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President's Corner

Celebrate America - Decorate Her Sky With Kites - Attend Our Festivals!

I recently drove to Newport, Rhode Island, for a visit to our 1986 Convention site and to let my kites play in the wind at the Black Ships Festival. The kitefliers I met and their gracious hospitality completely wiped out the fatigue of the ten-hour drive.

I tested the wind at Brenton Point State Park, which is our competition site, and I walked its shore area absorbing the beauty of the sea. (Camera buffs - start loading your film!) Next, I tried our practice flying field by the Sheraton Islander. The practice field is about a three-acre area right next to the hotel—just step outside and fly! This field is where we will have our night fly on Thursday evening, October 2nd. Both sites are located right by the water and normally have steady winds.

I had a meeting with our '86 convention hosts to complete details and establish working arrangements. Some of the persons present were: Tony Bisbano, President of the Newport Kite Group; Hank Manseau, President of Kites Over New England; Tom Casselman, Convention Chairperson; Liz Carroll, Registration Chairperson; Jan Wheeler, Hospitality Chairperson; and Don McCasland, Coordinator for auction items sent to Newport.

An introduction to the Bed & Breakfast (B&B) people of Newport was arranged by Jan Wheeler, our Hospitality



Chairperson. What a great group! Those of you who choose the B&B's should contact Jan. The prices start at ½ the hotel's. B&B information from Jan is on page 22. Those of you who want to be on-site at the Sheraton should get your reservation in early. There are numerous facilities at the hotel: spas, jacuzzies, pools, workout gyms, piano lounge, restaurants, etc. I walked the town of Newport (bring comfortable shoes) and explored its intriguing

shops, streets and restaurants. There is something for everyone.

Time in the wind was over—it was time to drive back to Virginia, and AKA matters continued to be my top priority. The separation from the Drohan Management Group has taken place and AKA is now in full control of your association. For information relating to the management story and transition, please read the minutes in this and the September issue of *Kiting*.

Starting behind schedule as editor for the journal has been quite an experience. I hope that you will be pleased with the content of this issue. You may look forward to your September journal following hard-on-the-heels of this issue. It is already on the boards and on schedule! I have put membership forms and registration items on the inside of this journal's dust cover. What do you think? Do you like it? (I always rebel at cutting up a journal.) Has your address changed? If so, please fill out the change of address form on the dust cover and send it to us.

Please note Bob Ingraham's column on Kiteflier recognition—it is a timely call for action. Take the initiative, the world needs to know we are here!

One world, one sky, let's fly!

Margo



See September's issue of your journal to read all about the

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**KITE
FESTIVAL**

Long Beach, Washington

Observations

By Bob Ingraham

At the time of this writing I just finished watching Lady Liberty's birthday celebration on television and was impressed as usual by one thing in particular—there was nary a kite in sight over that fabulous area where ships, boats, airplanes, balloons, helicopters and banners. Why?

While there was barely enough wind to move the 80 or more tons of the ships involved, there was enough to fly most kites and since color adds so much to such scenes, kites would have enhanced it also.

I fail to understand why, after eight or more national conventions of AKA and literally thousands of other kite events taking place in the meantime, no attention whatsoever is paid to kiting by the national television networks. Nor does the type press pay very much attention either.

I was so amazed at the lack of coverage of the San Diego, Mission Bay kite day last October, that I took the time to write a lengthy letter to CBS explaining how widespread kiting had become since the founding of AKA and how important it was to a lot of people not to mention the economy. I asked them why it was that nothing was ever mentioned on any of their many news and special programs, documentaries and so on.

After nearly one year I have never even received a postcard acknowledging as much as that it was ever received.

I am aware that television network headquarters depend on their affiliate stations to feed them any material they deem might be of national interest. And I am certain they must have, over the past ten years, received some of the footage on kite events. But they never use them.

Most television news gives no more than four minutes per segment of special events. However in TV time that is quite a long time and adequate to cover

most such events. Just prior to my letter writing I actually saw on CBS a four minute or less segment on the Deming Duck Race. For the uninformed I will state that Deming, a small town 50 miles south of Silver City, N.M. where AKA was born, has an annual duck race. It attracts thousands of people from the rather sparse population of New Mexico and the only event is a rather stupid scaring of ducks to run or waddle down a long pen. The owner of these thoroughbred racers gets down on his knees behind the duck and hollers and pounds the ground in order to make the poor thing move a little.

Since the pens are only about two feet high and surrounded by literally hundreds of people, hardly anyone can see the race nor would it make any difference if they could. Yet this stupid event actually got a full showing on a television network. What is the reason?

My own version of a reason is this: TV, like major newspapers, is always interested in the bizarre and rather simple-minded events. The duck race for example is both bizzare and simple-minded. Such things are the cartoons and comic pages of television. But the membership and leadership of AKA must share some of the blame for the lack of publicity we get because AKA puts little or no effort into the most important department of all—public relations.

AKA can now afford and should begin an advertising campaign as a starter. The news and information groups, newspaper, magazines and television should be bombarded with copies of the AKA *Kiting* Journal and information relating to kiting events. It must be remembered that it is possible not a single soul in the average television network knows anything about kiting or is even interested in it. We have to educate them or even wear them down with a barrage of propaganda. It is the old case of hitting a mule with a 2 x 4 to get his attention.

Why is all of this important? Simple. To gain memberships by enhancing the activity we all like best—kiting.

*Okay, People. . .
Let's do what Bob suggests!*

by Margo Brown

First item: Target stations—National Networks

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Write them—let them know we are out here. Your board is sending each station an information packet. Follow it up with your letters.

Second item: Local Stations.

Kite clubs—send us a PR name and address of a key TV station in your area. We will send them an information packet followed by a note to you that it was sent. Your local club can then follow up with letters, calls, etc.

Third item: AKA members in a non local club area can write to one of the national networks. Each letter sent is important! Plus—is there somewhere in your area where an information packet could be of help? Let us know.

In Conclusion: We won't know what can happen unless we try! So—let's get those stations looking at the sky and noticing that there are kites in it!

Celebrate America Fill Her Sky With Kites

by H.B. Alexander

Photo Credits Lois DeBolt

The PICCOLO SPOLETO's "Great Kite Flying," ambitiously named, is beginning to live up to that name. More than that, it continues to be an example of how kite flying should be enjoyed.

The site contributes. Brittlebank Park is only a block from US 17, the major coastal route from Maine to Florida, and only a few blocks from the terminus of Interstate 26. Access is easy. Small groves of pines provide breezy shade for spectators and competitors while grassy lawns along the banks of the Ashley River provide space for demonstrations and competitions. The sea-breeze is nearly constant.

The real key to the success of the "Great Kite Flying" event, however, is the basic philosophy of the sponsors. Organized and administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs and supported by Radio Station WAVE-FM and CATES Pickles as part of the "pop culture" festival which is concurrent with SPOLETO USA, the event promotes kites and kitefliers, nothing else. It deliberately and successfully maintains a relaxed, almost graceful, ambience in keeping with the host city and the artistic and cultural festivals of which it is a part. Competitions are limited to "homebuilt" kites, and demonstrations of some of the finest kites in America are as much a part of the program as the competitions. Overhead on June first were an Adrian Conn "Dragonfly," Bobby Stanfield's "Apachee," a Neil Thorburn "V-W," Chuck Holmes' "Airplane Kite" and other winners of national competitions.

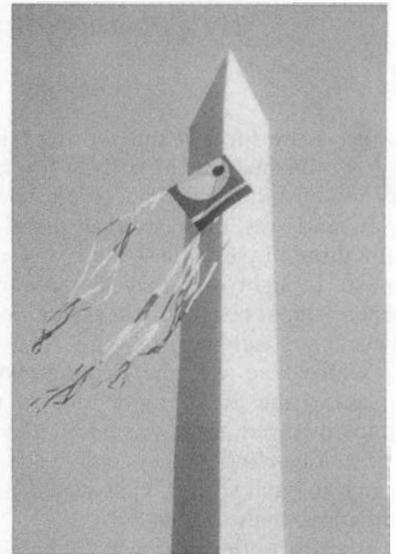
Featured guest this year, who also acted as one of the judges, was Charlie Henderson of Decatur, GA, the Southeast Regional Director of AKA. Winners were Chuck Holmes of Spartanburg, S.C., who took two first places, Smallest Kite and Most Innovative Design; Forrest Simmons from Columbia, S.C., who won Highest Flying Kite (a timed 5-minute spring for altitude); Don Bracken of Summerville, S.C., whose huge Tandem Deltas won Largest Kite; and Cliff Cothran, winner of last year's Largest Kite award, who showed his versatility by winning this year's Most

Aesthetic competition. The special Pickle Award went to Cliff's wife, Marcia, for her facsimile of a jar of CATE's Kosher Dills.

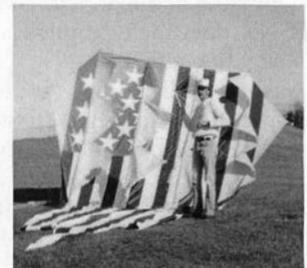
While the competitions went on, the crowd was treated to an hour-and-a-half concert by the Spoleto Brass Quintet, one of the most popular instrumental groups of the SPOLETO FESTIVAL. A delightful touch was added as the trumpeter from the quintet sounded "To the Post" to announce the beginning of each contest.

The \$100 first prizes awarded by the "Great Kite Flying" sponsors are not only among the most generous anywhere, they also ensure considerable interest, a high degree of motivation and very high levels of competition. On the other hand the "winner-take-all" nature of the awards—no second or third place awards are given—tends to limit the number of competitors who actually vie with each other in the events. Kitefliers will, like any other competitors, try to size up the competition beforehand and enter those events in which they believe they have a real chance of winning something. Too many potential second and third place winners simply choose not to enter the competitions at "The Great Kite Flying." The sponsors would do well to consider this and increase the number of awards in each category so those who feel they have no hope for a first but a good chance at a second or third place will be encouraged to register for the competitions. It would make the judges work harder, but it would produce more happy winners.

