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# President's Corner

March is here and everyone is thinking "kites"; of course, AKA members think kites all year long. Many of you have not only been thinking kites, you have been flying and making kites and are now watching for a bright day when the wind is not too vicious, so you can test your new creations.

Throughout the winter, in Columbus, OH, some of us have flown kites every Sunday that is an even number on the calendar. But sometimes, it has been too cold to be out any length of time. Inside, where it was warm, the Executive Committee has been busy activating the standing committees and creating some additional new ones. Though this has been a big job, it was a fun job, but we could not fly or make kites at the same time. We did work hard and gave it our best; suggested revisions will be welcome.

We have activated and constituted all standing committees except "Kite Industry and Trade Show Committee" We will activate this committee as soon as we arrive at a concensus as the the responsibilities to assign to the committee. Since there is now a Kite Trade Association (which came into being since the adoption of the bylaws) the orginial need for this committee may no longer exist. There may, however, be a new purpose for the committee.

In addition to the standing committee specified in the association's bylaws, your president has created four special committees. The work of these committees is to be completed by the time of the annual meeting, October 3, 1985. They are the International Exchange Committee, Records and Record Attempts Committee, Annual Auction Committee and Bylaws Committee.

This year, at your request, the Annual Convention and Festival, will be coordinated by the host group, but will be the product of the combined efforts of the Festivals & Competitions Com-

mittee, Annual Meeting Committee, International Exchange Committee, Annual Auction Committee and Bylaws Committee. This is a different way of doing things so it may take a while to get it to work smoothly. Each of you are expected to help; if you do, it won't take long to get things into driving gear.



This is the important thing about this system of using "national" committees: you can help. Share your ideas and/or your gripes and explain how it can be done in a manner satisfactory to you. All you need to do is write or phone someone on the committee that is responsible for the area of activity in which you are interested. I am including in the charges to committees the list of confirmed appointments. We will notify you of additional confirmations. If you do not know a member of the committee, contact the chairperson.

There's a great year ahead for AKA; with your help IT WILL FLY!

Miller  
*Miller*

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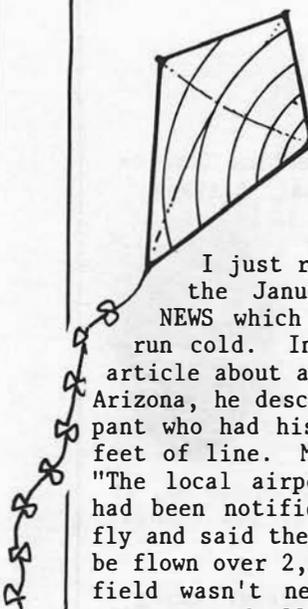
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*This beautiful Chinese dragon centipede came from Beijing. It needs about 15 m.p.h. winds to fly steadily. Photo by Lymon Hall, Houston Camera Exchange.*



# Readers Write

I just read something in the January, 1985 AKA NEWS which made my blood run cold. In Bruce Mitton's article about a kite exhibit in Arizona, he described a participant who had his kite on 5,000 feet of line. Mr. Mitton said, "The local airport authorities had been notified of the kite fly and said the kites shouldn't be flown over 2,500 feet but the field wasn't near any flight patterns and all was well." (P. 19)

I am a kite person, and belong to the AKA as well as to two regional kite associations. I am also a licensed pilot. I am writing primarily from that latter capacity, but not without considerable sympathy for the former.

I suspect that most kite flyers

don't realize how little things look when you are eyeball to eyeball at altitude. It is difficult to spot other aircraft, even when air traffic control (ATC) has warned you of traffic in your vicinity. Even the enormous C5 cargo planes (which people here in Delaware call "aluminum overcast") look like matchbox toys at a couple of miles.

Something as comparatively tiny and unexpected as a kite at 5,000 feet is an accident waiting to happen. Not all aircraft at that altitude are under ATC guidance. Traffic operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) far enough from an airport for a kite meet to be permitted need not talk to anyone if they so choose. VFR traffic is not required to stick to established airways. As a matter of courtesy, those are more or less reserved for aircraft operating

under Instrument Flight Rules. Moreover, most kites are terrible radar targets and even traffic communicating with ATC would probably have no warning that there was a possible hazard in their vicinity.

In my business, I regularly do aerial photography at an altitude of 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL). Students practice maneuvers at 2,000 to about 5,000 feet AGL. Most pilots flying VFR to an airport within 150 miles or so of home will stay around 3,000 to 6,000 feet AGL. I hate to think of what might happen to a plane with a mile of 60-lb test nylon wrapped around a control surface or a propeller hub.

The minimum altitude for VFR flight over settled areas in the US is 1,000 feet AGL. I suggest that anyone who plans to fly a kite higher than that should notify a Flight Service Station so that they may issue a "Notice to Airmen" of a possible hazard. Flight service is available by local call of 800 number from every community in the country.

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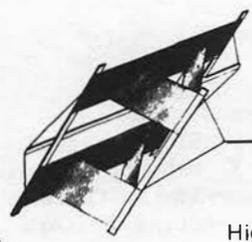
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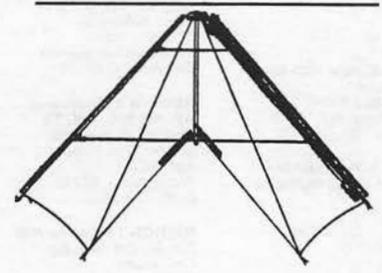
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Fortunately, collisions between kites and other aircraft are rare. But the sky is no place for goofballs. A pilot friend recently received a bad scare from a mylar helium balloon at 3,000 feet. Mr. Mitton is to be commended for letting the local airport know of the Arizona meet. I am sure that if he understood from a pilot's point of view the possible hazard of a very high kite, he wouldn't have been so cavalier about the person who violated the controller's request.

The Safety Committee's recommendation of a "kite area" symbol on VFR charts is excellent. You might enlist the support of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in this effort. This address is AOPA, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701.

Finally, I suggest that kite flyers find a friendly pilot and beg a ride. Many airports have inexpensive sightseeing rides available. The world is really wonderful from the kite's point of view.

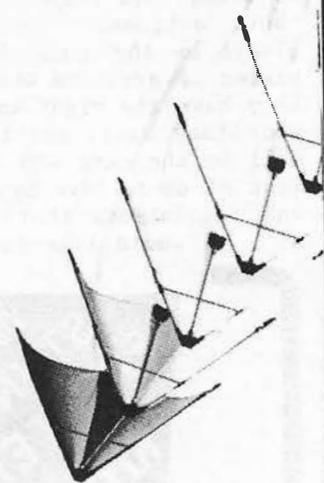
Louise B. Heite

Sharing airspace and the problems thereof are not new, of course, and the government body given the responsibility for control of the use is the

Federal Aviation Authority, and whether we as individuals think we have the right to do whatever we want, that really isn't true and rightfully so! A kiteflier who is involved in an accident with an aircraft will soon find out (if he can be found) that he is subject to the responsibilities of sharing airspace! Usually we all get away with many things in aviation and it's only when an accident has occurred that a reckoning is due! I've been guilty in the past of flying a kite as high as I possibly could, but my efforts weren't very rewarding as it seemed like I had a mile of string out, but the kite was only 1,500 feet or so; as anyone soon finds out, the weight of the string plays a very important part in how high the kite flies! However, with today's technology I can see where a kite could be flown very high and the mass of the kite would be such that a collision with an aircraft would be a serious matter. The very worst, of course, would be that someone would be killed. No one would intentionally do that, but in my estimation it could happen.

