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Looking forward to seeing you at Flights of Fancy!

Your Friend in Chicago,

David

Need to reserve the date for FLIGHTS OF FANCY?

April 17, 2010 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy

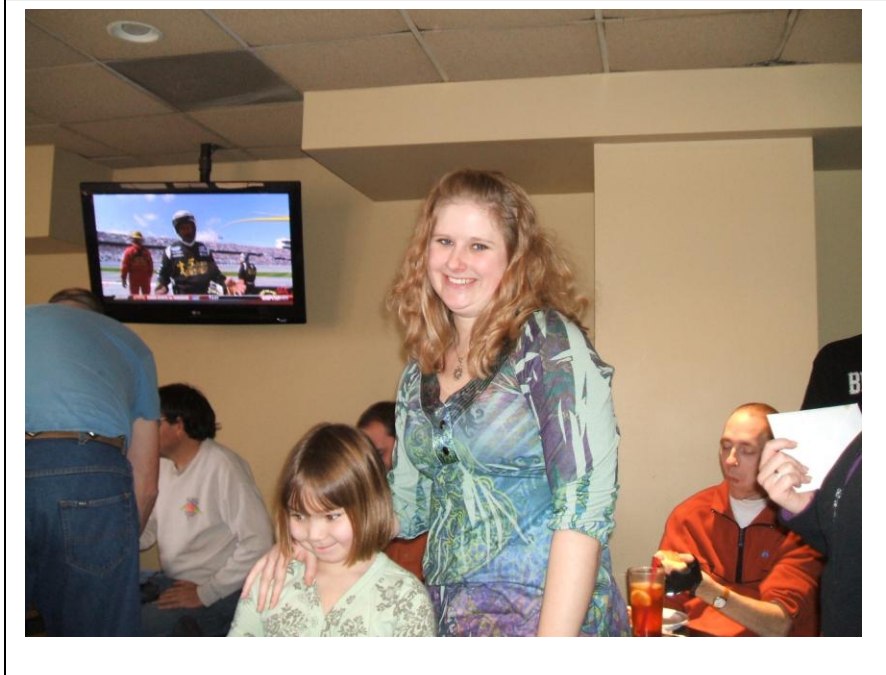
Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Earlier starting time!)

www.mccflightsoffancy.org



Holiday Party Updates

Saturday, Feb. 13th
11-3pm at Minsky's
Pizza 427 Main
Street, Kansas City,
MO Thanks to
Stephany and
birthday girl Jessie
for organizing our
holiday party at
Minsky's. The food
was delish, and the
room was just the
right size for our
group to take over
and visit for several
hours.



2010 CHUCK BLACKWELL AWARD

The Kansas City Kite Club was pleased to award Steve Batliner for the 2010 Chuck Blackwell Award.

CHUCK BLACKWELL 2010--

STEVE BATLINER: 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, seconded by the entire KCKC membership.

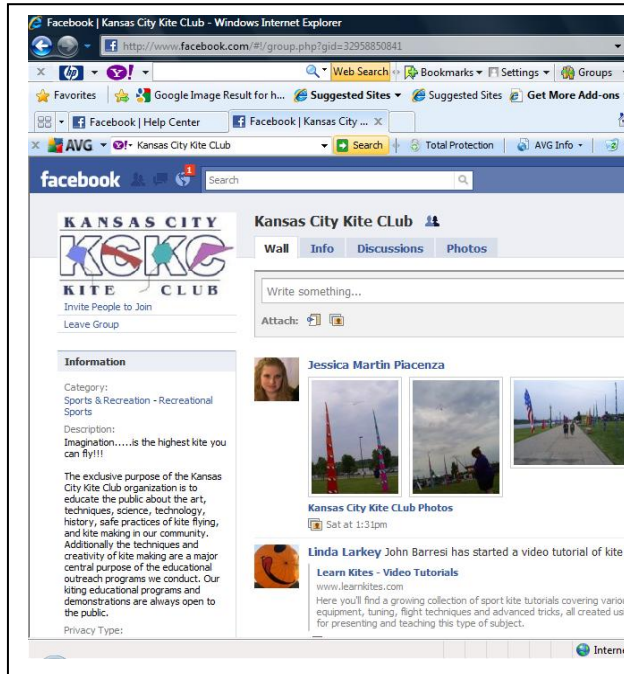


Chuck Blackwell Award

2006 Bob Rule
2007 Sean Beaver
2008 Don Larkie
2009 Team Larkey
2010 Steve Batliner

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.



