

ConnectiKITERS

Members all over New England and beyond.

We share a common interest.

We like to fly kites!

As a rule, Official **ConnectiKITERS** Club Flys are held on the second Sunday of the month. Our gatherings are opportunities to fly kites, share the skies, swap stories and eat good food. This year, because some holidays fall on those Sundays, you will find a few events have been scheduled for adjacent weekends.

Please note the current Club schedule on the **ConnectiKITERS** web site:
<http://www.connectikiters.org>
or see the latest **ConnectiKITERS** Newsletter for dates and locations.

ConnectiKITERS History

by Club Founders Vic & Bernie Walton

In the spring of 1987 Vic and Bernie Walton of Ansonia, CT decided to form a kite club.

An inquiry to the American Kitefliers Association resulted in a list of AKA members in Connecticut. Letters of invitations to a brunch at the Walton's was sent for the purpose of organizing a club. Of those who attended about 25 became 'charter members'. The original name was "The Society for the Preservation, Enhancement and Encouragement of Tethered Flight in the Housatonic Valley of Connecticut and Environs".

At the suggestion of Paul Denice of Derby, this rather laborious name was abbreviated to the tongue (*in-cheek*) twister – **ConnectiKITERS**. An early description of the Club was published as follows:

"ConnectiKITERS are an unofficial, intentionally disorganized group of people who, as demonstrated by their membership in AKA have a passion for kiting in one or another of all of its aspects... and who see an advantage in meeting, flying kites, socializing and fostering involvement in the fun of flying kites."

Soon Ray and Lynn Lucas came up with the logo and suggested our motto:

'Just for the Fun of It!' as well as our use of yellow as the Club color of distinction. Communication and active involvement during the first year was at a high level. A rough and informative newsletter went out every 2 or 3 weeks and the phone lines buzzed with activity.

Although the evolution of the Club has brought several changes, including affiliation as a local chapter of the American Kitefliers Association, the basic nature of the Club is still true to its motto: 'Just for the Fun of It!' and we have been able to preserve a basic, non-competitive, non-commercial, family oriented approach to local Club activities. While we have many active and talented sport kite enthusiasts, single line flyers more than share the fields and most members are equally comfortable with either type of kite.

This article was provided by **ConnectiKITER** Peggy Burnett.

**Just for the
FUN of it!**

ConnectiKITERS Kite Club



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Membership Information

Sign up now!

Join one of the most active Kite Clubs in New England for only \$15 per year for the entire family.

Membership includes:
ConnectiKITEERS Newsletter
Monthly Club Flies
Kitemaking Workshops
Annual Holiday Party
Great Pot Lucks
New Friends
Lots of FUN

Fill out our Membership Application and mail it NOW!

Send your application along with a check of money order for \$15 to:

ConnectiKITEERS
55 Rochdale terrace
West Haven, CT 06516 USA

If you have any questions about membership send them to our Membership Coordinator – Jack Benas.

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Calendar 2009

Monthly Flies gather at 12 noon or so.
Rain or shine unless otherwise noted

- Feb 8 – Valentines Fly [Snow Fly]
Savin Rock, West Haven
- Mar 22 -- Kite Sewing Workshop
Masonicare, Wallingford
- Apr 18 – Kidney Foundation Fly
Haddam Meadows [Rain date 4/25]
- Apr 25 – Milford Living Magazine Fly
Walnut Beach, Milford [Rain date 4/26]
- May 16 & 17 – Hammonasset Kite Festival
Hammonasset State Park, Madison
- Jun 14 – Flag Day Red, White & Blue Fly
Hammonasset State Park, Madison
- Jul 11 – Brenton Point Fly
Newport, RI
- Jul 18 – ConnectiKITEERS Night Fly
Savin Rock, West Haven
- Aug 9 – Christmas in August and BBQ Fly
Harkness State Park, Waterford
- Aug 15 – ConnectiKITEERS Night Fly
Savin Rock, West Haven
- Sept 9– Harkness Day Fly
Harkness State Park, Waterford
- Aug 15 – ConnectiKITEERS Night Fly
Savin Rock, West Haven
- Oct 5 - 10 – AKA Convention
Rochester MN
- Oct 11 – One Sky, One World Fly
Savin Rock, West Haven
- Nov 8– Veterans Day Fly
Hammonasset State Park, Madison
- Dec 13 – Christmas Party
Masonicare, Wallingford
- Jan 10 – Annual Meeting
Location TBA

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Membership Application

Names of family members:

Address:

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ - _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

How did you hear about ConnectiKITEERS?

What type(s) of kites do you fly?
(circle all that apply)

Single line Dual line Quad line

Fighter Kites

Other _____

Are you a member of the American Kitefliers Association? Yes - No

If not, do you plan to become a member of the AKA? Yes - No

Do you make kites?

As a member, what could you add to the Club?

See the **ConnectiKITEERS** web site for directions to flying spots:

www.connectikiteers.org