Notifying the local Flight Service Station will probably satisfy the legalities of flying a kite at a higher than normal altitude, but the chances of an accident are still there! I agree with Mrs. Heite in her concern; I think her letter is very well written. The only exception I would take is that 5,000 feet of line will, of

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course, not give 5,000 feet of altitude and I'm sure she is aware of that also!

...Just realizing that we are responsible for sharing airspace and that consequences can develop if an accident occurs is a start towards educating people to accept the responsibility of their actions. There will always be the diehards in all phases of aviation who will say they have the right to do whatever they want, and they also will be the ones who cause the rest of us to live by the rules and regulations that develop. Also, I would like to comment

that all the rules and regulations in the world will not stop an accident from happening; you cannot regulate safety. Safety comes from within the hearts of all of us involved and our willingness to keep it that way!

Bob Clupper

ED. NOTE: Bob Clupper is a 747 Captain for United Airlines, as well as an Ultralight pilot, parachutist and kiteflier.

I apologize to those who have written to me asking information about "Practical Fishing Knots", I have managed to lose your addresses. The best way to get "Practical Fishing Knots" (by Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin, Crown Publishers) is through Salt Water Sportsman, 186 Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111. The book costs \$7.95 plus \$1.50 postage and handling.

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The Uni-knot is very good and is easier to tie than the Bimini Twist, but isn't as strong,

especially with braided Dacron. I use it all of the time with monofilament nylon.

If you use a fairly large diameter line for things like bow lines, you can use the taut-line hitch to adjust the length. It is used to tighten tent lines.

Marty Sasaki

It is my sad duty to have to tell you that Arnie Brenton died suddenly on September 25 last. Since all of the flyers here got our Ingrahams from Arnie, we were sure that you would want to know.

We have a small, but raffish group hereabouts that he started and we're having a "fly-in" as a memorial. I'll put up his favorite old wind-worn Ingraham with a "Go Arnie" banner on it. His ashes will be spread on our flying field.

He introduced many, many people hereabouts to the joys of kite-flying, and he'll sure be missed.

John Dorrothy

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS EXECUTIVE BOARD November 20, 1984

SPECIAL MEETING - This special meeting was called for the purpose of choosing a 1985 convention site.

VIDEO TAPES - The Board viewed video tapes of the Oregon and California sites and received answers to their specific questions regarding the two proposals.

SAN DIEGO CHOSEN - After general discussion and consideration of cost differential vs. convenience of travel and adequacy of accommodations, the Board accepted the proposal of San Diego to host the AKA convention and appointed John Laing as Chairman and Rick Bell as Vice-Chairman of the convention.

## SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVOLVEMENT - The Board made specific recommendations to the convention committee reference cost saving measures, convention policies, role of the Executive Director and headquarters staff in convention, etc.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION EXECUTIVE BOARD December 4, 1984

T SHIRTS - The Board voted to order T shirts in a new design for sale to AKA members.

STANDING COMMITTEES - The Board discussed the procedure for appointing standing committees as described in the bylaws. Executive Board members were assigned to draft specific "charges" to each of the standing committees for 1985. Potential special committees were discussed.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS EXECUTIVE BOARD January 8, 1985

CONVENTION '85 - The Board reviewed the "Letter of Intent"

from the Bahia Hotel, San Diego, and suggested certain changes and clarifications.

COMMITTEES - The Executive Board reviewed progress in appointing standing and ad hoc committees and in giving written charges to the committees.

BONDING - The committee voted to bond John Laing, Chairman, and Rick Bell, Co-Chairman, regarding the AKA Convention in San Diego.

## CHARGES OF RESPONSIBILITY

### ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Bob McCort, Chairman.  
Members-Tony Cyphert, Olan Turner

1. Solicit for convention sites and hosts for at least the three years beyond the current year.
2. Determine the format for the next AKA annual convention and festival by the end of December.
3. Maintain liaison with Competitions/Festivals, Foreign Exchange, Auction, Host Group, AKA Office and Executive Committee.
4. Be in charge of the Saturday night banquet of the annual convention.

### FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Lee Toy, Chairman. Members:  
Tony Cyphert, Bevan Brown

1. Establish standards for competition categories; contestant categories; rules for each competition and contestant category; qualifications, instructions and rules for judges; dimensions, physical location and configurations of competition fields.
2. Prepare an AKA Festivals and Competitions Handbook or manual.
3. Be in charge of the AKA Nationals.
4. Maintain liaison with

Records and Records Attempts Committee for coordination and congruity.

5. Report progress to Executive Board at least quarterly.
6. Prepare an annual report.

### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Jon Burkhardt, Chairman.  
Members - Dave Checkley, Carl Poehler

1. Recommend ways to promote international exchange; foreign membership dues structure; invitation to foreign kite people; enticements to foreign people to attend AKA annual festival; new activities that would help AKA fulfill its purpose re: international exchange.
2. Develop an annual calendar of major foreign kite events.
3. Explore supplemental funding of foreign exchange program.
4. Keep AKA Executive Committee informed and prepare and annual report.

### ANNUAL AUCTION COMMITTEE Chairman unconfirmed.

1. Promote the annual auction through AKA NEWS and any other means approved by the executive committee.
2. Establish pre-auction procedure to provide for an exciting, efficient, fair and lucrative auction.
3. Communicate with the annual meeting committee for coordination and congruity.
4. Plan within the constraints of: 100% of the proceeds go to the AKA general fund; an auctioneer will be in charge of sales; auction items to be identified and displayed for members perusal prior to auction time; a catalogue of auction items to be distributed prior to the commencement of sales; only AKA members duly registered

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for the convention are to be admitted to the auction.

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Chairman unconfirmed.

1. Provide ongoing evaluation of the association's financial status and programs.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee methods of increasing the Association's financial resources.
3. Prepare resolutions for the Board of Directors to act upon proposals of methods of providing financial resources.
4. Explore funding sources and the efficacy of such funding.
5. Study existing membership/dues structure and recommend changes that would invite more memberships and produce greater revenues.
6. Evaluate the need, efficacy and options for soliciting corporate contributions.
7. Evaluate the need, efficacy and options for soliciting member donations.
8. Evaluate the Association's policy relative to AKA NEWS.
9. Work in concert with the Membership & Promotion Committee.
10. Report at least quarterly to the Executive Committee.
11. Prepare an annual report.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Chairman unconfirmed.

1. Review the association's bylaws for possible needed change/amendment.
2. Study bylaws change/amendment proposals submitted and recommended

by members.

3. Serve as counsel to the Executive Committee concerning compliance with the bylaws.
4. Report committee activity/progress to the Executive Committee.

## SAFETY AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Red Braswell, Chairman. Members: Fred Bell, Margo Brown, G. Gabrel, Harry Osborne, Bob Price, Bill Rutiser, Bernie Spaulding, Bill Tyrrell.

1. Develop a form and procedure for report all kite related accidents.
2. Have a "Safety Report" column in AKA NEWS.
3. Produce a special report on big and stunt kites.
4. Develop a list of safety rules that would have to be agreed to before an event would be granted AKA sanction.