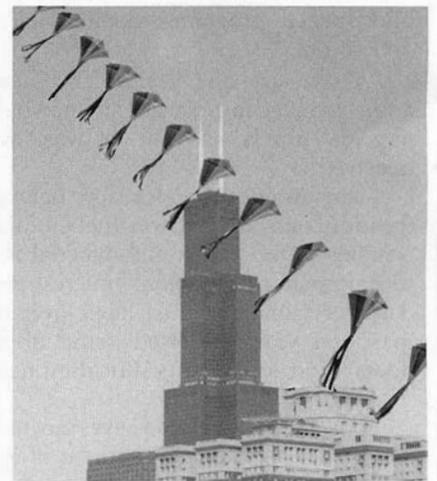
Winning \$100 is not the motivation of the vast majority of those who attend the "Great Kite Flying." They come to meet other kitefliers and kitebuilders; to see some of the finest kites in America; to exchange ideas, information, and even kites and accessories; most of all to sit in the shade of the pines, cool drink in hand, while they listen to good music and enjoy a sky decorated with superb kites. PICCOLO SPOLETO's "Great Kite Flying" continues to be one of the best examples of what kites and kiteflying are all about.



The Washington Monument has a kite dancing in the D.C. breezes at the 20th Smithsonian Kite Festival. (Kite maker please identify yourself.)

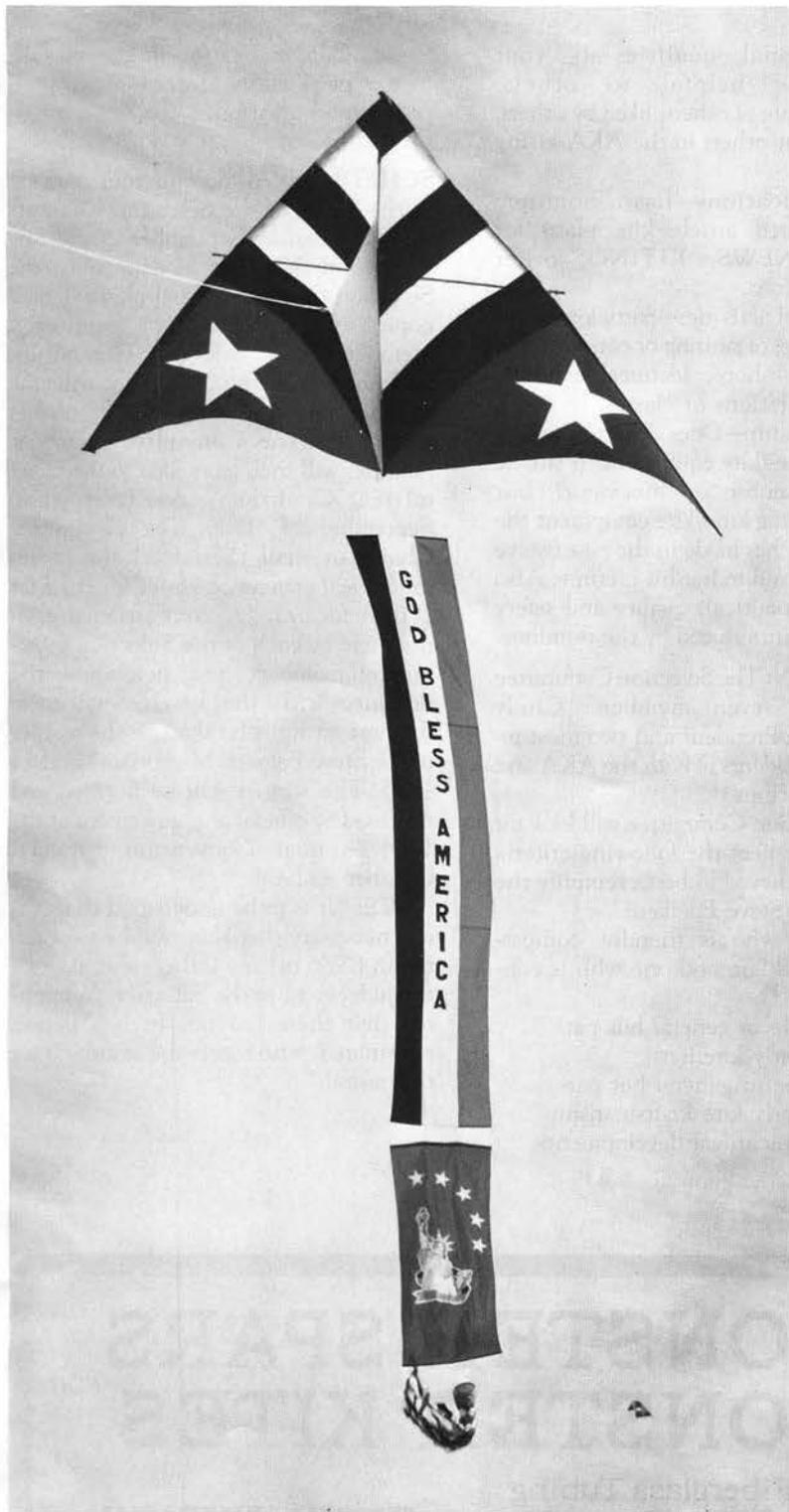


Scott Spencer's American Flag Parafoil shows its colors in the Michigan fields.



Dave DeBolt's Stairway to Heaven Kite Train has as its companion the Sears Tower in Chicago.

A Record Fly in San Francisco



The Spencer Family's patriotic kite dominates the sky during kite festivals.

TYPE OF KITE: MODIFIED HYPERKITE

FLYER-OWNER: KENNY FREDERICK

DESIGNERS: RANDY TOM - HYPERKITES
JOHN PERUSSE - ACTION KITES

BUILDER: JOHN DRAPIER

On June 14, 1986 at the FOURTEENTH Annual Fathers' Day Kite Festival at the San Francisco Marina Greens, San Francisco, CA, the kites were set up at 10:00 AM for competition. It was decided that the wind was a little light. About 10:45 AM, Randy Tom put up a 7 stack of Hyper Cruisers to check the wind for Kenny. It was decided it was now or wait, so at 10-12 MPH, Kenny launched the stack of 155 Modified Hyperkites. They launched in an almost perfectly straight line, all launching together. There was a very minimal amount of pull which Kenny can thank the designer and tune-up men for. Kenny went directly into his left and right loops which were done with ease. He continued to fly for five plus minutes before everyone told him to do his loops again. Because the stack was flying so well, the loops were done again with no problems. The witnesses for the time and count were Corey Jensen, Leland Toy, Kelly Smith, Pat Lewandowski and numerous other spectators.

Kenny is 16 years old and in the 10th grade at Chula Vista High School, Chula Vista, CA. He has been flying for about two years. He won the National Novice at the convention in San Diego with an Action Kite Combo. He took 4th place at the Oahu Kite Festival in Honolulu with an Action Kite Super Dart. It was a very big weekend for Kenny, as he set the world's record and then took FIRST place in individuals on the 15th with an Action Kite Combo. Kenny wants to thank Randy Tom, John Perusse and Steve Coates for all their help in getting him interested in flying kites, and for all the pointers they have given him. And most of all he thanks his Dad who has contributed more than anyone to make it all possible for him.

Photo by Theodore Mannekin
TLM Productions

Steve Edeiken Memorial Award

by Miller S. Makey, Sr.

The Steve Edeiken Memorial Award is presented at the Annual AKA Convention. Persons selected are announced as "The Kiteflier of the Year". The recipients of this award are presented a traveling trophy, to be held in the possession of the recipient for one year and returned to AKA in time for the next Annual AKA Convention.

The trophy is inscribed with the name of each recipient. Also presented to each recipient is a commemorative plaque to remain in the recipient's permanent possession.

NOMINATIONS: All nominations must be in writing. Any member of AKA may nominate a person for the Steve Edeiken Memorial Award, but the nomination must be seconded and signed by at least two other AKA members. Only one nomination will be accepted from any one member.

Regional Directors and Presidents of official AKA Affiliate Clubs are especially asked to consider persons who might be candidates for this award and to process a nomination for the candidate with the best qualifications.

A selection Committee will weigh the submitted nominations using a formula of 75% for nominee's activities during the past twelve months and 25% for all past activities mentioned in each candidate's nomination submission.

It is suggested that nominees be informed of their nomination and asked to help assemble the information to be submitted as well as to verify the accuracy of all information being submitted. It is requested that the biographical information submitted with each nomination be limited to *no more than three 8½ x 11"* pages with no more than one additional page of photos and/or bibliography of media coverage and articles written by the nominee.

Be sure to include the following information with your nomination for the Steve Edeiken Memorial Award:

Personal Data—nominee's name, address, telephone number and if possible, a recent photograph suitable for media use.

Leadership examples—include positions held in AKA, positions held in other kite organizations, participation in activities related to kiting.

Interpersonal qualities—Is your nominee helpful to others, considerate of others, liked by others, known by others in the AKA/kiting world?

Communications—has nominee contributed articles/kite plans for AKA NEWS, KITING, other publications.

Educational activities—participation in providing, organizing or consulting in kite workshops, lectures, exhibits, demonstrations or classes.

Craftsmanship—Does the nominee make kites/kite equipment? Is she/he an inventor or innovator? List outstanding kites/kite equipment the nominee has made in the past twelve months and in her/his lifetime. Also list aeronautical, quality and safety features introduced by the nominee.

SELECTION: The Selection Committee consists of seven members: Cindy Edeiken, the President and two most recent Past Presidents of both the AKA and KTA associations.

The Selection Committee will look for persons who meet the following criteria which are believed to best exemplify the character of Steve Edeiken:

A person who is friendly, compassionate and fair, and one who is concerned for

- a. People in general but particularly kitefliers;
 - b. Kiting in general but particularly kite craftsmanship and technical developments;
- and

- c. Communication in general but particularly leadership and participation.

SCHEDULE: All nominations must be in the hands of the Selection Committee Chairman by **September 20, 1986.**

As soon thereafter as is possible, the Selection Committee Chairman will mail copies of each nomination to each member of the Selection Committee. Each member of the Committee will rank the nominees in the order of his/her preference. The Committee members' rankings will then be mailed to the Committee Chairman, no later than September 25, 1986. The Committee Chairman shall then total the scores (numerical preference, i.e.—1 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, . . . etc.) assigned each nominee by each of the Selection Committee members and determine the nominee with the lowest total score (highest rating) who shall be the winner of the Steve Edeiken Memorial Award for 1986. The winner will be notified and disclosed by official announcement at the 1986 Annual Convention banquet, October 4, 1986.

