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February 2008 NEWS IN REVIEW

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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**

Flyers need to be on the field by 11 am—restricted areas will have only foot access after this time. Participants will need to gain site approval before staking any kite or ground display because of buried lines.

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See more information in this newsletter.

- **SMITHVILL 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

Kiting⁺ is now an online supplement to the magazine ***Kiting***. Click on it on the home page. <http://www.aka.kite.org/>

Here you'll find extra photos, more articles, detailed versions of kite plans, and other random bits of string that didn't fit into the AKA Kiting magazine.

If you're not a member of the AKA and want to check out America's only printed kiteflying magazine, well, it's just one of the many [benefits of membership](#) in the world's largest club for kite enthusiasts.

Events in Review

The KCKC Monthly FLY's

Many local members appeared on the fields this month to do a little traction kiting in the snow. The other kites wait anxiously for the first warm days of spring!

The 2008 KCKC Holiday Party and Auction

The 2008 KCKC Holiday Party was held February 8th at the Irene B. French Community Center Merriam, KS. Lots of good fellowship was enjoyed, kites shared, and business handled. Bill Timmerman presented the club with two new 8 foot bols to add to KCKC's collection of bols for Bol Races.



Club Bols—8' R/W/B Bols made by Bill Timmerman (center), along with one of the four 6' bols made by the Larkey's and the Timmerman's

The club presented KCKC President, Sean Beaver, a Candy Banner, with recognition and thanks for all the things he has done for the club and its membership. Other recognition included:

- Stephany Rosenholtz
- Alyssa Beaver
- Bill and Cathy Timmerman
- Steve Batliner
- Ken and Terri Wible

- Allan, Susie, Lizzie and Laurie Gilson
- Don Larkie
- Chris Clark

Chuck Blackwell Award

The Chuck Blackwell Award is 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. The Kansas City Kite Club unanimously selected Don Larkie to be the recipient of this year's Blackwell Award and a standing ovation. Area kiting is enriched by Don's passion for kites and kiteflying. This is the third year that the Blackwell has been presented.

Candy Banner presented to Sean Beaver, President, Kansas City Kite Club

February 16, 2008 Color the Wind, Clear Lake, IA 50428

This was a very well run event organized by Larry and Kay Day. This year two area families attended Color the Wind, a winter event held on the ice at Clear Lake, IA. Temps were just under freezing for this event—and what an event! The colorful kites were startling against the white background. The following is posted on Color the Wind website, along with more photos <http://colorthewind.org/index.html>

The weather couldn't have been better-- almost 30 degrees, sunshine and winds that were perfect for flying kites! Nearly 6,000



people are estimated to have come to Clear Lake, Iowa to view this colorful spectacle. Serious kite flyers from 8 states traveled to Iowa to fly their huge show kites and entertain the crowd.

Greg Bacon had created paths through the flying field on the frozen lake, which enabled everyone to stroll through and under the colorful displays to get the true sense of the size of many different "creatures" in the air.

Inside the Lakeview Room, many watched the display through the wall of windows and enjoyed Tom Cross's historical display of kite related items. Clear Lake Bank & Trust, as our major sponsor, gave away 150 kites very quickly at the beginning of the day.

Fire 'n Ice, the kite flying duo of Kathy Brinnehl and Paul Koepke entertained the crowds with their beautiful kite ballets set to music.

By Linda Larkey.....This was my first Ice Fly, and once you got past the cold—hey, it's FREEZING—it is very neat. The ice was thick enough to drive on, a fact that the kites immediately took advantage of when they realized that someone had actually taken a huge snow blower on the ice