## ARCHIVES & RECORDS DOCUMENTATION

Bob Price, Chairman

This committee, established in 1978, has been accumulating archival material since that time. Bob Price has almost a full metal file cabinet and has, in the past year, with some volunteer help, logged the materials on his computer. I have confirmed his chairmanship of this committee but have not yet given him an official charge. As the archives grow in volume and the organization grows in membership and becomes older, more thought needs to be given to the housing and control of the archives. It may be time to begin thinking of the possible development of an AKA National Kite Museum.

# NEWS Needs

AKA NEWS is looking for a few good contributors. We need kitefliers to share information, plans, report on kite flies, suggest ideas, ask questions, submit photographs and much more. Let us hear from you. We'd love to consider your submissions for publication. A

handsome Contributor's Patch awaits you. Write AKA NEWS, 113 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

# AKA Finance

The American Kitefliers Association presents the following report of its financial condition to the membership. The figures represent best information for December 31, 1984, as of the date of publication.

## BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1984

### ASSETS

Cash-Checking	3049.07
Cash-Savings	1451.61
Edeiken Fund	2461.95
Accounts Rec.	4401.63
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Other Assets	1400.00

TOTAL ASSETS 12810.26

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### MEMBERS' EQUITY

Beginning Balance	8159.54
Change - YTD	2133.77

TOTAL EQUITY 10293.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY 12810.26

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Dues	49%
Auction	28%
NEWS Adv.	15%
NEWS Sales	4%
Donations	1%
Interest	1%
T-shirts, etc.	1%
Misc.	1%

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Newsletter	55%
Membership Promo.	12%
Office, Staff	8%
Telephone	5%
Misc.	5%
Legal/Acct./Ins.	4%
Supplies	4%
Convention	3%
Postage	2%
Officers Exp.	2%

# Regional Rope

## REGION 6 REPORT

by Fred Bell

Greetings from the snowy mid-west. I would like to thank the AKA members from Region 6 for their support and votes in the election. I am looking forward to serving you and AKA over the next three years.

If there are any activities or bits of information you would like to share with other members, please contact me and I will see that it gets proper attention. I would also like to invite the neighboring regions that surround Region 6 to stay in touch and help cultivate some inter-regional activities.

The convention in Nashville gave me an opportunity to meet and discuss some great ideas with a lot of great people. I wish I could have had a couple of extra days to get other ideas and make more friends. Let's not wait till San Diego to be in touch again.

I have also been elected to a second term as president of the Central Ohio Kitefliers Association, so I'll be doing double duty for those of you in the Columbus area. Be sure to keep Labor Day Weekend open for COKA's event at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. This year's theme is the "Birth of Flight."

## Limited Supply

# AKA T-Shirts On Sale

AKA is proud and happy to announce the availability of a



As members of the Safety and Ethics Committee, Nancy Keating (COKA's Secretary) and I have already contacted many members regarding stunt kite safety opinions via our questionnaire. Please take the time to respond if you haven't already, or if you haven't been contacted and have something to say, contact me as soon as possible.

If there are some lone eagles out there who don't have local clubs or need help in establishing one, I'm here to help, advise, pass on information and represent you at a regional level, so let's stay in touch.

Fred Bell  
AKA Region 6  
315 S. Kellner Road  
Columbus, OH 43209

## AKA REGION 7 NEWS

by Al Hargus

ILLINOIS - The Chicagoland Sky Liners Kite Club is putting together a kite exhibit to be displayed in area museums and schools. The exhibit will center around the kite panels from the Smithsonian and will feature oriental and contemporary kites donated by Sky Liner members. The exhibit will premier at Bloomingdale Illinois Park District Museum through the month of May.

Plans are being made by Chicago Flexifoil stunt fliers for a "stunter only" competition in

the end of May. Andrew Jones and Ray Merry, the designers of the Flexifoil kite, will be attending from England.

WISCONSIN - Apologies from this Regional Director are in order to the Kite Society of Wisconsin for coming up with the incorrect name of their club. So many members are from Milwaukee that I erroneously called the club the Milwaukee Kite Society last AKA NEWS. Sorry, fellas. You can contact the Kite Society of Wisconsin through Jeff Kataoka, 2266 North Prospect, #501, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

MINNESOTA - Deep, deep snow and ice don't stop Paul and Carolyn Runkle of Duluth, MN, from flying in the winter. They use kites to pull a sled around. Better than feeding a dog sled team and much more fun, too.

IOWA - Friends of this Regional Director in the Dubuque area would like to form a club for kite flying and socializing. For further information, contact Al Hargus.

As the Midwest thaws out and prepares for the 1985 kite flying season, drop Al Hargus, Region #7 Director, a line and let him know your plans or just call to say hello. Al can be reached at (312) 545-9572, 4705 W. Byron, Chicago, IL 60641.

## Scheveningen

1985 plans have been announced for one of the premier kite-flying events in the world--The International Fokker Kite Festival Scheveningen. Produced by the Scheveningen Resort Foundation in cooperation with Fokker aircraft company and Gerard van der Loo's "Vlieger-Op", the Scheveningen festival, scheduled for June 21-23, has become an outstanding worldwide draw for kitefliers.

Begun in 1978, the festival attracts an average of 200,000 visitors and participants from more than 10 countries. In addition to the flying activities, the festival includes an international kite symposium with lectures and demonstrations in English.

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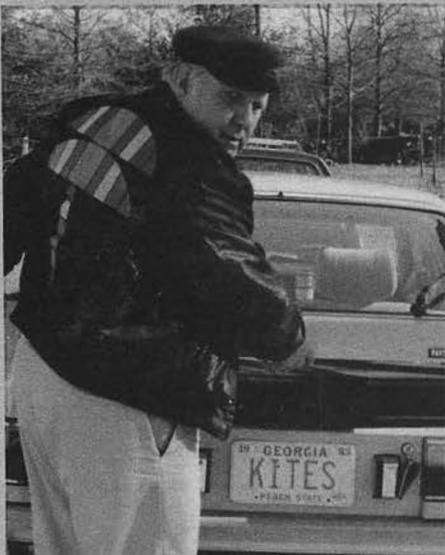
At the request of AKA, the Scheveningen Resort Foundation has developed a three-day package including registration and bed and breakfast hotel accommodations. As of this writing, the Foundation is negotiating with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines for special fares for kitefliers.

For additional information, please contact:  
J.A. Koek, Scheveningen Resort Foundation, Gevers Deynootweg 990-61, 2586 BZ Scheveningen, The Netherlands. Telephone 070-542402.

## Kite Book Bid

Miss out on the excitement of the AKA auction? Now is your chance to bid on a unique and beautiful item.

AKA is offering for sale, by sealed bid, one of a limited number of handmade books on Japanese kite masters. These books of 34 pages were produced by David S. Kung in connection with research performed for the 1960 Annual Children's Carnival of the Museum of Modern Art, NY. During the project, the writer visited craftsmen, whom he calls "perhaps the last generation of



The last issue of AKA News couldn't identify the Georgia "Kites" tag. Well, it's Charlie Henderson's of Atlanta. See related photo, p. 16.

real kitemakers in Japan." The book includes a short history of kitemaking in Japan as well as a section on each of the kitemakers Kung studied. It is illustrated with hand-colored wood block prints. Several of these books were acquired by AKA, in a purchase of some of Mr. Kung's effects from abandoned storage. We have no idea how many of the books exist but, surely, no more than one hundred or so. The book is a rare treasure, and a unique addition to your collection of kite-related items. To bid, send your bid in an envelope marked "AKA Auction" to AKA headquarters, 113 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, MD. Bids will be opened March 15, 1984. AKA reserves the right to reject any bid under \$100.00.

