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Please type and double-space articles for *Kiting*. Be sure to include sender's name and phone number.

Photos must be in sharp focus and may be either color or black-and-white. Color photos are especially welcome. AKA will extend membership six months to members whose photo(s) are used on the cover of *Kiting*. On a separate sheet of paper, please include photographer's name, date and location of event where photo was taken, name and designer of kite, and name(s) of individual(s) shown in photo(s).

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The flexifoil kite shown on the cover was designed and built by Bill Goodwin of Maryland. Photo by Bill Goodwin.

President's Corner

Dear Fellow Members and Kitefliers,

As I have said before, when I mess up, I will say so. During the past year, AKA has not been sending out notices of impending expiration of membership (renewal notices). It was hoped that the plainly-stated "renew date" on the *Kiting* mailing label would suffice. Some people responded, others didn't. To the latter, I dispatched an untimely reminder that renewal time was past. They usually received a last issue of *Kiting* during a 45-day grace period.

The reason for using this system was to share the burden of notification with the members, reduce work here and save on mailing costs. During the year, from June 1986 to June 1987, the system worked fairly well with few complaints. I don't know how many members were lost because of the system. After the last batch of about 200 reminder letters were sent, there was a sudden spurt in the rate of response and comment. I, too, felt that the system as not as effective as it should be. Therefore, a new notice card was designed and printed. Some of you already have received the new cards. The cards are a botched printing job but were accepted to save about \$30.

Now for the mess up. I am not sure that everyone has received July *Kiting* who should have. I think there are a few people in this class whose renewal dates were around June 1. Anyone who thinks they should have received that issue but didn't, please let me know.

In the future, there will be less uncertainty about a

member's status. After an issue is mailed, notices will be sent to each member whose membership will terminate before the next *Kiting* mailing list is made. People who fail to renew in time will not receive the next issue and, except for postal error, it will be their responsibility to renew.

Preparing and mailing the cards may be more work than sending out reminder letters, but it will reduce confusion and it may cost less in the long run.

For those who can afford it, I recommend a multi-year membership: Pay for three years and sit back and enjoy it. There is already a membership running 10 years into the future, not to mention the life members and several other categories that cover several years. Don't ask me what happens when the dues are raised!

Though the Board of Directors shall determine the dues, they have little incentive to do raise them. I suggest that it would be proper for the membership, at the Annual Meeting, to direct them to do so (if a motion to that effect were passed). The Board would then have to take action or explain non-action at the next Annual Meeting. Of course, the Board could take independent action at their Annual Meeting. It is hoped that we will have adequate data to make a rational decision at the convention.

On the other hand, what has rationality to do with this organization?!

Let's go fly a kite, or at least work on one.

National Kite Week set for March 20-27, 1988

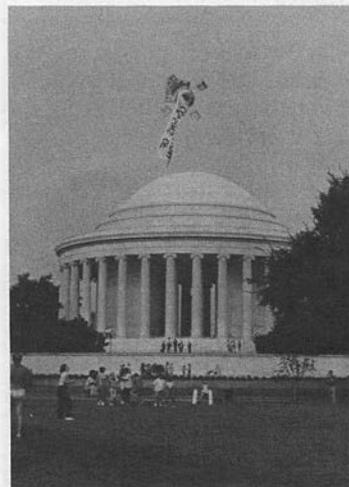
AKA has chosen **March 20-March 27, 1988, National Kite Week**. The dates were selected after an informal nationwide poll found that two periods were thought to be most suitable for this event: Kitefliers selected October, while the general public preferred March. The March dates were chosen to insure as much involvement by the public as possible, with the dates set as late as practicable for the benefit of AKA's northern members.

Implementation will be mostly at the local level, with help from AKA as necessary. It is hoped that some people "out there" across the country will develop logos, slogans, etc.

AKA gets a shot at the silver screen

Nobody ever quite figured out what film it was, who the actors were or whether we would make the cut, but a number of AKA members turned out recently at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC to participate in a movie in which a kite contest plays a crucial role. The photos below show the "kite" featured in the film, which has something to do with a group of youngsters whose kite aerial photography shots get mistaken for satellite pictures and, naturally, are wanted by the Russians and FBI, who get tangled up in the plot somehow (they were the ones in the dark, three-piece suits, sweltering elegantly in 100-degree heat). The kitefliers were asked just to look as if they were flying kites, but of course, on our shot at fame and fortune, there was simply no wind.

The movie kite was taken aloft by a handful of weather balloons (As of this writing, the film is called "Likewise.").



Scholarship fund established

A scholarship has been established in the memory of **Raymond Reel**, an active kiteflier and AKA life member, who passed away on July 14. Reel suffered a stroke last December and later developed pneumonia.

Reel was active in many community organizations and often worked with local schools and museums to help spread the adventure of kiting. He frequently astounded many by flying kites inside school auditoriums.

The college scholarship in his name will be awarded to a student showing exceptional interest in science. Contributions may be sent to **Lori Melroy**, Route 8, Box 271, Lenoir City, TN 37830.

Kite plans

The Lighter Side-- Kites from the Outer Skies

By Neil Thorburn

Gentle reader--

Construction of this kite is for iron-willed kite builders with their own opinions of how it should be put together. The plans have been submitted to several well-known kite builders. Each expressed a different opinion of this or that detail or concept; the builder is expected to use his/her ingenuity in constructing this kite.

Concerning the plans: In figure 1, two curved lines believed to represent the sled fins have been deleted. Figure 9 is my interpretation of how the kite is assembled. This is probably wrong; criticism will be accepted reluctantly.

It is obvious from Neil Thorburn's letter (see "Turbulence," page 14) that there has been considerable correspondence and editing of material concerning the real Snarst and the kite based upon it. Printable comment concerning this kite may or may not be published in Kiting, but all will be given careful consideration before disposal.

Both the Snarst itself and the Snarst kite are an interesting coupling of imagination, kite design and building skill.

--Bob Price

The Google-eyed Snarst kite is a variation of a sandwich sled delta (*Super Kites II*). It consists of two sections, as shown, that are held between longerons that are tied together through the fabric. It could also be held together with sewn longeron pockets, as show below. The longer dimensions of the width of the center of the wing section over that of the sled section allow for a flare in the wing section, which gives the characteristic of a sled.