NOTE: "It is to be understood that it is not necessary that this award be conferred in (1986 or) any (other) year, if, it be the judgement of the Selection Committee that there has not been a person nominated, who meets the standards for this award."

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Black Ships Festival



The Apachee of Bobby Stanfield, who is bending over the upper right corner of his kite, dazzles the judges with its various forms and wins him a Black Ships Hamamastu, Japan trip prize. Apachee grabbed the wind and flew steady over the field. Bobby says there are as many combinations of his kite as the mind can invent.

Black Ship Winners Newport, RI

Comprehensive:
Bobby Stanfield

People's Choice:
Chris Silvia

Dual Line Advanced:
1st—Chris Grey
2nd—George Picatte
3rd—Robbi Sugarman

Dual Line Novice:
1st—Jon Wattrick
2nd—Bill Edison
3rd—Joe Le Mire (Joe happens to be 9 years old and flying dual lines for under three weeks—Welcome to the kite world, Joe!)



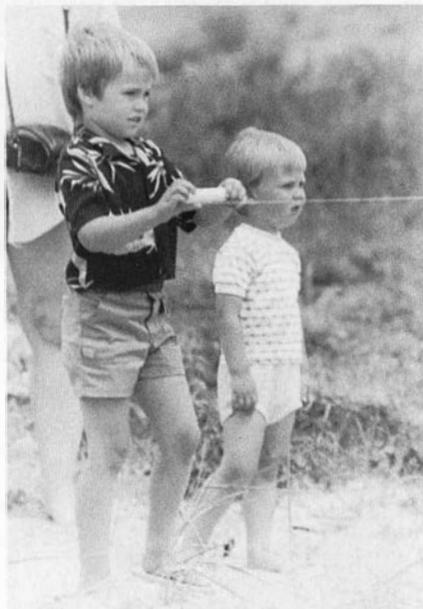
Chris Silvia, the other Hamamastu, Japan trip winner at the 2nd Annual Black Ships Festival in Newport, RI, flew a 55 feet long and 7½ feet across Statue of Liberty cobra style kite from his wheelchair. Photo by Bevan Brown.

Long Live Kites!

by Kathryn Howd

Kites are a life-long hobby! The 4th Annual Rogallo Kite Festival, sponsored by Kitty Hawk Kites, was testimony to this fact with participants from the age of three to fifty.

Competing in and winning the advanced category stunt kite event was Mike Jones of Nags Head with a kite of his own creation. Jones holds numerous stunt kite flying titles including First Place in the Maryland Kite Festival for three years running and the East Coast Stunt Kite Championship in the individual open division. A Hawaiian Stunt Kite donated by Don Taber was



Nicolas Piland took some mental notes while he watched Bryan O'Leary reel out his kites string during the altitude sprints.



Six people competed in the homebuilt kite division with kites ranging from a FIRE (Frameless Inflating Rogallo Experiment) Kite to Charles Stonestreet's Indian Fighter Kite made of Christmas wrapping paper.

awarded to Mike. Patricia Watson of Durham, NC was presented with a set of six Hyper Stunt kites donated by Randy Tom of Hyper Kites for winning first place in the novice category with a kite built by Mike Jones.

Roy Chapman demonstrated his Brown Diamond Stunt Kite's sharp, quick maneuvers to Francis Rogallo, father of hang gliding and for whom the festival is named for, and others. Roy's kite won in the most unusual category.

The afternoon was devoted to the younger kite fliers. A kite making workshop was held to introduce the children to kites and from there they went on to fly their own creations and commercial kites in a series of kite races.

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the annual meeting for resolution before the election results are announced.

Article IX. Executive Director Contracts and Services

Section 1. The Executive Committee may retain secretarial, financial, logistic, editorial, layout, printing, mailing, managerial, and/or other help to achieve the Association's objectives. If the relationship is in the nature of a contract for more than one service, written approval of a majority of the Board of Directors must be obtained. The Board of Directors may contract to employ a qualified Execut...

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KITE EVENTS

1st International Kiteflying Day October 12, 1986

American Kitefliers Association member, Jane Parker-Ambrose of Denver, Colorado presented a commemorative US/USSR Summit peace kite and a letter of goodwill with over two hundred signatures collected at the 1985 AKA Convention in San Diego to the Soviet Women's Peace Committee in Moscow. This gesture prompted many kite enthusiasts to support her concept of a day on which kites would be flown in many international locations to symbolize the global relationship of all people through an expression of the universality of kites and the wind.

The date of Sunday, October 12, 1986, was selected for the first such event to be held in specific world-wide locations. It is hoped that subsequent events will grow to include widespread community kiteflying in addition to the larger festivals taking place in popular and ideal kiteflying areas. Organizations in the following locations are currently either committed to or considering One Sky, One World festivals: United States (Mainland), Hawaii, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Canada, Sweden, Hungary, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, China, England, Belgium and Spain.

Each kiteflying organization will be asked to organize and carry out their respective festivals. Guidelines for special activities to take place during the festival and promotional materials will be provided by the One Sky, One World organization. A tally of the number of kites in the air on the one day will be made. Plans are also being made for exchanges to and from various world-wide locations of kites to be flown at the festivals.

It is hoped that many more American kiteflying groups will support and become involved in the event. Jane feels the effort should be seen as a people to people program.

Anyone interested in participating in the October 12th event is urged to contact: Jane Parker-Ambrose, P.O. Box 11149, Denver, Colorado 80211. (303) 433-9518.

August 18-24, 1986. FIFTH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE FLY. Competition and prizes. Flying on the beach. Contact: Kay Buesing at 206-665-5744.

August 30, 1986. WILDWOOD'S SUMMER'S END KITE FLY, on the beach at Wildwood, NJ. Contact: Fran Gramkowski at 609-779-7038.

August 30-31, 1986. 3RD ANNUAL, US AIR FORCE MUSEUM LABOR DAY WEEKEND KITE FESTIVAL, US Air Force Museum, Dayton, OH. Workshops Saturday, competition Sunday. Contact: Education Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 43209, 513-255-3284.

September 6-7, 1986. NEWPORT KITE FESTIVAL, 2nd annual, Agate Beach Wayside, Newport, OR. Contact: Steve & Sandy Lamb, Catch the Wind, 266 SE Hwy. 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367, tel: 800-227-7878.

September 6-7, 1986. FALL KITE FLY sponsored by Catch the Wind. Lincoln City, OR. Contact: Steve Lamb at 503-994-9367.

September 9, 1986. KITE DAY, China, traditional day for flying kites.

September 13-14, 1986. CANNON BEACH OPEN FLY, 7th annual, on the beach, Cannon Beach, OR. Contact: John Fraser, Once Upon a Breeze, PO Box 5, Cannon Beach, OR 97110, tel: 503-436-1112.

September 14, 1986. MKS MEETING. Burtonsville Recreation Center, Burtonsville, MD. Contact Bob Price at 301-421-9620.

September 19-21, 1986. FIFTH ANNUAL SUNFEST. Ocean City, Maryland. Contact The Kite Loft, 301-289-7855.

September 27-28, 1986. LINCOLN CITY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL. River Wayside, Lincoln City, OR. Contact: Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-452-2151.

October 2-5, 1986. AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSN. CONVENTION, 9th annual, Newport, RI. Contact: AKA 703-893-3886 or Tom Casselman, 365 Riverside St., Portsmouth, RI 02871, tel: 401-683-4880.

October 11-12, 1986. 2ND ANNUAL HAIR OF THE DOG KITE FLY. This is an all day and night fly event. Contact: Corey Jensen, Windborne Kites at 408-373-7422.

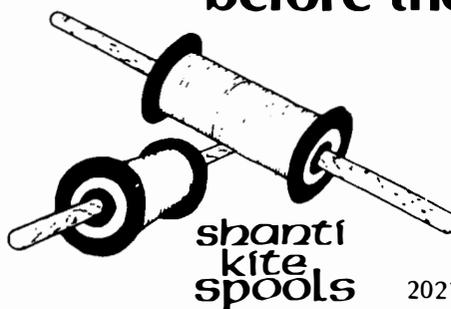
October 12, 1986. WORLD KITEFLYING DAY (National and International)

Fourth Saturday of Every Month. VENICE PIER KITE FESTIVAL, Venice Pier, Venice, CA. Most popular events in March, July, and October. Contact: Gloria Lugo at 213-822-2561.

October 25, 1986. HALLOWEEN VENICE PIER KITE FESTIVAL, on the beach at Washington St., Marina del Rey, CA, USA. Noncompetitive. Contact: Gloria Lugo, Let's Fly a Kite, 13755 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90291, tel: 213-822-2561.

October 26, 1986. CHILI PARTY & NIGHT FLY, Alum Creek State Park beach, north of Columbus, OH. Contact: Dave Holbrook, Central Ohio Kitefliers Assn., 457 Pittsfield Dr., Worthington, OH 43085, tel: 614-846-9957.

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East Coast Stunt Kite Championships

by Roger Chewning, Fran Gramkowski
and Olan Turner

On May 24 and 25, Wildwood, NJ, hosted the East Coast Stunt Kite Championships. Many of the nation's top stunt pilots converged on Wildwood for the first-ever event for stunt kites only. The proximity to the ocean provided excellent winds and while low at times, the winds remained steady.

On Saturday competition was held for Novice Class, Experienced Class Team, Experienced Class team train, and Open Class (individual). Winds were high and stunt kites filled the skies over the 6400 square foot area roped off for pilots. The competition field, 400' by 400' was roped off and ringed with windsocks from Go Fly a Kite, Inc. on poles up to twenty feet high.

On Sunday, with milder winds, competition began at 9:00 am for individuals in the Experienced Class. Afternoon competitions featured the Individual Ballet (set to music), Team Formation, and Team formation with trains in the Open Class, followed by the awards ceremonies. The large competition field paid off as many of the fliers had to move about to complete their maneuvers.

The idea for the Championship was conceived in 1985, and active planning began in January 1986. Our committee of three was able to accomplish a lot during the four months before the event, and we met many of the objectives set forth. A system for judging, diversification of the classes of pilots and types of competition, large adequate and safe flying fields, sponsorship, manufacturers input, A.K.A. sanctioning, and press releases were but a few of our goals. We also coordinated the event with a television crew, to cover our own event.

Sponsored in part by the Greater Delaware Valley Kite Society, the American Kitefliers Association, and the City of Wildwood, many were responsible for the cooperative success of the day.



