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REGULAR EVENTS

Please remember that our regular club fly is the Second Sunday of the Month 1-4PM at Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS meet near Shelter 1 and fly in the field to the northeast of there. As always, if a Festival or Demo conflicts with the event, most kite fliers will not be there.

MEMBER NEWS

JOHNNY IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To celebrate this great event the KCKC hosted a picnic for everyone who knew John and wanted to drop in and visit with him at Smithville Lake Shelter #1. Invitations went out on Evite.

Johnny is currently recuperating in Liberty with Linda, and attending physical therapy several times a week. Understandably, John has lost much of his muscle being hospitalized for over six months, and John is in the slow process in building it back up. He is currently in a wheelchair outside of the house, and working with a walker to regain walking strength inside Linda's house. Linda says he has to work to get around inside!

Johnny expects to regain about 90% of his "before surgery" strength in the coming year, and is already planning on teaching Sean to sail next summer.



Thank you all for coming out to Smithville Lake on Saturday (July 25th).

It was a great day for both John and I ... we didn't leave Smithville until around 6:30 PM, and the good news is that the day did not wear John out – he still stayed up until midnight on Saturday (but did sleep in until almost noon on Sunday ☺).

There were just the right number of visitors for John to have time to talk everyone's ear off! In addition to getting to visit with everyone, we got to spend some time OUTSIDE, and I even got a little sun...

There was not quite enough wind for some of the kites, and water a little too rough for the kayak ... but still a great day for John and I.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make it a great day!

Linda & Johnny

Cards can be sent to Johnny Roberts % Linda Stratman 307 S Fairview Ave Liberty, MO 64068
Email can be sent to: ohjohn@earthlink.net

AKA NEWS

10/05/2009 - 10/10/2009 AKA Annual Convention and Grand Nationals Rochester, MN USA Fuad Mansour Sport Complex Soccer Fields. The AKA Convention is an annual five day gathering of kite enthusiasts, artists, and competitors. With roughly 500 members in attendance, the Convention ranks as one of the largest kite gatherings in the world.

<http://www.aka.kite.org>

SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**Special Needs Rotary Camp Demo**

Susie and Allan G were contacted by a member of their church who works for a special-need Rotary Camp in Lee's Summit. (470 and Colbern Rd)

He has requested we come out and provide about an hour's worth of kite or ground display demonstration.

The demo is on Tuesday, August 4th (from 1-2).

The field is quite small and won't support many large kites, although they did land a helicopter there once.

Those who would like to help on this please contact Allan Gilson @ agilson@worldnet.att.net

Special Needs
Rotary Camp Demo,
Lee's Summit, MO
Tuesday, August 4th 1-2pm

Set up starting at noon.

Contact Allan Gilson @
agilson@worldnet.att.net

September 12 2009 Titan Construction Organization, Inc. Picnic

Saturday, September 12th Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS - Shelter #1 from 1 PM to ????. Please contact Cathy Timmerman by August 7th if you can attend. Cathy Timmerman Direct Line: (913) 782 - 7020 ext. 231 ctimmerman@titanbuilt.com

KITES OVER GRINNELL <http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com>

After 8 years, Kites Over Grinnell, Grinnell, IA will be changing its festival date. It will no longer be on Mother's Day Weekend, but instead will be held the first weekend of June.

As some of you are aware, the 2010 KOG Steering Committee was taken over by the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce to work on expanding this festival. (Reasons listed below on next page in text box.)

Guests can immediately add comments with their replies. It also gives an opportunity to add photos from past events (what did last year's Pumpkin Patch look like?) and invitations can be added to your Outlook Calendar or send the directions to your phone with one click.

EVENTS IN REVIEW

June 6, 2009 2nd Annual EcoFest Waterfall Park 18001 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO



July 3-4 Riverfest Kansas City, MO <http://www.kcriverfest.com/>

Once again KCKC flew at Riverfest. This year we were given a choice location just in front of one of the three entrances. Thanks to Steve Batliner, Dan Stitt, Ryan Pool, Nick Piacenza, Jessie Piacenza, Linda Larkey, Randy Larkey, Ryan Larkey, Don Larkie, Sean Beaver, Stephany, Ally, Joe, and Dominic. We met Thursday evening to prep ground display, and watched fireworks for two nights. Nick was elected President for the Weekend, and he quickly decreed that Sean would fly everything in the trailer for at least a few minutes during the

weekend. Some items were too big for the allowed area (Sean's big windsock!) but we got to see stuff that Sean didn't even know he had!



New Kiter's Perspective.....

My name is Dominic L. I am 9 years old and I live in Kansas City, MO. My first event was this year when I attended the 2009 Flights of Fancy Kite Festival in Lee's Summit, MO. My mom bought my brother and me a Kite, and we were very happy to be able to fly kites with everyone else. I have a special alligator kite, and I had the help from a lady from the KC Kite Club that taught me how to tie my knot and it made me very happy. The wind was perfect and there were so many different kinds of shapes and sizes of kites that it was a fun filled family day that I will never forget. The President is Sean Beaver and he is going to marry my mom's friend Stephany Rosenholtz, and these two people are wonderful with kids and will help each and every one of you with your kite. I hope that you will get involved and come meet me at future events so we can fly our kites together and be friends.

