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### SPECIAL EVENTS

Check out our upcoming event section!!!!

### MEMBER SUGGESTIONS

Members suggested at the Holiday Party that the KCKC donate some funds to a non-profit association. We asked that you send the association you would like the KCKC to donate funds to and the reason why to the webmaster.

We received one nomination—the Fox 4 Love Fund for Children. They are an excellent association that covers many children's needs in the Kansas City area.

Are there any other nominations?

### 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. Cards can be sent Johnny Roberts % Linda Stratman 307 S Fairview Ave Liberty, MO 64068

### 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.



<http://www.lovefundforchildren.com/4entry.htm>

The *Fox 4 Love Fund for Children* was established to improve the quality of life for children in need, ages 18 and under, in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area, when funding from other sources is not available. Abuse counseling, durable medical equipment, eye exams & glasses, school uniforms, beds & cribs, personal hygiene items, clothes & shoes...



### EVENTS IN REVIEW

**February 21, 2009 COLOR THE WIND** was very windy this year. The event had to be had at an alternate location due to ice conditions. The winds gusted up to 35 MPH, and wind chill was well below 0\*. The lack of kites only reduced the turnout by about a ¼--still a great many people came out to see the kites. Since none of the large show kites were able to be out, everyone who came knew

about the event from years past. Above, Don Murphy had his Caterpillar out, and to the right everyone enjoyed the after party at the "Barn" with pizza and conversation.

Cold, but a well run, fun event! Put it on your list for 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.**

**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).

**Mark Your Calendar: 2009 Flights of Fancy!**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2009**  
**Noon to 4 p.m.**

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

**PLEASE  
 EMAIL  
 TERRI THE  
 WEBMASTER  
 ASAP IF YOU  
 PLAN ON  
 ATTENDING  
 ANY OF  
 THESE  
 EVENTS SO  
 THAT WE  
 CAN HAVE  
 AN  
 ACCURATE  
 HEADCOUNT**

**FRIDAY, April 17th, 2009**

1pm-4pm	Field prep—exact times to be announced.
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Opening evening kite flyer and sponsor MIXER <b>Welcome &amp; Keynote Address: Sean Beaver,          KCKC &amp; Flights of Fancy III</b>  <b>Location: Spin Pizza Lee's Summit, MO</b>

**Hotel Information**

**Super 8  
 Lee's Summit**

Block Room Rates:  
 (Based on Double  
 Occupancy)

\$65 for 2 people  
 (per room)  
 \$75 for 4 people  
 (per room)

**Block  
 Rooms are  
 held until  
 3/31/09**

**Contact Terri  
 KCKC  
 Webmaster for  
 more info or to  
 reserve your  
 room**

[view a map for this location](#)

**SATURDAY, April 18th, 2009**

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Flyers Breakfast and Safety Meeting to follow <b>Location: Perkins Lee’s Summit, MO</b>
8:15 am – 11:59 am	<b>Event set up</b> <b>Location: Metropolitan Community College Lee’s Summit, MO</b>
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Flights of Fancy event opens to the public
4:01 pm – 5:30 pm	Flights of Fancy event wrap up and break down
6:00 pm – when ever	Post event mixer sponsors, flyers, and college representatives <b>Location: Spin Pizza Lee’s Summit, MO</b>

**Note: All mixer and the breakfast event are individual responsibility for costs**

**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

2009 Schedule
<b>April 18, 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy</b> <b>April 25-26 Chalk Walk</b>
<b>May 8-10 2009 8th Annual Kites Over Grinnell</b> <b>May 16 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek</b> <b>May 29-31 Smithville Kite Kamp Out</b>
<b>June 5-7 2009 Twisted Lines</b> <b>June 13-14 2009 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown, ND</b>
<b>July 3-4 Riverfest</b>
<b>September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight</b> <b>September 26, 2009 KITE WEDDING SMITHVILLE LAKE</b>
<b>October 5-10 2009 AKA National Convention Rochester, MN</b> <b>October 11 2009 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2008</b> <b>One Sky One World</b> <b>October 17, 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest</b>

**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 kilters.

**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**

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

# Shamrock kite



A series of horizontal green lines for writing, consisting of 10 lines.

NOTE The building of this kite uses the very same directions as the Valentine kite published last month.

The flying line is positioned at the little dot just above/between the eyes. I thread the line through to the back with a needle. Then the line is taped to the back side, as are the ends of the cross spar.

The color of my model is off, as my printer ran out of yellow ink. Sorry about that.

