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KCKC EVENTS IN REVIEW

Friday May 2nd 6:00pm – 8:00pm Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta KC Sports Lodge

Fundraiser for Casa De Los Niños Montessori School www.cincofiesta.com

Members were able to showcase indoor flying at a fun fundraiser for Casa De Los Niños Montessori School organized by Terri Wible. Indoor flyers included Randy Haberle, Bob Rule, Doug Hoffman, Don Larkie, Ryan Larkey, Alan & Lizzie Gilson

May 10th, 2008 Kites Over Grinnell 7th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park

<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/> 19 acres are set aside for this event with roped off areas for special performances. Although it sprinkled Saturday morning, Kites just dug down in their kite bags and displayed kites in the gym, kids made sleds, and Don Murphy offered bol races in the gym. When the rain let up, Kites moved outside. KOG also had their first ever Indoor Competition with 6 competitors. Winners were:

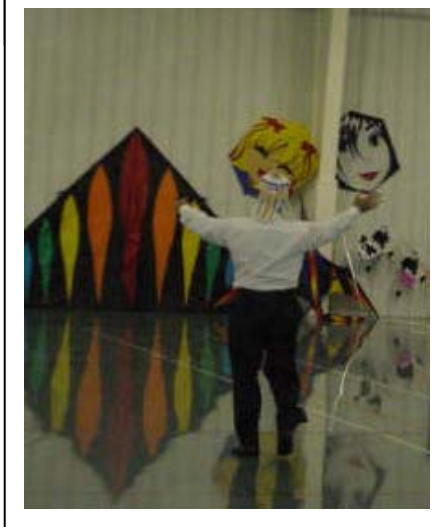
1. Chris Rizzuto—IL—quad routine
 2. Bruce Kenkel—NE—dual line routine
 3. Nelson Borelli—IL—Indian fighter routine
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Next year’s event will expand to three days, and continue with an Indoor Competition.

May 17th 2008 23rd Annual Merriam Kansas Turkey Creek Festival Saturday 10am to 5pm



KOG--180GO! Rev Team Performed at Kites Over Grinnell



Nelson Borelli in the KOG Indoor Contest

Nelson placed 3rd and qualified for the National Indoor Contests.

KC Kite Club provided 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> Dave, Merriam's Recreation Supervisor writes this about the event:

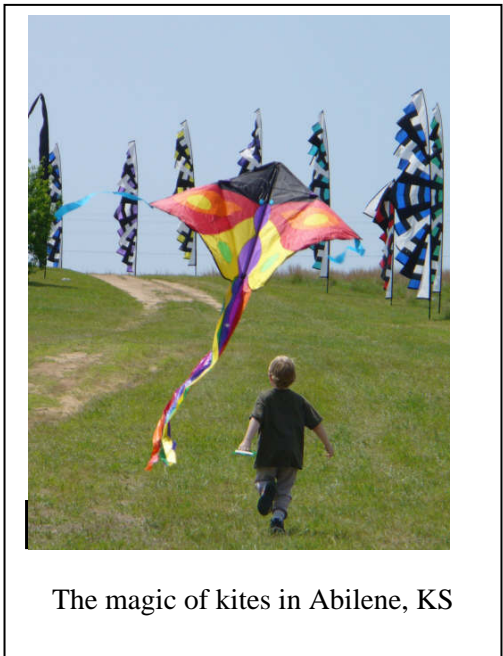
KCKC,
 I have received comments after comments about how much everyone enjoyed your display at the festival. Our committee would like you back next year! The date for the 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival will be Saturday May 16th, 2009.
 Dave Smothers, CPRP,CFM
 Recreation Supervisor
 Merriam Parks and Recreation Department
 Merriam, Kansas 66203

May 23-27, 2008 Smithville Lake Kite and Kite Boarding Event

The event was an all weekend no format event. Just three days of kite flying, camping, friends, and fun. The entire cove was reserved, with a communal fire pit for gathering. Chris Buzten, kite surfer extraordinaire from Kitty Hawk Kites was on hand to demo and show off the newest kite surfing gear.

