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KCKC MARCH NEWS IN REVIEW

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MARCH 2008

The Kansas City Kite Club has some exciting events coming in the Spring! Planning is going on now for:

- **FLIGHTS OF FANCY—Longview—April 19, 2008**

FESTIVAL SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Go to <http://www.cafepress.com/kckiteclub2> for club wear.

MEMBERS BIOS: Please e-mail a biography of your kiting career. Please include kite, ground display, and line laundry descriptions to be read over the loud speaker by the announcer during and throughout the event to give spectators a better understanding of kiting.

Let us know details.

Example: Answers to such questions as; is it hand made? How long did they take you to make? Where can you get fabric like that? Where did you buy that? How big is it? Where can someone get one of these? How much would something like that cost?

We want to educate as well as WOW the crowd this year.

I understand most of us have so many kites it would be difficult to describe them all. Please pick out your favorite pieces and we can use those. Give us as many as you like we have plenty of time to talk.

Short Biography with Descriptions e-mailed too srosenholtz@hotmail.com
or Please have these e-mailed ASAP

PRE and POST Party Plans

To be included in the pre and post event activities please email
webmaster@kckiteclub.org

Friday Pre-Party

6:00 - ???

Beauchamp's On the Rail

<http://beauchampsbbq.com>

301 SE Douglas

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Please RSVP for this event webmaster@kckiteclub.org---Beauchamp's has donated their Private Party Room for this, and Terri has arranged a private buffet. We will be able to visit without disrupting other diners, and be able to sit and eat without a wait because of the buffet.

BBQ Buffet:

Pork Spare Ribs

Brisket

Turkey

Beans

Cheesy Corn

Baked potato salad

All the fixing's for sandwiches

\$13.95 per person CASH BAR

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

[CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)

Let's turn out a BIG crowd!!!

Saturday Breakfast: 6:45 am
Perkins
1001 S E Hamblen Road
Lees Summit, MO 64081-2937
(816)525-0663
[Show a map](#)

Saturday Post Party—Sign up at the KCKC table for an accurate count for reservations! SPIN Neopolitan Pizza is one of the sponsors for Flights of Fancy!

SPIN Neopolitan Pizza
<http://www.spinpizza.com/>
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO
1808 D NW Chipman Rd
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
816-246-SPIN (7746) for Carryout
[View a map for this location](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT AT FLIGHTS OF FANCY

- Crowds—make sure to arrive EARLY for preferred parking. Come late (after 10:30 am) and be prepared to WALK and CARRY.
- Better communication—the club has bought a set of radios to keep us united.
- Announcements—MCC-Longview has contracted with an announcer for the event. He will be doing some of the MC'ing, but we will still need to provide interviews and information.
- Kites for Sale—Chicago Kite Store will be on hand with their kite inventory.
- Inflatable—No weight limit, plan on joining the kids in these!
- Kids—there will be LOTS, with paper kite making, bubbles, bol races, candy drops, sand activities and other events
- Security—not only will we need volunteers for kite safety, please remember that MCC-Longview is PRIVATE PROPERTY. Please obey their rules. They are trying to run a first class festival while maintaining shallowly buried lines, and expensive infrastructure.
- Crowds—yes, we need to say it again.

