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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, please check the schedule for conflicting events, and remember, weather and life permitting, we hope to see you there.

Holiday Party Updates

Saturday, Feb. 13th 11-3pm at Minsky's Pizza 427 Main Street, Kansas City, MO

This year we will be meeting at Minsky's Pizza downtown in a reserved meeting room. We plan on enjoying another great slide show, and pizza. In a departure from past years, we WILL NOT HAVE A RAFFLE/AUCTION. Instead, we will have door prizes for those members attending. Please have your nominations for the 2010 Chuck Blackwell Award emailed to the KCKC website by February 5th. Please join us in discussion of our past events, and most importantly, our future events. Without willing volunteers many opportunities for demos have to be declined. Please make your voice heard.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us in a big thank you to Stephany and Jessie for volunteering to head the Holiday Party!!!!!!!

SATURDAY

FEB 13TH 2010

11AM-3PM

Minsky's Pizza

www.minskys.com

427 Main Street
Kansas City, MO
64105-1223

More details next issue....please save the date and plan to join us.

2010 CHUCK BLACKWELL AWARD

The Kansas City Kite Club is now accepting nominations for the 5th Chuck Blackwell Award, a tradition that began in November 2006. Please email nominations to the KCKC website by February 5, 2010.

The Chuck Blackwell Award will be presented to a Kansas City Area Kiter who best demonstrates the outstanding traits that Chuck Blackwell (1958-2005) exemplified. 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.

All KCKC Members in good standing will be allowed to cast ballots for one nominee at the Holiday Party. In case of a tie, the highest-ranking Executive Member present will cast the tiebreaking vote.

Chuck Blackwell Award

2006 Bob Rule
2007 Sean Beaver
2008 Don Larkie
2009 Team Larkey

STEVE BATLINER NOMINATION: I would like to nominate Steve Batliner for the Blackwell Award. Steve has been nominated nearly every year for his contributions to the Kansas City Kite Club. He is one of the first kites on the field, one of the last off, and manages to attend nearly all events. In addition to that—he flies non-stop. Just awesome. I can spend hours watching Steve do “tornados” and interact with the crowds that gather to watch his awesome talent of kite flying. Steve readily engages interested spectators who want to know more, and always is ready to help someone learn sport kite flying, or experience single line kite fun. Steve’s passion for kiting reminds me of Chuck, and truly deserves our support for the Blackwell Award 2010.

Linda Larkey

AKA (American Kitefliers Association)

<http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/images/celebrate.jpg>

National Kite Month will be here before we know it and April is just around the corner. The NKM committee led by Andy Selzer has announced a poster contest. This year National Kite Month will run from March 27th till May 2nd, 2010. To kick this off, the AKA is announcing a little contest.

Design the 2010 NKM Poster and win a \$100.00. Send entries or questions to: Admin@NationalKiteMonth.org. The purpose of this poster is to make it available to all those who want it, it will be on the NKM website to be downloaded and used where appropriate.

1. size 8 ½" x 11"
2. Color is preferred
3. Preferred format is .doc or .jpg. Leave space at the bottom so that the time, date, location and name of the event could be written or typed in
4. logos that should be included are: National Kite Month, American Kitefliers Association, Kite Trade Association, and Sponsor(s) if any
5. All entries must be the original art work of the entrant, received no later than **March 1st, 2010** and become the property of the American Kitefliers Association.

Besides the poster contest, the logo contest for the Seaside convention being held October 11-16 is still open. Complete details are on the Kite Talk Forum, or in the last issue of Kiting. The winner receives a free registration to convention, worth about \$200. And, there are raffle tickets available, only \$1, to win a free registration. Contact your regional director, Marla Miller, or the office to purchase tickets. Take the time now to save those days on your vacation calendar.

Visit [National Kite Month](http://www.nationalkitemonth.org) on the web.

National Kite Month Is Sponsored By:





If you would like to provide a stick kite to hang from the ceiling of Bartle Hall, please bring your kite to the Holiday Party at Minsky's Pizza.

The Water Garden Society is designing a booth featuring outdoor play. They plan on hanging an assortment of kites from the ceiling.

We will need to deliver the kites to Bartle Hall Monday February 15th at 8am at the south door if you are available to help. Let us know at the Holiday Party.