May 31, 2008 Abilene Kansas Family Day Kite Festival

Abilene Family Day Kite Fest was the first of hopefully many to come. While at Stephany's family reunion last year Sean flew a few of his kites, and they all just loved it and thought what a great idea for their church picnic. The Midwest usually always



The magic of kites in Abilene, KS



No wind fun in Abilene, KS

has wind, and the one thing we were really worried about was having too much wind.

Unfortunately we didn't have enough. Several kite members and special guest Don and Betty Murphy made the venture to Abilene Kansas and did whatever they could to get some kites up in the air. Thank goodness for Steve Batliner and the Gilson's for their light wind kites, they really helped make the show. Sean and Don struggled to put up a few of the big kites and did manage to get a one up for a couple of seconds. With Randy & Linda Larkey's banner, the bols, and the few kites we did get up they really enjoyed us coming out and hope for a better location and better wind next year. All in all it was a good time, and a great time for Stephany to catch up with some of her family!

June 6, 2008 Blue Valley Recreation North Ball Fields Grand Opening

6545 W. 151st Street Overland Park, KS 66223

Wow! Not much wind but what a great time! Sean Beaver unveiled his new spin sock. This sock was supposed to be field tested. When we unrolled the sock we found the fabric tails carefully tied, and the bridle hopelessly tangled. That daunted all kites EXCEPT Susie Gilson. The sock was in HER colors and she was going to see it up. Susie organized four others to untie bridle lines, untangle, and retie ALL the bridle lines. Just as we finished the last line the wind died. Not deterred, Susie dragged the sock across the field, anchored it to Sean's truck and began filling the sock with wind. It didn't inflate all the way, but it was impressive and we had a great time playing with Sean's new acquisition.

June 7, 2008 First Annual Independence EcoFest

Waterfall Park 9am-2pm This was a fun family oriented event with live music and a ton of fun education thrown in. Winds forced the event to be a ground display only event, but Sean was able to put out a few ground bouncers on a sliver of ground. Care had to be taken that the caterpillar didn't bounce into the street, but we had a good time.

June 6-8, 2008 Twisted Lines Kite Festival

21st and Urish Topeka, KS A new location didn't guarantee good winds. Friday was perfect with a great night fly, but Saturday came in with 30-40 mph winds, making flying difficult, but visiting easy. Auction was great! There was a lot of road construction around the entrance to the fields, making it hard to get in, but plans are already in motion for next year.

July 3-4, 2008 KC Riverfest

For the 3rd year KCKC was invited to take part in this community event. KC Riverfest 2008 was an absolute hit this year. We had a big scare with the high winds and rain on Wed night, but the Event Pro's team and several volunteers got to work early Thursday am putting the festival back in order. The festival started around 4pm on Thursday and by 6pm they had everything ready and the grounds looked great. The banners were a huge hit, and Event Pro's proclaims 'These banners make this event' We had several flyers make it out with Dan Stitt, Steve Batliner, and Sean Beaver being crowd favorites. Sean Beaver was able to fly Willie the Wildcat over the entire event, and even had a chance to get a picture with the Hooters girls. Friday was an incredible day with light winds, and lots of people. We had the best wind we've ever had for Riverfest. By 9pm we were all ready to sit down and enjoy our fellow kites with conversation and fireworks! KC Riverfest 2008 was a HUGE success and we are excited and looking forward to 2009.

EMPTY PLACES IN THE SKY

On Sunday night following Twisted Lines Bob and Janet Homan went to the hospital to visit with Bob Crumpler taking him a get well card signed by participants of Twisted Lines and a 2008 TKF Kite sweatshirt. They had a great visit (got there about 6:30 and stayed till after 9:00 - he had some new pain meds that seemed to be working well and they were talking about events coming up and also how the new kite field could be improved. The Homan's received a call from Bob's friend Pat about 6:00 on Monday morning and Bob had passed away around 1:00 am. All were stunned and so sorry to lose our good friend. We will miss him.