- Food—the college has vendors that will be selling food and drink, or bring your own.
- KITES—KCKC has asked big kite fliers Al Sparling and Don and Betty Murphy to fly their wonderful collection of show kites. Al also has the largest barrel Spin Sock. Part of the Show Field will be blocked for large show kites. Several members have large show kites also. Let's fly in harmony, and respect the show kites space. They aren't as maneuverable as some of the smaller show kites.
- Other out-of-town kites—we will be having several notable kites coming to fly. Tom and Jill Cross will be bringing their Kite Memorabilia, Jeff Hale has expressed interest in coming and bringing his Wall of Banners—a 40 item matched set, and Andy and Bonnie Heimericks, Jefferson City, MO, will be driving over for the day. Andy always wins the ground display contest at One Sky/One World in Columbia, MO.
- Public Fields—There will be two public fields, and several roadways will be blocked off for spectators to walk from field to field
- Limited Access—as you know, accidents happen. To help prevent that, please do not encourage any unauthorized persons to be on the Professional Field. All authorized persons will be issued bands, please register at the KCKC table.
- **Opportunities—Please volunteer for a short stint to help at the festival—KCKC table, selling raffle tickets, bol races, roving security.**
- Newbies—Lots of new fliers will be on the public fields with a kite vendor on site. Please watch for these new flyers. Hopefully, the flier tangling your kite line this year will be offering to do a Hot Tricks Demo next year. Let's remember to offer encouragement when we untangle the kites this year.

Check the end of this newsletter for more info.

• **SMITHVILLE LAKE KITE BOARD FESTIVAL—May 23-26 2008**

Members at the Holiday Party voted to host Professional Kite boarder Chris Buzten from Kitty Hawk Kites at this weekend event. An entire cove will be reserved for weekend camping (details below). Saturday afternoon will be a Fun

Fly for all kites, followed by a pot luck cookout, and songs and stories around the campfires. For more information contact Sean Beaver @ seanbeaver@hotmail.com

AKA NEWS

If you read AKA's Kite Talk Forum, <http://www.aka.kite.org/> , current AKA President Gary Engvall had these (and more!) kind words about a local member's recent classes at MAKR:



*At MAKR I love to take any course that **Team Larkey** teaches. Linda, Randy and Ryan put time and thought in to every project. This year Team Larkey had a 'Fan Ban' class, a fan banner. Linda had a, um, 'special' kit for me. It was an AKA logo banner! As usual, Linda is ahead of the curve!*

Thanks, Gary! And THANK YOU, for representing the AKA and us! The first photo is taken during class at MAKR. The below photo shows the new signs and sides for the EZ-Up that President Gary made to promote the AKA at the Smithsonian Kite Festival in Washington, DC. Doesn't his Fan Ban banner



look good?

The KCKC Monthly FLY's

Many local members are waiting anxiously for the first warm days of spring!

Events in Review



2008 HOME SHOW and FLOWER, LAWN & GARDEN SHOW March 27-30 Bartle Hall

“The Big Show” featured more than 650 exhibitors covering eight football fields of the latest products and services for the home and garden, including spotlights on home remodeling and green living.



Kites hung at the Home Show thanks to the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City. The Water Garden Society has long been responsible for designing and building one of the 11 unique gardens at the Lawn & Garden Show. This year's

gardens were inspired by the theme “Outdoor Celebration.”



The first two photos show the "build" phase.

The next two photos show the end results.

It was really fun to see kites at Bartle Hall.



PLANNING INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19, 2008— FLIGHTS OF FANCY----MCC-Longview Campus

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Bring your own kites and fly with us, or just come to enjoy the spectacle. Demonstrations and displays presented by the Kansas City Kite Club throughout the day. Kite raffles, information, and more.

Radio-Control Aircraft Demonstration

Giant-scale model planes, helicopters, war birds, and electrics will take to the skies. The Radio Control Sport Flyers will display and fly aircraft of all types for your enjoyment.

FOOD, KETTLE CORN, AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

You may bring your own food and drinks. No glass containers, alcoholic beverages or pets allowed.

Flyers need to be on the field by 11 am Reserved Parking closes at 10:30 For more info contact Kansas City Kite Club @

www.kckiteclub.org

Participants will need to gain site approval before staking any kite or ground display because of buried lines.

To be included in the pre and post event activities please email

webmaster@kckiteclub.org

We have a great opportunity to give the public a look into the kiting world. That look will be even better with some advance planning. Put your thinking caps on, and get involved. Send all ideas to webmaster@kckiteclub.org and also let the website or Sean know if you want to be involved in this wonderful event. You don't need to be an excellent flyer to be involved—we need help in all areas, from crowd control, information, selling raffle tickets, doing interviews—there are many opportunities both in the spotlight and behind. Don't sit on the sidelines—be a part of this great event.