The construction should be apparent from the diagrams. The plans shown are for Tyvek, which can be painted, but cloth can be used as well.

This kite is a stable high flyer in winds from light to heavy. It can be flown on one line or two as a guided kite. There is some chance of panic should its maneuvers too closely resemble those of an actual Snarst, which can be quite aggressive.

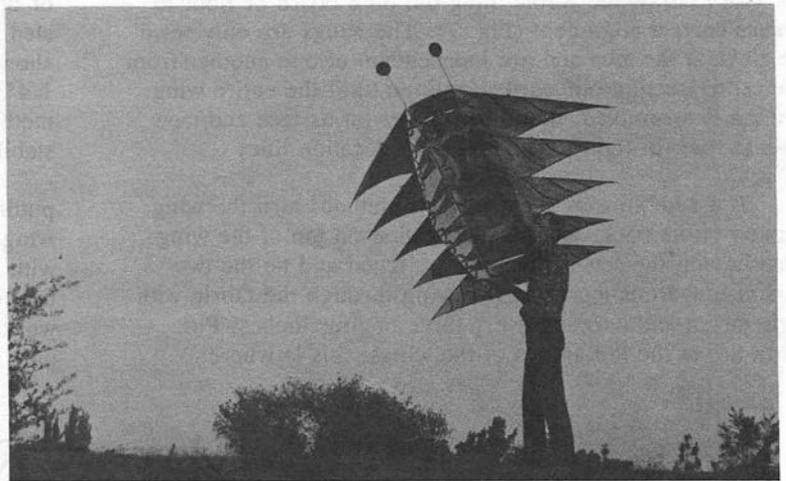
Editor's note: Considerable detail on Snarstian behavior was provided by author Thorburn. Since it was more suitable for textbook use, it has been reserved for diligent scholars of the Snarst. The author's instructions for building the Snarst kite have been retained.

Directions

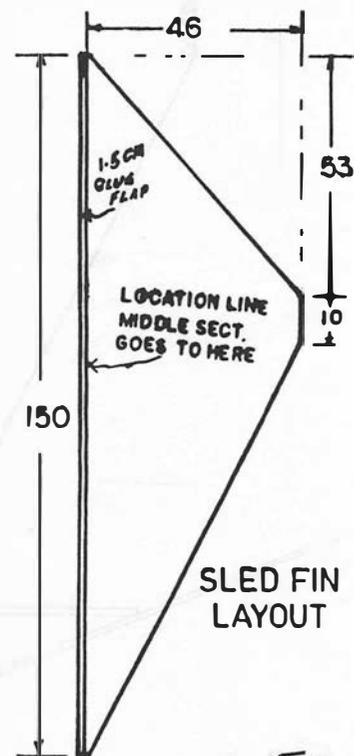
The Snarst kite is what I call a "stack sled." It is made up of two segments: a sled and a stack of delta wings. The segments are assembled separately and then either sewn together (Fig. 8) with longeron sleeves or sandwiched together between two sets of longerons that are tied together every three or four inches.

One way to make the segments is to first prepare the center sections. The sled mid-section (Fig. 3) is a face of fabric vented to form the features and two pink body strips. The wing center section (Fig. 4) is strips of fabric of dimensions and decorations as shown.

Next, prepare right and left fins (Fig. 5) and glue or



Snarst at rest



sew them to the middle sled section to get Fig. 6. If using sandwich construction, tape two thin longerons to front of section as shown.

Then, prepare five pairs of right and left wings with glue or sewing tabs (Fig. 2). The dimensions of the several pairs are shown in Fig. 1. Glue or sew wing spar slots.

Now comes the tricky part. Start with the top wings and glue or sew them to the midsections at the flaps. It might

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Google-eyed Snarst...

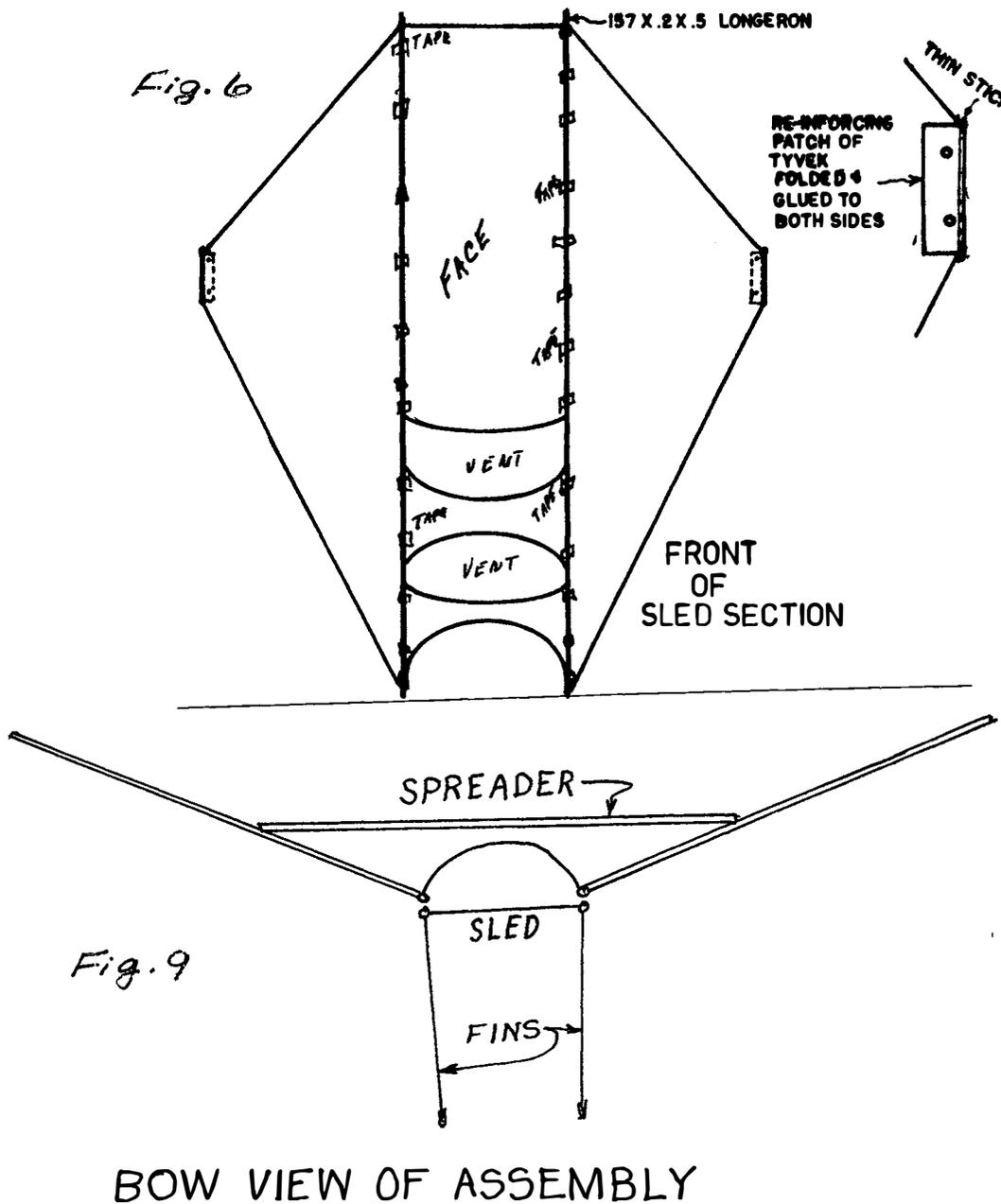
be wise to draw the whole thing out on a board or floor to insure correct alignment (Fig. 7). The wings are only sewn or glued at the tabs and are independent of one another from the center section outboard. Continue until the entire wing section is assembled, then turn it over on its face and tape another pair of light longerons to the location lines (Fig. 8).

