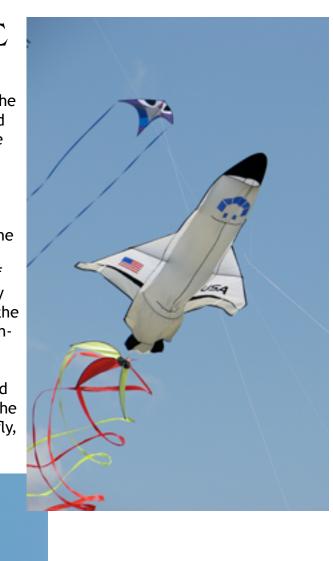
Maritime Day, Beaufort NC

by Karen Mault

Members of the Carolina Kite Club helped the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, NC celebrate the Third Annual Maritime Day. Maritime Day is celebrated on Memorial Day each year. The museum arranges live music, rides in a wooden skiff, food and activities for children to acquaint them with our maritime history. The kite club members gathered to celebrate the day by flying primarily red-white-blue kites. All sizes and shapes filled the sky and brought added attention to the gathering from the bridge across the waterway. Approximately fifteen club members joined in, several of them traveling from across the state. A ground display of banners and crab bouncers brightened the area by the museum's tents. When the winds let up a little, a gathering of Walas filled the spaces left as the larger kites weren't able to stay in the sky. As the day wore on, many people stopped by to say how much they enjoyed the kites and, as the bags were packed at the end of the day, we all decided we'd do it again next year. A fun fly, a great day.







Mile of Hope, Atlantic Beach, NC

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Once again Kites Unlimited of Atlantic Beach, NC and members of the Carolina Kite Club gave pediatric cancer patients some kite flying fun. The annual Mile of Hope weekend was held at the Atlantis Lodge in Atlantic Beach, NC. This is a weekend for pediatric cancer patients and their families to enjoy the beach and get away from hospitals and clinics. Many activities are arranged for the families and one of the highlights is the day on the beach swimming, building sandcastles and flying kites. The members of the kite club put up whatever kites the wind will allow and put a show in the sky. Kites Unlimited gives delta kites to the children to fly.

This year the wind was light and made it hard to put up any large kites. Light wind kites did fly and so did the kites the children were given. A ground display of banners, crabs, a pig, a frog and a lady bug brought smiles to many faces. New this year was kite aerial photography. The photographer managed to get his Sutton in the air for a short time and obtain some images of the beach below. A tired group of kitefliers packed up their bags at the end of the morning and already started making plans for next year.