It is really amazing to watch the event start to take shape. They open the big doors, trucks roll in, front loaders move pallets of rock and building materials, and in a matter of hours the booths begin.

WHEN: Friday through Sunday, February 19-21, 2010

WHERE: Kansas City Convention Center - Bartle Hall

TIMES: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

ADMISSION: \$10 General Admission

\$9 Seniors/Students

Children 12 and under FREE with adult admission

Save \$2 off General Admission at the box office by showing your Price Chopper Shopper Card!

The KCKC has once again been asked to provide kites to decorate the booth designed by the Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City (www.kcwatergardens.com) at the Greater Kansas City Home Show and Kansas City Flower, Lawn & Garden Show at Bartle Hall February 19-21, 2010

9th Annual Color the Wind Kite Festival

Clear Lake, Iowa--Downtown Seawall Saturday, February 20, 2010

11 am to 4 pm

This event is a unique fly on a FROZEN lake. The contrast between the white landscape and the colorful kites are really amazing. Currently Clear Lake has 18-20 inches of ice and looks like the location once again will be in front of the seawall. This means that spectators can use the Lakeview Room. The Lakeview Room is a community building with a panoramic view to the Lake. Summers showcase sailboats on the lake, but during Color The Wind, this building allows spectators to get in out of the cold, unbundle the layers needed, and take a break while seeing the kites soar over the ice.

Once again, serious kite fliers from 8 states will converge on Clear Lake.

Others, including the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) President Barb Meyer, will fly their own creations along with a huge variety of single line kites. Wind and weather permitting, you will see the biggest and best display!

Music and Kite Ballet

"Mr. Kite" from Minnesota will be at CTW to keep the music going all day long and "Fire and Ice", the kite flying duo of Paul Koepke and Kathy Brinnehl, will perform their kite ballets choreographed to the music. Fire and Ice earned second place in this year's AKA Sport kite national competition in the Masters Pairs Dual-line Precision category.

PLUS-- I80 Go! will perform their exciting sport kite routines. This team performs with "quads" (four line kites) and are amazing with their precision! Both teams will entertain off and on all day long.

Displays in Lakeview Room

Tom Cross has a passion for anything to do with kites and his interest was highlighted in the most recent edition of Kiting magazine. His collection of antique postcards includes cards from France 1904-1906, Germany 1906, Netherlands 1950's, and China 1900, Japan 1930 and the USA 1900. This collection was an award winner at the Twin Cities Post Card Show.

You can see Tom's collection of postcards, scrapbooks and much other kite related memorabilia in the Lakeview Room all day. Larry's scrapbook and kite slideshow can also be viewed in the Lakeview Room.

Kites Available for Purchase

Ann and Tony Killip will have a large variety of kites available for purchase all day in the Lakeview Room. Stop in to warm up, see the displays and then buy your own kite and join the fun out on the flying field!

Hot Food and Beverages Available on Site

The Back Yard Deli lunch wagon will be serving hot chili or sandwiches, hot cocoa and coffee all day. In addition, Kettle Corn will be available for you! You're welcome to take your purchases into the Lakeview room to sit down, warm up and enjoy your meal!

Watch the website (www.colorthewind.org) for changes in schedule or location or call Larry Day @ (641)-529-0693 or Kay Day @ (641)-357-5516.

Color The Wind organizers have arranged discount lodging at the following locations:

AmericInn Lodge & Suites

1406 North 25th Street
Clear Lake, IA 50428

(641) 357-8954
Fax: (641) 357-8956

www.americinnclearlakeia.com

Microtel Inn

1305 North 25th Street
Clear Lake, IA 50428

(641) 357-0966
Fax: (641) 357-0967

www.microtelinnclearlakeia.com

KITE PARTY

If you plan on attending **COLOR THE WIND** please contact Larry Day (641-529-0693). **COLOR THE WIND** has **KITER** mixers both before and after the event. Call to find out details.

Larry Day @ (641)-529-0693

Kite Design Contest 2010, Springfield, MO

Deadline: Friday March 5, 2010

Celebrate the Cherry Blossom Kite Festival 2010 (Saturday March 27) by entering the Kite Art Design Contest!