If assembling by the sandwich method, turn the wing section on its back, lay the sled section on top of the wing section with the sets of longerons aligned and tie the two sets of longerons together by sewing through the fabric with light string and knotting every three or four inches. Put extra ties at the top apexes of the wings; this is where

there is the greatest strain on the fabric.

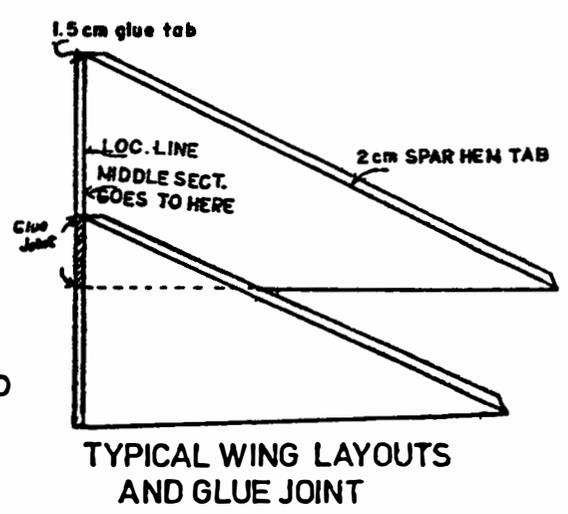
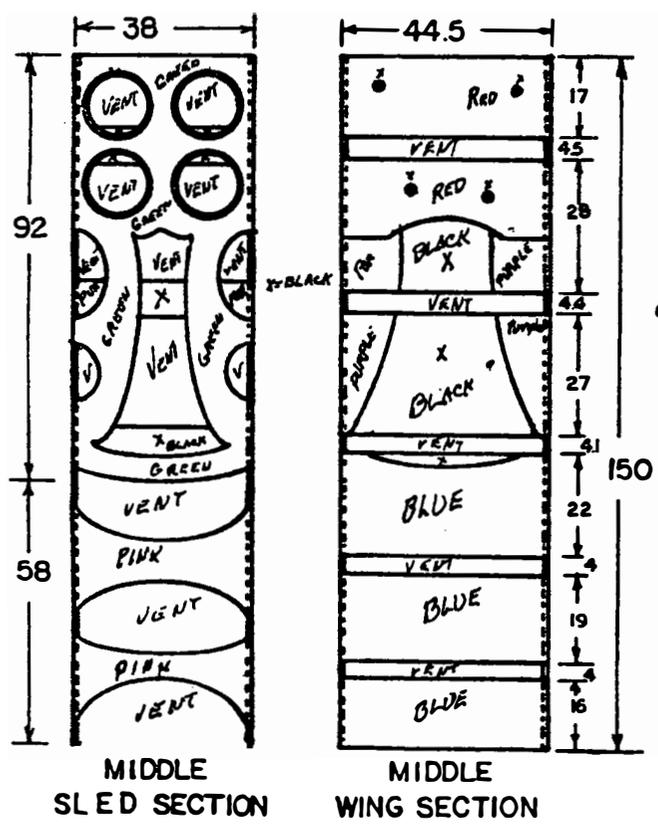
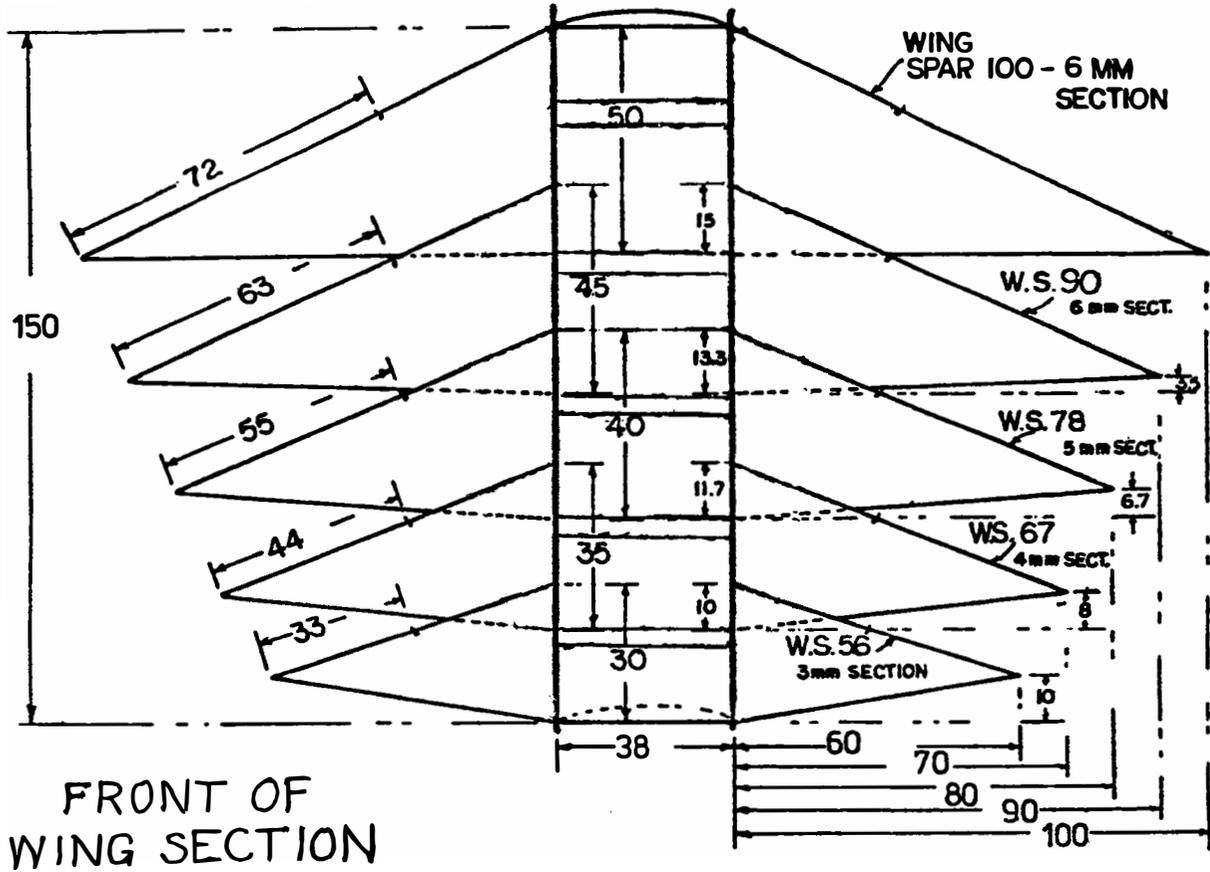
The sandwich method is especially appropriate for Tyvek or other plastic. If sewing the segments together, lay the sled segment on the wing segment and sew a long sleeve as shown in Fig. 8. Use slightly heavier longerons (3/16" or 1/4" dowel) (only two needed) with the sleeve method. Either method produces a flare on the back section that gives added stability and a third dimension to the Snarst's body.

