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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 we don't like the weather (too cold!) some kite fliers will not be there.

### Member Updates

*We have had deaths in two members' families over the last month.*

*Sean Beaver's brother (Kevin Beaver) was shot and killed walking to work early December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Steve Batliner's mother (MARY C. BATLINER (KINSELLA)) passed away December 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please keep our friends and their families in your thoughts and prayers.*

### HOLIDAY PARTY

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

### SATURDAY

FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> 2010

11AM-3PM

Minsky's Pizza

[www.minskys.com](http://www.minskys.com)

427 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO  
64105-1223

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

## West Plaza Neighborhood Association Candlelight Vigil

The West Plaza Homes Association Neighborhood has put together a candlelight vigil for Kevin on **Sunday January 24th @ 3 PM**. We invite you to join his friends and neighbors in memorializing his life and continuing support of family and friends.

**St. Garabed Armenian Church  
4400 Wyoming St.  
Kansas City 64111  
Sunday January 24th @ 3 PM**

### Memorial Fund

A fund has been set up to honor Kevin's memory and to help the family with funeral and hospital expenses. Send contributions to

Susan Beaver  
12120 State Line Box 336  
Leawood, KS 66209.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> till May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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 download 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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://NationalKiteMonth.org) on the web.

### National Kite Month Is Sponsored By:



## WORKSHOP CLASS

**Dave Ellis is presenting a new kite at Fort Worden Kitemakers**



**Retreat.**

**To**

**prepare**

**for his class, Dave has offered to have a small workshop at his home to the first three people to reserve a spot. Please read the details below from Dave Ellis:**

**Dave** (kiteguy@everestkc.net)

Phone 913-648-4925 I would like to hold a small class making the Skystalker delta kite that I will be presenting at Ft Worden. I will present a 4 ft version so it can be finished in one afternoon. The actual

kite to be presented at Ft Worden is somewhat over twice as large.

This class is so I can try out my instructions, and methods. I will be taking lots of notes during the class so I can have a workable set to take along to the Ft in March. As a thank you for taking the class all materials for the basic kite will be provided for free. Can't beat a deal like that.

Because of the nature of the class, it needs to be rather small. I need to keep attendance to three, or less. The class will be held on Sunday, January 31. Heck, I will even provide the sewing machines to use in the class!!!!!!

Dave

### Fort Worden Kitemakers Retreat

<http://www.kitemakers.org/>

March 19 - 21, 2010

## 2010 CHUCK BLACKWELL AWARD

The Kansas City Kite Club is now accepting nominations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Chuck Blackwell Award, a tradition that began in November 2006.

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.

## 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.

January 7-10 2010 17th Annual Oregon Kitemakers Retreat [www.kitemakersretreat.com](http://www.kitemakersretreat.com)  
January 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 3pm Kevin Beaver Candlelight Memorial 4400 Wyoming St. KC 64111  
January 31, 2010 Skystalker Workshop W/Dave Ellis 913-648-4925 [kiteguy@everestkc.net](mailto:kiteguy@everestkc.net)  
**February 13 2010 Holiday Party Minsky's Pizza 427 Main KC [www.minskys.com](http://www.minskys.com)**  
February 20 2010 COLOR THE WIND Clear Lake IA [www.colorthewind.org](http://www.colorthewind.org)  
March 12-14 2010 Kite Party 8 Huntington Beach CA [www.kiteparty.t35.com](http://www.kiteparty.t35.com)  
March 19-21st 2010 28th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference [www.kitemakers.org](http://www.kitemakers.org)  
April 3 2010 Glenview IL [www.chicagokite.com](http://www.chicagokite.com)  
April 17 2009 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy [www.mccflightsoffancy.org](http://www.mccflightsoffancy.org)  
April 25th 2010 Possible Kite Festival in Hutchinson, KS [www.hutchrec.com](http://www.hutchrec.com)  
May 2 Mayer Daley's Kids and Kites Montrose IL [www.chicagokite.com](http://www.chicagokite.com)  
May 15 2009 24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek [www.merriam.orgparkEventsturkey-creek-festival.htm](http://www.merriam.orgparkEventsturkey-creek-festival.htm)  
May 22-23rd Kite Hill Vineyards Carbondale IL [www.kitehillvineyards.com](http://www.kitehillvineyards.com)  
May 28-31st 2010 Smithville Kite Kamp Out Smithville Lake [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)  
June 4-6 2010 10th Annual Kites Over Grinnell [www.kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com](http://www.kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com)  
June 5 2010 Outta Sight Kite Festival Kenosha WI [www.ikeclub.org](http://www.ikeclub.org)  
June 5-6th 2010 Naperville Kite Festival Naperville IL [www.chicagokite.com](http://www.chicagokite.com)  
June 12-13 2010 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown ND [www.wingsonstrings.org](http://www.wingsonstrings.org)  
June 11-13th 2010 Twisted Lines Topeka KS [www.topekakitefliers.com](http://www.topekakitefliers.com)  
September 4-5th 2010 Kites Over Lake Michigan (KOLM) WI [www.uniqueflyingobjects.com](http://www.uniqueflyingobjects.com)  
September 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight NE [www.callawaykiteflight.com](http://www.callawaykiteflight.com)

September 12 2010 DeKalb IL [www.chicagokite.com](http://www.chicagokite.com)

October 12-16 AKA Convention Seaside OR (33rd) [www.aka.kite.org](http://www.aka.kite.org)

October 10th 2010 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2010 [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)

October 16 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest Overland Park KS [www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org)

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

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

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