Team Hawaiian, 1st place winners in the Open Class Team Competition. From left to right, Joel Bargabus, Don Tabor, and Eric Street. Photo by Shelley Brown.

Sanctioning of the event by the A.K.A. provided insurance coverage for the member participants. Safety measures such as roped fields, field marshalls, and set-up/break-down crews provided safe avenues to the beach from the boardwalk through our flying fields.

The City of Wildwood provided us with an adequate operational budget, and allowed us the space and flexibility necessary to hold a large event. Director of Tourism, Jackie Fortino, and her staff worked many hours in the planning of this event and the receptiveness of the community made it all possible. Workers from the city were available on both days of the event and aided in all of the operations.

From the beginning we sought input and active participation from stunt kite manufacturers. Many donated prizes awarded to the Novice and Experienced classes of competitors. Manufacturer's representatives and top-flight pilots entered the Open Class wherein they sought top honors. Represented in Wildwood were: Peter Powell Kites, Rainbow Kite Company, Skynasaur, Top of the Line Kites, and Trilby.

Our judging panel included: Olan Turner, Red Braswell, Mike Carroll, Pete Ianuzzi, and Bill Kocher. The high and low scores were eliminated, and judging was kept as objective as possible. The starter and field crew facilitated the pace, moving from competitor to competitor and accurate score-keeping and score-posting held spectator attention.

The competition ran for approximately six hours each day, and all of our volunteer workers need to be applauded for the event's success. Our thanks to the following individuals who worked so hard: George Chewning, Bernice Turner, Ann Duggan, Maxine Hoke, Joyce Karch, Maurice Karch, Scott Spencer, Helene Chewning, Mary Gramkowski, Lou Ann Slocum-Robidoux, Geoff Slocum-Robidoux, Mike Menicoff, Ninette Verna, Bevan Brown, Frank Hoke, Mike Keating, Dave Cloonan, Regina Chernak, Tony Chernak, Margo Brown, Len Conover, and Ed Duggan.

Everyone had adequate space and extra time to practice flying in Wildwood. The camaraderie among the competitors was exceptional, as every-

one felt a part of something new. We worked hard on this event and we are even more determined about its future success. A lot of the observations and input have been logged, and planning for the *East Coast Stunt Kite Championships II* has begun.

Experienced Class: Team Competition

1st place: "Mad Dogs"

Jeff Buranich, Levittown, PA
Jim Grew, Newportville, PA
Joe Sal, Levittown, PA

Experienced Class: Team Train Competition

1st place: "Kites Over 6"

Robbi Sugarman, Mill Neck, NY
Stan Cohen, Babylon, NY
Michael Moskowitz, Mill Neck, NY

Open Class: Team Competition

1st place: "Team Hawaiian"

Don Tabor, San Diego, CA
Joel Bargabus, San Diego, CA
Eric Streed, San Diego, CA

Open Class: Team Train Competition

1st place: "Skynasaur Team"

Ron Reich, San Diego, CA
Steve Coats, San Diego, CA

Winners came from all over the country flying a variety of stunt kites:

Novice Class: Individual Competition

1st place: Eric Wolff, Chicago, IL

2nd place: Ben Lentz, Lester, PA

3rd place: Michael Dennis, Columbus, OH

Experienced Class: Individual Competition

1st place: Pamela Kirk, Columbus, OH

2nd place: Robbi Sugarman, Mill Neck, NY

3rd place: Stan Cohen, Babylon, NY

Open Class: Individual Competition

1st place: Mike Jones, Nags Head, NC

2nd place: Steve Coats, San Diego, CA

3rd place: Joel Bargabus, San Diego, CA

Ballet: Individual Competition

(musically choreographed)

1st place: Robbi Sugarman, Mill Neck, NY

2nd place: Mike Jones, Nags Head, NC

3rd place: Stan Mullikin, Sunnyvale, CA

Interview with Mike Jones

East Coast Dual Line Champion

by Bevan Brown

Mike earned the title of East Coast Dual Line Individual champion at the first annual championship held at Wildwood, NJ, May 1986. This was the first major event of this type and drew a field of outstanding fliers.

Mike started his own local "Kite Korps" in 1981 before he discovered the Maryland Kite Society through George Fohs and was introduced to Rainbow Kites. He became involved with AKA when he came to the Ocean City Sunfest in 1983. This is where he met Pete Ianuzzi, who shared his extensive knowledge of kite esthetics and aerodynamics. Mike obviously was an apt pupil.

After trying several commercial dual line kites, Mike developed his own stunt kite design, the "Mirage," to achieve the exact type of performance he wanted. The major difference is from adding more dihedral for stability on straight runs.

Mike's favorite maneuvers are layouts (low horizontal passes) and squares. He also likes to play with his kites in the water, including "surfing" with them. He puts the kite on a wave before it breaks, walks back to keep one wing out and tension on the line, then launches just before the wave breaks.

When we asked, Mike also shared ideas on dual line flying. For those just beginning, Mike describes the flying envelope as a quarter hemisphere. This is bounded by the ground below, and stall points at the sides and on top. More wind and higher airspeed gives more control (and allows flying further to the extremes). Less wind and speed reduces controllability. On controlling the kite, Mike advises beginners to think "left" and "right" relative to the kite rather than up or down.

Mike's outstanding ability to control his kites comes from hours and hours of practice and attention to how they behave under all conditions. For practice sessions, he often uses a remote sensor anemometer, with the measuring unit on the ground by the kites, and the digital readout where he stands to fly.

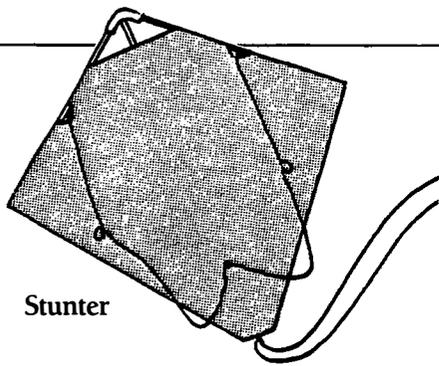
For intermediate or advanced fliers, Mike observed that many dual line fliers keep changing types of kites. He suggests that fliers should try several to find out what they like—then stick with one design and really learn how to fly under all conditions.

For all—he passes on his concern for safety. Do not fly close to other people unless you really know what you are doing. When in doubt, PLAY IT SAFE!

Our congratulations to Mike on his championship performance. Keep your eye on Mike, we expect him to continue setting standards of dual line kiting performance.

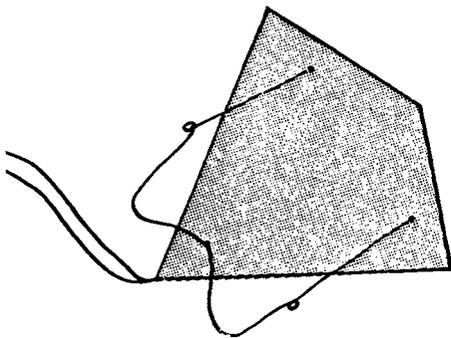


Photo courtesy of: Kathryn Howd.



Stunter

Dual Line Stunt Kites



Diamond
(dual line Eddy)

by Wayne Hosking

The stunt kite is a steerable kite capable of looping the loop, swooping and diving with the pilot in full control. Two lines are used to control its flight.

In the 1820's George Pocock used steerable kites to pull his horseless wagon and a boat.

Paul Garber developed a steerable target kite in World War II. It was a diamond kite with an aircraft silhouette on the kite sail and was used for training anti-aircraft crews.

In the 1970's a new generation of stunters was marketed. This type of kite is self-adjusting in various wind speeds and is a high performance flyer. Peter Powell has been credited with this new development.

TO FLY: One steers the kite by pulling on either line. The left line will cause the kite to go left while the right hand line will turn the kite right. If one

line is pulled back and held the kite will loop in that direction. Up to twenty multiple or continuous loops can usually be made in one direction before loss of control.

LAUNCHING:

1. Unwind lines making sure that both lines are at the same length, that there is equal tension on the lines, and no cross overs.
2. Have an assistant, down wind, hold the stunter at a point where the bridles attach to the sides.
3. On a given signal your helper should release the kite with a slight upward push.
4. If the kite turns, keep it traveling upwards by pulling slightly on the opposite line. (Right turn—pull left line, Left turn—pull right line) Practice simple maneuvers to get the feel of your stunter.

PILOTING: Pulling on the left line will cause the kite to turn left while pulling the right hand line will turn the kite right.

TRACKING: Pilot the stunter so that it will travel horizontally, then "U" turn so it will traverse in the opposite direction.

LOOPS: Pull one line back and hold until the stunter has completed the loop. Up to 20 multiple or continuous loops can be made in one direction before a loss of control.

LANDING: Fly the stunter into the wind, on either side, until it hovers and guide to the ground.

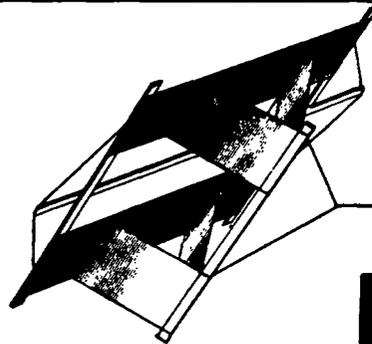
Diamond (dual line Eddy)

WIND: Light to moderate

LINE: 20 lb. test (9 kg) (requires two lines)

MATERIALS:

- 1 — trash bag
- 3 — 18" x 1/4" dowels (spreader and side struts)
- 1 — 36" x 1/4" dowel (spine)
- 3 — 1 1/2" x 1/4" I.D. plastic tubing
- 2 — 38 1/2" bridle lines



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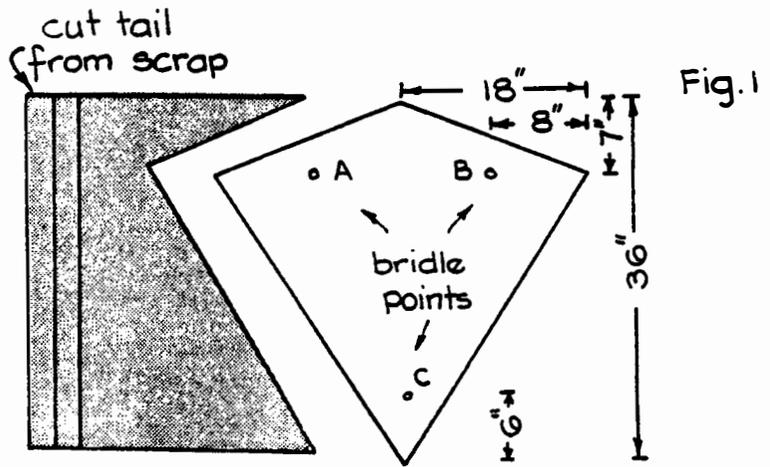
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METHOD:

1. Make a pattern, draw half of kite on bag and cut out. Punch or cut holes at bridle points A, B, & C. (Fig. 1 & 5)
2. Cut two corners off one piece of tubing and slide onto spine. (Fig. 2b & e)
3. Cut corners off two remaining tubings and slide onto side struts 8" from end. (Fig. 2b & d)
4. Fit side struts into tubing on spine. (Fig. 3) (This is the kite frame) Tape frame to sail.
5. Fit spreader in to tubing on side struts. (Fig. 6)
6. Turn kite over and tie bridles to points A, C and B, and C. Tie tow rings to bridles. (see box) (Fig. 5)
7. This kite can be flown with or without a tail. If a tail is required tie it to the spine. (up to 60") (Fig. 5)



Slide dowel through hole and out end of tubing.