If using paint for decoration, apply the paint before putting the segments together; it's a lot easier. Install wing spreaders as in any delta wing kite and tie a bridle with eight-foot shrouds at the sled corners (50# plus), or use two strings for Snarstian maneuvers. Remember, sleds work the opposite of commercial guided kites: With left pull, the kite goes right, and *vice-versa*.



...high into the planet's atmosphere.

THE GOOGLE EYED SNARST (*Superkitus rapacious*)



Kite plans

Not the Largest Rotor Kite?

The "rotor kite" shown above is the handiwork of Lawrence Beitzel, who lives in the mountains near Grantsville, MD, not far from the "eastern continental divide." The "kite" attracted the attention of several AKA members, one of whom said that the bridle was "all wrong for a Magnus effect rotor kite."

Actually, this is a windmill that drives a 24-inch sprocket and an auto alternator and charges two auto batteries. It is 40 feet tall. Beitzel built it without benefit of drawings or measurements, except for his "micrometer eyeballs." He wanted to save money on electricity and to have a device which did not need to be pointed into the wind.

It has stood for a number of years, but a 70-mph wind tore loose one section. When not driving a load, it turns in the slightest breeze. In a good wind, the sprocket exerts great power and cannot be stopped by hand.

According to Beitzel, the wind is usually quite calm in his area, making the windmill ineffective. AKA members know the feeling!

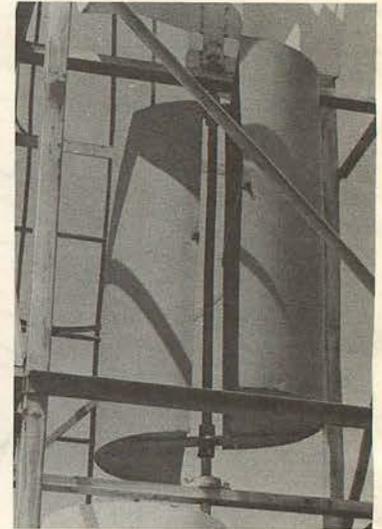


Photo and article by Wood Ellis

The Bernstein winged sled

One of the most successful winged sleds is the product of Myron Bernstein of Megett, NC. It is a dependable and often spectacular performer with a wide wind-range, especially if two different length and weight spreaders are used, one for light-to-moderate winds and another for moderate-to-heavy winds. Two kites for the price of one! Here are guidelines for making this reliable performer.

Cover: The cover should be ripstop, either "sail-cloth" (.75 oz./sq. yd.) or "spinnaker cloth" (.5 oz./sq. yd.).

Spars: Spars may be graflex or fiberglass tubing (5/16" diameter) or wooden dowels. These are enclosed in sleeves along the wing leading edge and along the canopy-fin

junction.

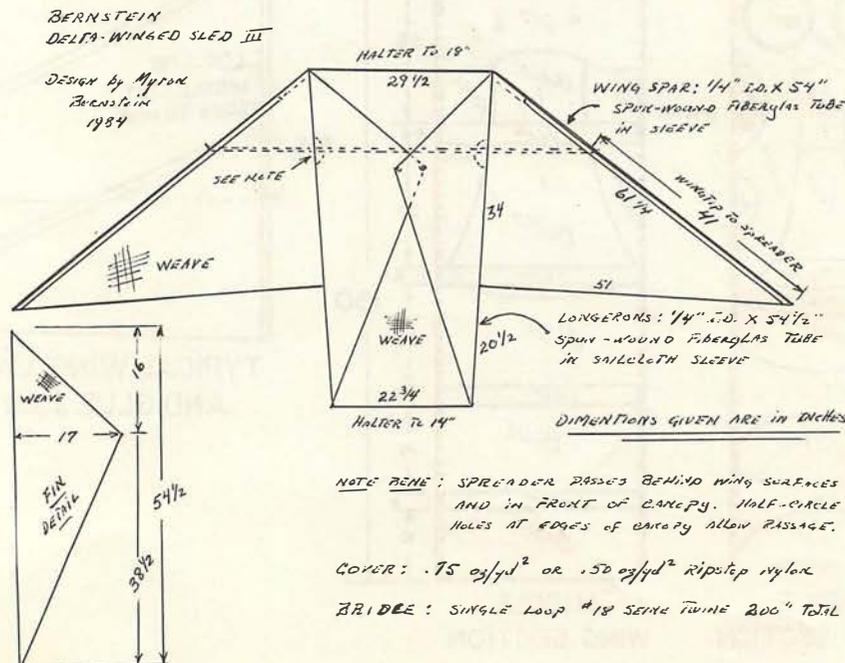
Notes: Notice that the spreader passes *in front* of the canopy and *behind* the wings. The spreader bar is fastened to the wing with a drapery hook inserted in a plastic ring sewn to the wing fabric.