FACEBOOK INVITATION

www.facebook.com

At the Holiday Party a member wanted a way for members to visit and meet one another without going to a kite field. Facebook is the way. Facebook is an online social network of profiles that connects people through groups and organizations.

From Facebook's [Sign Up](#) page, just provide your full name, email address, desired password, gender, and date of birth. Once you have a profile page search for Kansas City Kite Club www.facebook.com. This page/application can easily be used to find out if someone is going to Shawnee Mission Park to fly this weekend, or who may be attending an out-of-town event, as well as a tool to find learn to fly videos and tips.

AKA (American Kitefliers Association)



The 2010 Super Bowl had this advertisement.

Did you catch it?

National Kite Month

This year National Kite Month will run from March 27th till May 2nd, 2010. Visit [National Kite Month](http://www.nationalkitemonth.org) www.nationalkitemonth.org



The Water Garden Society (www.kcwatergardens.com) asked for help with their booth at the Home Show this year. The KCKC would like to thank Don Larkie for his loan of kites to hang at Bartle Hall. Don loaned the kites listed below, plus about a dozen other show kites for the Water Garden Society to choose from.

- **Tiger Della Porta with tails (Dragon Style)**
Loaned by Don Larkie, Made by Go Fly A Kite
- **6 foot Professor Waldorf's Super Star**
Loaned by Don Larkie, Made by Crystal Kite Company
- **7 foot Global Star Cellular** Loaned by Don Larkie, Made by Kathy Goodwinds

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National Kite Month is a month long effort by kite professionals, enthusiasts, supporters, manufacturers, and friends to promote the wonderful qualities that kite flying has to offer people of all ages & physical ability levels. Kiting is truly a universal activity, limited only by the imagination.

Over the past five years National Kite Month resources have helped Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Clubs, Church Groups, Scout Troops, and organizations of all types and sizes run their own kite festivals. You'll need a handful of volunteers and a dedicated person to act as chief, but you don't necessarily have to have years of kiting experience.

EVENTS IN REVIEW

9th Annual Color the Wind Kite Festival

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

<http://dlbunk.zenfolio.com> (Check out these GREAT professional photos!)

This was the best weather they have had for years—a bit light of winds, but in the high 20's.

It really is amazing how thick the ice gets there—they actually have the equipment that plows the streets on the ice clearing paths on the lake.

No ice exposed this year to slip on, all fresh snow covered. The colors are sharp and clear in the cold air against the white snow and ice.



Large gas powered augers drill the pilot holes through the ice.

Very different too, how they anchor the kites. Larry has organized several ice fishermen who come out in the morning and



Anchors are 2x4's, about 3 feet long, with about 3 foot of heavy rope tied securely around the middle.



The wood anchor is poked down the hole with a "pusher" stick. Keep a grip on the rope! That big knot on the end will tie off the show kites.

use their power drills to auger pilot holes in the 26" ice. Once they are through, the kiter lowers a 4 foot 2x4 with a big rope attached (three foot) to anchor to. The 2x4 holds under the ice distributing the stress and pull of the big show kites. During the

day the hole may freeze up, trapping the 2x4 and rope lead. In the spring the organizers go down to pick them up on shore.

For banners you drill pilot holes for your rebar, and drive it in with a sledge. At the end of the day you can either break the rebar out with your sledge, or light up a torch and melt them out.



Clear Lake—Color the Wind 2010

Above, the Gilson's bol framing show kites.

Side, a new Premier item—Mega Mesh Bowl designed by Willi Koch,



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

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.

CHALK WALK KC

April 24-25 Chalk Walk

CHALK WALK Festival in the Historic Northeast on The Concourse



When:
2nd Annual Chalk Walk
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.