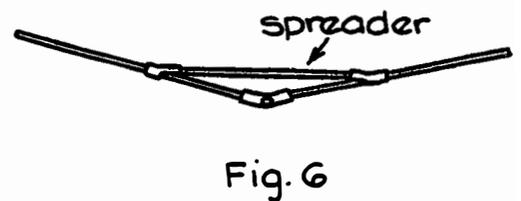
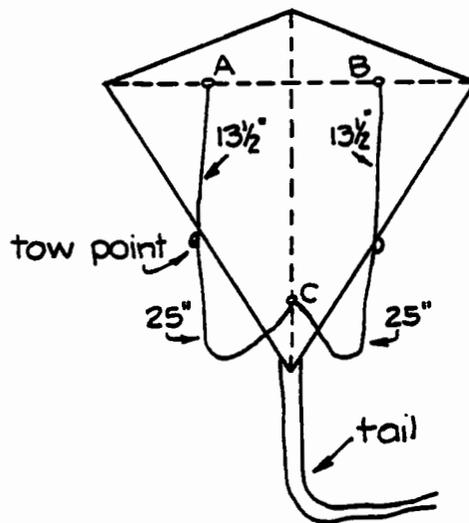
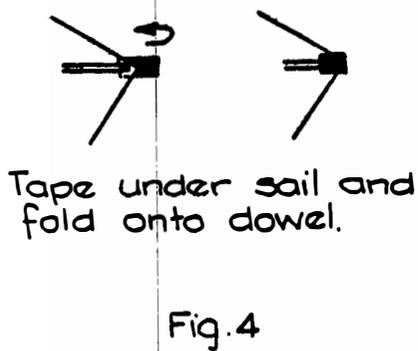
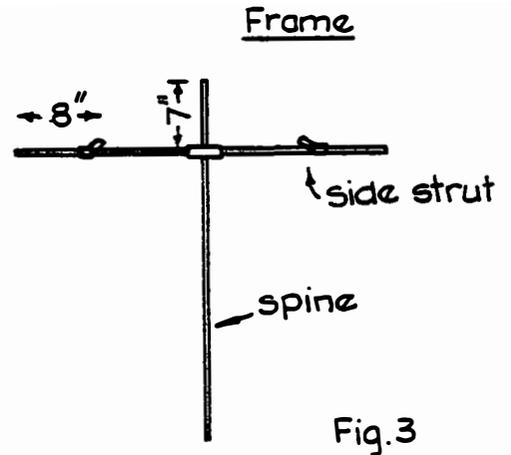
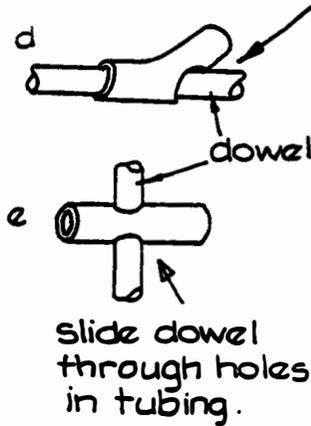
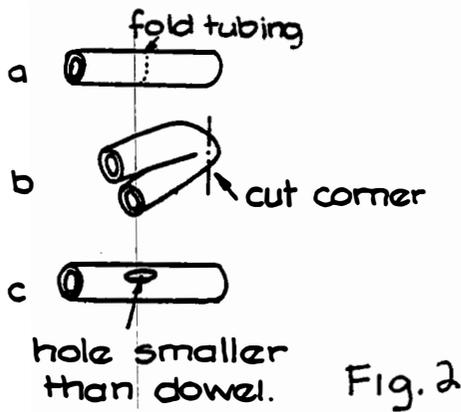


Fig. 5

Stunter

WIND: Gentle to fresh

LINE: 20 lb. test (9 kg)

MATERIALS:

- 1 — trash bag
- 1 — 36" x 1/4" dowel (spine)
- 2 — 27" x 1/4" dowels (side struts)
- 1 — 13 1/2" x 1/4" dowel (cross spar)
- 1 — 3" x 1/4" dowel (tail piece)
- 1 — 3" x 1/4" dowel (spreader)
- 5 — 1 1/2" x 1/4" D.D. tubings
- 1 — 3" x 1/4" I.D. tubing
- 1 — extra trash bag for tail (optional)
- 1 — bridle line 79"

METHOD:

1. Fold bag diagonally and measure 27" from corner of fold. (Fig. 1) The sail will be 27" square.

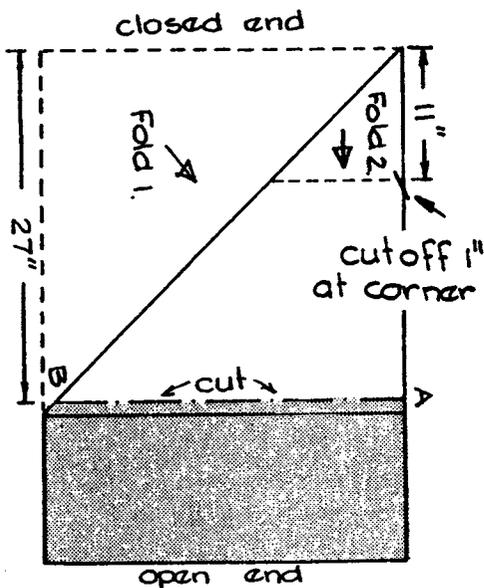
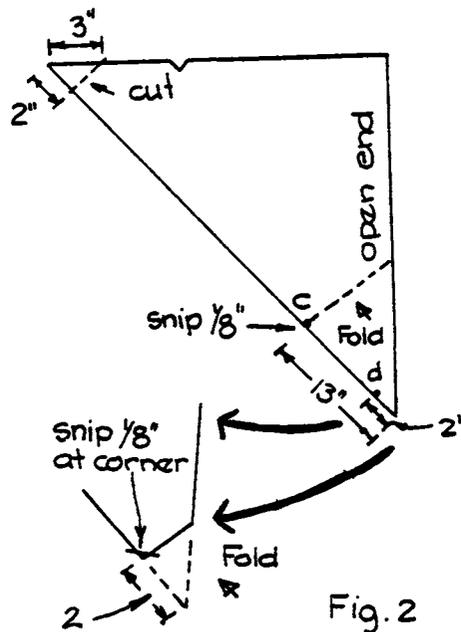