Published in the Topeka Capital-Journal on 6/11/2008

Robert M. Crumpler, 66, Topeka, died Mon., June 9, 2008. He was born March 3, 1942. He had served in the U.S. Air Force. Bob was a member of the Topeka Twisted Lines Kite Flyers. Surviving are his former wife: Debbie Crumpler; 2 sons: Stephen L. Crumpler and Todd R. Crumpler; a step-son: Chad Hager; and 3 grandchildren: Jonathan, Robert, and Lacey. To leave a special message for the family online, visit

<http://www.newcomernet.com/obituaries/ObitMsgView2.asp?ObitID=27094&EMSessionID=-1&Source=choice>



MEMBER ACQUISITIONS

SPIN SOCK—A KCKC President now owns the largest spin sock. In Sean’s Purple/Black/White colors, this sock has a 30 foot diameter and stretches over 180 feet long.

GLOW WORM—Don Larkie has just finished a giant glow worm that is going to be snaking its way across the skies!

AKA NEWS



AKA News CONVENTION

The 2008 National Convention will be held in Gettysburg, PA September 22nd - 27th
SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2008 31st ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL
 GETTYSBURG, PA USA Get more info at <http://www.aka.kite.org/con2008info.shtml>

Registration Options	Pre-registration		At The Door
	By Aug. 14th	From Aug. 15th – Sept. 15th	After Sept. 15th
One Day Pass	\$67.50	\$77.50	\$87.50
Regular Registration	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$225.00

General Information and Registration Contact
 Maggie Vohs
 Convention Manager
 PO Box 410
 Otis, OR 97368 USA
 P: (541)994-4252
 F: (626)657-2792
 E: convention@aka.kite.org

The 2009 National Convention will be held in Rochester, MN

AKA ELECTIONS

The governing board is made up of an annually elected President and 13 Regional Directors. Regional Directors represent the members in their geographical area. They vote on Association policy issues, attend

local events, chair AKA committees, and prepare reports for the Kiting newsletter. Four of the twelve Directors are elected each year so that terms overlap. Also, those Regions who had a Director step down will have a chance to elect another. This will be the largest number of regional elections (seven) in memory. Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 will have elections for a Regional Director, and AKA members will annually choose a new President.

Our current Regional Director, Don Murphy, will be running for another three year term.

CLUB AQUISIONS

TRAILER—The KCKC is now proud owners of a 6X10 foot trailer. Stay tuned for the Kite Trailer Pimping Party, and make sure your ideas are a part!

KCKC UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16, 2008 KITEBUILDERS WORKSHOP—Dave Ellis

Saturday, Call Dave Ellis to reserve your spot, and/or for any information.

Home: 913-648-4925 Cell: 913-908-8327 Class will be at Dave's home, start at noon, and build time is approximately 8 hours. Participants can finish at home if they wish to leave earlier. I have a new kite that I have been working on. It is my interpretation based on a kite developed by Halit in Istanbul, Turkey. (He is a member of the Kitebuilder.com forum.) I have been invited to present this kite at OKR in January, 2009. For practice in presenting this kite, I am offering a class at the local level. The class will be free, and have limited enrollment. You will provide your own materials. However, I can provide the materials, but those are not free. Material needed is 10 yards of light weight ripstop. Or 1 yard of ripstop, and 10 yards of lightweight, soft material, like taffeta suit lining material, or Organza, or.... You will need 3 fiberglass or carbon rods each at 32.5 inch length. I prefer carbon. (.1880 or .21 diameter. Or whatever you wish.) You need end caps for the rods. A lot (200 feet, or so.) of 1 inch wide, 3/4 oz ripstop ribbon. (This can be cut from regular ripstop, or ordered on a roll from Kite Studio.) Or you can omit the ribbon, and just double fold all the edges. I can provide the hook and loop material (aka Velcro, if you can tolerate tan color. I can also provide the webbing for pockets, if you can tolerate black or white, recycled material.) I can provide all the materials for you, if you choose the rolled edges option. The cost of materials per kite should be \$45. I think the class at OKR, where I will have to gather all materials, and ship them to Oregon; the class will be closer to \$60 per person. (Unless it costs more than I estimated when actual ordering takes place.) The class will be held Saturday, August 16th. This is NOT a 4 hour class. It will take appx. 8 hours to complete, but much of that can be done at home, later. (The tails, and/or appliqué, take a lot of time, but are simple to make.) You can bring your machine, or you can rent one of mine. I have 5, now. Class limit will be 4 people. If a larger group is interested, we could possibly make arrangements to meet elsewhere. I doubt that will be required.

