LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Goals and Objectives of the AKA were developed based on the charter, and in keeping with the original intent. AKA was started as a means of sharing ideas and the joys of kiting. This remains the main purpose of the AKA.

Kiting is fun! Some of us are frequent fliers, some fly only occasionally. Our interests are as diverse as the kites we fly. Because of this diversity, the AKA should offer many things to many people.

These goals are intended to provide general guidance for the development of the Association during the next three to five years.

GOAL #1: To improve and increase our services to members and the public.

GOAL #2: To increase our correspondence and interaction with clubs and individuals.

GOAL #3: To continue to publish the AKA newsletter to provide bi-monthly communication between the AKA, members, and kite clubs.

GOAL #4: To increase our membership, in total numbers, interested individuals of all ages, all ethnic groups, members of the kite industry, nationally and internationally.

GOAL #5: To establish a charter-club relationship between kite clubs and the AKA to our mutual advantage, and to foster new kite clubs as primary means of growth.

GOAL #6: To establish and publicize NATIONAL KITE WEEK, as the first week in May.

GOAL #7: To maintain revenues as required, and in step with the costs of providing services to the members and the public.

The objectives are shorter range initiatives that we intend to pursue during this year - with the support of the membership.

Objective #1: To establish NATIONAL KITE WEEK.

For this year, we are proclaiming NATIONAL KITE WEEK by our own endeavors. To this end, we are requesting that local clubs and members sponsor kite events during NATIONAL KITE WEEK. Suggested types of activities include:

- Contests and kite flys
- Library displays
- Writing articles for publication in local news media
- Kite workshops
- Work with youth groups, Scouts, Junior High Schools
- Local radio and TV public service announcements

Please notify AKA of all events, so that we can publish and share the results.
President's Letter (Cont.)

We are also developing NATIONAL KITE WEEK posters, suggested news releases, and other informational materials to be provided to interested members and kite stores.

Kite Clubs - now's your chance! REGIONAL DIRECTORS - activate and coordinate! Members - do what ever you do best, and ask your REGIONAL DIRECTORS for support. Share your good ideas.

Note that we have established a REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S CORNER in this issue - See Frank Hoke's letter from Region 3.

Objective #2: Develop Kite Information Packages and Guidelines.

We want to continue to develop materials on how to make kites, hold kite workshops, kite games, contests, suggestions on starting a kite club, etc. and make them available to clubs, members, and the public.

We need volunteers to help with this. Please send in ideas, descriptions of kite games, etc. We will publish them and provide sets to the REGIONAL DIRECTORS, and to members on request. We also need help in assembling the packages into suitable form - volunteers?? This supports GOALS # 1 and 2.

Objective #3: To Broaden our Contacts into the Retired and Leisure Communities.

This is a new initiative. We need volunteers to work with people in retirement communities, and to encourage them to form their own kite groups. We also need articles suitable for publication in magazines aimed at those communities. We would like to see those with leisure time become involved in helping others - such as youth groups in their areas. We would like copies of articles and permission to reprint. We would consider taking ads in suitable magazines to promote AKA membership. We need volunteers to work on this!

Objective #4: To provide revenues to cover AKA operating expenses.

Effective March 1st, the AKA annual dues have been increased to $10. We are still finalizing arrangements to provide administrative support services to ensure that we can be responsive to the members.

The AKA will remain informal and personal, regardless of the exact form taken for administrative support. It is our intent to be responsive to your needs - and we promise to try. We are open to constructive suggestions.

Objective #5: Publish the AKA Newsletter.

The newsletter is our primary means of sharing information. We need help. This is your Newsletter - and we need information on your activities and interests, pictures, schedules of events, and articles. We have created a glorious CONTRIBUTOR'S PATCH - see the last page for details.

** HELP: COME TO OUR AID!**

We need an editor for the AKA Newsletter. Margo and Sheila have done their turn. Get involved, meet and correspond with fascinating people! It's an effort, and takes a commitment. We need some one in the greater Washington D.C. area. HELP! SOON! PLEASE!

We also would like volunteers to act as REGIONAL EDITORS, to act as a local area rep - we would be glad to give you a column (each issue or occasionally). This supports GOALS # 2 and 3.

