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UPCOMING EVENTS

KCKC HOLIDAY PARTY AND KITE FLY

December 4th 11-4 pm

MCC-Longview Cultural Arts Center

500 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Meet us at Longview College to look back at 2010 and start planning for events for 2011. Longview has invited us to fly kites on the lawn. We will also start to discuss plans for FOF 2011. Help us

strategize for the Candy Drop and Bol Race Area, and make your contribution to our plans.

We will be in the theater for the business meeting / events recap / slide show.

Room 116 for the pot luck.

FLIGHTS OF FANCY

<http://mccflightsoffancy.org>

Mark Your Calendars: 2011 Flights of Fancy!

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Note expanded hours)

Also new in 2011....a Night Fly Friday Evening

7-9 PM

Festival Attractions

The kites of the Kansas City Kite Club will take flight over the lawn of the picturesque MCC-Longview campus in the heart of kite month, with awe-inspiring mega kites, power kites, stunt kites, and more including the world's largest windsock – three stories high and 200 feet long!

Especially for the kids, *Flights of Fancy* will feature kite making, an inflatable maze, face painting, a balloon artist and a candy drop.

New in 2011, as guests enjoy the power and beauty of the kites, *Flights of Fancy* will include attractions on green energy and wind power, and an actual wind turbine head from [The Energy Savings Store](#), measuring 12 feet across.

Festival-goers are welcome to bring their own kites to fly or sit back and enjoy the show. [Chicago Kite Company](#) will have an impressive selection of kites for sale.

2011 food vendors include Nadler's, [Mr. Goodcents](#), [Poppy's Ice Cream](#), and KC Poppers kettle corn. Enjoy barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, ice cream, kettle corn and more, available for purchase at *Flights of Fancy*.

Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome on the MCC-Longview campus. Glass, pets, alcohol, and grills are not permitted.

Mark your calendar, tell your family and friends, and join us for the 2011 Flights of Fancy.

If you would like to have a sponsorship opportunity presented to a business or organization, please email contact information to Jill Ladas
Jill.Ladas@MCCCKC.EDU

AKA NEWS

You can see daily updates of the AKA Convention at <http://www.kitelife.com>

Congratulations to Barb Meyer, as she was elected to another term as President for the AKA.



KITEBUILDING BY KITEGUY

Dave Ellis is once again offering kite classes at his home. If you are interested, contact Dave.

Watch for details on the Yahoo Group KCKiteBuilders

If you want to be part of the action, email me at kiteguy@kiteguy.info, or give me a call at 913-908-8327. Also be sure to get involved with the KCKiteBuilders group, at Yahoo Groups.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCKiteBuilders/>



Dave,

Thanks very much for the workshop on Sunday. The Rokkaku kite is a gem from my perspective.

It is, amazing smooth, easy to fly and only moderately complex to bridle.

Every one of the 4 different kites you have taught me to make have distinctive characteristics - impossible for me to select a favorite and why shouldn't they all be favorites!

..Testimony of a workshop participant Dave writes "Here is an email I got from a participant in the last workshop. Actually, he has been to 4 now."



By Dave Ellis....

I am not sure what is up for November, but I am thinking along the lines for a super inexpensive, beginner level, dual line sport kite. Info can/will be available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCKiteBuilders/>

Review of KCKiteBuilders October Session.

Our building sessions are a GREAT time to work on building skills, and be introduced to numerous tips and tricks.

This month we explored making a kite skin from plastic and wood dowels. The result was one of the best flying kites around. The price was right, too. Just a tad over \$5 for all materials. Where else can you get 3 hours of a great learning experience, and then MANY hours of great flying times for only \$5?

There were class vacancies, but the people attending had a very good time. Take advantage of the other sessions in the near future. We meet the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

Above are a couple of first flight photos of the Halloween Workshop kites we made.

Ready for a bigger kitemaking experience???????

U-MAKE

Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event

March 4-6, 2011

A new regional kitemaking retreat is being held in the Des Moines area the first weekend of March. U-MAKE or Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event will be at the West Des Moines Marriott on Jordan Creek Parkway in West Des Moines, IA. The retreat will start small with a large sewing project offered, a beginning sewing project, and two different no sew projects. Classes will start late on Friday evening, and conclude Sunday early afternoon. Please watch for further announcements or contact Linda Larkey @ airhead@kc.rr.com

MEMBER NEWS

None sent in this month! If you have a photo, please email it for inclusion. Let us know what you are doing! Show us some extreme kiting! Miniature kiting! KAP!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org Remember, it is weather and time dependent—whichever can make it will be there.

Dec 4, 2010 KCKC Holiday Party and Kite Fly 11-4pm MCC-Longview Cultural Arts Center 500 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

March 4-6, 2011 U-MAKE (Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event) West Des Moines, IA

April 15-16, 2011 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy 10-5pm 500 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

June 3-5, 2011 Kites Over Grinnell, Grinnell, IA

EVENTS IN REVIEW

October 10, 2010 One Sky/One World Columbia Joint Fly 2010 www.kckiteclub.org

Sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation for more than 5 years, our OS/OW Joint Fly serves as a central meeting point for kite flyers throughout Missouri, including members of the Kansas City Kite Club, the Gateway Kite Club, the River Breezes Kite Club of Jefferson City and the Columbia Kite Fliers of Columbia, MO. This year the Columbia Friends of China surprised the kitefliers by sponsoring a resident kite



artist from the Weifang World Kite Museum, Qian Jianguo, and his artist wife, Lang Fenglian.

Qian Jianguo is known for his Eagle Kites out of silk and bamboo. He also presented



a demonstration class for the attending kites on the art of splitting bamboo.

The Friends of China also presented a traditional Chinese Waist Drum Performance during OS/OW and coordinated a series of workshop/demonstrations in area schools.

**Oct 16 2010 Family Fall Festival
Pumpkin Fest Overland Park KS**
www.bluevalleyrec.org

Thanks to Sean, Steve, Don, Doug, Allan, Linda and Randy the KCKC was once again able to WOW area children and their families.

This is a fun event that we could do so much more with if we had additional volunteers. Most of the help needed, like most events, is not kite flying, but simply help in such things as greeting people, helping untangle strings, and giving high fives.

Please consider joining us next year. Blue Valley is always appreciative. Please see Molly's email on this page.

Hi Sean!

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you and the KC Kite Club! You put on such an amazing display with the kites and banners. You go "above and beyond" when it comes to our event and I can't thank you enough. I know it's a lot of hard work to get everything set up and ready to go so thanks so much for all that you do. Our event would not be the same without you! It was great meeting your daughter.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you next year!!

Molly K, Program Coordinator

Blue Valley Recreation
Commission

2010-2011 KITE EVENTS

If you would like to plan a kite weekend for 2010-2011, please keep these dates in mind. Remember dates/events may change closer to event time. Please check with event organizer for more information.

Kite events are held world-wide. Be sure to experience an out-of-town event. All (local, or worldwide) are great fun, and educational.

Nov 6-7, 2010 South Padre Island Kite Festival South Padre Island, TX GuyBlatnik@kiteshop.com
Nov 14, 2010 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm 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, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
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For more information about Kite Surfing

Visit <http://www.kitesurfies.com/>

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Kansas City Kite Club

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