We will be working at my home, all inside. No outside cutting required. Starting time will be Noon, and will last as long as you wish to work. Call to reserve your spot, and/or for any information.

Home: 913-648-4925 Cell: 913-908-8327 A picture of my prototype can be seen here:

<http://s187.photobucket.com/albums/x102/kskiteguy/Halit%20Octoflow/?action=view¤t=Shinytai1.jpg>

August 24, 2008 Best Harvest Bakeries

Sunday 1-5pm Park shelter D Wyandotte County Park State Ave and 126th Street Bonner Springs
Don't miss this great demo opportunity! This company rolled out the welcome carpet for KCKC fliers last year insisting that we stop flying to eat their GREAT BBQ lunch. We enjoyed ice cream, snow cones and cotton candy. The kids (of all ages) enjoyed face painting and henna tatoos. Last year Best Harvest Employees and Families were Wowed by KCKC members while KCKC members were hunting for any stray breeze to keep any kites aloft. THIS YEAR Best Harvest has picked out their picnic location to be

conductive to kite flying. Let's turn out in mass and let Best Harvest host the most fun employee picnic in the area! Email Terri Wible if you will be able to attend so we can give Best Harvest an accurate head count for lunch (Umm, YUM!!!!)!!!! Terri @ terri@themarvelgroup.com

August 30 - Sept 1, 2008 18th Annual Callaway Kite Flight

Always Labor Day Weekend Callaway, Nebraska Begins Saturday at 10 a.m. and goes through Monday noon Location: Foster Smith Field, 4 miles southeast of Callaway on Hwy 40
Lodging: Motel 4 (308) 836-2226 Chesley's Lodge (308) 836-2658 Camping is available at the City Park
Contact these folks for more information: Mary Ridder 836-4430 Betsy Spanel 836-4416
CALLAWAY - THE OFFICIAL KITE FLIGHT CAPITAL OF NEBRASKA
Each Labor Day Weekend, a 200-acre prairie just a few miles down the road from Callaway is transformed into an amazing site with a dazzling array of kites and an entryway lined with 22 state flags and 9 national flags. Talk about a visual display! You'll be welcomed, can shop for kites & wind items, offered lemonade, Yum-Yums & Pie at the concession stand and ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery, entertained each evening, and introduced to locals and guests alike. Don't know how to fly a kite? No problem. Friendly flyers will offer to share their insights. You're a professional flyer wanting some safe space to try out a fabulous kite? We've got the perfect place for you in our pro zone. Named by USA Today as a Top Ten Flying Site in America, Foster Smith Field is located 4 miles southeast of Callaway along Highway 40. This is not just for avid and amateur kite fliers either. It's for families, friends, picnics, photographers, campers, weddings, dates, college breaks, memories and more!
To Pre-register: Callaway Kite Flight PO Box 248 Callaway NE 68825 bspanel5@yahoo.com

David Zavell runs Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor <http://chicagokite.com/>, the kite store that was at MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy. His phone is 773-467-1428. Dave is helping organize the two following flies. He has some complimentary lodging. Please contact Dave for details.

Sept. 13, 2008 Kline Creek Farms Fly

<http://www.dupageforest.com/education/klinecreek.html>

Sept. 14, 2008 DeKalb Kite Festival <http://www.chicagokite.com/se17deil.html>

Colorful kites showcasing all types of whimsical and magical creations will fill the skies at the Second Annual DeKalb Kite Festival Sunday, Sept. 14th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. A barrel kite five stories high and 50-feet across is among the featured kites (weather permitting). It is so massive; it takes a large truck or piece of heavy construction equipment to hold it in place, according to event organizers.