I am looking forward to working with you during this coming year. With your help, this can be another great year for the AKA.

See you on the flying field,

Bevan Brown
President, AKA

1982 AKA CONVENTION SITE CALL

Now is the time to decide where the AKA National Convention will be held in 1982! We are looking for groups willing to host this event in 1982. Please contact us if you are interested. We need to make the decision and get facilities confirmed.

As a service, we will publish the names of AKA members who want to establish correspondence with others of like interests.

Woody Cullum, 8529 Main Ave, Pasadena, MD 21122, wants to hear from members. He also asks if anyone could give him information on where to get the new Dan Dunford Acrobatic kite called the daredevil. He is a "stunt kite person."
GARRY WOODCOCK, who is the main instigator of the Toronto Kitefliers, challenges your perceptual orientation with this one.

Garry says, "The 8x10" print is the one that the judges in the Cerf-Volant Club Aerial Photo Contest liked best. It was partly the reason my entry won 2nd prize, probably.

"The site is J.C. Jaddington park in Port Credit, about a mile from my home. It's my favorite flying spot, and most of the testing for the aerial photo apparatus was done there. As you see, the resolution of the 45 mm. Tessor lens is quite good. The balsa wood camera uses 120 film so the entire image formed by the lens is recorded. This print cuts off about 1/4" around the periphery where it gets unsharp. This was taken at f8, 1/500 sec on Verichrome Pan film. Using Tri-X allows f16 where the coverage and resolution are really amazing."
festivals...

March 8, 1981. A large, month-long display of hand-crafted kites in the lovely old building of the Brambleton Public Library and Art Gallery in Roanoke, Virginia. A chance to display your best. Contact: GARY WOODCOCK, 1005 Shawmrr Rd., #68, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5B 3V2.

March 9, 1981. Annual WAWUNA KITE FLY, in Royal Park, Melbourne, Australia. Prizes for good kites, and giveaways for the kids. Contact: HELEN BUSHELL, 10 Elm Grove, East Kew 3102, Australia.

March 14, 1981. 14th Annual Cahu Kite Flying Contest, at Queen Kapiolani Park in Honolulu. This beautiful kite-flying area is large; attendance is large; the wind is often large. Contact: BEN ESCOBIDO, Sport Section of Recreation Dept., 650 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. (808)224-1257.

March 14, 1981. Open to the public. The annual Paul Garber Lecture at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.


April 11, 1981. Long Beach Recreation Department Kite Contest. On the beach, in Long Beach, California. Contact: BEN ESCOBIDO, Sport Section of Recreation Dept., 650 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. (808)524-1257.

April 15, 1981. Unconfirmed. 53rd Annual Silker Park Kite Contest, Austin, Texas.

April 15 (Sunday), 1981. Waxter Center Kite Workshop and Display, at the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens, Baltimore, Maryland. Contact: MEL GOVIG, (301) 484-6287.

March 22, 1981. 5th Annual Capitola Kite Festival. 10 AM on Capitola Beach, Santa Cruz County, California. Full range categories.


March 26, 1981. 15th Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival at the Washington Monument grounds in the District of Columbia.

March 29 (Sunday), 1981. Takoma Park 'Ben Franklin Kite Contest', 12 noon to 5PM at the Takoma Recreation Center, Takoma Park, Md. Contact: BELLE IIEGLER, (301) 270-4046.


April 5 - May 10, 1981. 'Sky Sculpture' exhibit of kites, sponsored by the Art Gallery, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.


April 11, 1981. 11th Annual Kites Aweigh Kite Fly co-sponsored with the Delaware Valley Kite Society. Contact: OLAN TURNER, 1628 Crescent Blvd., Yardley, PA 19067.


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April 12, 1981. The ANGEL'S FLIGHT FESTIVAL, Los Angeles, California. AKA is invited to fly as many kites as possible.

April 17, 1981. 11th Annual Kites Aweigh Kite Fly co-sponsored with the Maryland Park Service at Sandy Point State Park. (West side of Chesapeake Bay bridge) Workshop 10AM-12AM. Registration for fly is from noon to 1PM. Rain date is Sunday, April 12. For info call Kites Aweigh, (301)269-6005.

