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## SPECIAL EVENTS

# KCKC Holiday Party

January 17th 2009 Members gathered at MCC-Longview to celebrate another successful year. Sean Beaver was re-elected unanimously for another term as President. If you missed attending and volunteering for office—step up. We still have openings for more Board Members who will help guide the club between annual meetings.

Special surprise guests included AKA Region 7 Director Don Murphy and his wife Betty. Half way through the meeting Betty was notified that a new granddaughter was arriving in Omaha, NE. Don and Betty stayed for several more hours, and made it to the hospital about 15 minutes before Jain Jillian Suhr's arrival.

Jill Ladas spoke to the KCKC about the upcoming MCC-Flights of Fancy Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 and unveiled a new website [www.mccflightsoffancy.org](http://www.mccflightsoffancy.org). Please visit MCC's website and watch their video.

## Chuck Blackwell Award 2009

The Chuck Blackwell Award was presented to Linda Larkey. 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. Sean Beaver compiled a Kodak Gallery Photo book of both recent

## NEW OFFICERS

New Officers and Board Members were elected during the business meeting.

Board Members will help guide the club between our yearly meetings through email communications and phone calls.

Officers will carry out Board Members' decisions.

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## 2009 Blackwell Award Nominees:

- Team Larkey (Linda, Randy & Ryan Larkey)
- Gilson Family (Alan, Susie & the girls)
- Chris Clark
- Dave Ellis (Dave has been nominated all 4 years!)



Linda Larkey was presented the Chuck Blackwell Award for 2009. This banner was made by Don Larkie.

and old KKC events to present to Linda, Dave Ellis crafted some miniature kites with Chuck's photo on them, and Don Larkie made a banner appliquéd with the Bouncing Face Balls that Team Larkey have made.

Jill Ladas unveiled MCC-Longview's new website for Flights of Fancy

[www.mccflightsoffancy.org](http://www.mccflightsoffancy.org)



Above: not everyone was interested in the business portion of the meeting.

Right: Our small meeting room was pretty full!

All photos on this page provided by Stephany Rosenholtz



AKA Region 7 Director Don Murphy holding Jain Jillian Suhr born January 17th 2009 7:35 pm, 5 ½ pounds. Jain was good enough to arrive 3 weeks early to accommodate an invitation for the Murphy's to fly in England. Below is International Kiteflier Don at the British Natural History Museum

Photos provided by Betty Murphy



New member Jordan Berry attended a fly in at Arrowhead Stadium. Jordan provided this picture of Susie and Allen G buggying with Power Cat. Jordan is a very talented videographer. Please take time to watch his great video!

Hello,  
Alan, Angie, Sydney, Carrie and I went to Arrowhead Stadium last Sunday.



The KC Kite Club was having a get together... Lots of kites, coffee, and friends!  
The video is really nothing special, just a few clips I captured.. Next time I'll get some more footage.  
I was after all a little emotionally drained after watching Carrie run over my \$4,000 video camera with a van... (the camera is fine) Take care everyone!  
Best regards, Jordan Berry BerryGood Video [www.BerryGoodVideo.com](http://www.BerryGoodVideo.com)

[http://www.berrygoodvideo.com/video\\_player.php?c=kckite&v=kckite\\_1\\_31\\_09&s=big](http://www.berrygoodvideo.com/video_player.php?c=kckite&v=kckite_1_31_09&s=big)

**MEMBER SUGGESTIONS**

Members suggested at the Holiday Party that the KCKC donate some funds to a non-profit association. Please send the association you would like the KCKC to donate funds to and the reason why to the webmaster. Terri will assemble the suggestions and members can vote on line in the future to direct where they would like funds to go. Want it to go to the AKA (American Kitefliers Association), Girl Scouts, Cancer Research, Fox Love Fund for Children? Nominate your favorite charity, tell us why to win our votes, and then be prepared to vote.

**MEMBER NEWS**

Member Johnny Roberts continues to recover from brain surgery for an Arterio-Venous Malformation, or AVM, is an abnormal collection of blood vessels. Please send John your best wishes at:

The University of Kansas Hospital  
KU Med—Room 6109  
Johnny Roberts  
3901 Rainbow Boulevard  
Kansas City, KS 66160

**AKA NEWS**

**National Kite Month is coming!** – Kite Month - April 2009 - is only months away. Now is a good time to start planning kite events for Kite Month and getting them registered. Have you got a proclamation from your Governor or Mayor declaring April as Kite Month? Email Rick Hawkins at [<nationalkitemonth@aka.kite.org>](mailto:nationalkitemonth@aka.kite.org) now to find out how to go about getting your Proclamation.

**Have you seen it yet?** – Re-live your Convention experience at Gettysburg, or see how much fun everyone had there. The Gettysburg Convention DVD, including the North/South Rokkaku battles, is complete and ready for prime time. Get yours at: <http://www.alivearchives.com/> . Only \$25 and shipping is FREE! Thanks to Kurtis Jones, for filming Convention!

**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.**

**February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND**

Clear Lake, IA USA Larry Day E-mail: [kiteman@netins.net](mailto:kiteman@netins.net) Phone: 641-357-5516  
Frozen Ice Kite Fly in downtown Clear Lake, IA. Superbly organized.

A caravan of Kansas City Kiteers will be traveling to Clear Lake for 2009. Please contact Sean Beaver for details.

**March 13-15, 2009 MAKR**

**Still time to register!**

Lorado Taft Field Campus/NIU Oregon, Illinois <http://www.makr.info/>

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.