Many featured kites defy description, including "fighting kites" and a "head-turning display of three, 90-foot-long octopus kites called octopile. Other kites will include: stunt and dancing kites, Mimi the Pink Ladybug, Teddy Bear, owl, manta ray and cat kites.

Kite Fest 2008 will be held in the field of NIU's "North 40," at Lucinda Avenue and Kishwaukee Drive, DeKalb, near Annie's Woods and Anderson Hall. Admission is free. Some of the area's best kite-fliers and kite-builders will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate their skills. Among the kites participating in the day's event is Paul Fieber, of Madison, WI, who is chair of the American Kitefliers Association's Kite Art Committee and a former Midwest director of that organization. Fieber loves building and flying single line kites. He has won several kitemaker awards at the AKA Nationals and the Smithsonian. DeKalb Kite Fest 2008 offers plenty of space for participants to fly their own kites. Bring a kite, make a kite or buy a kite from Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor Kite Shop, which will be on-site.

For more information about Kite Fest 2008, call the DeKalb Area Convention & Visitors'

Bureau, (815) 756-1336 or visit www.dekalbareacvb.com; or DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, (815) 756-6306 (www.dekalb.org).

October 12th 2008 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008 One Sky One World

Sunday Bethel Park 4500 Bethel Street Columbia, MO

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel>

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.

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.

For more information, please contact: Columbia Kite Club

johngrimshaw@hotmail.com Home 573-443-2506 Cell 573-808-3109

October 18, 2008 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest

Saturday 1-4 6545 W. 151st Street Overland Park, KS 66223

Rainout date being Sunday, October 19th Event is 1-4pm Set up/take down 11am-5pm

Blue Valley Recreation has invited the KCKC back again for Pumpkin Fest.

All volunteers must preregister and be approved. ---PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2008 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest

January 8 - 11, 2009 Oregon Kitemaker's Retreat

Twin Rocks Friends Camp, in Rockaway Beach <http://www.kitemakersretreat.com/OKR-kite-makers>

A regional kitemaking retreat held on Oregon's beach. This retreat offers three nights lodging and 8 meals for about \$200. Instructor/Class lineup includes:

Miniature Celtic Design Kite - Dave Butler

Multi-Flare - Deb Cooley

Tosa Dako or Dawn of the Delta - Bary Crites

Octoflowtail - David Ellis

Star Train, Friday - Mark Engbaum

AstroFighter - Kathy Goodwind - Freestyle Appliqué on the Astrofighter

Quilt Block Banners - Cari King

Face Ball - Linda Larkey

A Spirit Man - Martin Lester

Basic Kitemaking- Gerry Pennell

February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND

Clear Lake, IA USA Larry Day E-mail: kiteman@netins.net Phone: 641-357-5516

Frozen Ice Kite Fly in downtown Clear Lake, IA. Superbly organized.

March 13-15, 2009 MAKR

Lorado Taft Field Campus/NIU Oregon, Illinois

MAKR (MAK'R) N. AN ACRONYM FOR MIDWEST AREA KITEMAKERS RETREAT.

A gathering of famous and infamous kite enthusiasts, who meet in the woods the second weekend of March to immerse themselves in the ultimate kite experience in preparation for the first warm winds of spring. MAKR is all about friends, food, fun, and kite making. A great way to start the season, see people you met last year, and meet some new flyers. No phones, no meals to cook, just time to indulge your

mania and improve your skills. Registration costs should be around \$135 for food and lodging—a great bargain. That is 2 nights lodging and 6 meals. Rumor has it a local retired teacher will be once again offering a class!

May 8-10 2009 Kites Over Grinnell 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park

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Plans are already underway for expanding this popular Fly. The night fly will be moved to Friday Night, with outdoor flying Saturday and Sunday. Two days should guarantee a nice wind day. Saturday evening will be the indoor competition. Be sure to make plans for this great festival, and earn points for National Convention 2009 which will be held in Rochester, MN

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<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.

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.

Sean Beaver 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.

Join the FUN!
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