Fig. 1



2. Cut along (27") line A to B. (Fig. 1)

3. Fold bag and cut off corner (1") 11" from top. (Fig. 1)

4. Cut off top 2" x 3". (Fig. 2)

5. Fold bag 2" from bottom (d) and snip off corner (1/8") (Fig. 2)

6. Fold bag 13" from bottom (c) and snip off corner (1/8") (Fig. 2)

7. Fold 3 - 1 1/2" tubings and cut off corners. (Fig. 3b & d) Fit onto side struts and spine. (Fig. 4)

8. Fold 3" tubing and cut off corner. (Fig. 3b & d) Fit on top of spine. (Fig. 4)

9. Fold 2 - 1 1/2" tubings and cut off two corners on each. (Fig. 3b & e) Fit onto tail piece and cross spar. (Fig. 4)

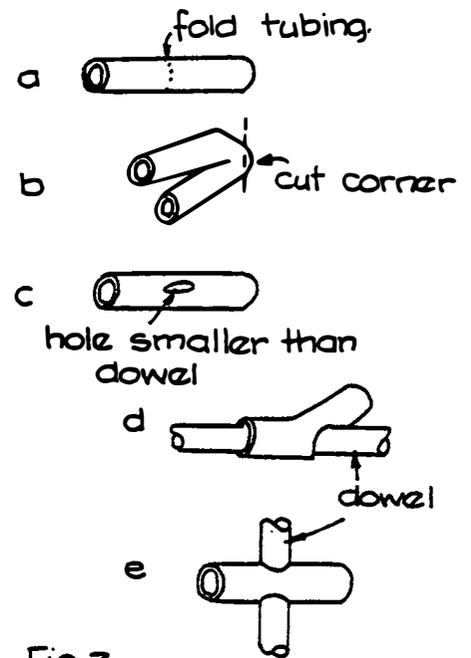


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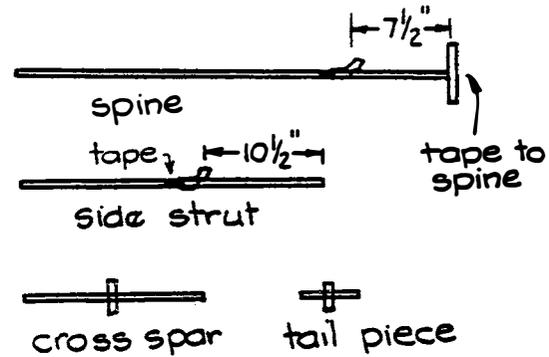
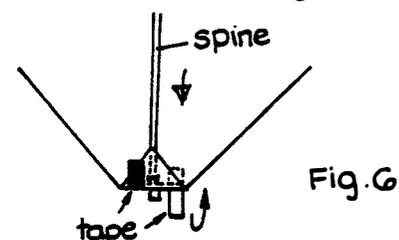
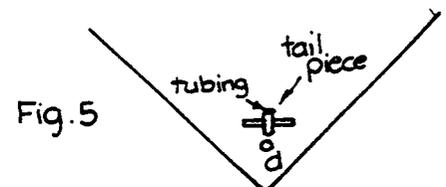
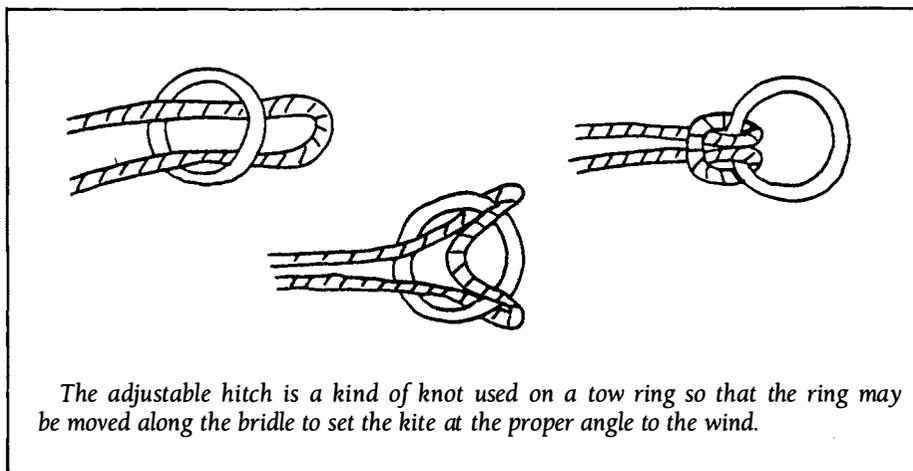


Fig. 4.

10. Fit tail piece into hole (d) at bottom of kite. (Fig. 5) Fold bottom flap over tail piece and tape. (Fig. 6)



11. Fit spine into tubing on tail piece. (Fig. 6)

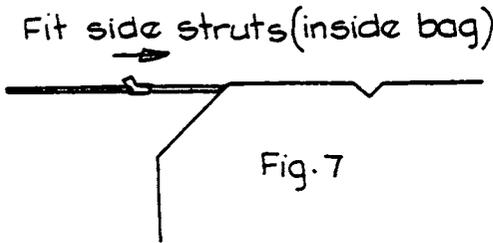


Fig. 7

12. Fit side struts into bag. (Fig. 7)
The spine is on the outside with the side struts inside the bag (tubing on side struts should be level with holes at A & B). (Fig. 9)

13. Fit side struts into plastic tubing at top of spine. (Fig. 8)

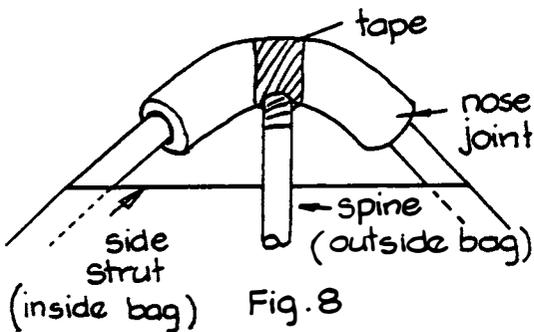
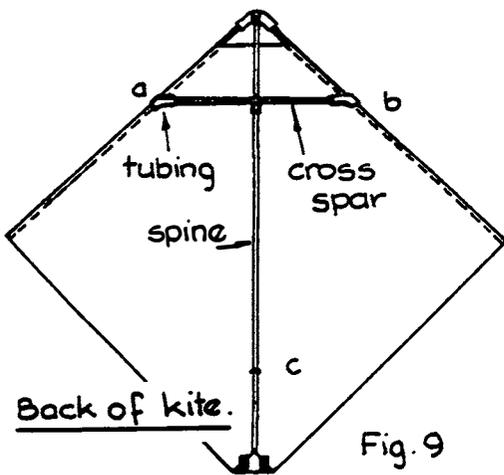


Fig. 8

14. Fit cross spar into tubing on side struts A & B.

15. Fit spreader into tubing on spine and cross spar. (Fig. 10)



Back of kite.

Fig. 9

16. Tie center of bridle (X) (Fig. 11) to spine through hole (C). (Fig. 12)

17. Tie other end of bridle to side struts at A & B. (Fig. 12)

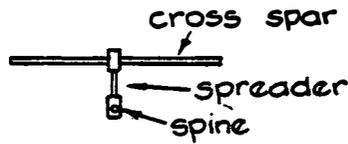


Fig. 10 End View

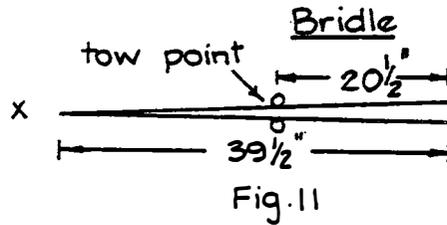


Fig. 11

18. Attach key rings or fishing swivels to tow points. (Fig. 11) (See box)
NOTE: This kite can be flown tailless. If a tail is required cut 2" wide strips of plastic and tape together (up to 60 feet). Attach tail to spine at bottom of kite. (Fig. 15)



Tape plastic strips together.

Fig. 14

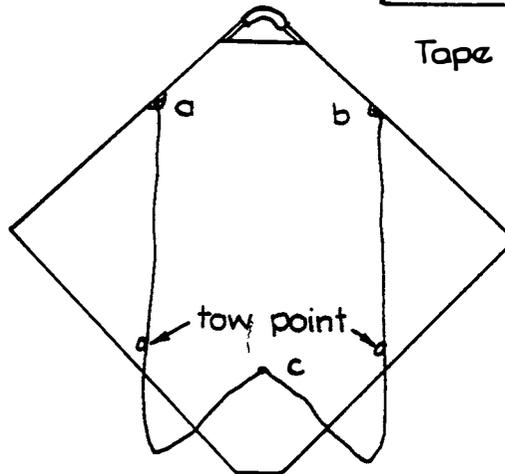


Fig. 12 Front of kite

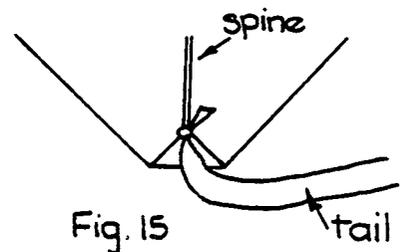


Fig. 15



Roll bag and cut 2" wide strips.

Fig. 13



AKA News

AKA Executive Committee Minutes

April 21, 1986
Approved as amended

The Executive Committee of the AKA met at the home of President Margo Brown in McLean, Virginia on April 21, 1986 at 5:40 P.M. Others present were Red Braswell, Bob Price, Hamilton Wells, Paul Thomas, Jon Burkhardt, chairman of the International Exchange Committee, Bevan Brown, chairman of the Festivals and Competitions Committee, and Jewell Price, recording secretary.

The minutes of the March 21, 1986 meeting were approved as read. Executive Committee members and regional directors have not received copies of all minutes through the association office. Other concerns of regional directors included receiving incorrect and/or very hard-to-read membership lists, extra copies of *Kiting*, membership applications, advertisement solicitation, and member merchant letters.

There was much discussion about the content and format of the May issue of *Kiting*.

Charlie Henderson has been appointed director of Region 5.

After a lengthy deliberation by the committee, Bob Price moved that Paul Thomas, executive director, send Tom Casselman directions for making arrangements in Newport, R.I., and send a copy of the letter to Bob McCort so that he will know what's going on. Request from Tom whatever information is necessary for publication in *Kiting*. Motion carried.

After a discussion centered on records and tax information, Bob Price moved that AKA file tax returns on a cash basis and that we continue to proceed with attempts to complete our records and honor just debts from San Diego as they come in. Motion carried.

Bevan Brown volunteered to try to get the walkie-talkies from San Diego.

Fran Gramkowski sent a report to the Executive Committee. He said that plans for the East Coast Stunt Championships are progressing well. Standards for stunt competitions are being developed.

As a result of concerns expressed by several Executive Committee members, sanctioning of events was discussed. Bob Price moved that sponsor or sponsors of an event must specifically request it before the event may be sanctioned. Hamilton Wells seconded and the motion carried.

Current figures (as of April 21) indicate there are 1402 members with an additional 585 family members. From early March through April 21, 60 new members joined.

Bob Price requested for the Archives, and Paul Thomas agreed to provide, a copy of the first membership list of the AKA made by Drohan Management Group.

Jon Burkhardt recommended payment of an outstanding bill of \$793.86 to Steve Lamb. The money was used to pay travel expenses of the flying team from Thailand. The International Committee raised funds in excess of that amount. Red Braswell moved that the bill be paid. Motion carried. Jon Burkhardt requested copies of any letters sent from the AKA headquarters pertaining to the International Exchange Committee. A copy, intended for Dave Checkley, of one letter had not been sent by the management office while another copy, intended for Tom Casselman, was not transmitted promptly, so that it did not reach him before his departure for China.

It was decided that each regional director will be sent a legible regional membership list twice each year by the association office.

Paul Thomas is to contact Charlie Henderson to check on information missing on the Polo Kite Fly and to secure a copy of a recommended item for publication in *Kiting*.

The next agenda will include a proposal from Chicago to host the 1988 AKA Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jewell Price 6 May 1986
Recording secretary 11 June 1986

June 5, 1986
Approved as amended

The Executive Committee of the AKA met at the home of President Margo Brown in McLean, Virginia on June 5, 1986 at 6:10 P.M. Others present were Hamilton Wells, Bob Price, and Jewell Price. Red Braswell arrived at 8:20 P.M. Bevan Brown was also present.

The minutes of the April 21, 1986 meeting were approved as amended.

Hamilton Wells moved that a final report be required after each event sanctioned by the AKA, whether or not there was an "incident". This would properly close the file on the event. Motion carried.

Bob Price moved that Mike Keating's other questions and concerns about sanctioning be referred to the By-Laws Committee, acting on procedures, for resolution at the next meeting. Motion carried.

The President, Margo Brown, reported that a registered letter was sent with the agenda to Paul Thomas of Drohan Management Group to remind him of the June 5 meeting. No reply was received. Also a phone call was made to the management office on June 3, 1986 at 11:45 A.M. at which time a similar message was left with the secretary.