April 22, 1981. At the High Banks Metropolitan Park in the big meadow, Columbus, Ohio. Kite flying contest sponsored by the Central Ohio Kitefliers Association and Kappa Alpha Theta. 1PM to 4PM. Awards for originality and craftsmanship. Contact: BETTY AND MILLER S. MAKEY Sr., 2557 Clark Dr., Grove City, OH 43123.


April 16, 1981. The ANGEL'S FLIGHT FESTIVAL, Los Angeles, California. AKA is invited to fly as many kites as possible.

April 17, 1981. Unconfirmed, but probably reliable. Phone first. Greater Delaware 12th Annual Kite Festival, Cape Henlopen State Park. 11AM to 4PM. Contact: the Chamber of Commerce, Lewes, Delaware, or Dave Truitt, (302) 429-5735.

April 21, 1981. Atlantic City Kite Festival, Atlantic City, N.J. Ribbons, plaques. Contact: J. FRANCIS GRAMKOWSKI, 33 Evergreen Lane, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Phone (609) 429-5735. A big new thing, backed by the city Dept. of Public Relations, and the DVKS.

April 21-22, 1981. 4th International Kite Festival at Scheveningen Beach, Holland.

April 21, 1981. Second Weston Park Kite and Boomerang Festival, at Weston Park Salop, England. Organised by Rena Souten for the Midlands Kite Fliers. For two or three weeks.

July 4, 1981. Ocean City, New Jersey. Backed by the Greater Delaware Valley Kite Society. We're waiting for details. Perhaps this is THE ideal date.


MORE FESTIVALS — LATE FLASH NEWS

March 28, 1981. The Venice Pier Kite Festival, on the beach by the Venice Pier, at the end of Washington Street, Venice, California. (in Los Angeles County.) Contact: Toys Ahoy! 249 Culver Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453, (616) 857-2621.

April 18, 1981. 3rd Annual "Islands' Regional Kite Festival" sponsored by Toys Ahoy! at Sanibel Island Lighthouse Beach, Sanibel Island, Florida. 12 noon to 4PM. Over 1000 participants. Covered by 4 TV stations and 3 newspapers. Contact: Toys Ahoy! 28 Periwinkle Place, Sanibel Island, FL 33957, (813) 472-4800.

August 8, 1981. 3rd Annual "Lake Michigan Regional Kite Festival" sponsored by Toys Ahoy! at Saugatuck, Michigan's "Oval Beach", 12 noon to 4PM. Over 1000 participants. Media coverage. Contact: Toys Ahoy! 249 Culver Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453, (616) 857-2621.

BRITISH EVENTS:

April 5th, 1981. Wright Meet, Great Bentley Green. A12 Colchester Road, then A133 through Frating Green, then right to Great Bentley.

New Indoor Kite Endurance Record Set

Carl Brewer's kite was flown continuously, indoors, for 39 hours, 53 minutes, by a succession of kite fliers in the Seattle Kingdome, on the weekend of February 8, 1981.

The initial attempt began Friday night, February 6, at 9:15 PM, during the half-time break of a Sonics basketball game. Tom Sissoon flew the kite throughout the second half of the game, and logged 4 hours, 30 minutes before the wing tips collapsed.

Starting anew at 3AM Saturday, a team which included Carl Brewer, Tom Sissoon, and Bob Mc Cort kept the kite aloft until 6:55PM, Sunday, February 8, 1981.

Carl's record-holding kite is similar to the one which he and Tom used to establish the previous record, of 9 hours, 13 minutes. (See photo in the AKA newsletter Vol. 1, No. 4, July 1979, "Letter from the President"). They used the technique of "glide-out-backwards-then-pull-up" which was formalized and demonstrated by William Bigge, some years ago.

Jim Greeno, 18 years old, launched his kite concurrently with the Brewer kite, and kept it aloft as a solo effort for over six hours. He was relieved for only 5 minutes of each hour, to conform to solo discipline. This may be the record for solo indoor flight.

The record setting flight was observed by Jack Van Gilder, Dave Checkley, Patricia Lega, Pat Mullarky, Millie Mullarky, and others.

A number of other craft also were flown in the Kingdome during that weekend, including an electric powered biplane.
Dear Wood,

At the Seattle meeting of the AKA, I told the group that I was displeased with the way AKA was being moved and felt that we should get back to the basic aims dictated in our by-laws. Since then, great numbers of members have told me that they heartily agree.

