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EVENTS IN REVIEW



Events? It has snowed. So unless you have been out traction kiting on the snow, few of us braved the weather to kite. The above photo comes from Susie, Lizzy and Laurie on what they have been doing....building a snow...MAN.

AKA NEWS

The AKA Education Committee has put together a promotion for National Kite Month to encourage broad participation in the creation of kite activities with education in mind by giving grants to groups who design National Kite Month kite programs. The programs can be in schools, parks, community centers, libraries, churches, hospitals, scouts, 4H, etc. for workshops, demonstrations, presentations, etc.

The AKA states "We'd appreciate donations so we can increase the number of grants that we award. Most importantly, we're looking YOU to submit their ideas for educational kite programs so they can collect a prize. The details are below. Please send in a proposal to work with your local schools parks, community centers, libraries, churches, hospitals, scouts, 4H, etc. It's not only rewarding, it's fun too.

Grants:

Eight grants of \$100 will be awarded to the best proposals. If more funds are available, more grants will be awarded. We recognize that it may cost more or less than \$100 to run a kite program.

Rules:

1. Using kites as an educational tool each person or group should submit an idea for a local kite program. The program should include art, science, math, history, etc.
2. Only programs that are held during National Kite Month 2011 will qualify. The dates of National Kite Month are March 26th to May 1st, 2011.
3. Each person or group should submit their program to the AKA Education Committee. The committee will judge which programs warrant the prizes. The program must include how the funds would be spent, the number of expected participants, the location, the educational aspects, the leaders, the organization/school and the proposed date of the program.
4. A written report on the success of their program and photos of the activity are required. All entries will be posted on the internet.
5. The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2011.

Who can enter?

An individual should submit a proposal with their name and affiliation. AKA members, club members, teachers and community members are encouraged to apply in cooperation with a local school, library, YMCA, scouts, boys/girls club, etc.

Please submit only one proposal per person or per organization.

Members of the AKA Education Committee are not eligible.

Resources

Resources are available online on the AKA and NKM web sites. We hope that local kite clubs and AKA members will lend a hand in making the proposal succeed. A wide variety of resources are available here:
<http://classroom.kitingusa.com/resources.htm>

Promotion/Advertising

Promotion will be done through our AKA Regional Directors, Kiting magazine, AKA web site, KTAI, the NKM web site and sanctioned clubs."

KITES IN THE NEWS



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

February 20: The KCKiteBuilders will be doing a repeat class from 1998. Flick, a small indoor, light wind dual line kite. Designed by Jeff Howard. This time we are making it with Orcon, instead of ripstop. Appx 45 inch wing span, 16.5 inch spine, and finished kite weighs in at about 1 oz. The project includes making flying lines and strap handles.

March 20: Out of town--Attend U-MAKE in Des Moines.

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/> We meet the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

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

U-MAKE or Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event

March 4-6, 2011 Des Moines, IA **what exactly is U-MAKE?** Well, it is a group of people that like to build and fly kites, and wanted an excuse to get together, socialize, and learn a few new techniques as they do that. This retreat will begin late Friday evening with a mixer/game night and continue until Sunday early afternoon. It will be held at the West Des Moines Marriott on 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway in West Des Moines, IA.



What Projects will U-MAKE present? Great results start with solid basics, and for its first year U-MAKE has put together classes that combine great basics with advanced techniques to give attendees stand out projects and a memorable time.

Never made a kite before? Actually, if you can thread your own machine and do some sewing, you can make these projects. And if you can't sew? Well, you can make the Indian Fighter. All projects were selected based on the great basic knowledge they will give to any new kitemaker.

You can start the Rok Saturday morning, and then after lunch experiment with different appliqué techniques with the 4' banner, or continue with the Rok.

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Saturday we will vote on an area restaurant and go out as a group, and Sunday you will be able to take the no sew class, or continue working on the Rok or banners.

The Rok should take 6-8 hours, the banners are a modest 2-3 hours for 1 (take the other one home to work on) and the no-sew about 1.5 hours. All kits will be cut out and ready to sew—so all your time will be sewing, and not cutting.

Donna Schenk builds all the Sponsor Rok's for the Tour de Kites, a series of annual kite festivals. After making this Rok for years she has developed a set of modified steps to make the assembly easy---and best of all, to make field assembly and adjustments easy enough for the non-kite flier. It is a huge presence in the sky or on the ground.

Search for us on Facebook (Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event) site right now. Our website (www.U-MAKE.org) is expected on December 1. Registration will begin Dec 15, and be limited the first 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly** Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1
1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org

Weather and wind permitting....

February 19 2011 **Color The Wind Clear** Lake IA www.colorthewind.org

This remarkably vivid festival is just 4 hours away. Organizers have worked with area motels to have reasonable room rates.

