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SPECIAL EVENTS

Check out our upcoming event section!!!!

MEMBER NEWS

Member Johnny Roberts continues to recover from brain surgery for an Arterio-Venous Malformation, or AVM, an abnormal collection of blood vessels. Recently John had a set back and is now at North Kansas City Hospital, but he is gaining ground every day. Visitors are great, and cards can be sent Johnny Roberts % Linda Stratman 307 S Fairview Ave Liberty, MO 64068

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>

AKA AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Requested by Angie Chau, AKA Director-at-Large

The AKA is asking for the help of any and all kite flyers! Many of us are beginning to feel the first signs of=2 Ospring which might mean it's time to clean out those kite bags. Do you have something that is just taking up precious room or hasn't seen the light of day for a very long time? Would donating something mean you can browse for something NEW to take its place? Here's the perfect opportunity to see that your treasures go to a good home by donating them to the AKA's convention auction in Rochester.

While the collection point has yet to be decided, this will give everyone time to decide which items are "keepers" and which can be recycled to another deserving kite person. Those items that require shipping prior to convention will need to arrive at the collection point no later than September 15 so it can be listed in the inventory. If there are any questions, please contact me Angie Chau @ dal5@aka.kite.org or Greg Lamoureux @ region1@aka.kite.org.

Please remember that the donations to the American Kitefliers Association are tax deductible. Make sure your older kites go to someone who will appreciate them, and get the tax write off!

EVENTS IN REVIEW



MAKR—Three new area kites attended MAKR (Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat) for the first time in March. Pictured are Carol S making a Taiwan Kite, Sean B in a Genki class—but NOT working on the Genki, and Paula V makes a plastic Octo-Kite. Ryan L is in the background.

For details on next year watch www.makr.info

FROM THE KCKC PRESIDENT

Greetings from the President,

2009 is upon us and the warm winds have already been fighting Old Man Winter to start the arrival of spring. I have seen flowers start to bloom, and hear so many birds every day that I know the spring winds are right around the corner. Soon many annual events will be under way that the KCKC supports, plans, hosts, and attends. Already members have traveled to [Color The Wind](#) and [MAKR](#) to be a part of historic events and more are on the way.

This month we are proud to be a part of yet another amazing event that has blessed our wonderful community here in Kansas City [Flights of Fancy](#). If you have been to this event before then I do not need to tell you what an amazing time it is for all that come out to witness the KCKC and what we are doing as a club. If you have not attended; this is the best event you will ever attend in the region. Each year we invite a short list of special guests and this year is no different. We have folks traveling from Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, and many other locations to come help the KCKC put on a world class show and some great mixers before and after the event. Months of planning and fund raising have gone into the 3rd annual Flight of Fancy to make it possible. This year's event is sponsored by: [Kiewit Power](#), [Hawthorne Bank](#), [Paige Technologies](#), [Datacore Marketing](#), [Spin Pizza](#), [Cinematic Occasions](#), and of course the [Metropolitan Community College Longview](#). Without the generous event support of the corporate sponsors none of this would be possible and on behalf of the KCKC I want to personally thank all of them for the support for this wonderful community event.

I really want to encourage everyone to participate in the event and come out and help us keep the event colored with amazing kites and displays in a safe manner. We have an amazing schedule so mark your calendar to attend the pre and post parties as well. Most of the fun is getting to see all of our friends that share in the love and appreciation of kites. For event schedule and related mixer information see below. We hope to see you all later this month for Flights of Fancy 2009 that theme is "the power of wind".

FLIGHTS OF FANCY

- If you have a Flights of Fancy Shirt from last year, please wear it.
- Please RSVP for pre/post events so we can have accurate head counts.
- Access/Roads will be restricted or blocked after 10:30 am. Arrive early!
- We will be setting the field Friday afternoon. If you are available, we would love the help.
- Remember we are all invited guests to private property— please check with Sean to find out where we can park or set kites or banners.
- Please check in FIRST with the KCKC table to get nametags and register. All participants will need to fill out a short bio, and pick up food tickets.

