sent in advance of the holiday party via email to the webmaster or can be read at the event. All we ask is that you read your nomination at the event in front of the group. It is what Chuck would have wanted. Nominees will be announced at the Holiday Party. All KCKC Members in good standing will be allowed to cast ballots for one nominee. In case of a tie, the highest-ranking Executive Member present will cast the tiebreaking vote.

Upcoming KCKC Events

<p>2007 Holiday Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Meeting • 2007 Review • 2008 Planning • Chuck Blackwell Award • KCKC Auction <p>Bring food, or drink, or desert item.....</p>	<p>February 9th, 2008 Saturday 11-4 pm The 2007 KCKC Holiday Party is set for February 9th from 12pm to 4pm- Doors open at 11am. Location: Irene B. French Community Center Hocker Grove Room 5701 Merriam Drive Merriam, KS 66203 913-322-5550 Directions: Take the Johnson Drive Exit off I-35. Turn Right (West) on Johnson Drive to Merriam Drive. Turn Right on Merriam Drive (North) 3 blocks to 5701 Merriam Drive. The Parking lot is located on the east side of the community center. Upon arriving, enter the facility's main entrance and walk to the front desk. The Hocker Grove Room is located down the left hallway of the front desk.</p>
<p>February 16, 2008 Color the Wind, Clear Lake, IA 50428</p>	<p>February 16, 2008 Color the Wind, Clear Lake, IA 50428 FROZEN Fun fly out on the ice of Clear Lake. In past years serious kitefliers from 7 states have been attending this event. For more info contact Larry Day kiteman@netins.net or 641-357-6141 http://www.colorthewind.org/</p>
<p>March 7-9, 2008 MAKR (Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat) www.makr.info</p>	<p>March 7-9, 2008 MAKR (Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat) www.makr.info Lorado Taft Field Campus Oregon, Illinois. An excellent retreat for kite enthusiasts 16 and older. Registration is usually around \$125, and for that you get Friday and Saturday dormitory lodging, and 6 meals, beginning with Friday evening's mixer. Usually there is a mix of sew and no sew projects, and the conversations around the dinner tables are usually worth the registration fee. Start saving and planning now.</p>



Longview Community College 2nd Annual Flights of Fancy Festival II
National Kite Month Event and Major KCKC spring event.



Saturday, April, 19th 2008 Time 10AM - 4PM

Address Longview Community College front lawn*

Large event for the local community to have a kite and remote control plane festival.

Over 4000 attended this one day event last year- don't miss the 2008 event!

***Special Guests include: Don Murphy American Kite Flyers Association Region 7 Director Al Sparling- International Giant Kite Flyer.**

Kite Store to be onsite along with food vendors and kite making.



Come see the world's largest barrel kite!

Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz

Hawthorn Elementary

Peach / Earth Day Children's Festival
Friday April 25th 2008
6-8PM



8200 N Chariton
Kansas City,
MO 64152

Home of the Huskies!

The KC Kite Club was invited to attend Hawthorn Elementary's Peace/Earth Day Children's Festival on **Friday, April 25, 2008 from 6-8pm**. The primary purpose of the event is to promote peace within ourselves, our schools, and our community while treating our planet with respect.

The Hawthorn Children's Peace Festival is in its second year at Hawthorn. Last year's event featured many elements:

Dinner for a Dollar, Recycling, Peace Pole Planting, Display of the John Denver Peace Quilt, Drumming performance, Choir performances, Paper crane making and Kite flying

