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SPECIAL EVENTS

The KCKC often has requests for smaller scale demos. If you can help, please email Sean and let him know what type/locations you would be able to do.

MEMBER NEWS

Member Johnny Roberts continues to recover 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 64068 in isolation due to an intestine infection. John has just been moved to:

Manor Care (Health Services / Nursing and Rehabilitation)
5211 West 103rd Street
Overland Park, Ks. 66207

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FLIGHTS OF FANCY COMMENTS.....

Please extend my thanks to your wonderful announcer...Many people commented that her remarks added so much to the festival. After all, we are an educational institution, and we like the idea of educating our audiences--even when they're having fun!

By the way, Allan Gray, the Lee's Summit councilman who presented the proclamation from the city, commented to me that he considers Flights of Fancy to be the "jewel" of Lee's Summit festivals--the best organized and the most fun.

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Jill Ladas
Community Outreach Manager
Hello, Flights of Fancy-lovers!

Estimates from the city road counters are in (thank you, Rich!). We counted about 7,500 parking on campus, not counting those who parked off campus, bringing our total to what we can comfortably say is 8,000!

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Thank you so much again for your help and support! We're already looking forward to next year!

Have a great day!

Nicole A. Fritz
Public Information Coordinator
MCC-Longview Public Relations

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

EVENTS IN REVIEW

April 15, 2009 Kaleidoscope Recharge Demo

<http://www.hallmarkkaleidoscope.com/>



The Wednesday before Flights of Fancy Sean and Stephany did a demo at Liberty Memorial at Kaleidoscope's request as a "creative recharge". The emails at the side are just some of the positive comments that were generated. As usual when you display large kites, crowds gather. Remember, this was the day of the tax "Tea Party" at Liberty Memorial. Sean's demo started with employees of Hallmark's Kaleidoscope, but ended up with the start of the estimated 4000-5000 crowd for the Tea Party. Page 3 also has photos of the demo.

Kaleidoscope: Here are just a few comments I received through email:

Please let Sean know I really enjoyed his presentation and all the great information he shared with us. He had a great attitude and his kites were amazing! I took several photos and showed my husband, so we are going to try to go to the kite day on Saturday at Longview. It looks like a lot of FUN!!!! Hopefully the weather will be as nice as yesterday.

Kite day was enjoyable and informative. I really appreciate the How to Fly a Kite and Kites in the Classroom information Sean gave to us. I want to spend time with that information and think about how best to share it with Kaleidoscope participants.

Um, His enthusiasm was infectious. He had a lot of great information and I think their group could cross promote with us around kites. A summer kite project area for parents and kids could be a fun thing to do for next summer sessions. It would be fun to make a ripstop nylon exhibit or inflatable environment and bring in Sean to introduce his work with the paper mechanics group at Hallmark. That meeting could inspire the paper mechanics people to create a more sophisticated kite or windsocks and serve as a creative renewal for them.