RAFFLE

– Tickets sold at KCKC information table \$1 per ticket, 6 for \$5 drawings at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Prizes must be claimed by end of festival 4pm.

- Delta kites
- Miniature Kites (donated by Doug H)
- AKA Kiting Magazine (donated by Don Murphy)
- Kite Pins
- Your suggestion????????????

DEMO'S

--List of ideas, demos will depend on wind and personnel

- Delta kites—correct assembly
- Diamond kites—correct assembly
- Lark's head loop—best attachment knot for flying line
- Launching a single line kite
- Different types of kites—walking kites across the field
- Sport kites
- Quad kites
- Fighter kites (especially with The Kite Runner showing)
- Traction
- Kite Safety
- Your suggestion????????????

INTERVIEWS

--Interviews and Biographies—send now to Stephany so they can be printed for ease of announcing. rosenholtz@hotmail.com by April 10th.

- “Tour of the Sky”—Starting at one side going across the sky explaining the kites up at any given time
- Featured Flyers—have handouts for flyers to write any interesting facts about themselves and their kites (What would you consider interesting? Details, please, to help with writing the handout!)
- Kites—Information about any special kites being flown—who designed, what type of material, how big, how much material
- “How I Got Into Kiting” stories—please have a kiting story ready
- Kiting History
- American Kitefliers Association
- Different types of kites—miniature, KAP (Kite Aerial Photography), soft kites, stick kites
- Your suggestion??????????

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Pamphlet or written material for club literature
- Control of main flying fields
- Communication.
- Some zany kite person dressed up with a kite hat that says "ask me about kites" walking around to hand out fliers/cards, answer questions and help out in general.
BOL RACES-candy for prizes
- CANDY DROPS—let’s try a stable kite with a 2 carabineers on the line with a 200 foot u line circled through the carabineers. Terri has the candy bought, mixed, and bagged for drops. Cluster drops will be at 1 and 3pm. Maybe 4 for each time? Figuring it may take at least 30 minutes for each candy drop.

Upcoming Area Events

Please be sure to read all events. We have added events, and updated a few. Don’t miss out!



Longview Community College 2nd Annual

Flights of Fancy Festival II

National Kite Month Event and Major KCKC spring event.



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Come see the world's largest

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<p><i>barrel kite!</i></p>	
<p>Hawthorn Elementary</p> <p>Peach / Earth Day Children's Festival</p> <p>Friday April 25th 2008</p> <p>6-8PM</p> <p>8200 N Chariton Kansas City, MO 64152</p> <p>Home of the Huskies!</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>The Hawthorn Children's Peace Festival is in its second year at Hawthorn. Last year's event featured many elements:</p> <p>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> <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>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>

Dick & Sis Vogel kitesovergrinnell@gmail.com 641-990-0801	
<p style="text-align: center;"> Abilene Kansas Family Day Kite Festival Saturday May 31st 11am-4pm </p> <p>If you are curious about how we ended up with a kite festival in Abilene the story behind this festival is...</p> <p>Stephany Rosenholtz' family reunion is in Abilene, KS. Last year Sean flew his trilobite in the parking lot of the church. The kids and adults were thrilled with the free entertainment and fell in love with Sean and his kites, ground displays, and pole ribbons. They begged him to bring his club and do a festival for their city. So Saturday May 31st we are!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Abilene Kansas Family Day Kite Festival Saturday May 31st 11am-4pm </p> <p>Location: "Ponderrosa" - 2222 Fair Road, Abilene, Ks. It is a lane that goes east between two houses facing Fair road. You drive back in there, and it's all open pasture (without livestock). The most eastern and southeastern part is wooded with a picnic/shelter area we can use. To the north along the lane is all open ground. Power lines are out by the road. There is no electricity at this location.</p> <p>Lodging: They will be putting people up in their homes, with breakfast served--not in bed sorry! :-) We will need a head count as soon as possible.</p> <p>Sponsored by: Prayer and Children's Outreach</p> <p>Their Goal: Goal is to reach more by touching their lives with a special, fun and exciting event. It'll be an event for adult/child prayer partners, VBS kids, SS, S.O.S. kids, and kids of all ages.</p> <p>Prayer and Children's Outreach will be planning to have food, and drink, with the KCKC providing the sound system, announcements, candy drops, ground display and kites.</p> <p>The swimming pool and tourist things will all be open by then. Mark Liby drives the trolley around town and gives an 'enlightened' narrative. There's about 3 days of tourist stuff to do in Abilene Kansas. They do have the best family fried chicken place in the world!</p> <p>Abilene Kansas: 2 1/2 drive from K.C. all on I-70 - exit 275</p>

