



KCKC UPCOMING EVENTS

Events are just around the corner—these events have more information later in this issue.

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Saturday 1-4 6545 W. 151st Street Overland Park, KS 66223—Make sure you have a new Volunteer form filled out—we will have a few blank forms, just remember to ask Sean or Linda for one.

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Saturday Mark your calendars!

AKA NEWS

The 2009 National Convention will be held in Rochester, MN



By Gary Engvall
 Convention was a terrific time. It was a great place to fly. The wind came out of the best possible direction the whole time we were there.

Richard Dermer set up an [EZ-](#)

[Up with AKA information](#) and easy kite plans and he made kites with anyone who walked up. There were [banners and signs](#) marking

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RD6: Barbara Meyer

RD7: Don Murphy

RD8: Gayle Woodul

RD9: Amy Doran

RD10: Marla Miller

RD11: John Gillespie

RD12: Ben Dantonio

RD13: Linda Sanders

Awards:

Steve Edeiken Kiteflier of the Year

Award: John Barresi

Robert Ingraham Award: Marla Miller

Lee Toy Award: Jon Burkhardt

Volunteer of the Year: Bernard Fourniere

Regional Director of the Year: Todd Little

Kite Club of the Year: Richmond Air Force

every field. It was possible to stand anywhere on the property and find a field by its number. In every workshop room, and a few other places, there was a [container asking for suggestions](#) about how we could do things better.

good heavens;

Gary Engvall

**A MESSAGE FROM Linda Sanders AKA Region 13 (International)
Director region13@aka.kite.org**

... less talk ... more fly ...

To everyone in AKA who loves kids, kites and especially those kids who are sick. We can all make a difference today. And it won't cost anything.

I've heard that there's a campaign called SERAFIEN, and I'll let our Belgium AKA member, Frank, tell you about it -

A couple lost their 2-year old daughter in July 2007 after a 7-month non-curable disease. They received palliative care (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hospice>) for the little girl from a voluntary team of caretakers from the university of Louvain (oldest and a top university in Belgium) academic hospital.

The parents were very grateful for the fact that their child could remain with them and die at home and they were taken by the fact that palliative care for adults was paid back by the social security, but not palliative care for children. So they set up a non-profit organization called "Serafien", after the good angels (Belgians are predominantly catholic) and after their daughter who was called Fien. Their symbol is a kite, as a link between earth and heaven. The aim is to draw attention for the palliative care for children and the necessity to have it in the social security (meaning it would be mostly free).

For that they have the support of many people and organizations, one of them being a cultural group by the name of "Keldertrapken" (literally: 'the cellar staircase'). This group apparently has taken several initiatives to promote the aims of Serafien, mostly in the form of bets: they go to well known people and ask them for a challenge. If they can fulfill the assignment, then the challenger will do something in return, like giving a benefit performance, or doing something special that would attract a lot of publicity for the cause.

Serafien Kite Challenge

And here's how we can all help - Don't speak Dutch? No problem, the steps are easy...

You can upload your pictures here... <http://foto.zita.be/6857484196>

- 1/ In the 1st box, choose 'bladeren (=browse)' to select the photo file YOU wish to submit from your own photo collections.
- 2/ In the 2nd box, write where the picture was taken, who you are, your country / home town - for the world to see!
- 3/ Press 'opladen (=upload)' That's all. The end result is planned for December and will be displayed in a big show in Antwerp

Now to kites (also the symbol of Serafien): one of the challenges they received is from Gert Bettens from the music group "K's Choice". **He bets they cannot gather 5000 pictures of people with their kite from all over the world. If they do succeed, he will give a free performance at a big benefit concert to be given in Antwerp later this year to promote the action of Serafien.**

The press is picking up on the initiative and even in the Netherlands there have been reactions in the press.

So to conclude, I think this is a good initiative, serving a good cause and it does not require too much effort from us kilters, just uploading a picture of oneself (or wife/kid/friend...) with a kite, or a picture of another kite taken with a kite, and then filling in the place where it was pictured and eventually your name.

If every AKA member uploaded two images, we'd achieve the record all in one hit!
You'll be doing something really good to benefit someone else, and you won't have to leave your home to do it. It's just like "PAY IT FORWARD"

Thank you.

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Join the Kansas City Kite Club, the Gateway Kite Club of St. Louis, the River Breezes Kite Club of Jefferson City, and kilters 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.

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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!

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 4 HOUR Brian Blaeske, Wauwatosa WI, 10 foot Genki

???????????????????? Barbara Meyer, Maple Grove MN, a kite yet to be decided, suggestions welcome

SEW Walt Mitchell, Lubbock TX, large bol

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

SEW Cliff Quinn, Coopersburg PA, modern Marconi

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.

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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.

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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