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EVENTS NOT TO MISS!!!!

MCC-Flights of Fancy

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

500 SW Longview Rd.

Lee's Summit, Mo.

Night Fly Friday 7-9PM

This will be our FIFTH year—and we have come a long way from the first year when kites were to back up the main event—remote control airplanes. Jill talks about Flights of Fancy 2011.....

The BIG news is that we were able to secure a fantastic rate to have two electronic rotating billboards prior to the festival—one on 3rd Street close to Hy-Vee in Lee's Summit and one on 470 South where 470 and 291 divide. We will be up March 25-April 3 and again April 13-

16 on the 3rd Street Board and April 4-10 on Hwy 470!

We're so excited to have a "presenting sponsor" for the first time—Farmers Insurance. And we also have major sponsorships from Kiewit and Truman Medical Center. Prism sponsors include Ferrell gas (new), the Lee's Summit Arts Council (new), Paradise Park, Renewal by Andersen (new), Spin Pizza, UPS, and US Bank (new). Our faithful Delta sponsors include Hy-Vee Lee's Summit Stores, St. Luke's East, Hawthorn Bank, and Next Door Pizza.

We have increased the number of food vendors this year and will place them on two tiers to reduce the congestion. Vendors are: Kiwanis (funnel cakes and lemonade), KC Poppers (kettle corn and cotton candy), Mr. Goodcents, Chartreuse Caboose (philly cheesesteak sandwiches, etc.), Nadler's, Poppy's Ice Cream, Spin Pizza, a hot dog stand (hot dogs and nachos), and Polar Ice (snow cones). So we'll have something for everyone!

Our security force is working with the Lee's Summit police department to provide traffic control. The same DJ has been secured, and we are in the process of finalizing our order for tables, chairs, and tents. We've added a few additional toilets and an additional hand-washing station.

For the first time, we will be purchasing weather insurance because of the increased cost of the festival. We're looking into various policies now.

I hope this helps keep you up to date! Let me know if you have other questions.

Fly high!
Jill

Because of the scope of this event, we need YOUR help to make this day successful.

We will be working at prepping the field for security and ground display on Friday afternoon.

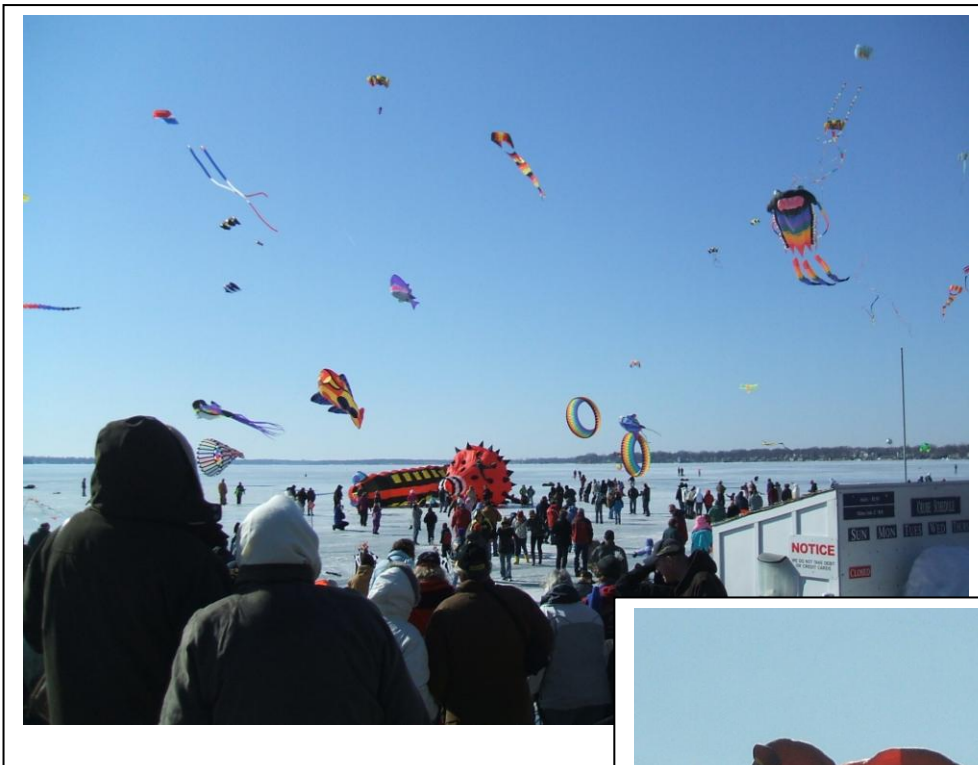
We will also need help setting up, tearing down, and all during the event with crowd control, questions, and kite flying.