Hotel Information	Super 8 Lees Summit 963 SE Oldham Parkway Lee's Summit, MO 64081 Hwy 50 East & Hwy 291 North 816-524-8863
Friday Night Kite Flyer Mixer 7:30pm -?	Spin Neapolitan Pizza 1808 D NW Chipman Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081 816-246-SPIN (7746) view a map for this location
Breakfast at Perkins 7am-8am	PERKINS 1001 S E Hamblen Road Lees Summit, MO 64081 816-525-0663 view a map for this location
Saturday Night Kite Flyer Post event Mixer 6:00pm -?	Spin Neapolitan Pizza 1808 D NW Chipman Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081 816-246-SPIN (7746) view a map for this location
Kite Event Location	Metropolitan Community College Longview 500 SW Longview Rd, Lees Summit, MO view a map for this location

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.

April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy www.mccflightsoffancy.org

Saturday, April 18 (3rd Saturday in April, as in previous years). Noon to 4 pm. See above for details.

April 25-26, 2009 Chalk Walk

KCKC member Shane Rowse will be helping organize this event in 2009 at the Concourse Park, which is at 200 South Benton, Kansas City, MO, 64124.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26, from 9am until late afternoon each day.

Chalkwalk website: <http://www.chalkwalk.org>

This FREE, family-friendly event--in the tradition of European 16th Century street painting--transforms the dull, grey concrete sidewalks of Concourse Park into colorful, pastel pathways. Kids and parents will join local, amateur and



practicing artists to create everything from temporary chalk "masterpieces" to some colorful games of Tic-Tac-Toe! Chalk Walk Celebrates Creativity and Builds Community! Become a part of our growing tradition in the heart of one of Kansas City's most diverse and historic neighborhoods. Sponsor a Chalk Walk square. Get your hands dirty chalking a square. Be creative in other ways as a festival volunteer. You don't have to be a professional artist or even know much about art to be a part of Chalk Walk in the Historic Northeast. All you need is the desire to have fun and be inspired.

Flying conditions (From off the top of Shane's head):

This is the second year for this really great event. Artists mingle with each other, passers-by from the neighborhood, and visitors from all over Kansas City in an informal creative setting. And, there are really great bands; just to begin with, Fast Johnny Ricker will be playing on Saturday morning, and if you haven't heard him play you don't know what you're missing (ask Scott Weimer). The event is all about the grey concrete of the concourse gradually being washed over with color, and I'm hoping that KCKC can contribute by adding a few kites (or banners!) to the mix. Come prepared to fly, yes, but also to just hang out and enjoy the great vibe.

The Concourse Park area is not tiny but it is small compared to a lot of the places where KCKC flies, and it's surrounded by trees. I've attached an aerial view - in this view, North is at the top of the image. The big white rectangle in the middle is the Concourse Park Fountain. During Chalkwalk the city shuts the fountain off and the artists do their artwork on the concrete surface. A tent for bands is set up south of the fountain area with picnic space between this tent and the



fountain space. This leaves a flying space of about 150' X 150'. Not huge, but big enough for a couple people to fly at a time. Dual line kites, fighters and SLK's on short lines should be able to fly but we will need to be flexible, take turns and go with the flow as the days progress.

May 8-10 2009 Kites Over Grinnell 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park
<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/>

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

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.

May 22-25 Smithville Kite Kamp Out Smithville, MO Memorial Day Weekend!

Be sure to reserve the date! Kamping out with Kites Again!

June 5-7 2009 17th Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival and Competition Topeka, KS

21st and SW Urish Rd (From 470 take 21st street head west to Urish road.) Topeka, KS USA
Twisted Lines is a 2-1/2 day event that will consist of Fun Flies, Sport Kite competition, Fighter Kites, Buggy Blast, will have a kite store and concession, on the field parking. An auction at the indoor fly, which proceeds go to American Diabetes Association. Donations of kite related items and cash will be accepted.