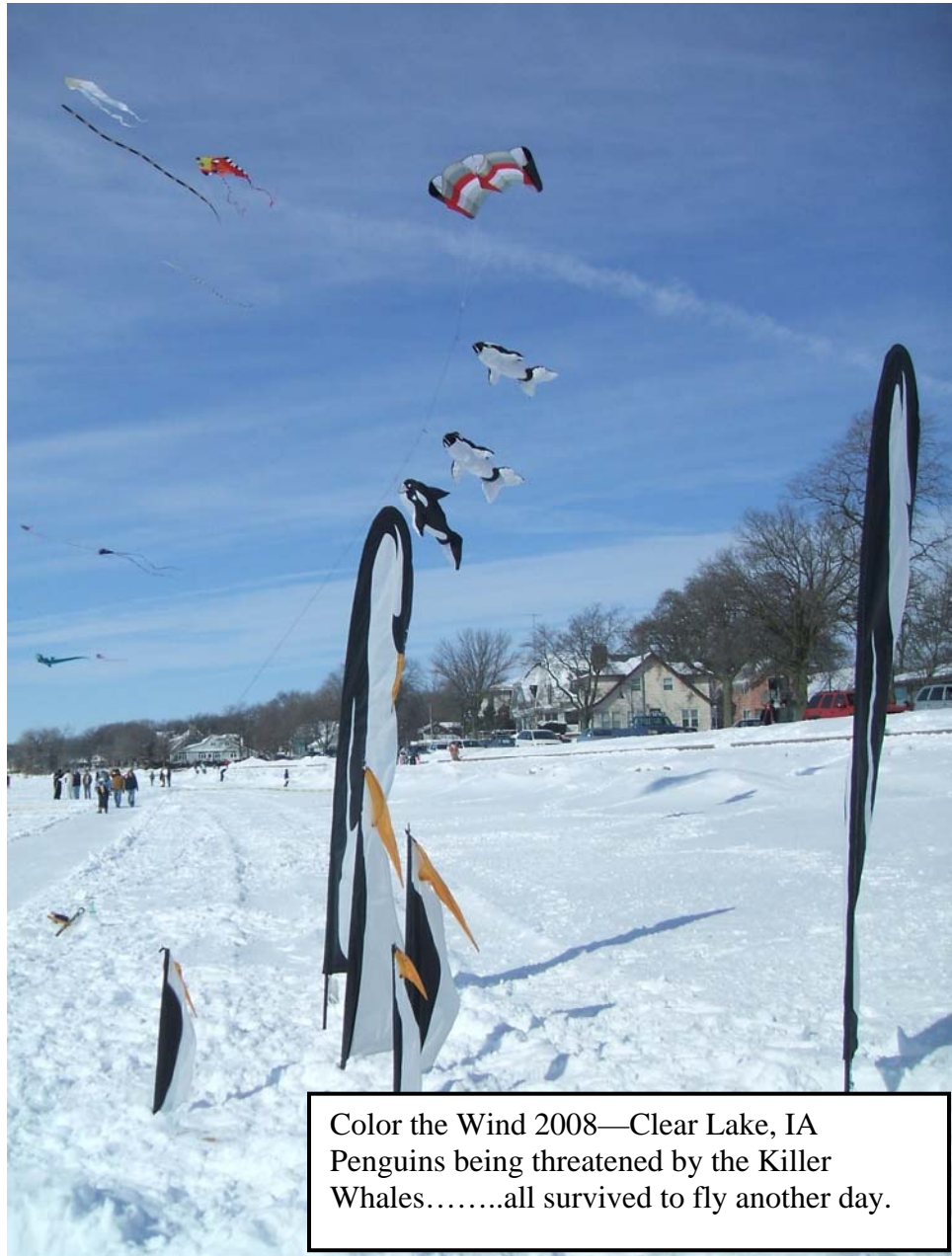
to clear paths through the 4 inches of snow. Lizzie, armed with her new Learner's Permit, gained experience

Color the Wind 2008—Clear Lake, IA

driving on solid ice and snow. The ice was 18-20 inches thick. Since I am from South-east Kansas, I had trouble with the whole concept that you can safely be on the ice. Drills were used to set ground display; "ice screws" held kites under 300 pound line, and 4 inch holes (drilled compliments of a few ice fishermen) held the

larger kites. A three foot 2X4 is pushed through the hole, and a large rope runs around and under the 2X4 to distribute the pull of the kite. If your anchor freezes into place it is left to be picked up on the shores during the spring thaw. Kites were loaded into sleds for the trip onto the lake.

The people were wonderful. The Days host a solid event that makes participants feel very special. Dinners were organized for both Friday and Saturday evenings for the kites to



Color the Wind 2008—Clear Lake, IA
Penguins being threatened by the Killer
Whales.....all survived to fly another day.

mix and talk shop. And as usual, kites took advantage of other kites and displays. Kathy Brinnehl had a small collection of Penguin Banners. We set our two 13' banners beside Kathy's. After a few hours, Dale B, a Wisconsin Kiter, flew his Killer Whales over the group of penguins. I think next year he is going to bring some red food coloring.