## San Diego Invite

This year when you go to the convention, plan on a long stay and make a vacation out of the AKA convention. You will find that San Diego is a paradise for kite fliers. The sun always shines (almost) with a steady wind from the Pacific Ocean always at your call (almost). Not much rain to worry about, and here in San Diego we don't worry about it anyway. It never turns to snow.

San Diego has more places to fly kites than any city in the United States. Miles of beaches, miles of park lands, and a wind for all of them.

For your pleasure, and the family if you bring everybody, there are many world renowned attractions. Sea World is one of the most popular. The world's largest zoo in Balboa Park; the outdoor open wild animal park with monorail to ride while seeing the animals roaming free. There is sports fishing, whale watching, bay sailing. San Diego has something for everyone. Old Mexico is only seventeen miles away. There is even a trolley line to take you direct to the border.

Sun and wind--peace and quiet--sea and surf--come to the 1985 AKA convention for the finest convention and vacation

you have ever enjoyed. The San Diego Kite Group invites you to join us October 3-5, and perhaps for a little while longer.

## Classified Ads

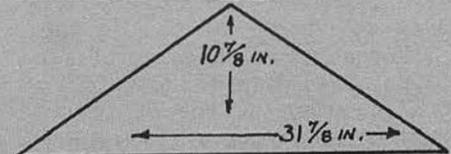
As a service to the kiteflying community, beginning with the May issue of AKA NEWS, the NEWS will carry classified advertising. Offer to swap or sell; seek a special kite. Sell off your collection or add to it.

Classified ads will be priced at \$15.00 for one column inch (approximately 30 words) for a one-time ad. Deadline for classified advertising will be the first of the month prior to publication--April 1 for the May issue, June 1 for the July issue and so forth.

Remember--30 words for \$15.00, deadlines, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, December 1 and February 1.

## Free Rip Stop

Tony Cyphert, AKA Regional Director in San Diego, CA, has a present for every AKA member. Two pieces of .75-oz rip-stop nylon in various colors, dimensions as shown.



How come? Avenger Kites, Inc. has hundreds, nay thousands of pieces of the material left over from the manufacture of their increasingly popular stunt kites. Tony is part-owner and Manager of Environmental Protection Through Disposal of Scrap Ripstop Dept.

He also has an offer: A free Avenger kite will be given to the AKA member who brings the best kite constructed of these two pieces of ripstop to the AKA convention in San Diego, October 1985. "Best" includes "Flight", "Beauty", and "Craftsmanship", each on a scale of 1 to 10.

For your free rip-stop, send a stamped, return-addressed envelope to:  
867 W. Harbor Drive, Suite C  
San Diego, CA 92101

## MKS Relocates

# Kites Bombarded At Ft. McHenry

For the first time in five years, the Maryland Kite Society will hold its annual Maryland Kite Festival this year at a location other than the historic Ft. McHenry in Baltimore.

To be held Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the Asbury Methodist Village Retirement Community in the Gaithersburg section of Montgomery County, this year's festival promises to be a great event. Its new home offers over 135 acres of open space for kite flying and the event will be held in conjunction with the Village's annual bazaar.

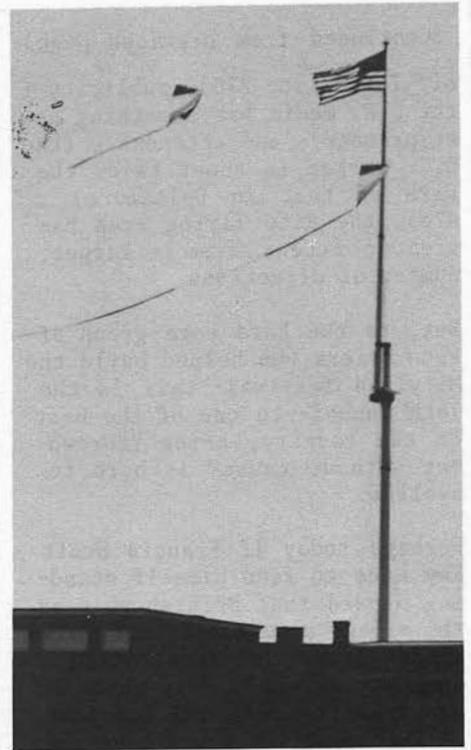
In spite of its grand new home, however, many Maryland kitefliers are still somewhat bitter over the festival's "eviction" from Ft. McHenry.

According to George Fohs, chairman of the festival in 1983 and 1984 and an early candidate for AKA president in 1985, the festival had to leave the

beautiful Ft. McHenry flying fields due to new rules of the U.S. National Park Service which oversees the Fort's operations. The rules basically state that there shall be no special event at a U.S. park, unless the event is deemed to be relative to the meaning of the park.

Juin Crosse-Barns, superintendent of the Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, explained the ruling concerning special events. "Sports events, pageants, regattas, and public spectator attractions are allowed in the parks," she said, "provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the event, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the area."

Superintendent Barnes also pointed out that in 1984 the MKS was allowed to conduct its fly at Ft. McHenry in spite of the new ruling having been in



*The majestic flag which stands so proudly at Ft. McHenry (birthplace of the "Star Spangled Banner") will not see kites this year.*

effect. She said her office had cooperated with the kitefliers due to the difficulty MKS would have had trying to relocate on such short notice.

Many Maryland Kite Society members felt there could have been a way to resolve the situation through interpretation of the rules, but the personnel at Ft. McHenry didn't seem to want to.

Over the last several years, the Maryland Festival has helped attract thousands of visitors to Ft. McHenry, who might not otherwise have had an opportunity to go there. It is located at the end of an avenue on the point of a peninsula jutting out into the Patapsco River, as it enters the Baltimore harbor. It is an area most people would have little reason to visit unless attracted to a specific event at the Fort. Baltimore media has also long promoted the festival and community response has been good.

The new MKS site in Gaithersburg is closer to Washington, D.C., and may, in fact, prove to be a better location for the event in terms of visibility (it's right

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*At the 1984 Maryland Kite Festival, MKS member Bruce Kennington unveils a Marshall Delta he made to resemble the Maryland flag. Ft. McHenry is on a peninsula at the entrance to the Baltimore harbor.*

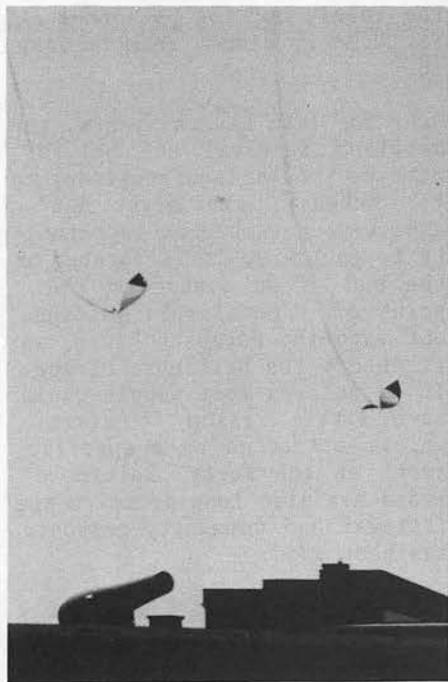
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off Interstate 270), publicity (the D.C. media has something new to promote); and attendance (the D.C. market is about twice the size of that in Baltimore). Alos, the kite flying area has greater access from a larger number of directions.

