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KCKC EVENTS IN REVIEW

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

Sunday Bethel Park 4500 Bethel Street Columbia, MO If you are missing this fly, you should check it out next year. This is a joint fly combining 3+ kite clubs on the grassy fields in Columbia, MO. Photos clockwise, Mike Shaw and grandson enjoy the day, Sis Vogel compresses her ladybug, and below, Andy H's penguin ground display, which has placed first every year in Ground Display.



Photos contributed by Randy and Linda Larkey



October 18, 2008 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest Thanks again for the amazing job you all did at Blue Valley's Fall Festival (Pumpkin Patch)!



This event had a pre-registration of 500 children, and by Friday morning, the day before the event, they had nearly had that many pre-register. Molly, our organizer, had this to say.....



"The kite club did an amazing job again this year! The display that you put on is great and I know everyone loves it. It looks so "empty" before the kites arrive so it's the perfect addition to our event. We had a record attendance of 1766!!

Thanks again for everything!!"

Thanks to Linda, Randy and Ryan Larkey, Steve Batliner, Bill and Cathy Timmerman, Doug Hoffman, Don Larkie, Scott and Kelsey Weimer, Shane, Ian and Ingrid Rowse, Allan Gilson and his ground crew.

Photos contributed by Bill and Cathy Timmerman, Clockwise from top, Custom Snoopy Rev by Don Larkie, Allen's new Crown, pumpkins waiting for new homes, and Sean's Caterpillar pulling kid duty at Pumpkin Patch.



And across the state line Sean reported that.....

“Jeff from the Independence Parks and Rec loved our show--Hey we had a blast this weekend flying for our wonderful community.

At the last minute the KCKC was contacted by Independence Park and Rec and asked to provide a demo for a grand Opening. Sean, Stephanie, Dan S and Nick and Jessie P were able to provide this demo while others were at Fall Festival.



Met a few pro ball players, congressmen, mayors....and tons of families. Heard some speeches for the ribbon cutting. It was a good time.



Dan Stitt helped a lot, as did Nick, Jessie, and Stephany of course. Set up 25 banners or so. Low winds, but we were able to fly the Kitty Cat and Trilobite.



Now we have to plan the Holiday party or indoor fly!”

Photos contributed by Sean and Stephanie. Above, Dan flies his Rev on a dogstake, Top, the Power Kitty Cat romps on a field, and right, Nick launches a Rev.

KCKC Holiday Party

The 2009 KCKC Holiday Party is set for January 17th 2009 from 12pm to 4pm- **Doors open at 11am.**
Location: Metropolitan Community College *Longview ---Learning Resources Room

500 SE Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Directions:

Take the View High Drive Exit off of I-470. Turn south and follow to campus. The Party will be in the **Learning Resources Building** near the flagpoles. **See maps below.**

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 can be a great event if everyone brings an auction item. Make sure you bring items to donate or money to bid for kites or related items! All of the proceeds go back to the KCKC. We also will have a few special guests at this year's event from the MCC Longview Staff that have had the KCKC for the last two years fly at the **Flights of Fancy Kite Festival.**

2009 Holiday Party

Business Meeting

2008 Review

2009 Planning

Chuck Blackwell Award 2009

KCKC Auction—Please bring a donation

Bring food, or drink, or desert item.....

January 17th, 2009

The 2009 KCKC Holiday Party is February 17th from 12pm to 4pm- Doors open at 11am.

Location: **Learning Resources Building** (near the flagpoles) at the Metropolitan Community College 500 SE Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 66203

Directions:

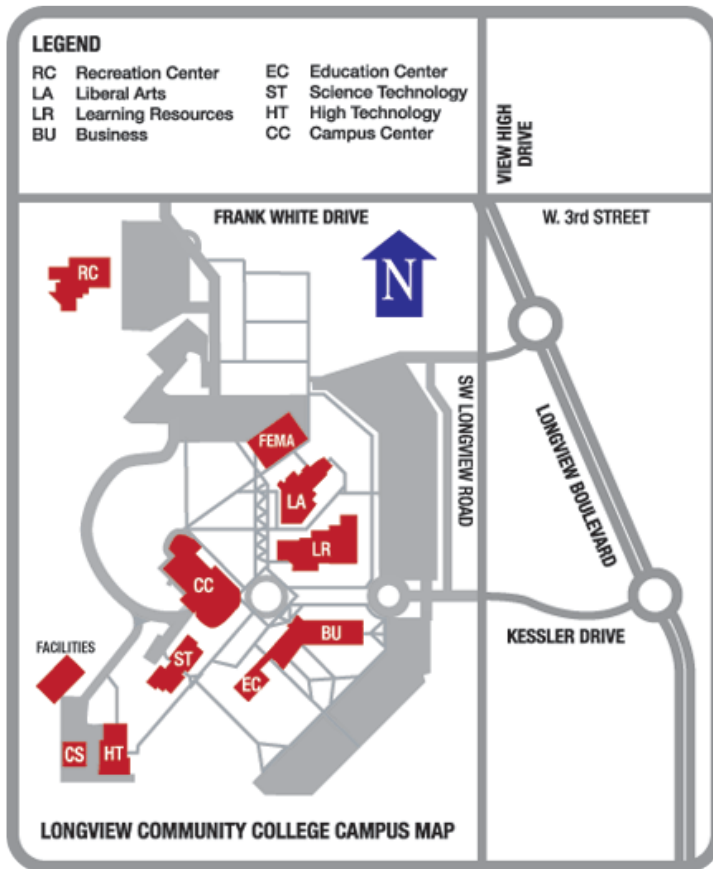
From I-470 take the View High Drive exit south to the