Age Categories

- K - 1.
- 2 - 3,
- 4 - 5

Award Categories

- Most Artistic
- Most Japanese
- Most Humorous

Paper size: 8.50 x 11 (Template will be available soon)

Media: Any

Note: Draw your design on the Template. You do not build a kite for this contest.

Deadline: Friday March 5, 2010

All entries must be postmarked or dropped off by March 5, 2010

to: Springfield Regional Arts Council 411 N. Sherman Parkway Springfield, MO 65802

All winners will be display and will be announced at the Kite Festival on Saturday March 27 (Rain date Sunday March 28) at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Noon.

There will be first, second and third place winner for each age category. and five best in show award will be given.

for more information, call 417-862-2787

CHALK WALK KC

April 24-25 Chalk Walk

CHALK WALK Festival in the Historic Northeast on The Concourse www.chalkwalk.org

Once again this year KCKC is invited to fly kites at this neighborhood event. Space is limited. Contact Shane @ rowse@earthlink.net for more info to this event.

When: 2nd Annual

April 24th & 25th, 2010 Saturday and Sunday 9:00AM to 5:00PM each day

Where:

200 South Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri on The Concourse Park, by the Kennedy Memorial and the historic Kansas City Museum.

CHALK WALK

April 24-25 2010

What will be happening during the weekend?

- *Children's Chalk Area*
- *National Youth Service Day*
- *Chalk a Cow or Van!*
- *FREE Storytelling*
- *Live entertainment*

KITES OVER ROUTE 66

**Joplin, Missouri
24 - 25 April, 2010**

Greg Begey (gbegey@hotmail.com) is the organizer of an event in Joplin, MO. He invites all area kites to attend:

Hello everyone -

* To those of you who have NOT heard of, or received any information about the 2nd annual KITES OVER ROUTE 66 festival, let's try to bring you up to date with some of the particulars.

* Kite fest will be a 2 day, AKA sanctioned event, with AKA President Barbara Meyer and past AKA President Richard Dermer in attendance for both days.

Pres. Meyer and her husband will be arriving here Friday the 23d of April, after a 12 hour or more drive from Minnesota. They will be staying thru until Monday and head out. Richard and his wife will most likely arrive at oh-dark-early Saturday morning to get his AKA recruitment tent and youth kite making tent(s).

The fest will be held on a 50 plus acre FLAT field, located adjacent to the new Joplin Athletic Complex on west 1st street. The field is just about 2-3 blocks north of historic Route 66. Again, Doug Joyce (Joplin's Parks & Recreation Director) and his crew will have the field all prepared for use. They did an

LAWRENCE, KS DEMO OPPROTUNITY IN MAY

Any members want to head this up?

I'm a board member for The Percolator art space in Lawrence, KS (<http://lcava.org/>) and we're working on preparing a exhibition which involves art and air coming up in May (or so). We'd love to have kites or a kite event be a part of this in some way and I wanted to touch base with someone there to talk a little about possibilities. Maybe a workshop? Demonstration? Something else?

Please let me know who the right person to talk to is and let's see if we can make some connections.

Thanks!

Jessica

email www.lcava.org , or
www.kckiteclub.org for more
contact info

amazing job last year! More than enough room for SLK's, duals, quads, fighters, sleds, buggies and whatever else you can get in the air.

* Vince Lindstrom (Director Convention & Visitors Bureau) is still hard at work, getting the mass kite fly along the 2000 plus mile length of Route 66 to come together. He is getting great feedback from cities along the "Mother Road".

The mass kite fly along 66, will be held at 8:00 am Pacific time, 9:00 Mountain time and 10:00 am Central time. More details on this will be coming. This is starting to gain national attention, and Joplin will be the hub for this first 2000 mile long event.

* Last year's kites from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas will be coming back again for an even bigger event this year.

* Will be sending out a driving instructions (with those helpful hints) to get you to the field.

* As information comes in it will be sent out to you. Will be listing the event on the AKA calendar this week.

Questions - email me and I'll get you an answer.

Greg Begey gbegey@hotmail.com

Kites Over Grinnell, Grinnell, IA

Dates, June 4, 5 & 6—at the High School this year, not the Ahrens Park, but at the High School. Same set up—Outdoor flying right by the indoor events. In addition to KOG, Grinnell will have two grand openings—a Skate Park designed by Tony Hawk, and a Water Park. They will also have a Little League Baseball Tournament at Ahrens Park with over 50 teams. This means rooms need to be reserved

EARLY. There may be a separate area for show kites close to the event but with more visibility from the interstate.