But, to the hard core group of kite fliers who helped build the Maryland festival--this is the 16th annual--to one of the best in the country, being "thrown out without cause" is hard to swallow.

Perhaps today if Francis Scott Key were to find himself standing aboard that British ship as the armada around him sent salvo after salvo in frustration against the small fort which so courageously defended the port of Baltimore, he would have seen things differently. He might have written:

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light?  
The Maryland Kite Society can no longer fly its kite  
On this hallowed ground where once before  
Kites lit up the sky over Baltimore.  
But such are the government's interpretation of rules;  
The kites have flown south and left only the fools. --TS



Shot down . . . Maryland Kite Festival will no longer be at historic Ft. McHenry.

# SKY CIRCUS

by Al Hargus

The Chicagoland Sky Liners are already making plans for Sky Circus '85. The festival will take place on Sunday, May 5th (rain date May 11th) in the heart of downtown Chicago.

As is the case with a lot of kite festivals across the country, Chicago's Sky Circus of 1984 was very hectic. So for 1985, the Sky Liners decided to make the confusion part of the event. There will be three rings of continuous kite flying activity. Ring One will be exclusively for young kite fliers, featuring kite flying demonstrations, kites to make and hands on kite instruction and flying lessons. Ring Two will be devoted to fun flying for all ages, spectators, visitors and all others may fly in this area. Ring Three will contain the kite competitions. The six competition categories will include 1) Best Circus Kite (circus animal, clown kites, big top kites, etc.); 2) Best Handcrafted Kite; 3) Wind Sprints (The kite, manufactured or homebuilt, to get out 500 ft. of line the fastest--last year's winner did it in 1 1/2 minutes; 4) Best Small Kite (kite less than 3" to fly on 25 ft. of line for 5 minutes). Charlie Sotich will be judging this category so at least the rest of us will have a chance in this event. 5) Largest Kite (largest surface area; the kite must fly for 5 min.); and 6) Dual Line Controllable Kite Contest.

There will be clowns and circus animals, hot dogs and balloons--a real three ring circus of kite flying fun.

The Black Dragon Rokkaku Team of Chicago is also issuing a chal-

lenge to all comers to try and defeat them in honorable kite combat on their home field.

Sky Circus '85 will be held in Grant Park, downtown Chicago, across from the Field Museum of Natural History. Plenty of parking and plenty of fun for all. Come one, come all to the three ring, big top kite fly. Fly with us at the "Festival by the Lake."

For more festival information and overnight accomodations for out of towners, contact festival chairman and Sky Liner Vice-President, Charlie Sotich at (312) 735-1353 or Sky Liner President, Al Hargus, at (312) 545-9572.

## Origami Flies

by Stephen Weiss

Tired of your basic "Blackboard Bomber?" Yearn to "fly" during boring business meetings? Don't know what to do with all your junk mail?

This may be just the book for you. "Wings & Things" includes thirty-two origami models that really fly--from the "Dollar Bill Glider" to the "Delta Jet with Stand", this delightful book shows how to go about making flying things from paper. The author is one of the top origami designers in the world. His models have been exhibited in England, Tokyo, New York and at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The text is accompanied by clear line drawings by Paul Jackson of the British Origami Society, and by black and white photographs. Wings & Things is available at \$8.95 from St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

# Orient Tour Readied

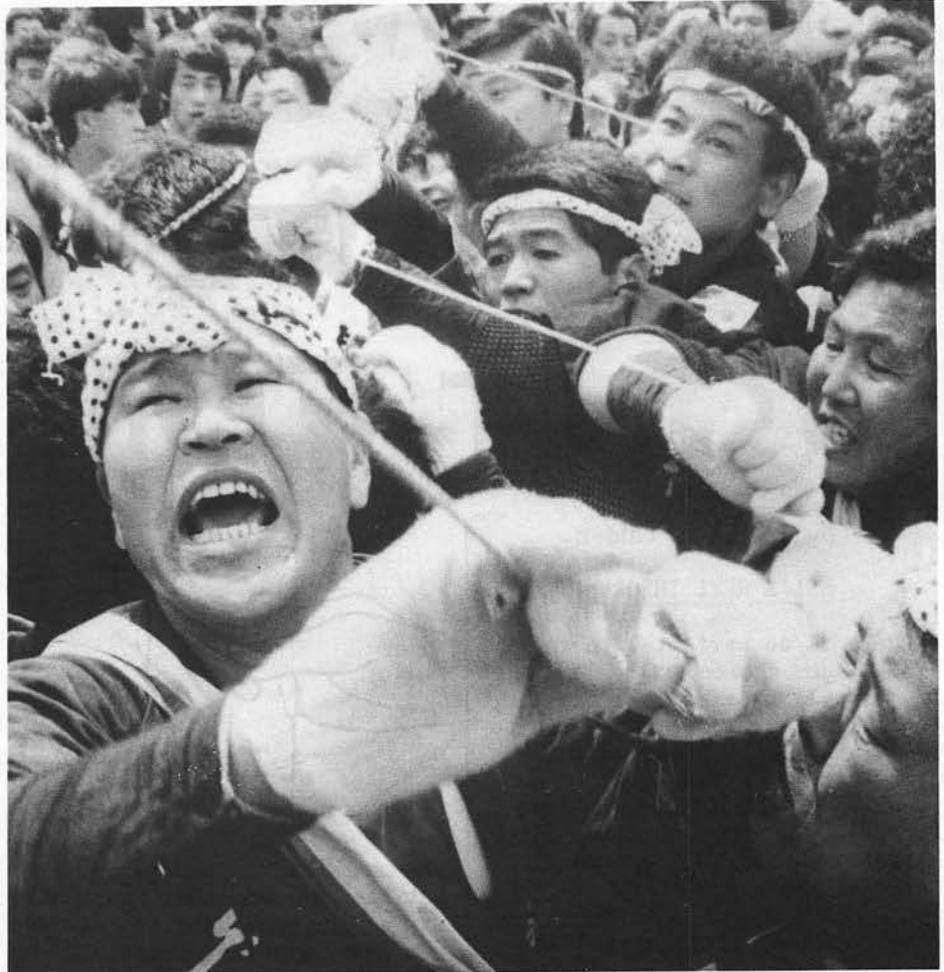
by Dave Checkley

For anyone who enjoys flying kites, life will not be complete until one experiences the excitement of the Hamamatsu Kite Festival in Japan--sometimes described as the "largest sporting event in the world," with more than two million visitors over the three days, and probably the longest running, with over 400 years of history.

