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## May 2007 NEWS IN REVIEW

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### May Events in Review

May 2007 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 outreach events in the community. 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 2007 Kites Over Grinnell Iowa Festival

Kites Over Grinnell May 5, 2007

By Linda Larkey

Once again Kansas City Kites flocked to Grinnell, Iowa to fly. This is always a fun fly, but occasionally a bit cold. Photos, in no particular order.....also an link to more!



The Gilson family and Ryan Larkey holding an indoor demo.



Steve Batliner explaining, "Pull right and the kite turns right, pull left and it turns left."



Steve and Allan in the demo field. Don Larkie also flew demos for the crowds.



Don Larkie and Cliff Quinn talking kitebuilding.



A kite exhibit collected by Tom and Jill Cross.



Even for a cold, cloudy, too-windy day, the sky was filled with kites.



Susie Gilson took a turn as announcer. Here she is with Grand Marshal Dan Ogata. Susie took a workshop on festival announcing at National Convention in Des Moines 2007. It paid off—she was great!



Big kites filled the sky.



New member Gary Blakely had a great time!

Kansas City area kites who attended included Steve Batliner, Sean Beaver, Stephany Rosenholtz, Gary Blakely, David Ellis, Allan, Laura, Lizzie and Susie Gilson, Randy, Linda and Ryan Larkey, Don Larkie and Ryan Poole.

Over 100 photos of the event have been posted here

### The 2007 Smithville Lake Kite Board Festival-May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2007

By Sean Beaver

The Kite Club is a part of so many wonderful events throughout the year. On average the clubs members attend over 10 major events each year with many smaller fun fly's in addition to that. "Kite Boarding" or "Kite Surfing" events as some may call it are few and far between. Each Memorial Day for the last five years the clubs Kite Boarding members and power kites have made a point to organize an event that aims to showcase the rapidly growing sport of kite boarding locally. With so many new members into kite boarding it just seems fitting to get together and make a long weekend of it all. The first three years the event was held at Clinton Lake near Lawrence Kansas. Last year and this year it was decided to have the event at Smithville Lake.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we showed up to the lakes Camp Branch Marina to check in and set up for 4 days of camping , fun, and kite flying. I had no idea just how special this years event would be until after it was over and I was reflecting back on all the great times and

people that we met. You see many of us are define ourselves by our career rather than our passion. What would happen if things were reversed? You would without question meet a bunch of kite boarders that really love the sport and are truly kiting families. Once everyone arrived I quickly realized nothing else matters but the wind and sharing the wonderful sport with each other. We all had a great time. This year we had many new faces that attended and rumor has it that we may try another similar event in the fall. The kiteboarding was great and mother nature did not let us get too wet with rain.

I will say that my personal favorite event highlight was watching new KCKC member Dan Stitt come out of no where to put on a clinic with his rev kite. He flies that kite with precision, speed, and power. If that was not enough he did it all from a boat being driven by KCKC member Tony MacKay. I should mention that he flew his rev from the back of the boat in the DARK! Yes his kite had a complete set of lights on it too. I had the best seat in the house with many others on the boat watching in utter amazement while he managed to put on one very memorable night show. Campers all along the shore were taking photos and clapping. You could see the flashes going off like a rock concert. Dan way my personal favorite to watch all weekend and I think many others share that opinion.

Nick Piacenza just moved back to KC with his wife Jessie. Nick has been a kiteboarding instructor for the last 5 years at Kitty Hawk Kites. It was great to finally see someone of his caliber and skill level get on the lake. He has amazing style and threw in some cool jumps and flips well over my 10 feet. The Piacenza's are a nice addition to the group and two of the nicest folks you will ever meet. Thanks for all the memories everyone and stay tuned if you missed this event for a similar one later in the season.

Over 100 photos of the event have been posted here

### [The 2007 Tulsa OK Windriders Festival May 12-13th](#)

By Linda Larkey

Randy and Linda Larkey traveled south to attend this festival. We hadn't been able to attend any Oklahoma festivals for several years due to scheduling, and enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The Tulsa Festival was long on ground display, but short on wind. Regardless, we had a great time and saw several neat ideas that would be great to incorporate into festivals in this area.



One was the way the organizers grouped tents together to make one large shade area to gather to visit and share. Another was the souped up golf cart they had for the festival. Check out the plasma screen on the back! Cool!! And even more was the children's area. They had fixed a small area that kids could run under streamers, and I posted a group of 6' flags outside of the streamers for kids to weave in and out of. This festival is held in Tulsa Mother's Day Weekend every year.