Bob Price moved that the Executive Committee approve the concept of the proposal of Fred Bell and Mike Dennis for establishment of an annual competition for the possible selection of a design to be used solely by the AKA for product merchandising. Motion carried.

Drohan Management Group (DMG) furnished Bob Price with a disc believed to contain the AKA By-Laws. Upon examination by Vincent Brown it was found to have been formatted but did not contain data.

A written request for membership lists was left with the secretary at the

DMG office on May 27, 1986. As of June 5 nothing has been received.

Tom Sisson has been appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Margo, with assistance from the editorial staff, will edit the July issue of *Kiting*.

Hamilton Wells, Treasurer, will call Paul Thomas to request a meeting with him at the management office to arrange proper and satisfactory transition procedures for transferring to AKA all files, bank accounts, membership lists, properties, records, and anything else belonging to AKA. If it is not possible to reach Paul by phone, Hamilton will send him a letter making the same request.

Bob Price will handle memberships and mailing lists. Membership applications with payment will be sent to him at his address: 3839 Dustin Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

A telephone conversation with Dan Prentice, president of Kite Trade Association (KTA), indicated that he, as an advertiser and prospective advertiser, was unable to find out costs for advertising from Paul Thomas and could not get other information necessary to the process of advertising. Red Braswell will gather information on costs of advertising in black and white and in color.

Prentice reported that KTA has not committed to any area for its 1988 convention. Margo will send hotel brochures and a copy of the Chicago proposal to the Shaner Company, which represents the KTA, for distribution to the KTA board.

Margo agreed to write to June Dorman requesting information about the AKA account in the Commerce Union Bank of Nashville.

Bob Price moved to send the current [May] issue of *Kiting* to members by first class mail. Motion carried. [The reason was to get solicitation of nominations in accordance with the By-Laws. Errors and consequent delays by DMG in preparing the May issue of *Kiting* has made the first class mail necessary.]

Red Braswell moved that Regional Directors receive three copies of each issue of *Kiting* by first class mail. Motion carried.

Bob Price moved to establish an Election/Teller Committee. Motion carried. (The committee should be composed of at least three members, one or more of whom may be members of the nominating committee. They should expect to attend the convention and should live within commuting distance of one another. Their duties will be to receive and validate completed ballots, count the votes, and report to the annual meeting. They may also be requested to supervise and validate floor votes at the meeting.)

All nominations from members must be received by the Nominating Committee chairman by August 7, 1986. (This is to allow time for printing the ballots and mailing them to the membership 30 days before the annual meeting.)

President Brown announced the appointment of Susan Mayer as assistant chairman of the AKA Ways and Means Committee. Hamilton Wells requested that it be recorded in the minutes that Margo Brown, representing AKA, gave a workshop for the Montgomery County Board of Education Science Fair on May 3, 1986.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Jewell Price 12 June 1986
Recording Secretary 13 June 1986

June 12, 1986 Approved

The Executive Committee of the AKA met at the home of President Margo Brown in McLean, Virginia on June 12, 1986 at 6:20 P.M. Present were Margo, Red Braswell, Hamilton Wells, Bob Price, and Jewell Price.

The minutes of the June 5, 1986 meeting were approved as amended.

Red Braswell moved that the following information be made available in the minutes. Motion carried. Red's information:

On April 23, 1986 the Drohan Management Group (DMG) sent President Margo Brown a letter terminating its contract with the American Kitefliers Association. AKA was given 90 days, or until July 24, 1986, to make arrangements to transfer our records and other property to a new location.

We are in the process of soliciting volunteers among ourselves to continue with the Association's activities. At present Bob Price is going to do all things that would be done by a registrar—print labels, keep membership lists, rosters, directories, etc. Margo Brown is going to edit the July issue of *Kiting*. Jon Burkhardt has edited the May issue of *Kiting*. We are currently searching for volunteers to do the various remaining jobs that were previously contracted to DMG. We are compiling a list of jobs, breaking each of them down by items, so that each item may be assigned to a volunteer. We need input from persons interested in managing AKA either in whole or in part, such as an editor, a corresponding secretary who would handle mail, etc.

As the meeting continued, Bob Price, who has purchased a computer with a large storage capacity, reported that he believes that it will be adequate to handle the AKA membership rolls. He submitted a description of membership procedures for the executive committee to review.

Hamilton Wells met with Paul Thomas, of DMG, on Thursday, June 12, to plan for withdrawing AKA from DMG. They agreed on June 25 as the date of account closure and transfer of material.

Bob Price moved that AKA open an account with the Sandy Spring National Bank and Savings Institution which has a branch in Burtonsville, MD. The bank has Federal Deposit Insurance and also Federal Savings and Loan Insurance. Motion carried. The location was selected for convenience in depositing membership fees that Bob will receive. The account will also serve as the principal AKA account.

Hamilton Wells moved that the AKA

withdraw \$6000.00 from the McLean Bank to deposit in the new account. Motion carried. The McLean account will remain active until all outstanding checks are paid.

Bob Price suggested that the Executive Committee prepare an operating budget so that the business of the AKA can proceed in an orderly manner.

Fran Gramkowski, second vice-president, reported by telephone that AKA gained 13 members as a result of the Stunt Kiting Competition held at Wildwood, NJ. He, like Mike Keating, had concerns about sanctioning by AKA.

Red Braswell moved that Rick Kinnaird be made chairman of a Safety and Ethics Sub-committee on large kites. Motion carried.

Margo stated that Rick Kinnaird will chair the convention Auction Committee with the assistance of Eileen Kinnaird and Brooks Leffler.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Jewell Price
Recording Secretary 18 June 1986

June 26, 1986
Approved as amended.

The Executive Committee of the AKA met in emergency session at the home of President Margo Brown at 6636 Kirkley Avenue in McLean, Virgi-

nia on June 26, 1986 at 12:26 P.M. Present were Margo, Red Braswell, Hamilton Wells, Bob Price, and Jewell Price. The purpose of the meeting was to set up the organization for the day to day business of the AKA.

The minutes of the June 12, 1986 meeting were read and approved as read.

Hamilton Wells, Red Braswell, and Bob Price removed all known AKA records and possessions from the premises of Drohan Management Group (DMG) between 10:00 and 12:00 this morning.

Hamilton Wells, the treasurer, accepted current financial records for study and review. He will have a report soon. Also he reported that a new checking account has been established at Sandy Spring National Bank and Savings Institution in Burtonsville, Md. The account in the McLean Bank will remain active until all necessary financial transactions are completed there. He will receive statements from that bank.

It was understood that DMG would have all calls to the AKA number referred to President Brown's number. [As of July 6 there is no message on the AKA number except that it has been disconnected with no further information available.]

Red Braswell has taken charge of the

AKA items for sale, that is, T-shirts, pins, badges, etc. Also Red moved that he examine and decide on the disposition of a collection of kites about which there are no known records. Some, if suitable, will be donated to the auction. Motion carried.

DMG supplied membership data on a quadruple density disc. Vincent Brown will transfer the data to double density discs. Bob Price received some unprocessed membership applications. It is hoped that an accurate and up-to-date membership list will be available for the July mailing.

Margo gave a run through of the July issue of *Kiting* and received suggestions from the committee.

Since DMG failed to file tax returns for the AKA as it was contracted to do an application for a time extension was made and received. Ham, Red, and Margo are working on meeting the obligations and deadlines.

It is not certain that AKA has a current mailing permit since, according to DMG, the printer has been mailing under his own permit. DMG was required by contract to obtain 2nd and 3rd class permits. DMG deliberately failed to obtain the permits. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Jewell Price 6 July 1986
Recording Secretary 9 July 1986

Proposed Amendments to the AKA By-laws

by R.S. Price and M.J. Helton

Material with strike-out is removed.
Material in bold face is added.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.d. Right to nominate members to the Board of Directors and to vote in general proceedings of the Association. Chapter and ~~Sustaining~~ Corporate members are not eligible to nominate and vote.

Section 3.f. Such other services as may be provided from time to time by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Association.

Section 7. Regular, Junior, Sponsor, Associate Family, and Corporate memberships shall lapse 45 days after the expiration of dues.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Association . . . reserved

to the members ~~or the Executive Director (ARTICLE IX)~~ by these by-laws or by law.

Section 3. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to set policies, adopt programs, and ~~appoint~~ establish necessary committees. The Board . . .

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall number ~~from~~ no less than seven (7) ~~to~~ nor more than twenty (20). ~~who shall be elected by ballot.~~

Section 5. Regions

a. Each of the following regions shall be represented on the Board of Directors by one Director elected by members of their respective region ~~by mail ballot in the month prior to the annual Meeting.~~

Region 1 CT, NH, MA, ME, RI, VT
Region 2 NY
Region 3 NJ, PA
Region 4 DC, DE, MD, VA, WV
Region 5 AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC,

PR, SC, TN
Region 6 IN, KY, MI, OH
Region 7 IA, IL, MN, WI
Region 8 AZ, CO, ID, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, SD, UT, WY
Region 9 AR, KS, MO, OK, TX
Region 10 AK, OR, WA, British Columbia
Region 11 CA (Monterey County and north)
[The actual boundary is 35 degrees, 45 minutes North]
Region 12 HI, CA (South of Monterey County)
Region 13 The rest of the world.

b. Regions shall . . .

Section 86. Terms of office for regional Directors ~~from Regions 1 through 13~~ shall be for three (3) years, beginning upon election. ~~at the Annual Meeting~~ Terms shall be staggered among regions so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the Regional Directors are elected each year.

~~Section 67. Up to Seven (7) Directors-at-Large shall be nominated and elected for one (1) year by the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Consent of the nominee is required for all nominations. The term of office shall commence upon January 1 following the Annual Meeting and continue through the following December 31 election and terminate at the next annual meeting.~~

~~Section 78. A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment at the discretion of the by the President with confirmation by the Board of Directors.~~

~~(Sections 9 through 11 unchanged but renumbered 10 through 12.)~~

~~Section 12. At the~~ At all subsequent Annual Meetings, 13. Regional Directors shall be elected for full terms of three (3) years. Elections shall be held for Regional Directors from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in years divisible by 3 with no remainder, from Regions 6, 7, 8, and 9 in years divisible by 3 with 1 remainder, and from Regions 10, 11, 12, and 13 in years divisible by 3 with 2 remainder whose terms are over (3) years. Only members from each region may vote for their Regional Director.