**January 12, 2008—
Workshop—Indoor
Stack**

Ryan Larkey presented the last workshop of the 2007-2008 season. Four kite makers attended the no-sew workshop making a three-stack of indoor kites.



Shawn Robinson
flying her new indoor
Eddy Stack

SPECIAL PLANNING INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

The Kansas City Kite Club is asking its member for help in planning and executing several large events in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

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500 SW Longview Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081

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Lodging Recommendations:

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Lee's Summit Comfort Inn
607 SE Oldham Parkway

Lee's Summit, MO 64081
Phone/Fax – 816.524.8181

Hotel Amenities: Free deluxe continental breakfast, indoor pool and spa, in room coffee makers, hair dryers and iron and ironing board

Camping available at Longview Lake, Jackson County, MO
<http://www.jacksongov.org/content/1169/1211/1431/default.aspx>

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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

- 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

- "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 Arial 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.

Upcoming Area Events

<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>
 <p>Longview Community College 2nd Annual Flights of Fancy Festival II National Kite Month</p>	<p>Saturday, April, 19th 2008 Time 10AM - 4PM</p> <p>Address* Longview Community College front lawn 500 SW Longview Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081</p> <p>This is the second year for this wonderful event. The first year took Kansas City by surprise with over 3,000 spectators and many kites filling the sky. This year looks to be bigger.</p> <p>Saturday, April 19, 2008 Noon - 4 FLIGHTS OF FANCY----MCC-Longview Campus 500 SW Longview Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081 <i>Kite Festival and Extravaganza—Guests Don Murphy & Al Sparling</i></p>

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***Contact info: Sean
Beaver or Stephany
Rosenholtz***

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Known around the nation, campers from all 48 continental states stay in Jackson County Parks campgrounds annually. With 238 camping sites, there's almost always an available spot to set up camp. The popularity of these campgrounds is enhanced by the numerous attractions available to campers. Public [beaches](#), [boating](#), full-service [marinas](#), [golf](#), [nature trails](#) and more are only minutes away!

Advance reservations at all campgrounds

- Telephone reservations, call (816) 503-4805 (**credit cards only!**)
- [Online reservations](#) (for Blue Springs, Jacomo and Longview Campgrounds only)
- 14 day maximum stay permitted
- Maximum of 5 people per site
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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

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.



**Kites Over Grinnell
2008 May 10th, 2008**

Urgent RSVP BY
April 8th 2008 for those
requesting hotel
rooms.**

****This year rooms will
be at the Best Western
NOT the Comfort Inn**

05/10/2008 7th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park
<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/>

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. 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.

Dick & Sis Vogel kitesovergrinnell@gmail.com 641-990-0801

**23rd Annual Merriam
Kansas Turkey Creek
Festival**

**Saturday May 17th
2008**

10am to 5pm



If you can help set
ground display,
please contact Sean
Beaver @
seanbeaver@hotmail.com

Sean will be setting


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>

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 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 -

<p>both his own ground display and Team Larkey's ground display.</p>	<p>Shuttle buses will be leaving every 10 minutes from the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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.</p>
<p>BASS PRO DEMO FLY</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>June 7, 2008</p>	<p>BASS PRO DEMO FLY</p> <p>Saturday June 7, 2008</p> <p>18001 Bass Pro Drive Independence, MO 64053</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>Sunday , October 12th 2008</p> <p><i>Columbia Missouri</i></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 2.4 miles, Left onto W NIFONG BLVD for .05</p>

<i>Joint Fly 2008</i>	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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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!

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 waterfront 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](#)

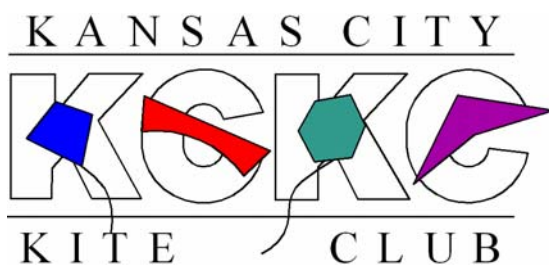
Thanks to everyone that helped with this month's submissions, photos and articles. As a reminder any member can submit an article or idea for this monthly communication tool the KCKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

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President
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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.



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