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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

Member Johnny Roberts continues hospitalization and recovery from brain surgery for an Arterio-Venous Malformation, or AVM, an abnormal collection of blood vessels. Cards can be sent Johnny Roberts % Linda Stratman 307 S Fairview Ave Liberty, MO

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>

EVENTS IN REVIEW

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

Wow! Wild winds on Saturday outside with KCKC members Laurie Gilson and Steve Batliner



giving kite flying demos to entertain the crowds. This was Laurie's first time in the demo spotlight and she did a GREAT job! Susie Gilson took a turn at announcing. If you haven't been to this festival you are missing one of the best in the mid-west. Outdoor flying, single, sport, team and indoor flying at the same location. Grinnell also hosts an AKA indoor competition—the only one in the Midwest. Winners were:

Open Individual Indoor
 Unlimited Ballet

1. Chris Rizzuto
2. Craig Wilson
3. Donna Houchins
4. Doug Hoffman
5. Ryan Larkey
6. Dale Bowden

Craig Wilson, indoor flyer and KAP photographer flew a MEGA TRUSS, and flew other indoor kites on roller blades. He also displayed his KAP book.





Above, Don Murphy on the field.

Left, An example of the bumpy wind conditions that plagued flyers.



Kites Over Grinnell

Thursday, May 14 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Iola, KS Allen Community College 1801 North Cottonwood, Iola, Kansas 66749 Demo for Operation Safe Base, an after school program in Linda Larkey's hometown. Sean, Stephany, Ryan and Linda went down for the demo. Randy met us there for wrap up. Low winds kept most of Sean's kites on the ground, but we did have (barely) enough wind to mostly inflate the Giant Windsock. The kids were entertained with Ryan's Syncro and a Low wind Rev, bols, and tube tails on a stick. Amazingly, for a 4 pm demo Iola fielded around 300-500 spectators counting in the line of traffic. That is larger than some Festivals! Safe Base brought in 250 kids that filled one whole bleacher, and the public filled the other bleacher along with quite a few blankets and chairs. Below are links to the Iola Register and photos.

<http://www.iolaregister.com/Local%20News/Stories/GiantkitestoflyhereThursday.html>

<http://www.iolaregister.com/Local%20News/Stories/Lightbreezegroundskites.html>



Crowds at the Iola Demo numbered around 500. Wish we had five more MPH of wind!



Above, Sean tries to coax his K State Kitty Cat into the air at the Iola Demo.



Above, Iola Safe Base Demo

May 16th, 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival KC Kite Club once again provided ground display for the 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival. This is a really neat craft event for those of you not familiar with the Festival.

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

Kamping out with Kites Again!—No Pictures, but lots of fun had despite low winds. Plan on attending next year!

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.

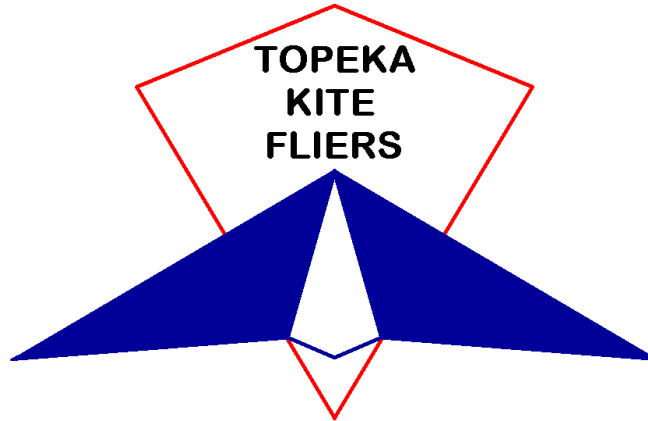
June 5-7 2009 17th Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival and Competition Topeka, KS

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 completion, 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>



The 17th Annual Twisted Lines Kite Festival

June 5, 6 and 7 21st and Urish

Friday 5pm till? (Night fly)

Saturday 10 am- 4pm

6pm - 9pm Topeka West Gym

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Kite store, t-shirts, competition, demos Buggy races, kite auction, and candy drops

Proceeds go to American Diabetes Association

Contact: John Marr 246-0836

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 Ark Air Museum Spring Kite Fest (Ark Air Museum Kite Fest) Next to the Washington Co. Fairgrounds 2536 McConnell Ave Fayetteville, AR USA This is a family fun fly.