Adjustable "Loy halters"* are used at both the leading and trailing ends of the canopy. These permit making exact adjustments to wind conditions and insure that the wings are kept taut by a properly-inflated canopy.

The bridle should be 40-100-pound test line.

-- H.B. Alexander

* See *Kiting*, Vol. 9, #2 (March 1987), p. 3



AKA Convention

By Jon Burkhardt

There are several schedule changes and new details available concerning the 1987 AKA Annual Convention, Wednesday, October 7-Saturday, October 10 at Dulles International Airport, Vienna, VA, near Washington, DC. Be sure to take note of the schedule below, which includes new times for the AKA Board of Directors meeting and Annual Meeting as well as the times for AKA Registration and the Welcoming Reception. And don't miss the update on the AKA Auction, which includes new details on the prizes to be auctioned off!

For those new to AKA or who may have missed it before, information about accommodations, flying fields, registration, volunteers, special events, and other important aspects of the convention follows, along with new information on attendance guidelines for members and non-members. Auction and Convention registration forms are on the outside dustcover of this issue.

● **Membership status--** While people who are not AKA members will be permitted to attend the 1987 convention, remember that the event is primarily for members of the



Convention update

Membership status--participation guidelines

Who else may attend?

Yes, you may bring guests!

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Don't miss it!
October 7-10, Washington, DC

1987 Convention schedule

Wednesday, October 7

Registration 2-8 p.m.
Welcoming Reception 8 p.m.

Box lunch noon
AKA Silent Auction 5:30-7:45 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
AKA Auction 8 p.m.-midnight

Thursday, October 8

Registration 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Committee meetings 9 a.m.-noon
Workshops 9 a.m.-12 noon
Trip to Garber facility** morning
Stunter competitions 1-5 p.m.
AKA Fly Market setup 1-2 p.m.
AKA Fly Market open to members 2-6 p.m.
Board of Directors meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Night Kite Fly 10 p.m.-??

Saturday, October 10

Comprehensive competitions, special events 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Box lunch noon
Cocktail hour, members' choice 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Awards banquet (with entertainment) 8 p.m.-midnight

Sunday, October 11

Post-convention activities
Air & Space Museum Tour** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Baltimore Clipper Tour** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
2nd Annual Kite Fly for Peace 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Southern Hospitality Block Party 5 p.m.-on

Friday, October 9

Dual Line finals 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
AKA Fly Market 9 a.m.-noon

** Optional events that require paying additional fees

Convention, continued

association. Check your membership status--only AKA members may vote in the Thursday evening Annual Meeting and only AKA members may compete in the kite championships or Grand National championships. Membership means that dues are fully paid and in force. To double-check membership status, contact AKA president **Bob Price** at 301/421-9620.

Non-members may attend the convention, but may not participate in these two important functions. Of course, non-members are free to watch the competitions.

● **Full registration required**--Everyone who attends the convention activities (business meeting, competitions, food functions, auction) must be registered. This includes spouses, friends and guests. Except for the auction, this means that **registration fees must be paid**. Please do not embarrass AKA or yourself by disregarding this requirement.

● **One-day registration**--For those who cannot attend the entire convention, one-day registration at \$40 is available for activities on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. No more than one one-day registration may be purchased; to attend two, three or four days' activities means full registration must be paid. Please indicate which day is desired when mailing in the registration form.

● **Guest meals**--Guests are welcome at convention meal functions. The cost is \$15/guest for the Friday night dinner before the auction and \$30/guest for the Saturday night dinner (registrants' meals and entertainment are included in the registration fee). **Orders for guest meals must be made 24 hours in advance.**

Accommodations

Convention headquarters will be the **Dulles Marriott Hotel** at the Dulles International Airport, outside of Washington, DC. The Marriott has a block of 175 sleeping rooms reserved for AKA's convention; room rates vary from \$76 to \$92 per room per night plus tax. (See the hotel registration form for more details.) To stay at the Dulles Marriott Hotel, reservations must be **received by the hotel by September 15, 1987**. Guaranteed reservations may be cancelled without charge until 6 p.m. of the scheduled arrival date. The Dulles Marriott Hotel is 30 minutes from downtown Washington, DC.

The flying fields

The official flying field for the Tenth Annual Convention will be the **Loudon Campus of Northern Virginia Community College**, located on Virginia State Route 7 between Leesburg and Herndon; driving time from the Dulles Marriott Hotel is between 10 and 15 minutes.

The college will allow AKA to use more than half of its total space for AKA's competitions--nearly 40 acres of beautifully-manicured flying fields. Four separate, distinct areas will be marked off: stunter competitions and practice flying, comprehensive competitions, special events and displays, and practice and free flying. The wide open spaces and golf-green lawns will be great. There will be special parking arrangements for convention attendees, but you must park in the designated areas only. Transportation will be available from the hotel to the flying field.

The **Night Kite Fly** on Thursday night will take place on the picnic grounds behind the hotel. This is property owned by Dulles International Airport, so all kiteflyers **MUST** abide by these special conditions established expressly for this event by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):

"1. All kite operations not to exceed 200 feet above

ground.

"2. All kite operations will be restricted to the softball field and picnic areas immediately adjacent to the hotel.

"3. No person may operate a kite between sunset and sunrise unless the kite is lighted so as to give visual warning to air navigation."

AKA is extremely fortunate to obtain FAA approval for kiteflying at Dulles International Airport. All AKA members should take great care to fly within these rules and in the safest possible manner. Violators will be terminated!