March 4-6 2011 **Upper Midwest Area Kitemaker Event** Des Moines, IA
www.u-make.org

March 10th 1-3pm

Notre Dame de Sion School

3823 Locust Street • Kansas City, MO 64109

www.ndsion.edu

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For more info contact Susie at catluvr@att.net

I am a teacher at Notre Dame de Sion Grade School in Kansas City, Missouri. Each year we take a break from our regular teaching schedule to "Dive Deeper" into an enrichment topic of our choosing. This year I have decided I would like to develop a week long cross curriculum unit revolving around kites. I am going to be working with three fellow teachers; we will each have focus in Science - the Science behind flying a kite and building kites, Language Arts - writing poetry about

www.kckiteclub.org

Weather and wind permitting....

April 16 2011 **MCC-Longview**

Flights of Fancy Lee's Summit, MO www.mccflightsoffancy.org

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New hours and a night fly have been added!!!

Night Fly Friday 7-9 PM

Plan to meet for prep for Saturday,

This is the ONLY regional kitemaking event in the Midwest. At only \$90 for registration it is a steal to experience kitemaking.

March 13, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly** Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm

www.kckiteclub.org

Weather and wind permitting....

April 10, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly** Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm

Flights of Fancy Weekend

Night Fly Friday 7-9 PM

Plan to meet for prep for Saturday, and finish up with a night fly and a cookout.

Saturday 10 am-5 pm

With an earlier time, we will need LOTS more help setting up, and providing support to fliers as well as flying. If you can help for an hour it would be greatly appreciated! No experience needed for some jobs!

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**New Event in
Spring Hill
May 14, 2011**

Saturday 10am-2pm?

This event is just in the planning stage! A fun event held in the city of Spring Hill, KS. Second year, first year with kites!

April 30-May 1, 2011 **Greensburg, KS
Kite Fly**

Join members of the Topeka Kite Fliers at this second annual celebration at Greensburg, KS

www.topekakitefliers.com

KOG CANCELLED for 2011

**We just received word that
Kites Over Grinnell will be
cancelled for 2011**

The new date is the weekend of May 12 & 13 of 2012. With the change of date comes a change of administration. The new administration will consist of a dedicated KOG Committee and the Grinnell Chamber will continue to be a positive supporter.

May 8, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly**
Heritage Park, Olathe, KS
Shelter 1 1-4pm

www.kckiteclub.org

Weather and wind
permitting....

May 14 2011 **Spring Hill Kite
Fest** Spring Hill, KS

www.kckiteclub.org

June 3-5 2011 **Twisted Lines Topeka, KS**

www.topekakitefliers.com

2011 KITE EVENTS

If you would like to plan a kite weekend for 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.

February 11-14 Maryland Kite Society KiteMakers Retreat Ellicott City MD www.mdkites.org
 February 13, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 February 19 2011 Color The Wind Clear Lake IA www.colorthewind.org
 March 4-6 2011 Upper Midwest Area Kitemaker Event Des Moines, IA www.u-make.org
 March 6 2011 Zilker Park Kite Festival Austin, TX www.zilkerkitefestival.com
 March 10 1-3pm Notre Dame de Sion School Demo
 March 11-13 2011 Kite Party 9 Huntington Beach CA www.kiteparty.t35.com
 March 13, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 March 25-27 2011 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference Fort Worden, WA www.kitemakers.org
 April 9-10 2011 Airwaves West Chester, OH www.wguc.org/kitefest
 April 10, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 April 16 2011 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy Lee's Summit, MO www.mccflightsoffancy.org
 April 30-May 1, 2011 Greensburg, KS www.topekakitefliers.com
 May 7 2011 Tulsa Wind Riders Kite Festival Tulsa, OK larryleestiles@yahoo.com Phone: (918) 630-9334
 May 8, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 May 14 2011 Spring Hill Kite Fest Spring Hill, KS www.kckiteclub.org
 May 21 2011 Merriam Turkey Creek Festival www.merriam.org/park/Events/turkey-creek-festival.htm
 May 28-30, 2011 Skydance Sakakawea Kite Festival Garrison, ND www.sky-dance.net
 June 3-5 2011 Twisted Lines Topeka, KS www.topekakitefliers.com
 June 11-12 2011 Jamestown KiteFest Jamestown ND www.wingsonstrings.org
 June 12, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 June 24-26, 2011 Maria Stein Country Fest Maria Stein, OH www.mscountryfest.com
 July 10, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 August 14, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 Sept 3-4th 2011 Kites Over Lake Michigan (KOLM) Two Rivers, WI www.uniqueflyingobjects.com
 Sept 2-5 2011 Callaway Kite Flight Callaway, NE www.callawaykiteflight.com
 Sept 11, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 Sept 26-Oct 1 2011 AKA Convention Wildwood, NJ www.aka.kite.org
 Oct 1, 2011 OSOW Omaha Kite Festival La-Vista, NE www.midwestwindskitefliers.org
 Oct 9, 2011 Columbia Missouri Joint Fly Columbia, MO www.kckiteclub.org
 Oct 15 2011 Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Fest Overland Park KS www.bluevalleyrec.org
 Nov 13, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
 Nov 19-27, 2011 Dead Bird Buggy Bash and Kite Fly Galveston, TX www.deadbirdbuggybash.com

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

www.kckiteclub.org