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 to those flyers that help make the KCKC a better community organization.

Chuck Blackwell Award 2009

The Kansas City Kite Club will accept nominations for **the 4th Chuck Blackwell Award, a 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.



KCKC UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

January 17, 2009 KCKC Holiday Party 2009

**SEE INFORMATION ABOVE

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

If you have ever wondered about kite making, this is the event you must attend!

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 \$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!

Not a kite maker? Half of MAKR classes are no-sew classes, just cut and glue. At meals conversations range from best ways to put on festivals, best flying kites, best line to fly on, everything and anything kite, or not kite related. Meal-time conversations are worth the ticket price alone.

SEW Brian Blaeske, Wauwatosa WI, 10 foot Genki

SEW Barbara Meyer, Maple Grove MN, Kite

SEW Walt Mitchell, Lubbock TX, large bol

SEW Rob Pratt, Olympia WA, 6 foot Baden Powell kite

SEW Cliff Quinn, Coopersburg PA, modern Marconi (this class has closed enrollment at Fort Worden.)

SEW Chris Taylor, Vandalia OH, Platz glider

NO SEW Deb Von Bokern, Covington KY, Octopus kite from colored plastic

NO SEW Dave Ellis, Overland Park KS, mini Cody

NO SEW Charm Lindner, High Ridge MO, mini Japanese style train

NO SEW Tom McCune, Buffalo Grove IL, No-Sew 40 inch Rokkaku. Make 1 to fly or 2 for your own battle fun.

NO SEW Twyla Meyer, Maple Grove MN, kite themed note cards

Mark your calendars, start saving your money. Registration will be only \$135 for the weekend.

April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy

Saturday, April 18 (3rd Saturday in April, as in previous years).

April 25-26, 2009 Chalk Walk

KCKC member Shane Rowse will be helping organize this event in 2009, and there is a limited space for flying. Please stay tuned for more information on: http://chalkwalk.org/Chalk_Walk/Home.html

What is Chalk Walk?

Chalk Walk is a **FREE** and public sidewalk chalk drawing festival in April at the *Concourse Park* in the heart of the Historic Northeast Neighborhoods that celebrates the wealth of culture and diversity in the Kansas City Urban Core. Proceeds raised by Chalk Walk benefits Mosaic Brain, a youth arts outreach organization that provides after school and out of school arts and culture programs to people living in the Historic Northeast Neighborhoods through its partnership with the Historic Northeast Cultural Arts Commission

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

<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/>

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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

May 16th, 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival KC Kite Club will once again provide an array of ground display for the 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival. 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.

If you would like to help organize any of the below events, or help with a Fall Picnic, Indoor Fly or Workshop, please let us know. Without your help some fun events will not be held.

2009

JAN

January 17th 2009 KCKC Holiday Party / Auction / Pot Luck
January 8 - 11, 2009 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat

FEB

February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND Clear Lake, IA

MARCH

March 13-15, 2009 MAKR

APRIL

April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy
April 25-26 Chalk Walk

MAY

May 8-10 2009 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell
May 16 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek
May 29-31 Smithville Kite Kamp Out

JUNE

June 5-7 2009 Twisted Lines
June 13-14 2009 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown, ND

JULY

July 3-4 Riverfest

AUG

SEPT

September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight

OCT

October 5-10 2009 AKA National Convention Rochester, MN
October 11 2009 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008 One Sky One World
October 17, 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest

NOV
DEC

As a reminder any member can submit an article, photo, 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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Color The Wind 2008, Clear Lake, IA