We are giving the Dermer Sled kite to all kids. We also have free ice cream for the kids as well as free snack cakes . The 16 acre field is located off Exit 112 off I-540 in northwest Arkansas. The event is actually in Fayetteville. Expecting AKA kites from MO, OK, KS, and AR. CONTACT WARREN JONES E-mail: warren.jones1@cox.net Phone: 479-841-3791

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 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

KITES AND KIDS by Dave Ellis aka Kiteguy

.....*This is the fifth installment provided by Kitemaker Dave Ellis. Dave has just returned from Paris where he visited his new grandbaby.*

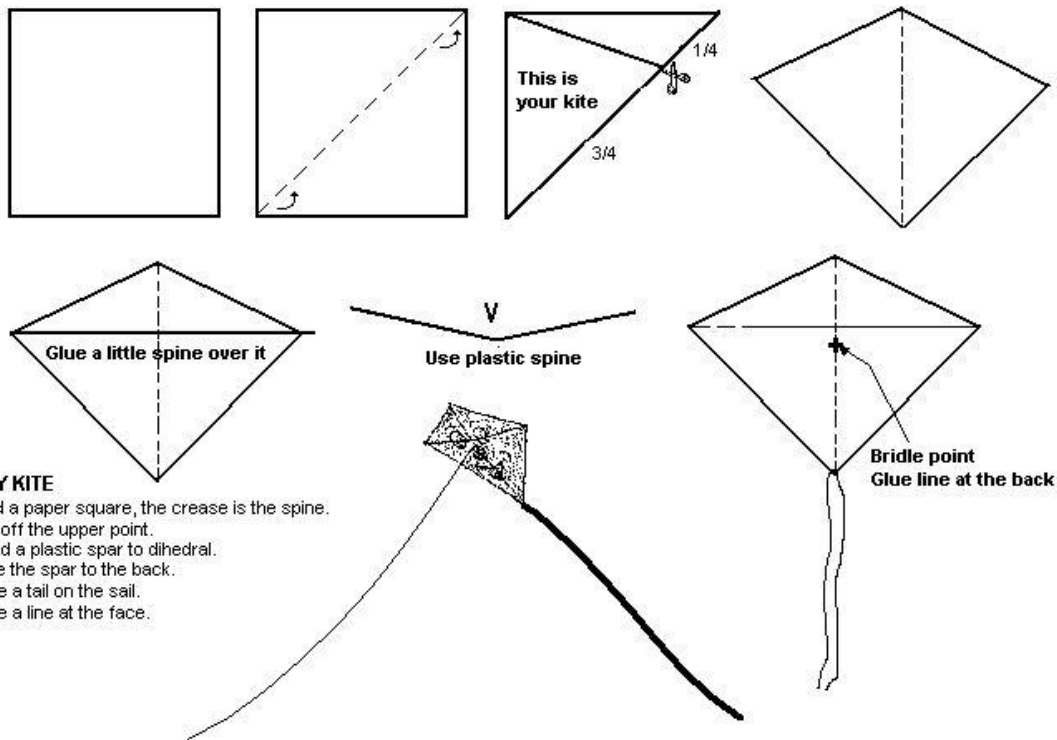
Kite making project. Designed by Ton Vinken

It can be small, smaller, or smallest.

Use a square piece of paper to make this kite. It can be scaled up, or down. About 2 inch square is as large as you would want. You can go as small as you can, but will have to thin down your flying line. One square inch kite is a good size.

Use just a strand pulled from thread for the flying line on the smaller size kites. Thread makes a good tail.

I make this kite by putting in no spars at all. Just crease the paper which stiffens the paper to form spars.



EDDY KITE

- 1 Fold a paper square, the crease is the spine.
- 2 Cut off the upper point.
- 3 Bend a plastic spar to dihedral.
- 4 Glue the spar to the back.
- 5 Glue a tail on the sail.
- 6 Glue a line at the face.

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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!
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www.kckiteclub.org