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<p>First Annual Independence EcoFest</p> <p>Waterfall Park 10:00am-2pm</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>June 7, 2008</p>	<p>First Annual Independence EcoFest</p> <p>Waterfall Park 10:00am-2pm</p> <p>Help us celebrate the opening of Independence's newest park and the first annual Independence EcoFest. Families will participate in a variety of fun, hands on activities that will entertain and educate. There will be live music, "EcoStreet" characters, exhibits and food. Call 325.7370. Session: Day: Location: Time: June 7 Sat Waterfall Park 10:00 – 2:00</p> <p>The park is located next to the new Bass Pro Shop that opened at the NW corner of 291 & Highway 40 (this intersection is just south of 291 & I 70)</p> <p>More info to be announced.</p>
<p>Twisted Lines Kite Festival</p> <p>June 6-8, 2008</p>	<p>16th Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival</p> <p>Location to be announced</p> <p>Bob Homan bjhoman1@cox.net 1-785-273-3715</p>
<p>One Sky One World</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</p>

 <p>Sunday , October 12th 2008</p> <p><i>Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008</i></p>	<p>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 2.4 miles, Left onto W NIFONG BLVD for .05 miles and turn RIGHT onto BETHEL ST.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel</p> <p>For more information, please contact: Columbia Kite Club johngrimshaw@hotmail.com Home 573-443-2506 Cell 573-808-3109</p>
 <p>Family Fall Festival</p> <p>Pumpkin Fest</p> <p>Saturday, October 18th</p> <p>11am-5pm</p>	<p>Blue Valley Recreation has invited the KCKC back again for Pumpkin Fest. All volunteers must pre-register and be approved. More info later.</p> <p>Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest</p> <p>Saturday, October 18th</p> <p>11am-5pm</p> <p>Rainout date being Sunday, October 19th</p>

The 2008 KCKC Smithville Lake Kiteboarding Festival

May 23rd-26th 2008

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 kiteboards 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. This year we will have a few special guests and professionals that will be camping with us sharing the experience. 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 Cabrinha Rider Chris Butzen

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

Prizes, raffle, and games. Membership drive special

Beginners welcome talk w/ experts

Group Kite Camping at the lake, Meet new friends w/ kites for all ages.

Kiteboard Demonstrations

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!



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](#)

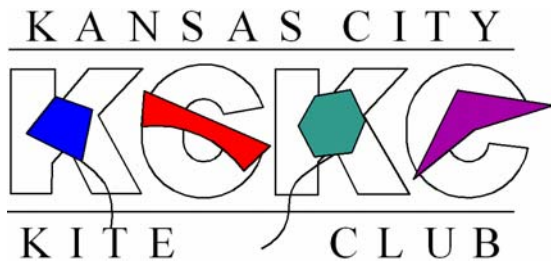
Thanks to everyone that helped with this month's submissions, photos and articles. As a reminder any member can submit an article or idea for this monthly communication tool the KCKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

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President
Kansas City Kite Club

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.



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