Events are subject to weather conditions. Friday 5pm-? Fun Fly and Night Fly Saturday, 10-4-Fun Fly and Competition, 6-9-Indoor fly and auction for American Diabetes Association. Sunday, 10-4-Fun Fly and Competition This event will be sanctioned by the AKA.

For more information contact Bob Homan E-mail: bjhoman1@cox.net Phone: 1-785-273-3715 or Topeka Kite Fliers <http://www.topekakitefliers.com>

June 6, 2009 2nd Annual EcoFest Waterfall Park 18001 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO 64053 9am-2pm

This was a nice park and a fun, well organized child friendly event. Help us celebrate the opening of Independence's newest park and the 2nd Annual Independence EcoFest. Families will participate in a variety of fun, hands on activities that will entertain and educate. There will be live music, "EcoStreet" characters, exhibits and food. The park is located within walking distance to the new Bass Pro Shop that opened at the NW corner of 291 & Highway 40 (this intersection is just south of 291 & I 70)

June 13-14 2009 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown, ND

A few KCKC members will be traveling to Jamestown this year for this windy festival. Jamestown KiteFest is held at a park with a dedicated Kites Only field with permanent tie downs for the big stuff!

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

Join us at this fun event and get the best seats anywhere for the fireworks! More details later!

September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight Callaway, NE

A relaxed weekend with no schedule, kites and friends.

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

KITES AND KIDS by Dave Ellis aka Kiteguy

.....*This is the third installment provided by Kitemaker Dave Ellis.*

I like paper kites. KISS (Keep It Super Simple)

For many years I taught kite history/building classes to youth around the KC Metro area. We made at least 1000 kites each summer at Pre-School classes, Day care, YMCA, etc. I taught classes in the schools when invited.

In most of my classes I stayed with one kite. It is quick, easy to make, few materials needed, and it always flies! These kites need limited flying area, and the short lines keep the frustrating line tangles down to a minimum. Just the running speed of a child is all the kite needs to go airborne. And children love to run!

This is not my original design (Is there any such thing?) I thought I would share this with you now in case you have a youngster around that would like to make a kite, or two.

Materials needed for each student:

1 sheet of copy paper. 8 ½ X 14 works best.

Crayons At least red, yellow, and orange.

1 staple

1 piece of tape about postage stamp size.

Length of crochet thread, about as long as the student is tall.

Rogallo flying wing kite

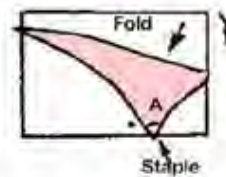
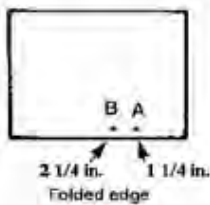
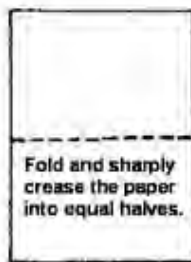
This is an easy kite to make and fly. It does not need a tail, but one may be added for interest. The Kanji writing on the kite translates to 'crazy about kites'. Make a kite of your own and go 'Kite Crazy'.


TAKO KICHI
 Japanese

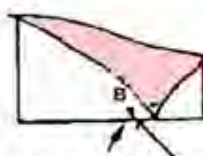

Fung Jung
 Chinese
 Flying Device

Directions:

1. Decorate your kite.
2. Fold the kite in half.
3. Roll the corners down and staple at point A. **DO NOT FOLD FLAT!**
4. Tape a flying line at point B. Thread makes an excellent flying line.
5. Tape a tail on the kite if desired. Tails are not usually necessary on this kite, but sometimes they may be added for decoration purposes.