My second big event that I attended was the KC Riverfest over the 4th of July weekend. We had lots of great entertainment, food, neatest kite flying, and the best tasty shaved ice from the Penguin stand. I enjoyed all of the animals from the Animal Haven, and one of the best firework shows that I have ever seen. I had an awesome Fourth of July with my family and friends.

Dominic, Alligator Kite Flyer

LARK'S HEAD—the knot kites need to know.



The Larks Head knot is the single most useful knot in kiting. The more you pull the tighter it locks so there's no chance of it coming undone in flight. But as soon as you land your kite, it's easy to pull loose and undo.

KCKC UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

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.

August 4, 2009 Special Needs Rotary Camp Demo Lee's Summit, MO

Tuesday, 1-2 pm, set up starts at noon. Demo for special needs kids at the Rotary Camp in Lee's Summit on Colbern Rd. Those who would like to help on this please contact Allan Gilson @ agilson@worldnet.att.net

September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight Callaway, NE

A relaxed weekend with no schedule, kites and friends.

September 12 2009 Titan Construction Organization, Inc. Picnic

Saturday, September 12th Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS - Shelter #1 from 1 PM to ????. Adults and kids (age range of kids is 9 months up -- several 4 year olds) -- who would love the ground display and kite tails. If Cathy Timmerman could get a count in the next week or two of how many would be available to come she would appreciate it.



Cathy Timmerman Direct Line: (913) 782 - 7020 ext. 231 ctimmerman@titanbuilt.com

September 12 2009 Tails and Trails, Saturday September 12, 2009 12-4 pm Living History Farms 11121 Hickman Road Urbandale, Iowa, 50322

Join Living History Farms on the front lawn for kite tails on Saturday as members of the American Kite Flyers Association demonstrate their skills with a wide variety of unique kites. Visit the family kite building tent then fly your own creation. Enjoy a fall concert at 12:30 pm Saturday by the Walnut Hill Choral Society. Saturday and Sunday walk the trails to the 1850 Farm and experience the challenges of homesteading in Iowa through hands-on activities. Explore the ways Iowa's founders set up housekeeping and prepared for their first winter, including oxen demonstrations on Saturday.

Kiting Families participating in this event will receive free admission to Living History Farms and lunch. The flying areas will be outside the Farm adjacent to the parking areas. There will be several flying areas to choose from.

The Machine Shed is right next door. It would make the perfect place to eat together after the event. Yum.

September 26, 2009 KITE WEDDING SMITHVILLE LAKE

Be sure to reserve the date! More details to come!

October 5-10 2009 AKA National Convention Rochester, MN

A week of kites and kites.

October 11 2009 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008 One Sky One World Columbia, MO
Join three different Kite Clubs celebrating the sky.

October 17, 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest

BVRC Recreation Complex 9701 West 137th Street (west of Antioch on 137th) Overland Park, KS 66221
Join Blue Valley Recreation on Saturday, 10/17 for a community festival packed with fun activities and live entertainment. This is one fall event you won't want to miss! Come in costume and bring your camera to take advantage of all our photo opportunities!
This fun event offers a petting zoo, face painting, carnival games, moonwalk, kites, horse-drawn hayrides and more!

If you plan on attending and would like to have the KCKC sign up your child (under 8yr 11mo) please email the webmaster with your child's full name, age, address, and accompanying adult name and address.

We have a local kiter once again selected to present a workshop at the
28th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

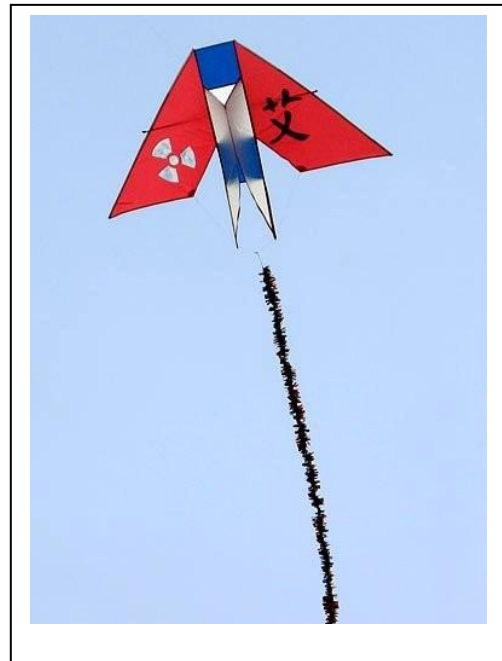
Fort Worden State Park - Conference Center
Port Townsend, Washington
March 19 - 21, 2010

<http://www.kitemakers.org/default.html>

Elements kite

Dave Ellis Overland Park, Kansas

David presents a kite that resulted from a design contest. It is called the Elements Kite and is a combination of a delta, sled and cellular kite. This will be a different looking kite will fly at a high angle.



2009 Schedule	
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	One Sky One World, MO
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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.

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!
Kansas City Kite Club
www.kckiteclub.org