Registration and fees

The registration fee for the 1987 convention is now **\$110**. A single, one-day registration may be obtained for \$40 (see above). To register for tours, see below--make direct contact as indicated for each tour. Mail in registration forms (on outside dustcover) and payment as soon as possible to AKA, c/o Jon Burkhardt, Convention Chairman, 10113 Lloyd Road, Potomac, MD 20854.

The registration fee includes admission to all the events of the convention, special souvenirs, dinner Friday night, Saturday night's banquet and entertainment, box lunches on Friday and Saturday at the flying field, transportation from the hotel to the flying field and back, and all the expenses associated with running the convention.

The AKA Flymarket

As attendees at previous conventions will remember, the **Kite Trade Association (KTA) Trade Show** is intended as an event for kite wholesalers to display their goods for kite retailers, *not* as a means of selling kites and equipment to kitefliers. To also serve the interests of kitefliers, this year, AKA will sponsor a special "flymarket" (with the help of KTA) so AKA members can purchase the latest in kites, equipment and books. The AKA Flymarket will be from Thursday noon through Friday noon in the banquet room of the hotel. KTA Trade Show participants are invited to maintain their displays and to sell to kitefliers; those who are not part of the KTA Trade Show--retailers, kitefliers and anyone else with material of interest to kitefliers--also are invited to set up booths after Thursday noon and sell to kitefliers. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this new and exciting event should contact the Convention Chairman, Jon Burkhardt.

There will a **\$25** charge for those who set up booths at this event. (Please note amount; this is new information since the last issue of *Kiting*.)

Volunteers are needed!

No one will be surprised that volunteers are needed in multiple capacities during the 1987 convention. What would you like to do to help make this one of the most enjoyable conventions ever for everyone? Write down your preference (if any) on the registration form, or contact Jon Burkhardt directly.

Special events, post-convention activities

Please take note of the following special events, most of which are limited in space and will require advance registration before arriving at the convention:

Tour of the Garber Facility: Special arrangements have been made for AKA conventioners to receive a special guided tour of the Smithsonian Institution's Paul E. Garber Restoration and Storage Facility in Silver Hill, MD on Thursday morning,

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Convention, continued

October 8. The Garber Facility, named for AKA's own beloved Paul Garber, is where historical aircraft are housed and restored for display to the public. Garber himself will explain how various aircraft were acquired and their special significance in the history of aviation. Antique kites from the 1876 Centennial Celebration also are on display there.

Space is limited to 35 people, so please **register immediately** if interested. You must pay for your own transportation to and from the facility; arrangements are being made for the most economical rates. To register, contact **Margo Brown** at once at 6636 Kirkley Avenue, McLean, VA 22101; 703/893-3886.

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Tour. Come see the most popular museum in the world on Sunday, October 11! Buses will pick you up at the Dulles Marriott Hotel and take you to this grand museum for a special guided tour, after which you will have free time in the museum. This tour is an absolute must for anyone interested in air travel--from balloons to space flight. Once again, space is very limited--only 70 people--so register as early as possible by contacting Margo at the above address. There will be a charge for the buses.

Baltimore Clipper Trip: Kite Loft of America is sponsoring a Nauti-Cruise and Kite Fly on Sunday, October 11 for the first 100 AKA conventioners who sign up for this event. One of the Kite Loft's great contributions to this convention will be a brunch on the sailing ship *Clipper City*. Special tour buses will pick you up at the Dulles Marriott Hotel at 9 a.m. Sunday and take you to Baltimore's fabulous Inner Harbor for a four-hour tour. You will have a photo session with local newspapers and TV stations, brunch on the boat--including a raw bar, Maryland box lunch and open bar (beer or wine)--as you cruise the Harbor. Later, you will be able to visit the shops at Harborplace. Buses will return you to the Dulles Marriott (for 6 p.m. flights) or to Baltimore-Washington International Airport (for 4 p.m. flights).

To participate in this tour, you must register by **September 1 and pay \$25 per person** (The Kite Loft will pay the rest of the cost of the event.). Send checks made payable to Kite Loft Cruise to Bill Osche, the Kite Loft, Harborplace, Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21842.

Second International Kite Fly for Peace: On Sunday, October 11, the 2nd International Kite Fly for Peace will be held all over the world (see Calendar for some of the concurrent events planned elsewhere for this day). Special arrangements have been made for those attending the AKA Convention who wish to participate in this activity to fly kites at Northern Virginia Community College in Loudon, on a different field than those used for the AKA events.

To participate or receive further information, call or write One Sky, One World, Jane Parker-Ambrose, c/o Sky Scrapers Kites, PO Box 11149, Denver, CO 80211; 303/433-9518.

Southern Hospitality Block Party. Margo and Bevan Brown have invited all convention attendees to their home after all the other special events on Sunday, October 11. There will be a block party with an Irish band (southern Irish!) hosted by Browns and their neighbors, who also will host some of our foreign guests. The party will begin about 5 p.m. and continue on (and on?!). There may be a night fly if conditions and spirits are willing. No reservations are necessary for this event; maps and transportation will be available at the convention registration desk.

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Bag ladies (and gentlemen!)-- Many more items needed for goodie bags!

By Sheila Whitman

Items of immense sentimental or practical value are wanted for that treasured, coveted AKA Convention stand-by--**the goodie bag**. Almost any and everything is welcome--kites, bumper stickers, kite anchors, flags, surprise items, even the bag itself! This is a great opportunity to market products and services to kitefliers.

Manufacturers and individuals interested in contributing items to the goodie bags must provide **450 of each item** so every conventioner receives one of every item.

All goodie bag items must be delivered by **September 25** (please note new deadline!). For information or to donate items, contact **Sheila Whitman**, 5804 First Landing Way, Burke, VA 22015; 703/425-2140.

Convention logo credit



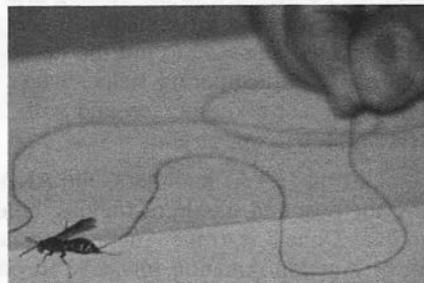
The 1987 Convention Logo Jury--**Bill Goodwin, Mel Govig** and **Bruce Kennington**--did not select any of the 18 designs submitted for the 1987 convention logo. The committee did like parts of designs by **Sue Wick, Brigantine, NJ**, and **Linda Metheny, Oak Park, MI**, so the contest prize of a free registration has been divided between them. Metheny was asked to prepare final artwork for patches and t-shirts, which she did with the assistance of convention chairman **Jon Burkhardt**.