Roll the corners down on opposite sides, and staple at point A. **DO NOT FOLD.**

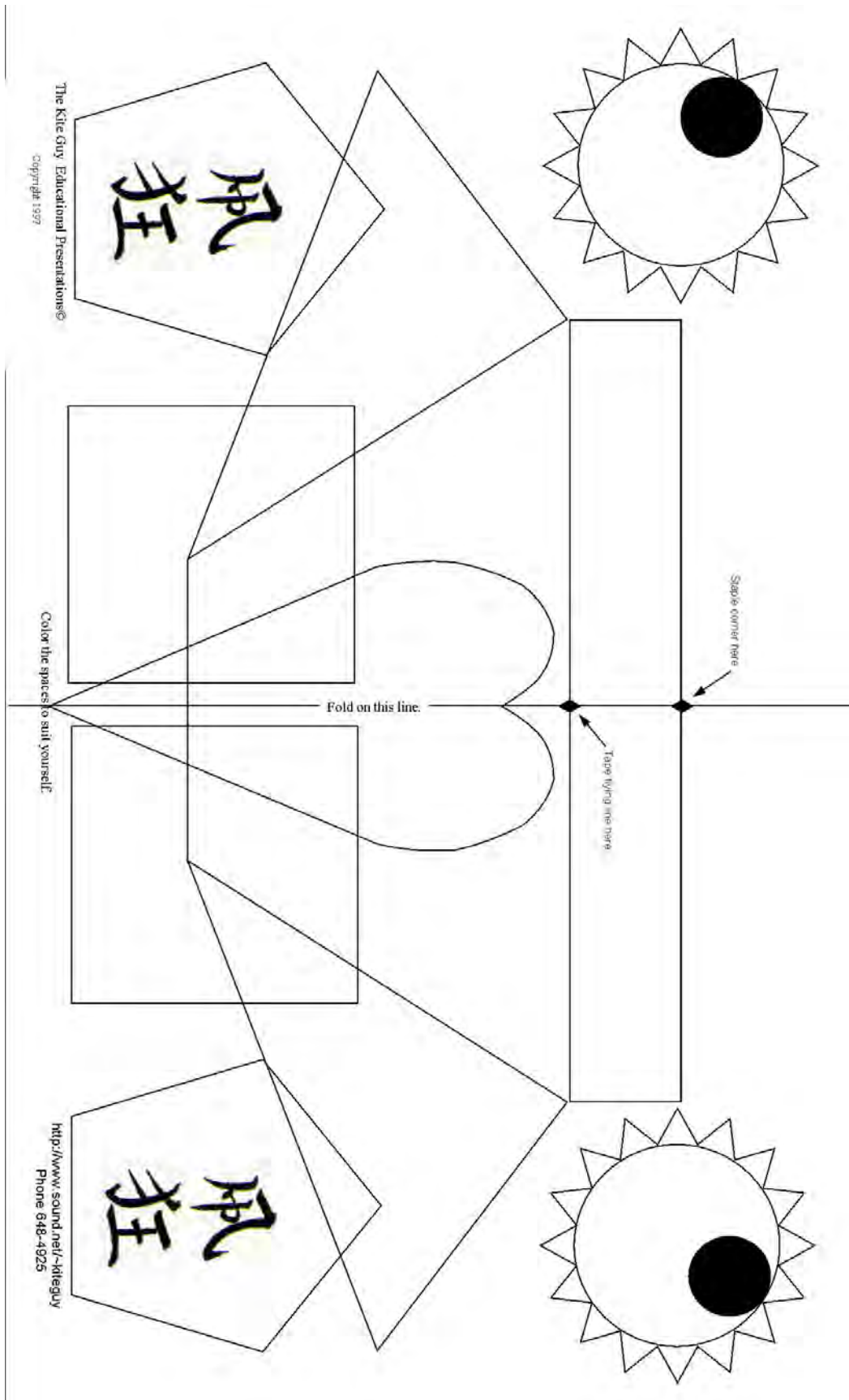


Tape flying line at point B. Thread makes excellent flying line for a kite this size.



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As a reminder any member can submit an article, photo, or idea for this monthly communication tool the KKC uses. We would love to have your contribution.

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