Specifically, the members are against the AKA going into business. Kite business is fine and we want the kite businessmen in the AKA but keep business itself out of AKA.

Although there is obvious need for high grade office help, turning the operation over to a management corporation creates a snowballing situation: the management strives to create a larger income for themselves with the result that AKA must expand its income to meet this expense etc. etc.

Although, certainly, the executive committee has the authority to make such commitments, I contend that their real responsibility is to the membership of AKA and not to any small, internal, self-serving, pressure group. Thus, I firmly urge the executive committee to hire professional office help to the exclusion of a costly management corporation.

The concept of AKA going into business to finance the advance of kiteflying is a distortion of the aims of AKA and is being forced upon the members. I believe the membership of AKA should be polled to determine their desires: should AKA become a business or should it adhere to the basic aims of the kiteflier/consumer set forth in the by-laws? The commercially interested members of AKA should identify themselves in such a poll. Then, when the results are published in the AKA News, not only the executive committee but the entire membership will be able to evaluate whether or not there is any difference of opinion between the kiteflier/consumer and the business faction.

Best regards,
Curtis Marshall
Avid Kiteflier

Dear Curt,

First of all, I agree with some parts of your letter.

The idea of polling the members is great. All the members should write letters or cryptic notes on the problem, whatever it is, for publication in the AKA newsletter. Many members don't write such letters or respond to polls, but we can use everything we receive. Any kite merchants who fear that they will be denied publicity, in another publication, if they "say the wrong things," can be sure that we would not publish the name of a writer who requests anonymity.

The idea "...to hire professional office help to the exclusion of costly management corporation," seems related to a good principle, but it is not clear. We don't have an office.

Your idea, that the hired management might get ambitious and take over control for itself, is valid. The executive committee is alert to this problem, and has discussed ways to maintain control, including such items as, (1) limiting the contractor's duties to publication of the newsletter, or (2) maintaining separate control of the mailing lists, or (3) exercising constant veto power of ads and correspondence of (4) etc. You make the "snowballing situation" sound inevitable. Thousands of associations are managed by professional contractors, but are indeed controlled by members.

Those were the good things about your letter.

You really should make yourself realize that the AKA crisis is different in kind from the imagined crisis you write about. A better summary of the crisis is that: The management is quitting. Nobody wants to do the work. (You have not done any, for example.) Most of the members won't participate in decision making, and just want to be entertained. The executive committee gets criticism from everywhere. The AKA is in debt, not merely in its sound finances. We have arrived at a fork in the road. Red and a few others have worked their buns off, to prove, during two years, that the by-laws could work, and that a kite publication could be reliable, responsive and responsible, as well as fun and informative. Red refused to run again for president. It isn't fair for him to have to continue. The nominating committee was unable to find anyone who would run. Bevan finally agreed to run only if the management work was contracted out. That's where we are. The only other alternative, to hiring a manager or dyine, is for you and many others to start working, running for office, answering correspondence, writing articles, paying bills, meeting deadlines, selling memberships, conducting new events, attending frequent meetings, etc. Realising that the executive committee is quite different from flying kites, and quite different from just grinning. It is a forced choice. Even refusing to choose is a choice. The only way to avoid forced choosing is to be dead.

The first "specific" issue in your letter is not specific. You elect yourself to speak for the members, and you "are against the AKA going into business." What is business? I suspect that your hidden meaning is that you don't want kite advertisers to spend their money on the AKA newsletter. Probably you do want the AKA to operate in a business-like manner, to publish regularly, to respond promptly to letters, etc. Why don't you volunteer to be an elected, work-doing, official of AKA?

Your comment that the responsibility of the Executive Committee is to the membership and "not to any small, internal, self-serving, pressure group," is correct. Can we identify such a group? The executive committee is "self-serving" when it wants some help with the work, but it is not likely to benefit from its own rulings. The small, internal, self-serving pressure group I know of is right there in Baltimore, and the AKA deserves its help, not its jibes, and you are being used as its spokesman, for the moment. There is a large, external, self-serving pressure group, that wants kite advertising in the newsletter, and wants to succeed by serving the majority of consumer-members, exactly the way Adam Smith explained.