Convention registrants will each receive a free patch when they pick up their convention materials. T-shirts will be available at \$10 each. Additional patches may be purchased at \$5 each.

It's a challenge!

By Elmer Wharton

Tired of being bugged? Now is the time to do something about it! Join the **Chicagoland Sky Liners** for the first annual **Tethered Flying Bug Challenge**, illustrated below. Pick a favorite flying insect and demonstrate flying skills



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Good stuff at the AKA Auction-- be sure to get yours--and think about giving some!

By Rick Kinnaird

The AKA Auction is approaching fast, and it promises to be a lively event indeed, with wild, wacky and totally outrageous contributions starting to flow in.

It's true--AKA president **Bob Price** has donated his **horse winch**, the one made out of a bicycle turned upside down! **Felix Cartagena** is donating an eight-foot-high **Ephemeral Sculpture (bubble) Machine**. **Mary and Fran Hoke** of Yardley, PA, are making a **logo kite** featuring this year's convention logo--take a look, it's all over this issue! **Dick and Bess Ferris** of Ft. Myers, FL, have some stunning **photos** from last year's convention that will be up for grabs. **Bill Baker** is donating some **Peter Powell kites**. A case of "**ceremonial kite anchors**" has been donated by, who else, **Rick and Eileen Kinnaird** (those are the same anchors with which Rick terrorized the Minnesotans and Chicagoans at this year's Smithsonian Kite Festival, also seen bubbling at the end of every major Kinnaird flight). The case includes a stack of plastic champagne glasses (no bases!). **Kiting** editor **Ruth E. Thaler** has donated a weekend's free accommodations at her "**Purple Palace**" deep in the heart of scenic Adams-Morgan, Washington's wildest, wackiest neighborhood, complete with a tour of (but not picking up the check for!) the neighborhood's renowned ethnic restaurants, serving food from all over the world (this offer is open only to male AKA members who are tall, dark, handsome, over 34, and single!). OK, **Dan Prentice** of KTA, where's your exotic sailboat trip?

Charlie Sotich has picked up the gauntlet on the **kite train challenge** for the **Chicago Sky Liners**. His response is published in its entirety below (Please note: This was sent on a postcard picturing a model train with a train of kites drawn in):

You can tell AKA Convention-goers that they better start saving money or arranging for loans. The Chicago Sky Liners Kite Train Auction Entry is going to be a unique entry and command top dollars. Remember the kite anchor at Newport? We accept the challenge and we mean BUSINESS!

P.S. I never met a carbohydrate I didn't like.

Remember, the **big challenge** is to put a kite train in the Auction. What about it, **Bill Bigge**? **Dave Nichols** (maybe a small section)? **Mel Govig**? **Len Conover**? **Jack Van Gilder**? **Dave DeBolt**? Who else???

The real challenge is to think of something--anything--to put in the Auction. Bring the item along or mail it to the address on the Auction sign-up form (see the dustcover of this issue) ahead of time. Make sure to provide a good description of the item for publication in the catalog and use during the Auction to get people interested in bidding (high!) for the item. It is *very important* to put the description in writing, because the temporary helper who enters data for the catalog is not a kite person and will not necessarily understand kites flying jargon.

Kite Trade Association (KTA) members--the AKA Auction is a great way to save the cost and hassle of lugging home any unsold merchandise! Donate it to the Auction--no fuss, no muss. There will be Auction donation forms at all booths. Be sure to tag items intended for the Auction and leave them

with AKA after closing up shop. Be sure to give a good description of the item and include the donor's name so everyone who deserves it gets credit for their donations.

Auction Schedule

Friday, October 9

5 p.m.	Cocktail hour, Ballroom A Silent Auction Cash and Carry Table Display of items for vocal Auction Recess--dinner hour (Ballroom A will be closed so all can eat)
7:45 p.m.	Silent Auction ends
8 p.m.	The Auction Bring money! Bring guests!*

Send auction items ahead of time to Rick and Eileen Kinnaird, 6015 Benalder Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816; 301/229-1708.

* Guests are welcome at the Auction. They may attend the auction for free but there is a \$15/guest fee for the Friday night dinner before the Auction. Please include guests' names and payment for them with registration.

We need help--how 'bout volunteering?

Volunteers are needed from Wednesday, October 7 through the rest of the convention. Please sign up or just show up to help out. And remember--**Madame Booga-Booga** will give every volunteer **one thousand dollars!** Or was it **one thousand dillars?** Well, whatever--clearly, good times are coming up.

Convention, continued

in a new and different AKA Convention event. Categories will cover a wide range of choices; there will be an open division as well, for those creatures not listed.

Judging will follow AKA guidelines and those proposed by **Bevan Brown**, **Charlie Sotich** and part-time entomologist **Dr. Wingy Swat**.

Flight 1--Non-stinging fliers, including:

o fly (house-, dragon-, sand-, butter-, black-, May-, and gad-)

o beetle (black, brown, VW)

Flight 2--Stinging fliers, including:

o wasp

o hornet

o yellow jackets

o bee (honey- and bumble-)

o mosquito (due to their size and weight, some special techniques may be necessary. Charlie "If it's light, it's right" Sotich has kindly volunteered to provide technical advice as needed.)

A nightfly with lightning bugs is planned. Awards will be given to winners; entrants will receive special mementos.

The photos illustrate a proven method of successful bug flying. The mystery flier in the photos is a tough competitor, of whom it has been said that "he can do it all." Clearly, he is the one to beat in this event.