For more information please contact

webmaster@kckiteclub.org

We will need volunteers to help with Candy Drops and Bol Races at Flights of Fancy—no kite experience needed, we will train on the field. **Be a part of this event—don't just watch from the sidelines!**

EVENTS IN REVIEW

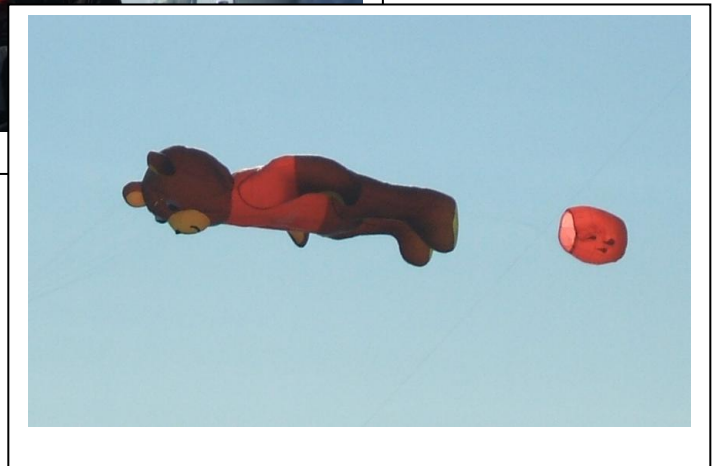


February 19 2011

Color The Wind Clear

Lake IA
Another GREAT year with temps in the low 30's—the ice was melted the next

week. Thanks for organizer Larry Day for another great event! Above, just a part of the kites flying above the frozen lake. The bear is Larry Day's kite, flying at Color the Wind 2011



www.colorthewind.org

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

Midwest area Kitemakers gathered in West Des Moines last week. Area kilters who attended were Team Larkey and Don and Cris Pfister.



Above, area kilters take a group (almost—missing two) photo.

For its first year U-MAKE was a resounding success! A total of 23 area kilters attended to make an 8 foot Rok presented by Donna Schenk.



Ryan Larkey presented an Indian Fighter (no sew) while the 4 foot banner class was demonstrated and will be finished at home.

Plans are being



made for U-MAKE 2012 with guest instructor Martin Blais. Martin has made such signature pieces as the air guitar, Butterfly Canopy, and many other unique items.

Notre Dame de Sion School Demo....thanks to the Gilson's

The Gilson's once again handled this request!

The class consisted of a school activity that offsets assessment testing. On the times when they are not testing, the students are allowed to select from 'dive deeper' activities. In this case, about 33 students chose to learn about kite flying.

We took them across the street to Gilliam Park first. The park has an open field with 2 baseball diamonds. The field is large enough but in a valley with trees all around- making wind conditions pretty tough. The wind was variable from the east and south, and would come up briefly (as soon as I was away from the line), and then quickly die off. The school itself really didn't have anywhere on campus that we could do a demonstration. It is a beautiful neighborhood, but is filled with mature trees. The school is on a hillside.

Susie and Lizzie set up the bols and talked with the kids for the 1st hour, while I made every attempt to put anything in the air that I could. The kids had a great time running with the bols, as did a few teachers. Afterwards, Susie and Lizzie took them back to school where they showed a series of kite pictures (made challenging by the schools standardization of the Mac computer platform!). Finally, we all ended up in the gym for an indoor demonstration which included the Truss, my X4-I, the air yo, and other indoor kites. Susie indicated the kids had a ton of questions, and the teachers were very appreciative.

Notre Dame de Sion School

3823 Locust Street • Kansas City, MO 64109

www.ndsion.edu

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 kites, Social Studies - the history of kites, and Art - the designs on kites. We will be working with approximately 40 students ranging from Kinder through 8th.

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

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.

Dave is currently attending 29th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and will return home next month.

With the successful completion of a regional workshop in West Des Moines, it has been suggested to have a smaller one day event locally with a larger known kitebuilder presenting a project. If this interests you, contact Linda Larkey at airhead@kc.rr.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10, 2011 **Second Sunday Fly**
Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1
1-4pm www.kckiteclub.org
Weather and wind
permitting....

***Want to have a quick
planning session at our
Second Sunday Fly April 10,
2011 at Heritage Park,
Olathe, KS at 2pm for
Flights of Fancy?
See you there!***

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

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
New hours and a night fly have been
added!!!

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April 23-24, 2011 **Chalk Walk** www.chalkwalk.org

200 South Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri on The Concourse Park, by the Kennedy Memorial and the historic Kansas City Museum.

Our third year invited to provide color and kites to this great event!

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.

This FREE, family-friendly event--in the tradition of European 16th Century street painting--transforms the dull, grey concrete sidewalks of Concourse Park into colorful, pastel pathways. Kids and parents will join local, amateur and practicing artists to create everything from temporary chalk "masterpieces" to some colorful games of Tic-Tac-Toe!

Chalk Walk Celebrates Creativity and Builds Community! Become a part of our growing tradition in the heart of one of Kansas City's most diverse and historic neighborhoods. Sponsor a Chalk Walk square. Get your hands dirty

chalking a square. Be creative in other ways as a festival volunteer.

You don't have to be a professional artist or even know much about art to be a part of Chalk Walk in the Historic Northeast. All you need is the desire to have fun and be inspired.

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

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!

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.

April 10, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm (2 pm planning session)
www.kckiteclub.org

April 16 2011 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy Lee's Summit, MO www.mccflightsoffancy.org

April 23-24, 2011 Chalk Walk www.chalkwalk.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 21 2011 Cole Camp, MO

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 4. 2011 EcoFest Waterfall Park

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