On April 15, Dave Checkley will be taking a small group of kitefliers to China and Japan for a 22-day tour, flying from Seattle to Shanghai, then to Qingdao and Weifang, in Shandong Province, one of China's three main kite centers--to meet the Weifang kitemakers and kitefliers, to fly kites with them, and to buy kites at the factory. The group will then travel by train to Beijing and Tianjin, to visit more kite factories, meet kitemakers, and fly kites with Chinese colleagues in Tianmen Square and from the Great Wall. We will also see a special exhibition of Chinese kites at the National Art Gallery in Beijing, to be shown only next April.

Following 10 days in China, the group will return to Japan to participate in the annual Japan Kite Association festival at Itabashi near Tokyo on April 27-28, where hundreds of kitefliers from all over Japan will gather to show and fly the finest of their traditional kites and their newest creations. There will also be an opportunity to visit EXPO 85, this year's World's Fair at nearby Tsukuba. From Tokyo we will take the Bullet train to Hamamatsu, to spend a couple of days visiting kitemakers in Shizuoka Prefecture and to see preparations for the festival.

Hamamatsu, a city of about 400,000 midway between Tokyo and Kyoto (and off the regular tourist track), has 60 some



*Typical Hamamatsu kite fliers enjoy the day.*

older neighborhoods, each of which fields a team of 50-150 kitefliers--who fight with giant kites (up to 12 feet square) by entangling and pulling on their lines to cut their opponents' kites down, chanting to the cadence of bugles, drums and whistles--absolute bedlam. The kites are flown in honor of the most recent first-born sons, whose families furnish the kites and host the kitefliers in front of their homes following the evening festivities--spectacular parades of elaborately decorated floats filled with musicians, pulled through the streets by kitefliers and neighborhood children, all in matching costumes.

This will be Checkley's 14th Kitefliers Tour to Japan since 1972, and his 4th such tour to China. Unlike most escorted tours, where one meets only tour guides, hotel staff and bus drivers, this is a real person-to-person experience, as the kitefliers in both China and Japan are extraordinarily hospi-

table to their foreign guests, anxious to share their expertise and to build international friendship--kites are the catalyst. The group will be small, probably no more than 12, and there will be plenty of time and freedom for independent exploration and for doing your own thing, even if you're not a dedicated kiteflier.

Cost of the 22-day trip is \$2,995 double-occupancy, including round-trip airfare from Seattle, all hotels and transfers, meals in China (but not in Japan, as people's desires and budgets may vary widely), air and train travel in China and train travel in Japan. For a complete itinerary and tour tips, write or call Dave Checkley, tour organizer and conductor, at The Kite Factory, 678 West Propsect, Seattle, WA 98119, phone (206) 284-5350, or Kim's Travel Service, Lloyd Building, 6th and Stewart, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 624-2227.

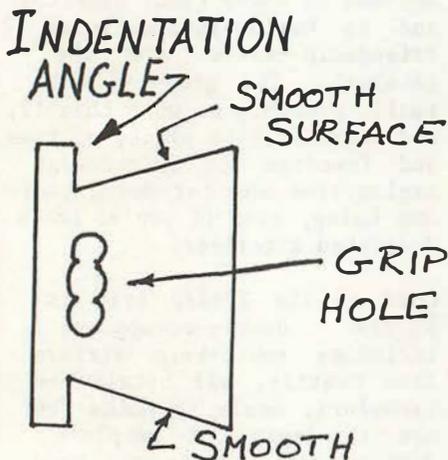
# HOW COME MY KITE WON'T FLY?

by Jack Van Gilder

## MEL'S REEL THEOREM

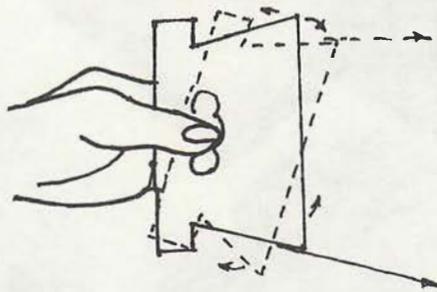
"There is no perfect kite reel." Take your choice: Too bulky, too easily tangled, too fragile, too slow to release, too slow to retrieve, too strenuous to retrieve, too expensive, must take my eyes off kite to retrieve. Here's one whose only listed fault is "retrieval strenuousness."

Made of some flat, stiff material, like 1/8th in. plywood wall paneling, its secrets are two: (1) the angle of indentation, and (2) a 3-finger grasp hole.



The angle and straight line of this indentation makes for easy line release. Just point the reel edgewise at the kite and the line slips off.

The grasp hole aids line release also because the reel will pivot back and forth easily as line winds off the straight indentation surface.



The reel can be made any size but keep in mind that the LONGER it is, the more line is retrieved per winding rotation. Because it always both dispenses and retrieves line from the same side, any line-twist is compensated for on retrieval.

One REQUIREMENT is a smooth, hard surface as diagrammed. Coat this surface with epoxy glue on plywood. Without this, the line, sliding off to the right side, will pick up any little splinter. I have replaced my Cuban Yoyos with these more compact storage reels in my flight bag.

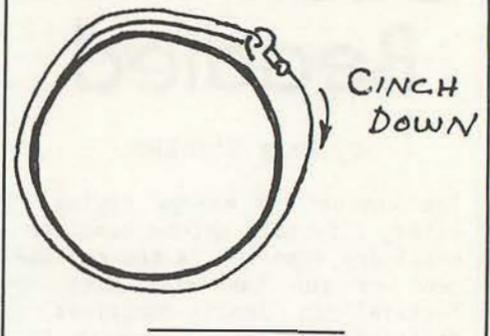
## REEL CINCH-UP KNOT

Ken Conrad, Seattle, says he picked up this idea from Lee Toy. Lee probably picked it up in Miami or Charlottesville.

PROBLEM: Snap swivels hooked into two or three strands of kiteline on a reel in storage tend to cut and fray line.



SOLUTION: Reverse direction of line, hook snap swivel, tighten down line in reverse direction.



## Book Review

KITES FOR EVERYONE

by Margaret Greger

Margaret Greger is the well-known author of three previous kite books--BLOWN SKY-HIGH, a book of classroom kites, SIMPLE FABRIC KITES and MORE SIMPLE KITES. Her latest book incorporates parts of these three classics, making it a comprehensive guide to kites for use in classroom, or workshop. Greger's 25 years of kitemaking experience are evident, as is her knowledge of working with beginning kitemakers. But the fact that these kites can be made by beginners in a classroom or workshop situation, doesn't mean they are boring. Designs range from the simplest mini-Sled to Flowforms and Facets for more experienced kitebuilders. Greger has included kites at several levels of difficulty, made from paper, plastic and fabric. An index to level of difficulty is included along with numerous suggestions for teaching kitemaking, not to mention basic information on kites and kitemaking, bridling, line, reels and tails. This may be THE book for anyone who works with groups. It is available for \$10.00 from Margaret Greger, 1525 Marshall, Richland, WA 99352.