### KCKC NEW MEMBERS



On behalf of the Kansas City Kite Club I want to welcome the newest members of the areas only kite organization in KC. We hope to see you all on the flying fields soon.

**Upcoming KCKC Events**

<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival Topeka Kansas</b></p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TWISTED LINES KITE FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION                  June 8, 2007-June 10, 2007</p> <p><b>NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!!</b>  <b>Northern Hills Middle School -52nd and North Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS, USA</b></p> <p>Twisted Lines Kite Festival and Competition, in Topeka, Kansas, will be held the second weekend in June (6/08/2007-6/10/2007) at a new location. Twisted Lines is a fun filled kite flying weekend, with a little competition thrown in. In fact, it is one of the few competition events in region 7. This event draws competitors from the 5 state areas. Friday evening has a night fly, Auction and Indoor Fly on Saturday evening. This will be a sanction event. Twisted Lines auction is a fund raiser for American Diabetes Association. Items are welcomed. Come and help break in a new home for Twisted Lines Kite Festival. This event has sport kite competition, buggy racing, Kite Art exhibit, kids fly, fighter kite competition, night fly, and indoor fly. For more information contact Bob Homan <a href="mailto:bjhoman1@cox.net">bjhoman1@cox.net</a> or call 1-785-273-3715</p>
<p><b>KC Riverfest 2007</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.kcriverfest.com">www.kcriverfest.com</a></p> 	<p><i>Friday and Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 for a rainout date</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 plus Visitors expected!</i></p> <p><i>Check out <a href="http://www.kcriverfest.com">www.kcriverfest.com</a></i></p> <p><b>Chris Capstone Magic &gt;</b>                  Six 25-minute magic shows on Saturday between 1:00 and 9:00.</p> <p><b>Free Style Motor Cross</b>                  a hit with audiences of all ages</p> <p><b>KC's Fireworks Spectacular &gt;</b> Presented by <b>Zambelli Fireworks</b>                  Come watch fireworks light up the sky as renowned Zambelli Fireworks presents a custom Fireworks show, all choreographed to music!</p>

### **Kid's Area**

The carnival rides and games at the Mermaid's Playground are an annual RiverFest favorite.

**Kite Flying and Display** Presented by [the Kansas City Kite Club](#)

### **Missouri Department of Conservation Kid's Korner >**

Activities and displays for the entire family.

**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!

**The Beach Toys > a Tribute to the Beach Boys**

### **United States Air Force Band of Mid-America >**

Come see "America's International Musical Ambassadors" The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America perform live at the KC Riverfest.

### **Wakeboard Slider Pool**

Wakeboarding...no boat, no lake! Come check out these extreme athletes as they tear it up in Riverfront Park

**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.

## **Schedule**

### **Friday, June 29th - 4:00pm to 11:30pm**

Friday night will feature a **BrewFest Party** with samplings from micro-breweries, wines, music, food, and dancing on the river.

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- **Music Performances:**

- [Brody Buster Band](#)

- [Bob Walkenhorst](#)

- [One Under](#)

- [Bump](#)

### **Saturday, June 30th - 1:00pm to 10:30pm**

#### **1:00pm-9:00pm**

Chris Capstone - Six 25-minute Magic Shows Throughout

#### **6:30pm-8:00pm**

The US Air Force Band

#### **8:30pm-10:00**

Beach Toys (Beach Boy Tribute Performance)

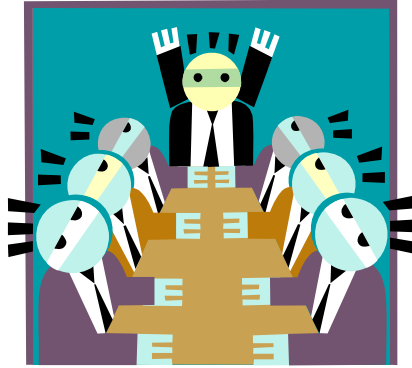
#### **10:00pm**

[Zambelli Fireworks](#) Presenting [KC's Pyro Spectacular](#), a night sky spectacle choreographed to music.