Article V. Meetings and General Elections of Directors

~~Section 1. The Annual Meeting and Convention shall be held in September and/or October and shall be for the purpose of electing Directors-at-Large and officers, receiving~~

~~Section 8. Members shall be~~ In the same announcement, nominations for Regional the Board of Directors named in ARTICLE IV, Section 13 and for the President shall be solicited from members. Solicited nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee by thirty-seven (37) days before the Annual Meeting. [This is to allow time for ballot printing and distribution]

~~Section 9. Nominations for the Board of Directors, so soli cited, if insufficient to fill all seats positions available~~

~~Section 10. The ballot to elect the thirteen (13) Regional Directors. Ballots, addressed as directed by the Chairman of the Elections Committee, to elect the~~

President and the Regional Directors named in ARTICLE IV, Section 13 shall be mailed to each member address at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Completed ballots must be received at the designated address at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Results of the election will be announced during the first session of the Annual Meeting. [The above days allow for member response, tallying the votes, and transmission of results to the convention site.]

Article VI. Officers

~~Section 2. The~~ they shall hold office from January 1 following the Annual Meeting through December 31 the close of the Annual Meeting to the close of the next Annual Meeting. A plurality of all votes cast is necessary to elect Results of the election will be announced during the Annual Meeting. Vacancies . . .

Delete Section 3.

~~Section 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS~~ Duties of Officers

a. The President . . . appoint all committees members, with the advice of the Directors and/or members, except for the Nominating and Elections Committees. The President . . .

c. The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of (and may also tape record) all Board and Annual Meetings, shall ~~maintain~~ be responsible for maintaining the membership rolls, and shall perform such

d. The Corresponding Secretary shall ~~handle~~ be responsible for all Association correspondence and perform such other . . .

e. . . The two (2) signatures shall be those of any two (2) of these four (4) persons: the Treasurer, the President, another officer, the Executive Director, or any other officer another officer or the Executive Director, if the position is established by contract.

Article VII.

~~Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association and Directors-at-Large.~~

~~Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to conduct the~~

affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall take no action in conflict with the actions of the Board of Directors or the membership except in an emergency. Such action must be justified at the next Annual Meeting.

Article VIII.

~~Section 2. There shall be six (6) seven (7) standing committees.~~

h. Education and Public Service

~~Section 3. Additional standing or special committees may be appointed established at the discretion of the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors or the membership. Such committees are dissolved at the second Annual Meeting following establishment unless re-established.~~

~~Section 4. A Nominating Committee composed of at least five (5) Directors or Past Directors shall be elected by the membership present at the Annual Meeting. In addition to its annual duty to nominate Directors for the Board, the The Nominating Committee shall make nominations for the next Nominating Committee, for the next Election Committee, and for all positions for which solicited nominations have not been received. It may make nominations to supplement solicited nominations. The new President shall select one member of each of these committees as chairperson. The committee shall be responsible for preparation, verification, and distribution of ballots.~~

~~Section 5. An Election Committee composed of at least three (3) Directors or Past Directors that are not members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by the membership present at the Annual Meeting. The Election Committee will be responsible for receiving, verifying, and tallying the ballots. They shall report the results at the first session of the Annual Meeting. The committee will also verify credentials, tally votes, and report results at the Annual Convention.~~

~~Section 6. The Election Committee or the Nominating Committee may note irregularities in the election process. They may recommend alternative solutions of the problem to the members at~~

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Plan to attend

The American Kitefliers National Convention

October 2-5, 1986

Newport, Rhode Island



THE CONVENTION

The American Kitefliers Association will hold its 1986 Annual Convention in Newport, Rhode Island on Thursday, October 2 through Sunday, October 5, 1986. This is AKA's gala event of the year, so make plans now to attend this important festival.

Highlights of the Convention will include workshops on kiting, the Annual Business Meeting, special exhibitions and displays, the Annual Auction, the National Competitions, and the Awards Ceremonies.

The official flying field for the competitions will be Brenton Point State Park, which is located on a peninsula south of Newport that juts into the Atlantic Ocean. This has been the site of the Blackships Kite Festivals and is truly a magnificent flying site. While competitive areas will be cordoned off for Convention attendees, every attempt will be made to interest the general public in the kiteflying. Expect to see big banners, small banners, and kiosks—all sorts of visual delights. Transportation will be available from the hotel to the flying field, by bus plus car pooling. There are large fields directly outside the hotel for those practice flights.

The Kite Trade Association (KTA) meeting will be held at the same facility immediately prior to AKA Convention, from September 30 through October 1.

REGISTRATION

Special prices are being offered to those who register early for the 1986 convention. If you register between July 31 and September 20, the price is \$85.00. If you register after September 20, your registration fee for the 1986 Convention will be \$100.00. A word to the wise—*get it done early!* The money you save can increase your fun at the auction. Mail in the registration form on dust cover as soon as possible to The American Kitefliers Association, P.O. Box 537, Newport, Rhode Island 02871.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Convention headquarters will be the Sheraton Islander Inn in Newport. The Sheraton Islander has a block of 150 sleeping rooms reserved for AKA's Convention; room rates vary from \$105.00 to \$125.00 per room per night plus tax. (See the hotel registration form on dust cover for more details.) If you are interested in staying at the Sheraton Islander Inn, your reservations must be received by the hotel by September 11, 1986. If you make reservations and then need to cancel them, you must cancel them before September 28 to receive a refund.

Newport has a wide variety of guest accommodations at differing price levels. For those who are interested in accommodations other than those at the Sheraton Islander (for example, bed and breakfast or guest house facilities), contact Jan Wheeler, Box 3416, Newport, RI 02840, 401/849-3954. The bed and breakfast accommodations start at \$50.00 per night and are a real bargain!

THE AUCTION

As you know, our annual auction is one of the highlights of the Convention. Make plans now to donate *something special* to the Auction Committee. Forms are available in this issue of *Kiting*. If you need further information right away, contact Rick Kinnaird at 301/229-1708.

All auction items should be sent to Outermost Kites, 393 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840. Custodian of items: Don McCasland, Newport Kite Group and Kites Over New England. Please attach a copy of the Auction Information Sheet with a complete list including value of merchandise and how it has been packed along with how it should be handled.

See inside back dust cover for registration form.

The AKA Auction

by Rick Kinnaird



Last year's auction raised over \$15,000—an unheard of sum considering that in the years before the most that had ever been raised was about \$9,000. This is due in large part to the generosity of many individuals who donated items, and we would like to thank everybody who participated in last year's auction, either as a donor or as a buyer. One side that you rarely hear about is the donors and they are in some ways unsung heroes. We would especially like to thank *What's Up*, *Hyperkites*, *Kites Aweigh*, Adrian Conn, Jon Burkhardt, Red and Lee Braswell, Tom Castleman, and *The Kite Loft*, all for making their generous, big dollar item contributions to the auction. And, on the other side of the fence, we would like to thank those who came and participated with their wallets, especially (ya'll treat these folks good, hear), Jim Miller and Pat Gilgalon, Larry Bush, Judy Neuger, Richard Roth, Kathy Dalgliesh (I'm sure Glen is very happy), Dave Nichols, Al Hargus, Scott Skinner, and Randy Tom.

Everyone always wants to know what went for the most money. So, here's the list of the top 10:

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| 1. The Dragon Fly Kite by Adrian Conn | \$600 |
| 2. The Smithsonian Kite Festival Weekend by Rick and Eileen Kinnaird | 500 |
| 3. 13 Ply Master Hyperkites | 450 |
| 4. The Custom 10" Flexifoil donated by <i>What's Up</i> | 400 |
| 5. Red Braswell's O'dako Kite made by Lee Braswell | 375 |
| 6. Jon Burkhardt's Mama-San Fighter Kite | 360 |
| 7. Tom Castleman's 60' Applique Dragon | 320 |
| 8. The Double Dragon Box Kite donated by <i>Kite Craft</i> | 280 |
| 9. The Peter Lynn Tri-D Box Kite | 275 |
| 10. 21 Ply Star Cuisers | 275 |

You know we have all our auction data on a computer now and it actually works. Brooks Leffler has given me all kinds of neat, fascinating data to report

out. Just have to do it for one item here. This is what Brooks calls the best bargains list. Did you know the best bargain was a bottle of Canadian beer. In case you don't know the background of the story—the year before last a case of Canadian Kite Anchors went on sale at the auction—turned out to be a case of Grizzly beer and it sold for \$100, behind it went another case for \$95. Everybody thought that was crazy Harry Osborne bought the \$95 case. I drank the other case with Bill Ochse and the rest of the Rainbow Warriors—it was good, too, but that is another story. Apparently Harry saved one of the bottles and had it auctioned off this year and it sold for \$45. Of course, what made it a bargain—Harry estimated its value at \$437.93—just shows you how great computers are. Now calculate at this rate of appreciation for kite objects at the 1986 auctions, a case of Canadian beer will go for over \$1,000. Now is that asset appreciation or what? Just goes to show you why you should participate in the AKA auction, and how great computers are.

Looking Ahead to October

What you can expect will be the old Friday night auction with a host of auctioneers—it seemed to work real well last year. We will have the silent auction, as well as the loud auction.

The loud auction is the usual noisy, yelling match that we all know about; the silent auction is the one where we have bid sheets, and hopefully this year we will get the hassles with the bid sheets straightened out. I think this year will shape up to be another fun time with the usual yelling, screaming and crazy antics. It is that time to start thinking about what you are going to donate. We have seen a number of unique ideas coming up for donated items; a kite, a reel, a weekend at a big kiting event. Those that really seem to go are the unusual and the unique, and what really makes the auction hum are those crazy ideas that people get that inject their own personalities into it.

Kite Anchor Auction Competition

Each club is requested to produce and present a kite anchor to be auctioned. Each anchor needs to be publicized, hyped and proven to be the most valuable. All anchors will be auctioned off against one another. The sponsors/makers will present the items to the audience. The kite anchor can be both a big money draw and a very humorous, fun-loving addition to the auction and the total convention.

AKA AUCTION INFORMATION SHEET



For items, please drop a note with this information:

Name of contributor (company name): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Item name: _____

Description: _____

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Approximate value: _____

I will bring this item with me

I will send this item on ahead

Send all auction items to: Outermost Kites, 393 Thames St., Newport, RI 02840



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