# Origami Kite

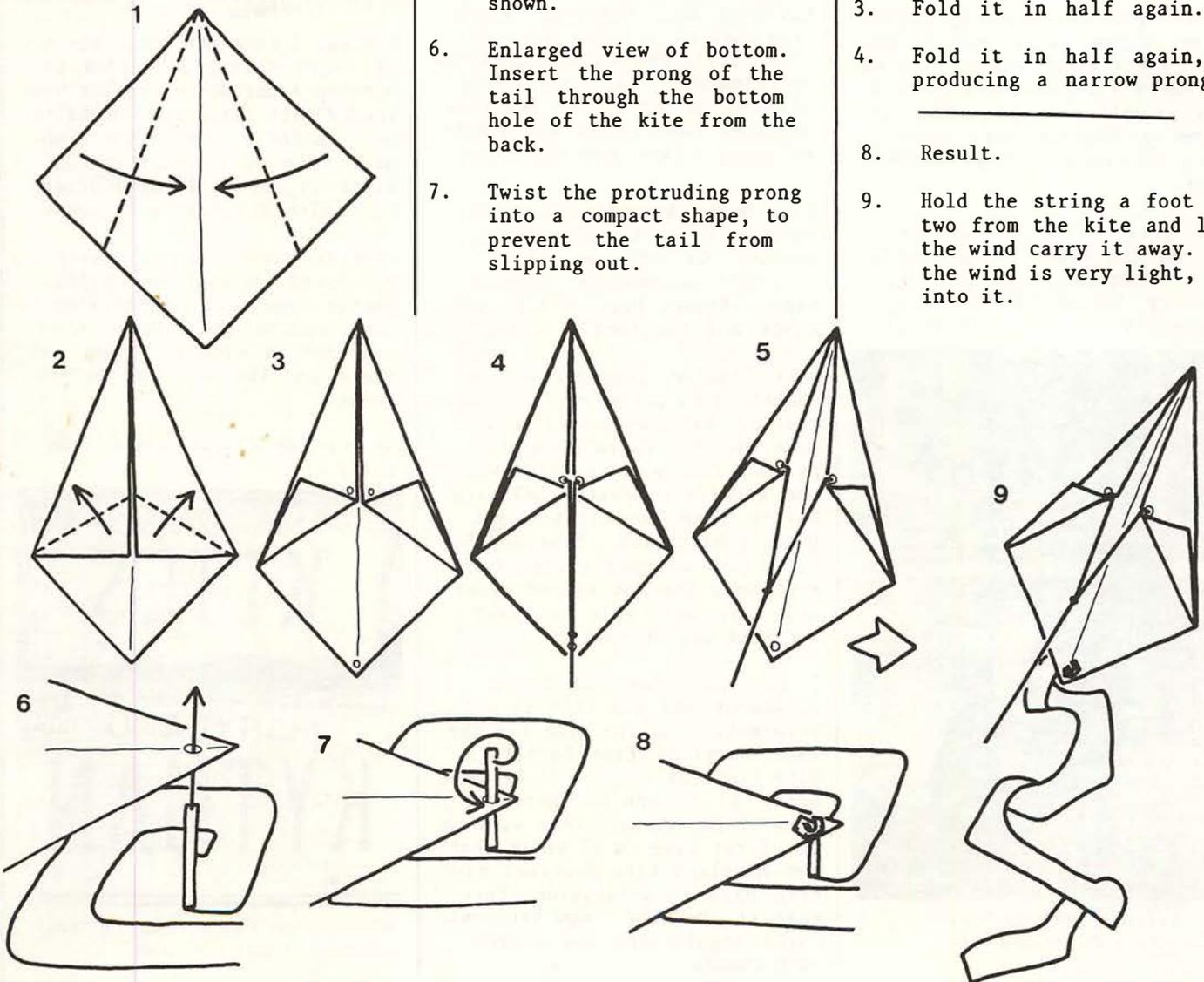
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## MATERIALS

10" square of paper  
 6" square of paper  
 Kite string

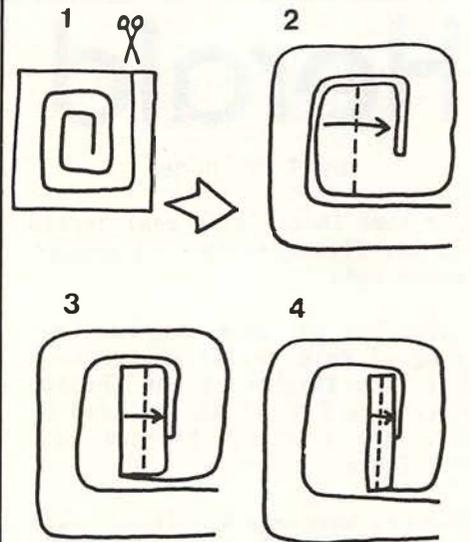
## THE KITE (10" Square)

Fold the square in half  
 diagonally and unfold it.



1. Fold the upper edges to the center line.
2. Fold the bottom turned-in edges to the outer folded edges.
3. Punch small holes for the string and tail where shown. These can be reinforced with plastic adhesive rings, if desired.
4. & 5. Attach the kite string through one of the upper holes with a simple overhand knot. Then, attach a short piece of string through the other upper hole. Tie the short string to the long string where shown.
6. Enlarged view of bottom. Insert the prong of the tail through the bottom hole of the kite from the back.
7. Twist the protruding prong into a compact shape, to prevent the tail from slipping out.

## THE TAIL (6" SQUARE)



1. Cut the square spirally as shown.
2. Enlarged view of center. Fold the last segment in half vertically.
3. Fold it in half again.
4. Fold it in half again, producing a narrow prong.
8. Result.
9. Hold the string a foot or two from the kite and let the wind carry it away. If the wind is very light, run into it.

## Annapolis Open House

# Herald To Kites

by Tom Shaner

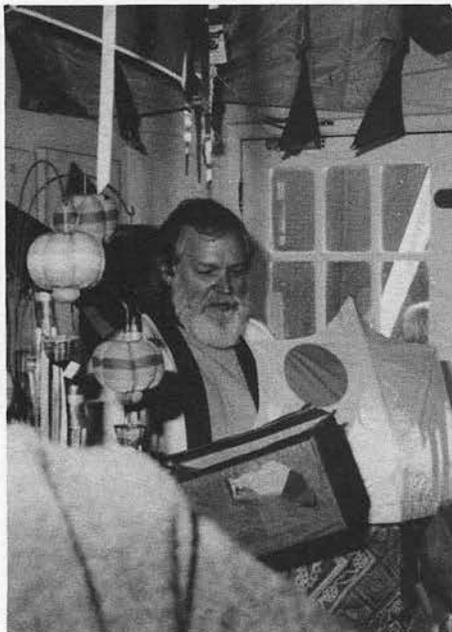
For some there is no real herald to kiteflying season; it simply never ends.

Take for instance the hearty gang of dare devils who gather for such flights as the "Frost Bite Kite Fly" which was held on February 9 at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore.

For me, however, my blood acclimated to a much warmer temperature, cold weather flying will never be my thing. So, I do have a herald; it's Brooks Leffler's Kites Aweigh open house held each year in February.

Started four years ago by Brooks to get a jump on the season and to help his kite shop survive an extremely slow business period, this annual event has grown to become a regular kite event among Maryland kiting enthusiasts.

This year, over 500 people visited the Kites Aweigh store on a beautiful, but chilly, February Sunday afternoon in Maryland's historic colonial



Brooks Leffler raffles off door prizes during Kites Aweigh open house.

capital of Annapolis. This being an indoor event, I journeyed out to my first kiting activity of 1985.

As I arrived I was early enough to catch Bevan and Margo Brown just long enough to say "hello" before they had to leave.