	<p>The kite flying portion of the evening was a huge success last year – especially because Hawthorn’s location is ideal for kite flying. The year-two plans include many returning elements. Since the kite flying was so successful, they have invited the KC Kite Club to enhance this portion of our event.</p>
 <p>Kites Over Grinnell 2008 May 10th, 2008</p> <p>Urgent** RSVP BY April 8th 2008 for those requesting hotel rooms.</p> <p>**This year rooms will be at the Best Western NOT the Comfort Inn</p> <p>*contact info is highlighted --></p>	<p>05/10/2008 7th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/</p> <p>1510 Penrose St, Grinnell, IA, USA Kites Over Grinnell is a no admission, one day Fun-Fly Kite Festival that has drawn kite fliers and spectators from over 10 states as well as over 50 cities across Iowa. Last year, there were over 30 kite fliers with single line, double line, quad line & really big kites. Over 3000 spectators arrived with their own kites or purchased kites from Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor on site & joined the open flying fields. 19 acres are set aside for the event with roped off areas for performances.</p> <p>Educational components occur within the local schools prior to the festival & a free kids-kite-making workshop is offered at the event. Other special features include a community waffle breakfast, a Kite Parade to the flying fields, mass ascension, indoor kite flying, kids games, raffles & prizes, & a lighted night flight. Food & kite vending are available on the grounds.</p> <p>Dick & Sis Vogel kitesovergrinnell@gmail.com 641-990-0801</p> <p>From Interstate 80 exit 182, go north on Hwy 146 to Hwy 6 (6th Ave.) Go east on 6 to Penrose St. then north on Penrose about 4 blocks to Ahrens</p> <p>There are a limited number of motel rooms offered free of charge to kite fliers & a number of rooms in private homes. All visiting fliers are invited to a pizza & beverage party on Friday night, May 9. Please contact Vogels for reservations.</p>
<p>23rd Annual Merriam Kansas Turkey Creek Festival</p> <p>Saturday May 17th 2008</p> <p>10am to 5pm</p>	<p>KC Kite Club will provide an array of ground display for the 23rd Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival on Saturday May 17, 2008. This special one day Festival from 10am to 5pm brings about 10, 000 - 13,000 people into Antioch Park in Merriam. http://www.merriam.org/park/Events/turkey-creek-festival.htm</p> <p>The City of Merriam will hold its Annual Turkey Creek Festival, Parade & 5K Fun Run on Saturday, May 19, 2007. All activities (except 5K Run) take place at the beautiful, newly renovated Antioch Park. The day is filled with events for everyone to enjoy. Choose from the many activities listed below. Most of the</p>



activities are FREE.

Schedule of Events:

- 7-11AM **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by Merriam Lions Club (Shelter #1) - all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice. Adults \$5; Children 12 & under \$3
- 8AM **"One Hill of a Run"** (Irene B. French Community Center) - 5K Run/Walk/Youth Sprints. Start/finish at 57th & Merriam Drive. A "hilly" but FUN course. Youth Sprints on Merriam Drive. A "MARA" grand prix running event. To register contact Merriam Parks & Recreation Department at 913-322-5550 or click [here](#).
- 10AM - 5PM **Summertime Arts & Crafts Show** (Antioch Park) - Over 95 vendors will be displaying their merchandise. To register contact Marsha Norman at 913) 631-7050 ext. 443. For more information click [here](#).
- 10AM - 5PM **Petting Zoo, pony rides, kids inflatable games** (Antioch Park) - Build a wooden project (sponsored by Home Depot), or take a train ride. Paddle boat rides, roving clowns, caricaturist, and much more!
- 11AM **Festival Parade - "A Salute to Freedom"** - 70 to 80 units parading from 69th Street down Antioch Road to 64th Terrace. Parade announcer and awards ceremony at the entrance of Antioch Park. To register contact Karen Crane at (913) 403-8999.
- Noon - 2PM **Concert featuring "Grand Marquis"** (Main stage Shelter #4) - Enjoy Kansas City's jumpin' blues and hot swinging jazz band!
- 1 - 3PM **Concert featuring "The Essentials"** (Fire Pit Stage) - Kansas City's popular classic rock & roll band.
- 3 - 5PM **Concert featuring "SML Stacie LuPardus Band"** (Main Stage Shelter #4) - Enjoy the country sounds of SML Stacie LuPardus Band.

Shuttle Buses Available -

Shuttle buses will be leaving every 10 minutes from the following locations:

- Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive
- Merriam City Hall, 9000 W. 62nd Terrace
- Merriam Town Center, 5700 Antioch Road
- Shawnee Mission Medical Center, 73rd Street & Antioch

Buses will drop off at the front entrance of Antioch Park. If needed, golf courtesy carts will be available to take you from the entrance to the top of the hill.

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Recreation Supervisor
Merriam Parks and Recreation Department
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**2007 Smithville Lake
Kite Board Festival**
Open to the public!
Free!
May 23rd-26th 2008

**2007 Kite
Festival**

* Located at
Smithville
Lakes "Little
Platte Park
Shelter # 1
* Take 169
North to NE
180th Street -
Near Bauman
Park
*** Camping
located at
Camp Branch
Park.

Questions? Visit our
website at:

www.kckiteclub.org
Campsites will be pre-
reserved— Just bring your tent
and supplies!