You have twisted ordinary phrases into innuendoes and sarcastic digs that are totally in contrast to your wonderful kites. Your letter to Bevan was bluntly unjust and misleading about Red Braswell. Red deserves better, because he has worked harder for the members than any one else. He has tried to serve the members and to facilitate member communications, in contrast to a few who might want to be served by the members and to control kite communications.

In the past two years, a number of AKA's real achievements were marked by criticisms from Baltimore. This phenomenon is so reliable, in fact, that I sometimes feel that such a letter is proof that the AKA is doing something right. Only time will tell. The twisted irony is that your letter may be the light at the end of the tunnel.

The editor of the newsletter tries to print constructive, pleasant material, to please the readers, but also publishes the critical letters, to afford everyone fair access. If we continually publish a great deal of the kind of material you have been writing, with replies, etc., we might lose some members. On the other hand, if you, with all your talent and resources, could provide some upbeat, technical articles for publication, to the AKA, I'm sure that all the members would be grateful. Provided, of course, that we are able to continue operating.

Good Winds,
Wood Ellis
3rd Vice President, AKA

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Dear Wood:

I'm sorry to see you caught in the middle of a controversy. My problem is that, from the distance of Baltimore, I see the point of the people who have been doing all the work for you and many others to start working, running for office, and keep a tight control on them by the board.

I love Valerie's writing/editing but cry a little when she doesn't get another issue out each 90th day.

Best regards,
Jack Van Gilder

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Next to the president of the American Kiteflier's Association (AKA), I have served for many years as 3rd Vice President, and have tried to be involved in the politics of the AKA, and to be a constructive group member, not a detractor.

I believe that the AKA is in serious danger of dying. This phenomenon is so reliable, in fact, that I sometimes feel that such a letter is proof that the AKA is doing something right. Only time will tell. The twisted irony is that your letter may be the light at the end of the tunnel.

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Wood Ellis
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Dear Curtis:

I appreciate your concern about where AKA is headed. Your statement about the snowballing effect of a management firm has the ring of truth.

Without asking anyone else's opinion, my basic assumption is that the Board feels as though (a) professional help is now mandatory and (b) if we are going to pay for this help we need someone knowledgeable in how to get the income up high enough to pay for it. A professional office staff will take care of (a) but can they help solve (b)?

I guess, in AKA, as happens with so many volunteer organizations, the demands of the various jobs outstrip the capabilities and/or willingness of the volunteers. At this point, if no one steps forward to do it free, it must become a pay-as-you-go organization. I wonder if the members haven't already voted that is what they want. The conventions were well attended. Patch, shirt, etc. sales seem to be doing OK from what I hear. Continuing with these activities, which take a lot of time and planning, are where the management firm will shine.

One other thought. The AKA is the employer — the management firm the employee. They can only make AKA as large, commercial or aggressive as we let them. If you and others, feel that small and intimate is good (and here I tend to agree with you) then I should think that it would be proper for you to keep reminding the Board of that fact from time-to-time. A small, but vocal, group of members can go a long way toward having their concerns fulfilled by AKA. Even though neither side gets exactly what it wants moderation should prevail.

Thanks for your letter. I have sent a copy, and my response, to Red.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Freeman
Vice President
of Aircraft Operations

Excerpted from a long letter . . .

"Obviously, I endorse the hiring of a management company to take the load off Bevan and his crew so their creative talents can be used to make AKA grow bigger and better."

"Meanwhile, have a happy 1981."

Tight Lines,
Garry
(from Garry Woodcock, Toronto)

SPECIAL HOTEL RATE FOR KITE TOURISTS

The Holiday Inn in downtown Washington, D.C. is offering special rates for AKA members who come for the famous kite fly on the Washington Monument grounds, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service, March 28 or 29th.

This is an unusual offer by an unusual hotel. It contains the Smithsonian Restaurant, which is completely decorated with kites. The manager emphasizes that guests may come for the Bull Run kite fly, the preceding week, and stay for the Smithsonian fly, and get the same rate.

Don Gilmour, a prominent safety engineer, provided his impressions . . .


"Keels flutter a little when people move past, giving a little of the feeling of movement of the bright colored kites. They compliment the decor of leather-backed captains chairs, warm orange napkins.