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 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.

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

- * Last year's kilters 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.

Tony Hawk will not be in Grinnell on KOG weekend, however, a Pro Team will there to perform.

Also in Grinnell to perform.....six member of iQuad—a world class synchronized Rev Team—indoors and out.



www.iquad.us

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

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.

Shaded events are local to the KC Metro Area. Unshaded events are other kite events in the United States. Kite events are held world-wide. Be sure to experience an out-of-town event. All (local, or worldwide) are great fun, and educational.

March 7 2010	82nd Annual Zilker Park Kite Festival	Austin, TX	http://www.zilkerkitefestival.com
March 12-14 2010	Kite Party 8	Huntington Beach CA	www.kiteparty.t35.com
March 14, 2010	Second Sunday Fly	Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
March 19-21st 2010	28th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference		www.kitemakers.org
March 20, 2010	23rd Spiro Mounds Kite Flight Day	Spiro OK	spiro@okhistory.org
March 27, 2010	20th Annual Eureka Springs Kite Festival	Eureka Springs, AR	www.spiro@okhistory.org
April 11, 2010	Second Sunday Fly	Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
April 17 2009	MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy	Lee's Summit, MO	www.mccflightsoffancy.org
April 24-25	Chalk Walk	Kansas City, MO	www.chalkwalk.org
April 24-25 2010	Kites Over Route 66	Joplin, MO	Greg Begey gbegey@hotmail.com
May 2	Mayer Daleys Kids and Kites	Montrose IL	www.chicagokite.com
May 8-9 2010	Tulsa Wind Riders 17th Annual Festival of Kites	Tulsa, OK	cgabrel@gmail.com
May 5, 2010	Second Sunday Fly	Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
May 15 2009	24th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek	Merriam, KS	www.merriam.org/park/Events/turkey-creek-festival.htm
May 22-23rd	Kite Hill Vineyards	Carbondale IL	www.kitehillvineyards.com
May 28-31st 2010	Smithville Kite Kamp Out	Location TBA	www.kckiteclub.org
May 29-31, 2010	18th Annual Skydance Sakakawea Kite Festival	Garrison, ND	www.sky-dance.net
June 4-6 2010	10th Annual Kites Over Grinnell	Grinnell, IA	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 6 2009	EcoFest	Independence, MO	www.ci.independence.mo.us/parksandrec

June 11-13th 2010 Twisted Lines Topeka KS	www.topekakitefliers.com
June 12-13 2010 15th Annual Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown ND	www.wingsonstrings.org
June 12-13, 2010 Jamestown Kite Festival Jamestown, ND	www.wingsonstrings.org
June 12-13, 2010 Michigan Kitefest Richland, MI	www.back2thewind.com
June 13, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
June 26-27, 2010 20th Annual Libertyfest Kite Fest Edmond, OK	www.libertyfest.org/LibertyfestKiteFest.php
July 3-4 Riverfest Kansas City, MO	www.kcriverfest.com
July 11, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
Aug 8, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
Sept 4-5th 2010 Kites Over Lake Michigan (KOLM) Two Rivers, WI	www.uniqueflyingobjects.com
Sept 4-6 2009 Callaway Kite Flight NE	www.callawaykiteflight.com
Sept 12, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
Sept 12 2010 DeKalb IL	www.chicagokite.com
Oct 9, 2010 Glenview, IL	www.chicagokite.com
Oct 10, 2010 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly 2010	www.kckiteclub.org
Oct 10, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
Oct 12-16 AKA Convention Seaside OR (33rd)	www.aka.kite.org
Oct 16 2009 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest Overland Park KS	www.bluevalleyrec.org
Oct 2010 9th Annual Color The Sky Fall Kite Festival La-Vista NE	www.midwestwindskitefliers.org
Nov 6-7, 2010 South Padre Island Kite Festival South Padre Island, TX	GuyBlatnik@kiteshop.com
Nov 14, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org
Nov 20-28, 2010 Dead Bird Buggy Bash and Kite Fly Galveston, TX	www.deadbirdbuggybash.com
Dec 12, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS	www.kckiteclub.org



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