Among the other regular Maryland area kitefliers in attendance were Felix Cartagena of Newark, DE, on hand with his photo album of his famous "Bear in the Air"; Red Braswell, George Fohs, Pete Ianuzzi, Mike Jones and Bob and Jewell Price.

Kevin and Cinda Shannon of Carlisle, PA, were there, too, promoting the first annual Carlisle Kite Festival, which they helped develop for the community's Parks and Recreation Department. Held the first weekend in March, the festival included competition and a kite building class for children.

Both host, Brooks, and guest, Charles Halleck, dragged me outside to show me their "vanity" automobile license tags. Brooks has "KYTMAN" and Chuck has Maryland's "Kites".

Back inside--remember, I'm admitting my preference for warm weather kite events--I found Mike and Sue Carroll who have assumed the helm as editors of the excellent Greater Delaware Valley Kite Society's Tight Lines publication. Mike and Sue had found a super comfortable spot near the hot spiced cider and they were able to greet everyone who stopped by.

I ran into Jon and Gloria Burkhardt and was able to get information on the site for the 1985 Maryland Kite Society's Kite Festival which will be held April 27 in the Gaithersburg area of the state. This will be the first time in 17 years that the Maryland Kite Festival has been held at a location other than Ft. McHenry. New National Parks regulations now prohibit such events.



Marylanders (l-r) Jon Burkhardt, Pete Ianuzzi and Rick Kinnaird meet at Annapolis.

The MKS Fly will be at the Asbury Methodist Village, a retirement community with 135 acres of spectacular open space.

I guess I even got a chuckle out of Felix Cartagena's idea to develop a cartoon of moving vans loaded with kites leaving Baltimore in the middle of the night; maybe I'm over sensitive in light of Robert Irsay's desertion with his Baltimore Colts.

From the looks of everything I witnessed during the Kites Aweigh open house, kiteflying is just around the corner and everyone is anxious to get out there and let the wind do its thing.

As for me, first comes some heat!



More kite tags. Charles Halleck's, "Kites" and Brooks Leffler's "Kytmán."

# Funny You Should Ask About Tyvek\*

by Felix Cartagena  
and Dupont Textile Fibers

Many kitefliers make kites out of Tyvek. Did you ever wonder where Tyvek comes from and how it is made? Tyvek worms. . . Tyvek plants. . . or from the skins of Tyveks? No, Tyvek is a product of the DuPont Co., which has found many uses from Federal Express envelopes to single-use garments for medical applications. The following information is extracted (with permission) from a DuPont brochure on

Tyvek worms . . .

Tyvek plants . . .

or from the skins  
of Tyveks . . .

Tyvek, with an eye towards what might be of interest to the kitemaker.

Tyvek spunbonded olefin is a family of tough, durable sheet products of high density polyethylene fibers. The sheet is formed by first spinning continuous strands of very fine, interconnected fibers and then bonding them together with heat and pressure. The sheets, after bonding, combine a good printing or coating surface, high opacity, and toughness to a degree unique among sheet products of similar weight and price.

Tyvek is produced in three different types, names, 10, 14 and 16. The fibers in Type 10 styles are bonded to form a tough, dense, opaque sheet. The dense packing of the fine, interconnected fibers produces a smooth surface, high opacity, and good whiteness. The large number of bonds per unit area results in a stable and abrasion-resistant surface, yet the bonded fibers retain enough mobility to give the sheet high tear strength in all directions.

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Tyvek can be sewn satisfactorily with conventional sewing machines. Usually, the smallest-size needle that is practical for a given sewing operation should be used to maintain maximum seam strength.

Care should be taken in selecting the number of stitches per inch since too many can weaken Tyvek sufficiently to permit tearing along the needle perforations. Using 3 to 5 stitches per inch minimizes this problem with Type 10; the higher fiber mobility in Types 14 and 16 permits higher stitch densities, in some cases 8 to 12 stitches per inch.

Adhesives that require high processing temperatures or contain solvents that swell Tyvek should be avoided. A natural product adhesive based on starch, dextrin, casein, or animal by-product is preferred to synthetic base adhesives (try Elmer's glue.) While it is possible to fuse Tyvek to itself using heat only, strong seals are difficult to obtain in this way because melting Tyvek destroys fiber structure, reducing both the flexibility and tear strength in the seal area. Never iron Tyvek! Such a mess you don't need.

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March 16, 1985. KITE DAY AT ROCKFORD PARK. Wilmington, DE. Spectacular kite fly with prizes. Rain Date March 17. CONTACT: Christina Cultural Arts Center, (302) 652-0101.

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March 23, 1985. 11TH SPRING VENICE PIER KITE FESTIVAL. 12:00 noon. On the beach north of the Venice Pier. CONTACT: Let's Fly A Kite (213) 822-2561.

March 24, 1985. SPRING THAW KITE FLY, 12:00 noon, Ned Brown Woods, Schamburg, IL. CONTACT: Al Hargus (312) 545-9572.

March 30-31, 1985. 12th ANNUAL KITE FAIR, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, WA. CONTACT: Doug Hagaman, (503) 265-6928.

March 30, 1985. SMITHSONIAN KITE FESTIVAL. Washington Monument Grounds. CONTACT: Bevan and Margo Brown, (703) 893-3886. (Date Tentative.)

March 31, 1985. APRIL FOOLS

INDOOR KITE FLY. 12:00 noon. Indoor kite flying at the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History. CONTACT: Al Hargus (312) 545-9572.

April 1-7, 1985. 2nd ANNUAL WEIFANG INTERNATIONAL KITE CONFERENCE, Weifang, China.

April 1-8, 1985. WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL OF ARTS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Kingston, Jamaica. 175 countries participating. Kiteflying activities include workshops, video, slides. International representation. CONTACT: Roger Chewning, (215) 736-8253.

April 13, 1985. HISTORIKITE FESTIVAL. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Bridgeton High School Girls Hockey Field, Bridgeton, NJ. Kite flying for fun all day. Pizes for homemade kites. CONTACT: Bridgeton-Cumberland Tourist Association, (609) 451-4802.

April 13, 1985. 1st ANNUAL ALL CITY FESTIVAL OF KITES 1:00:06:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Columbus, OH Recreation and Parks in cooperation with COKA. Lou Berliner Park. CONTACT: Fred Bell, (614) 231-1559

April 13, 1985. CHARLIE BROWN AND SNOOPY KITE CONTEST, 12:00 noon, Cricket Hill, Chicago, IL. CONTACT: Charlie Sotich, (312) 735-1353.

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April 28, 1985. 2nd ANNUAL KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE KITE DERBY. CONTACT: David or Lori Melroy, East Tennessee Kiteers, (615) 588-1559.

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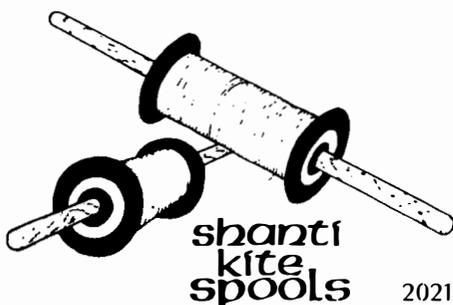
May 5, 1985. SKY CIRCUS '85. 12:00 noon. Chicago, IL. Three ring circus of kite flying activities, contests, prizes, clowns. CONTACT: Charlie Sotich (312) 735-1353.

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