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**KCKC HOLIDAY PARTY AND KITE FLY**

December 4<sup>th</sup>

MCC-Longview  
Cultural Arts Center

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

Members met at Longview's lawn to fly kites in the cold, and stopped to eat pizza across the road.

Mike from Longview College shared these photos of the day.



This gentleman came from the North and flew kites with us at Longview!



Mega kites flew above MCC-Longview's lawn in December. Below, Don L, Dan S, Allan G, Doug H, Steve B, Don M, Betty M, Stephany B, Sean B, and Linda L in front of the club trailer



## 2010 CHUCK BLACKWELL AWARD

The Kansas City Kite Club recognized four people for their contributions to kiting in 2010. The Chuck Blackwell Award is presented to a Kansas City Area



Kiter who best demonstrates the outstanding traits that Chuck Blackwell (1958-2005) exemplified. This year we recognized Allan, Susie, Lizzie, and Lori Gilson. These four area kites have played

significant roles in kiting in 2010. Susie steps in as our announcer at Longview, breaking down kiting knowledge to our attendees. Allan, Lizzie, and Lori Gilson have done countless demos throughout the year. Together, these four individuals have contributed above and beyond in 2010. The KCKC wants to say “thanks!” Please congratulate Allan, Susie, Lizzie or Lori the next time you see them at an area fly.

## AKA NEWS

American Kitefliers Association Region 7 director Don Murphy has resigned as region 7 director. Kevin Bayless of Salt Lake City UT has accepted the invitation to fill out Don's term. Please join us in welcoming Kevin as our representative. Kevin @ [kevinbbayless@comcast.net](mailto:kevinbbayless@comcast.net)

# KITES IN THE NEWS



<http://www.ktla.com/entertainment/roseparade/video/> The 2011 Tournament of Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA included Donate Life's float entry featuring wonderfully crafted colorful kites hoping to inspire people to Seize the Day and register as organ, eye and tissue donors. The float depicts how flying a kite can provide an opportunity that can be seized to share laughter, sun, wind, and the visual beauty of the moment.

Colorful kites and windsocks soared in the wind as donor families, living donors and transplant recipients enjoyed the special moment by making new memories. The float's 24 float riders, led by three walkers, honored all donors and the everyday dreams they make possible through the gift of life.



# 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](mailto: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.

January 11: A fuzzy tail. Learn a quick, and easy, way to cut all those narrow clips to make the "fuzz". We will make a 5 ft version in the class. It is easy to increase the size to suit your needs at a later date.

February 20: A mid-size indoor dual line kite called a J-FLIK. Appx. 3+ ft wing span. This is a repeat class from 1998.

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

**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.



West Des Moines Marriott ... to receive the established Group rate (\$79+taxes), call **1- 800-MARRIOTT before 2/4/11.**

\$79.00 (up to 4 occupancy) *The Hotel room rates are subject to applicable Taxes (currently 12%) in effect at the time of check-in.*

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dsmwd-west-des-moines-marriott/>

### 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.

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](http://www.U-MAKE.org)) is expected on December 1. Registration will begin Dec 15, and be limited the first 25.

For more information please contact:

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Remember, this is not a re-invention of any other Kite Retreat. It is a much different format, with more relaxed goals—the main one on friendships, and will be the first of its kind in the Midwest.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly** Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1  
1-4pm [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)  
Weather and wind permitting....

February 19 2011 **Color The Wind Clear** Lake IA [www.colorthewind.org](http://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](http://www.u-make.org)  
This is the ONLY regional kitemaking event in the Midwest. At only \$70 for registration it is a steal to experience kitemaking.

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1-4pm [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)  
Weather and wind permitting....

April 10, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly**  
Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)  
Weather and wind permitting....

## 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!

April 16 2011 **MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy** Lee's Summit, MO

[www.mccflightsoffancy.org](http://www.mccflightsoffancy.org) Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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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!

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!

May 8, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly**

Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm [www.kckiteclub.org](http://www.kckiteclub.org)

Weather and wind permitting....

May 14 2011 **Spring Hill Kite Fest**

Spring Hill, KS

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

## 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.

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

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

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