MCC- LONGVIEW

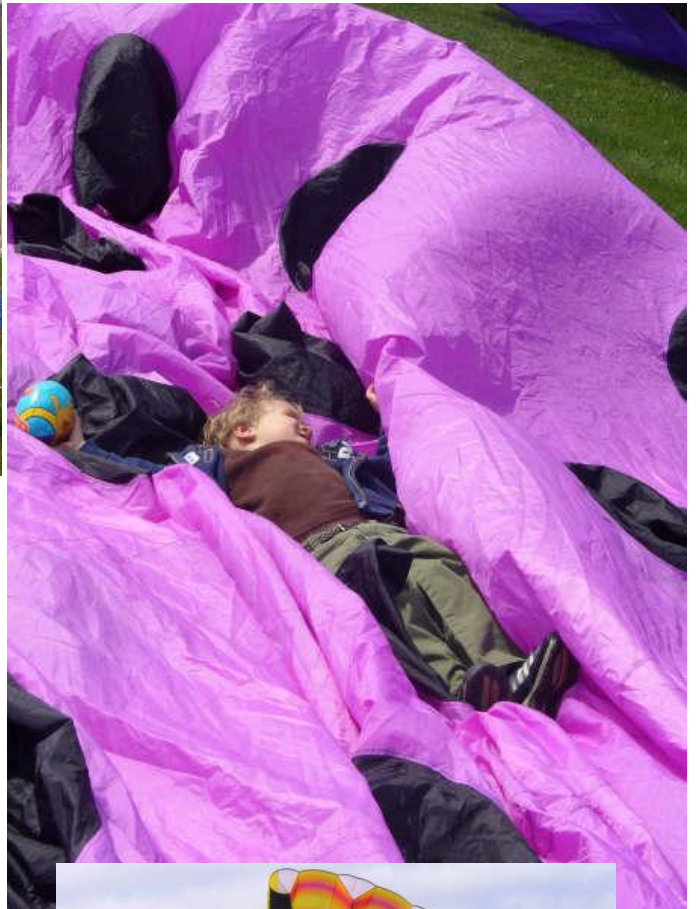
by Laurie
Gilson

In the morning at Longview, it rained a lot for about three hours. The field got very wet. The rain stopped at about noon. There were lots of people even though it had rained. Susie Gilson made the announcements and she did a good job. Sean brought the world's largest spin sock and I (Laurie Gilson) made reports. Being the Reporter was great! I got to meet new people and learn about new kites. My favorite kite was the parrot. It was unique and I had never seen one. There were at least five huge kites in the air. It was very colorful! It looked like everyone had fun and the sky was kite-filled. Banners were everywhere!



Photos by the Gilsons

Top MEGA SOCK—the BEST colors!
Middle Lots of kites in a grey sky!
Bottom Laurie (Left) and sister Lizzie (Right)
resting after the festival.



Above and side, Kaleidoscope Demo photos

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

Forecasts changed to include a morning of heavy rain, clearing just before 11:30. When the rain stopped organizers hit top speed trying to get everything up and flying.





April 25-26, 2009 Chalk Walk

KKCC member Shane Rowse was helping organize this event at the Concourse Park, which is at 200 South Benton, Kansas City, MO, 64124. Shane recaps....

Saturday Steve Batliner put on quite a show and made some great impressions for the club and for ChalkWalk, and the KKCC banners went a long way in dressing up the park. On Sunday Dan Stitt joined Steve, and Sean came out in the morning to let the kids play with his caterpillar.

A friend of Marianne Rowse's, Nancy Shuert, was attending the event. Nancy is an Art Institute alum, and we talked her into doing the KCKC square. She came up with a really nice design off the top of her head that referenced the flying man at the end of Steve's Red/White/Blue kite tail and also featured a tree full of kites. Photo below.



Here are a couple of links to albums Shane posted on Facebook for the two days of ChalkWalk. These links should work even if you aren't a Facebook user.

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2011384&id=1285691232&l=2cd434380b>

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2011453&id=1285691232&l=5fb145069a>

KCKC's participation added a whole new element to ChalkWalk that made it more engaging for everyone involved and more memorable for everyone who attended. I hope that HNCAC can find a way to return the favor, and hope that KCKC will be able to participate in ChalkWalk again next year.

Best,

Shane



Linda and Randy said "It was a really fun event to go to—the second day you saw all kinds of chalk kites drawn around the concourse. The kites really had a positive impact on the participants."

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.

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

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. Linda can't get off work to go, so Sean and Steph are heading this up.

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 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

KITES AND KIDS by Dave Ellis aka Kiteguy

.....This is the fourth installment provided by Kitemaker Dave Ellis. Please remember this is not late, perhaps it is just very early! Dave is currently in Paris visiting his new grandbaby.



**Banner Kite
Presented by
Dave Ellis
2009
KCKCKB**

1. Print out the picture of this kite on regular copy paper.
2. Cut the banner kite on the outline. You may remove the banner pole.
3. Crease the kite on the line down the center. Unfold it slightly to form a dihedral. It should form a shallow V form.
4. Fold the top of the kite back on the lint through the butterfly head. Unfold it slightly to a shallow V shape, as well.
5. Fasten a single point bridle where the lines cross. You may use clear tape to hold in place, or run your thread through a hole where the lines cross, and tape it to the backside of the kite.
6. Your kite is now ready to fly. You may want to add a tail so it can fly in faster wind speeds.
7. Tail material is included in this pattern. Use as much as needed to keep the kite flying as you like.

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May 2, 2009

Kids and Kites

**Mayor Daley's
Kite Festival
Chicago**

Sean and
Stephany
traveled to
Chicago over
the first
weekend in
May to attend
Mayor Daley's
Kite Festival in
Chicago.





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