

For the annual Memphis Kite Festival on Saturday, June 8 the sun was out shining bright but the wind was no where to be found.

“It’s not quite windy and it’s really difficult,” Greg Alexander with Indiana Salute to Veterans said as he tried to fly a kite with little to no wind.

The annual festival, as part of the ongoing Festival in Memphis brought out hundreds regardless of the flying conditions.

The wind did eventually pick up midday and brought colorful kites into the air, littering the blue sky.

There was a “hot tricks” shootout, a stunt kite flying competition in which two kite fliers competed to see who could perform the most interesting tricks in a 30-second countdown.

Others brought hand-stitched and homemade kites to enter into the competition. Kite makers from Chicago Nashville, Tennessee and other states participated.

But the day also brought out the novice kite fliers, like Ms. Jones’ from Louisville with her 5 year old son.

The kite festival featured great food, inflatables and more for the children. This event was free to the public.

The Memphis Kite Festival organizers would like to thank James Joyce with I-65 Truck Sales, The Leader, Carriage Ford and Sellersburg Fire Department Station 3 for making this event possible.