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, Arch Top 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, and is open now. For more information or to print registration forms go to <http://www.makr.info/>

**April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy** [www.mccflightsoffancy.org](http://www.mccflightsoffancy.org) .

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](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/>

Dick & Sis Vogel [kitesovergrinnell@gmail.com](mailto: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 29-31 Smithville Kite Kamp Out Smithville, MO**  
 Be sure to reserve the date! Kamping out with Kites Again!

**June 5-7 2009 Twisted Lines Topeka, KS**  
 Topeka Kite Festival—more details later!

**June 13-14 2009 15<sup>th</sup> 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**  
 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**

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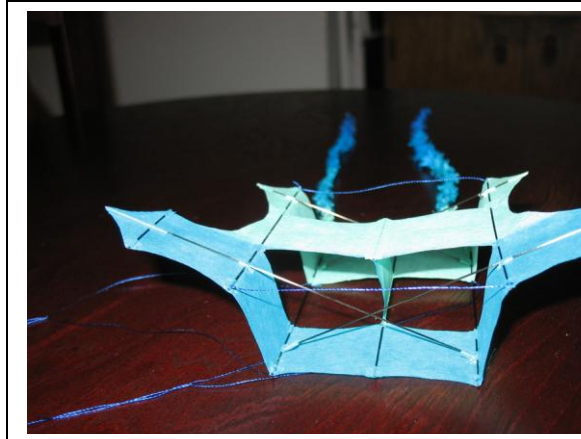
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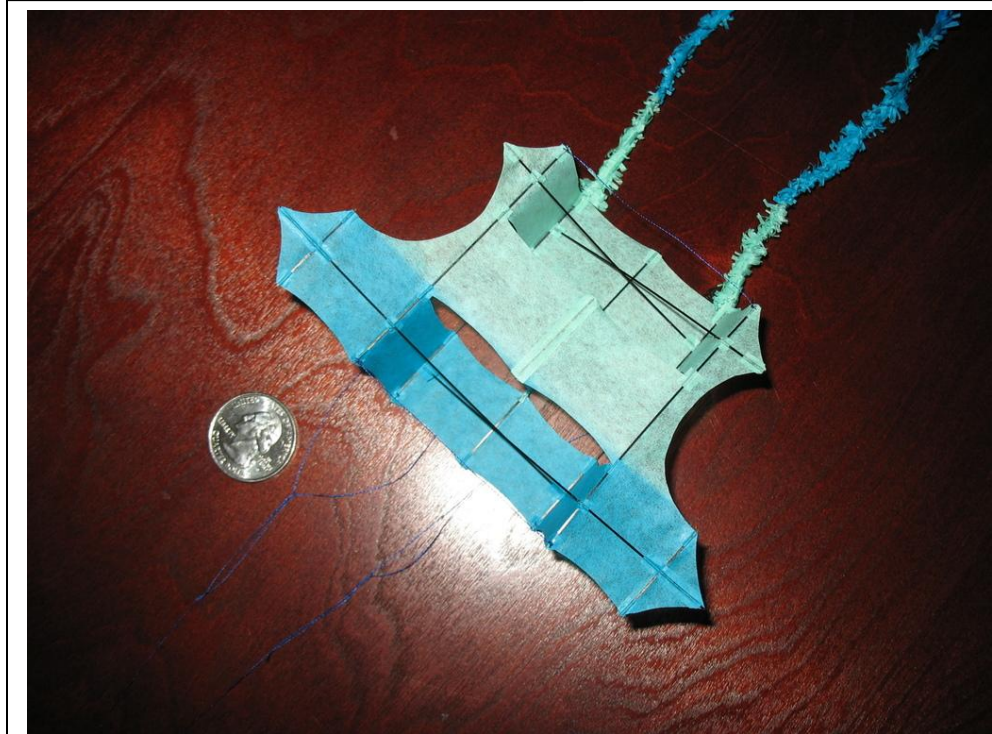
**Kites and Kids.....by Dave Ellis ..... aka Kiteguy**

Kitemaker Dave Ellis has provided a paper kite plan for you to make. The kite will be at the end of this newsletter.



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](mailto: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.

To the left are photos of the amazing miniature Cody that Chris Clark made for the Holiday Auction. Thanks Chris for the photos and the donation!

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

[www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)



***Kite Club with a heart***



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# Make a Heart Kite

By Dave Ellis, Kiteguy

1. Print the kite shape with your printer. Or draw your own. It should be about 8 inches wide.
2. Fold through the exact center of the heart, and cut around the edge of the heart. You want both halves to be the same.
3. Find a long, thin straw. Or use two coffee stir straws like I did.
4. Use a sharp knife or scissors to cut one end of one straw about 1/2 inch deep.
5. Pinch the cut end and roll it between your fingers to make the end small enough to fit into the end of the second straw.
6. Tape the two straws together with a short piece of tape. (Postage stamp size.)
7. Now, place the straw on the back of the kite skin. Put the taped part in the center, about 1/2 inch from the V part of the heart. Cut away the ends of the straw so they are about 3/4 inch from each side.
8. Use another piece of tape to fasten one end of the straw about 1/4 inch from the edge of the heart. Repeat for the other side.
9. For flying use thread. I like to use crochet thread about 30 size. Tape one end of the thread on the back side of the kite so the long end drapes over the edge, in the V part of the heart.
10. Cut the strips at the bottom of the page. They are about 1/2 inch wide and just over 8 inches long. 5 is a good number of tail strips.
11. Glue the strips end to end to form a long ribbon.
12. Tape the long ribbon to the point end of the kite/ Valentine Heart.

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There you go, a special Valentine for a special someone! You will seldom see someone flying a Valentine!!