CABRINHA

Chris Butzen



Join the KC, and area kite enthusiasts for 3 fun filled days of the fastest growing water sport **kite boarding**. This event is held over Memorial Day weekend and is geared to anyone who kite boards or is interested in learning more about this incredible sport. The event is an **all weekend no format event**. Just three days of kite flying, camping, friends, and fun. Tent campsites are located at Camp Branch Park on Smithville lakes east side. Please RSVP if you will be camping so we can have an accurate headcount. Sites are near the water

www.nwk.usace.army.mil/smithville/smithville_home.htm

Highlights

Professional Kiteboarder Chris Buzten will be on hand for the weekend

Kitesurfing, land buggies, stunt kite exhibitions and large kite displays.

Prizes, raffle, and games, Beginners welcome- talk w/ experts

Group Kite Camping at the lake, Membership drive special

Meet new friends w/ kites for all ages, Kiteboard Demonstrations

 <p>KC Riverfest 2008 www.kcriverfest.com</p> <p>Friday JULY 4th 2008</p>	<p>Friday JULY 4th 2008</p> <p>Address* Berkley Riverfront Park Large advertised event for the local community to have the largest outdoor festival and fireworks show in the Midwest. 60,000 plus Visitors expected! Check out www.kcriverfest.com</p> <p>KC's Fireworks Spectacular Presented by Zambelli Fireworks Come watch fireworks light up the sky as renowned Zambelli Fireworks presents a custom Fireworks show, all choreographed to music! Kid's Area The carnival rides and games at the Mermaid's Playground are an annual RiverFest favorite.</p> <p>Kite Flying and Display Presented by the Kansas City Kite Club</p> <p>Riverfront Rails > Presented by the Kansas City Garden Railway Society Whether you are an enthusiast or just a curious spectator, this model railroad exhibit is a must see!</p> <p>Wakeboard Slider Pool Wakeboarding...no boat, no lake! Come check out these extreme athletes as they tear it up in Riverfront Park</p> <p>Wakeboarding the River! Presented by Skiers Wharf Extreme 2 Come watch Missouri's very own extreme skiers as they take the Mighty MO! See these professional wakeboarders perform gravity defying flips, turns, and big air. Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz</p>
<p>One Sky One World</p>  <p>Sunday , October 12th 2008</p>	<p>Bethel Park 4500 Bethel Street Columbia, MO http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel/index.php</p> <p>Join the Kansas City Kite Club, the Gateway Kite Club of St. Louis, the River Breezes Kite Club of Jefferson City, and kites and citizens of Columbia, MO to fill the sky with kites.</p> <p>Directions to Fly/Map Take I-70 East to Columbia (@112 miles), take MO-E / STADIUM BLVD / MO-740 exit- EXIT 124- toward COLUMBIA, then keep RIGHT at the fork to go on MO-740 / N STADIUM BLVD for 2.5 miles, turn RIGHT onto FORUM BLVD for</p>

<i>Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008</i>	2.4 miles, Left onto W NIFONG BLVD for .05 miles and turn RIGHT onto BETHEL ST. John Grimshaw of Columbia, Andy Heimericks of Jefferson City, and the St. Louis Gateway Kite Club invites us to join them on Sunday, October 14, 2007. http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel For more information, please contact: Columbia Kite Club johngrimshaw@hotmail.com Home 573-443-2506 Cell 573-808-3109
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May 23rd-26th 2008

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Kiteboard Demonstrations

* Located at Smithville Lakes "Little Platte Park Shelter # 1" * Take 169 North to NE 180th Street - Near Bauman Park *** Camping located at Camp

Branch Park.

Questions? Visit our website at: www.kckiteclub.org Campsites will be pre-reserved– Just bring your tent and supplies!

CABRINHA



Chris Butzen is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has been kiteboarding since 2002. He has been working for Kitty Hawk Kites since 2003 and loves every minute of it! When Chris is not managing the Kitty Hawk Kites Kiteboarding water front location, you can usually find him out riding. Chris is a Cabrinha Team rider and loves helping people on the beach as much as he loves the sport! Stop in at Kitty Hawk Kites Kiteboarding Center and say "Hi".



Name: Chris Butzen Hometown: Milwaukee, WI DOB: 1/21/83

Favorite Equipment: Cabrinha Switchblade II Kites, Cabrinha Custom II 138 x 41.5

Favorite Conditions: 15-20 Glassy, Sliders, Waves Too! And always with friends!

Favorite Riding Places: Kitty Hawk Kites

Favorite Maneuver: changes all the time, but anything new and exciting!

Sponsors: [Cabrinha](#), [Transcend Apparel](#) and [Kitty Hawk Kites](#) [Chris Butzen - Action Video](#)

Check out Chris' Video! and his [Cabrinha Team Rider Profile](#)

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.