"Wall decorations of old inventions and tools, farm implements in keeping with Smithsonian theme (once described as the "Nation's attic")."
Congratulations to the GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY KITE SOCIETY on the publication of the first issue of its excellent newsletter, called TIGHT LINES, from which the following drawing is reprinted.

1. **HOD TAYLOR TRIANGULAR BOX DELTA**
   **ALSO KNOWN AS THE DELTA-CONYNE**

   An inexpensive, easy-to-build, lightweight, low-wind flyer that can be made in a rainbow of colors.

   A miniature version of a modern classic, by Leonard M. Conover.

2. **MATERIALS**

   1. sheet tissue paper (20" x 30")
   1. plastic drinking straw, cut in half.
   3. wooden dowels (1/8" dia. x 16" long).
   3. wooden dowels (1/8" dia. x 20" long).
   light string for bridle (36" long).
   tape - glue - pen - pencil - knife - scissors - yardstick - meterstick - etc.

3. Cut on solid lines; fold on dotted lines. Note: 5 + 2/3" equals 170 mm.

4. Remove sections "C" and "D". Flip sections "A" and "F" upside down and tape to sections "B" and "E".

5. Fold on centerline. Tape sections "C" and "D" to back to form two triangular box sections, top and bottom.

6. Glue 16" sticks to leading edge of wings. Glue 2 20" sticks to back of triangular box. Glue 1 20" stick inside leading edge of box.

7. Bend piece of straw in half. Tape along side wing spar, leaving one half of straw free to move.

8. Insert 16" stick (spreader) into straws. Attach bridle and fly in gentle winds.
Field Event
DOWNWIND KITE RACE

This event is conducted in heats. If a large number of participants are involved, several heats can be run and then run-off heats conducted.

The object is to start with kite in hand on the upwind side of the starting line, launch the kite upon the start command, let out a specified length of flying line without the kite or kite tail touching the ground, then cross the finish line with the kite still in the air. The contestant must have the specified line out before crossing the finish line. The first contestant across the finish line with the kite in the air continuously and the minimum line out wins. The length of flying line is measured (using preset stakes) to verify the results. Standard hand reels with premeasured line can be used.

The contestants can run in any direction in the process, but can only step over the finish line when the line is fully out. A sample field layout is shown below.

MATERIALS:
1. Stakes and two lengths of cord (or other means of marking the field)
2. Clipboard, sign up sheet, pencil
3. Measuring device to set the stakes for the desired distance, or use standard reels with equal line length.
WHAT A DELIGHTFUL IDEA!

Judge for yourself. We recently received the following letter.

"Enclosed please find a check for $70.00 and a list of 14 new members to add to your mailing list. As I told you by phone, we gave our employees a bonus on top of their bonus—we gave them AKA News for Christmas!!! At first we thought they might feel they were being "force fed" kiting, but we soon found out that they all thought it was a great idea. You'd be surprised how many people want to know more about kites and kiting events in their area.

"As I told you by phone, please let me know if there is any way that I can help keep AKA going and make it stronger. My time and Go Fly A Kite's office equipment is at your disposal..

Sincerely,
Lucille Stokes
Operations Manager
Go Fly A Kite, Inc.
P.O. Box AA —(203) 873-8676
East Haddam, Connecticut
06423

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS AGREED TO ALLOW 10% DISCOUNT TO AKA MEMBERS.

This is a costly and serious step by these merchants. They deserve your support and patronage of these merchants.

THE AKA MEMBERSHIP CARD IS VALUABLE.

A STRONG NEW FORCE !!!

The first formal meeting of the DELAWARE VALLEY KITE SOCIETY was on February 1st, and it already has 30 dues paying members, a veritable Who's Who of kite fliers in that area. The DVKS was involved in the planning of a number of events even before it had its formal meeting, as is amply evident in the events list of this AKA NEWS LETTER.

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Dear Sheila:

Would you please include in the next issue of AKA News a request for all members in Region 3 to send me a postcard giving name, address, and any major concerns they may have pertaining to AKA. This information will enable me to better serve them as their regional director.

Thank You,
FRANK HOKE
616 Countess Dr.
Yardley, PA 19067

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(by Paul Garber, in Air & Space.)

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