	<p><i>Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz</i></p>
<p><b>September 22, 2007</b>  <b>Saturday 11AM to 4PM</b></p> <p><b>FALL PICNIC Heritage Park, Shelter #1</b></p> <p>*This is a great event for any new member to meet other kite flyers from all over the area.</p> 	<p><b>Date: September 22nd007</b>  <b>Place: Heritage Park, Shelter #1</b>  <b>Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until everyone leaves!</b></p> <p>Kite Club will provide meat and bread for BBQ sandwiches. Also plates, napkins and utensils. Bring: kites! and a side dish to share and whatever you want to drink (non-alcoholic, of course!)</p> <p>Every fall the KCKC meets at Heritage Park in Johnson County for the yearly fall club picnic. Nothing ever formal, just many members coming out to fly kites at what has become one of the clubs most adored fields. On Saturday September 22the club will be on hand for another wonderful event that seems to grow each year with new members and spectators. This years event is being planned by Susie Gilson and we all want to thank her for her wonderful support and efforts in setting up this event. After all it is hard work to volunteer time to do things for the club and we really appreciate her hard work. The event will be complete with great food, drinks and most importantly wind (we hope).</p>
<p><b>One Sky One World</b>  <b>Sunday , October 14<sup>th</sup> 2007</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Columbia Joint Fly 2007</i></li> <li>• <i>11am to 4pm</i></li> </ul>

**2007 KC Kite Club Meeting**

A meeting will be held at this months 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday fly at New Mark Middle School- Meeting will begin at 3pm and is open to all members.



### More KC Kite Club News and Media

From the [Pitch Weekly on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2007](#)- Hot off the press!

KCKC In the news again? Here is a link to yet another short plug for the KCKC. Rebecca sure has an unique perspective. I will invite her out to see what the club is really about so she can write some more!

<http://www.pitch.com/search/locations.php?oid=13352>

### Wanna Get High?

By Rebecca Braverman

Picnics seem charming in theory, but often the reality is that you're sitting outside with small insects crawling over your limbs and your food. The wind blows stuff around, and you realize that this activity may be better left to children – or the movies. We have the same ambiguous feelings about kite flying, even though we haven't held a kite since, oh, Reagan was in office. But we're willing to give it another go, especially now that we've seen the Kansas City Kite Club Web site's ([www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)) list of good kite spots around the metro. First stop: Leawood Park (10601 Lee Boulevard), site of many of our own childhood picnics.

### UWSP Student Film Nominated in Tribeca Film Festival



A film by a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been nominated for Best Short Film in this year's Tribeca Film Festival in New York. Matt Nie, (pictured at left) will fly to New York at the end of April when his short documentary, "Good Stuff: The Story of a Man, a Dream, and a Whole Lotta Kites," will be shown at the festival.

Tribeca Film Festival was founded in 2002 by Robert DeNiro and has rapidly grown to be a top ranking festival in the world. It encompasses several specific categories of competition in which films are nominated and judged by a panel of celebrities. "Good Stuff" has been nominated in the Trigger Street Short Film Competition to be held on Thursday, April 28.

"Good Stuff" is a short documentary film about Ray Bethell, a 79-year-old man who holds a multitude of kite-flying records. The film chronicles Bethell's experiences, focusing on his optimism and humor despite the trials and tribulations of life. The film has already been recognized as Best Short Documentary Film, 2004 Cinequest Film Festival, San Jose, Calif.; Best Short Film, 2004 Canadian International Film Festival, Toronto, Canada; and Best Midwestern Film, 2004 East Lansing Film Festival, East Lansing Mich.

Nie, a graduate of De Forest High School, is pursuing a master's degree in communication from UWSP. He also holds a degree from Vancouver Film School, Vancouver, British Columbia. Prior to attending UWSP, he worked as a high school teacher in Barrow, Alaska. "Good Stuff" is one of several short films that Nie has created as a filmmaker.

**Check out the great film!**

[http://www.vfs.com/gallery.php?id=3&category\\_id=25&project\\_id=675](http://www.vfs.com/gallery.php?id=3&category_id=25&project_id=675)

**KCKC membership reminder**

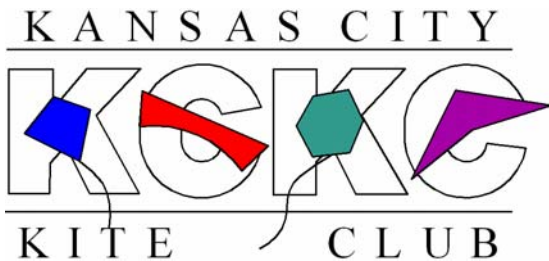
Thanks to everyone that helped with this month's submissions, photos and articles. As a reminder any member can submit an article or idea for this monthly communication tool the KCKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

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Sean is available by email at [seanbeaver@hotmail.com](mailto: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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