A different Festival than last year....but the same...

Sis says...

"It (Kites Over Grinnell) is now being sponsored by the city through the Chamber Office.

The info: Dates, June 4, 5 & 6. On the 4th, there will be a street dance, beer tent, kid's area & stores open all downtown. (We are working to get vouchers for kite fliers for free food that night but don't have that answer quite yet.) If that doesn't work out, we may simply invite all fliers to our house for a bite before heading downtown. There is some "on the street" quad line flying planned.

Sat. & Sun. will be flying at the field - high school this year instead of the regular Ahrens Park Field. There will be sites for sport/stunt kite flying, MEGA kites, single line & open community flying.

Inside the school will be indoor demonstrations & possible indoor competition as well as a kite art gallery (we invite all fliers to bring & display their specialty kites that they do not plan to fly that day)

We are also inviting KAP folks to display & sell if they wish & we MIGHT have the indoor memorabilia display again.

In addition, it is the opening weekend of the Grinnell Water Park - again, not big in comparison to larger communities, but nothing to sneeze at. AND, beginning on June 3 & running through the weekend, there is a Little League Baseball Tournament at Ahrens Park. There are over 50 teams involved & the folks have been asked to leave the baseball area when their teams are not actually playing & they all need someplace to go. :-)

Where to go? The High School for our festival, south across the street to the new Waterpark and east across the street to the Skate Park. By the way, the high school is just a block from our house so everyone can have a private stopover area during the festival.

Thanks for all you do!!" Sis & Dick

The reason for the change of site for KOG is an exciting one. That weekend (June 4-6th) is also the date of the Grand Opening of the Grinnell Skate Park. It is a small one, but was designed by **Tony Hawk** & we have been told that *barring any complications*, Tony Hawk will be there.

Sis Vogel

2010 KITE EVENTS

If you would like to plan a kite weekend for 2010, please keep these dates in mind. Remember dates/events may change closer to event time. Please check with event organizer for more information.

- February 13 2010 Holiday Party Minsky's Pizza 427 Main KC** www.minskys.com
February 20 2010 COLOR THE WIND Clear Lake IA www.colorthewind.org
March 12-14 2010 Kite Party 8 Huntington Beach CA www.kiteparty.t35.com
March 19-21st 2010 28th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference www.kitemakers.org
April 3 2010 Glenview IL www.chicagokite.com
April 17 2010 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy www.mccflightsoffancy.org
April 24-25 2010 Chalk Walk www.chalkwalk.org
April 24-25 2010 Kites Over Route 66 Joplin, MO Greg Begey gbegey@hotmail.com
April 25th 2010 Possible Kite Festival in Hutchinson, KS www.hutchrec.com
May 2 Mayer Daley's Kids and Kites Montrose IL www.chicagokite.com
May 15 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek www.merriam.orgparkEventsturkey-creek-festival.htm
May 22-23rd Kite Hill Vineyards Carbondale IL www.kitehillvineyards.com
May 28-31st 2010 Smithville Kite Kamp Out Smithville Lake www.kckiteclub.org
June 4-6 2010 10th Annual Kites Over Grinnell www.kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com
June 5 2010 Outta Sight Kite Festival Kenosha WI www.ikeclub.org
June 5-6th 2010 Naperville Kite Festival Naperville IL www.chicagokite.com
June 12-13 2010 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown ND www.wingsonstrings.org
June 11-13th 2010 Twisted Lines Topeka KS www.topekakitefliers.com
July 2-4, 2010 RiverFest www.kcriverfest.com
September 4-5th 2010 Kites Over Lake Michigan (KOLM) WI www.uniqueflyingobjects.com
September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight NE www.callawaykiteflight.com
September 12 2010 DeKalb IL www.chicagokite.com
October 12-16 AKA Convention Seaside OR (33rd) www.aka.kite.org
October 10th 2010 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2010 www.kckiteclub.org
October 16 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest Overland Park KS www.bluevalleyrec.org

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

www.kckiteclub.org

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