Convention competition update

By Bevan Brown, Festival Chairman

The 10th Annual AKA Kite Festival during the 10th Annual Convention will include Comprehensive, Dual Line and Member's Choice competitive events.

a. The National Comprehensive events are for kites made and flown by the entrant (sorry, no entries by proxy). These events will be judged based on Design, Craftsmanship, Appearance, Flight, and Flight Handling. Awards will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of five categories: (1) Cellular or Derivative, (2) Delta or Derivative, (3) Flat or Bowed, (4) Figure or Novelty, and (5) Non-Rigid or Sled. In addition, the Grand Champion will be the overall winner based on the highest score of all entrants.

b. The Dual Line Competition will consist of the following eight events: (1) Individual Precision (Experienced), (2) Individual Precision (Open), (3) Individual Ballet (Experienced), (4) Individual Ballet (Open), (5) Team (3 or more) Precision (Experienced), (6) Team (3 or more) Precision (Open), (7) Team (2 or more) Ballet (Experienced), and (8) Team (2 or more) Ballet (Open). The Individual Precision event will consist of three published and one surprise compulsory maneuvers and a two- to three-minute freestyle. The Team Precision will consist of two compulsories from a published set of six and a three-

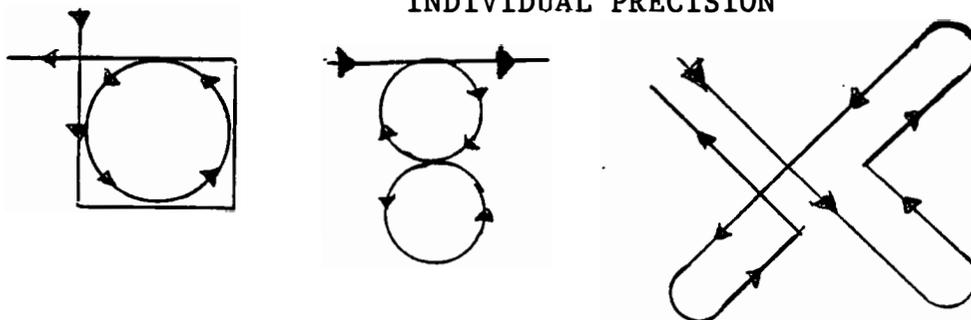
to five-minute freestyle. First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected for each event. The judges will score each compulsory maneuver before indicating that the contestant is to proceed to the next. A copy of the 1987 AKA National Stunt Kite guidelines containing detailed procedures and judging criteria will be provided to dual-line competition registrants.

The Individual and Team Ballet routines will be up to the entrant, who must supply a cassette tape of the music to be used. These routines should be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Judging for this event will be based on suitability of the music, choreography (use of the music), and degree of precision and difficulty in execution.

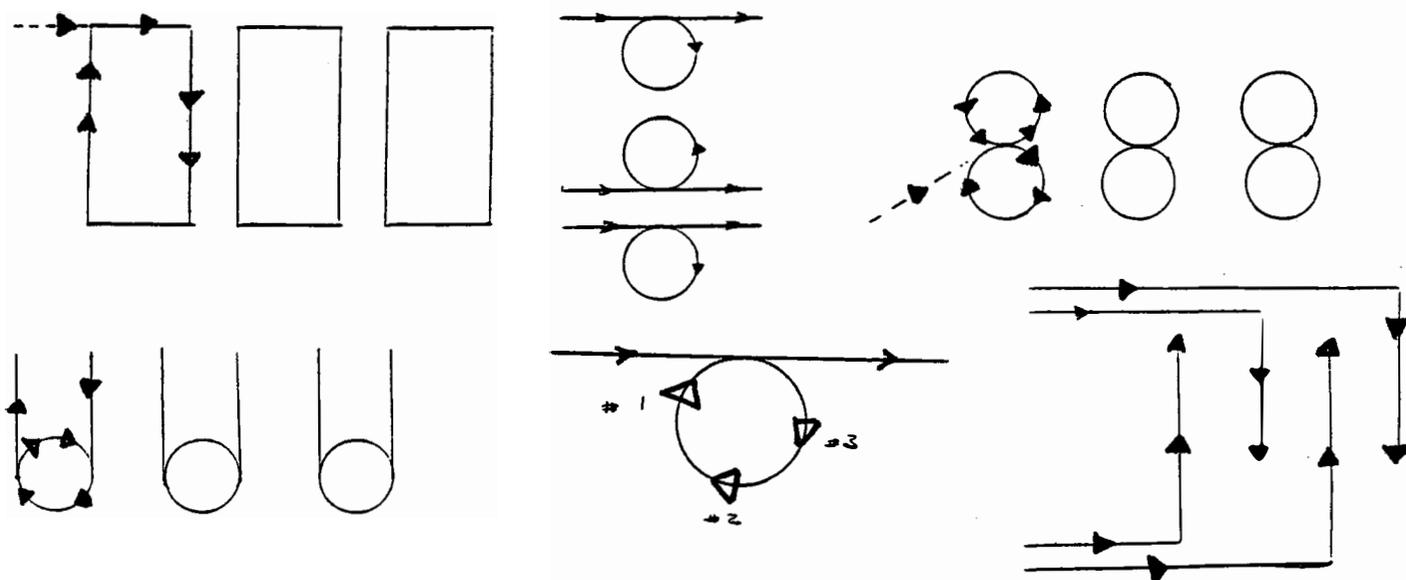
c. The Member's Choice will be based upon either a display of entered items or photographs on Saturday evening, with voting done before the banquet. Categories include: (1) Best Individual Kite, (2) Best Individual Kite Accessory, (3) Best Newly-Introduced Manufactured Kite, and (4) Best Newly-Introduced Manufactured Kite Accessory. These last two items must be available on the market and introduced within the last two years.

d. Kite Challenge events and happenings will be held on Saturday. These include an International Kite Parade, the Rokkaku Challenge and another surprise from Felix Cartagena. We are also considering a stunt kite event for the combined effect of flier and kite performance.

INDIVIDUAL PRECISION



TEAM PRECISION



Kite Calendar

Editor's Note: AKA wishes to thank the kite clubs, individuals, organizations, sponsors, Kitelines magazine, and others who provide information on kiting events for publication in this calendar. New listings are always welcome.

"Pot of Gold" Open Competition, closing date September 1987; Great Ouse Kite Fliers, Edward A. Fleming, 10 Laxton Close, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Cambs., England E19 3AR; 0480 215053

Every odd-numbered Sunday, 1:30-5 p.m., Hoosier Kitefliers Association meets at Anderson/ Madison County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Anderson, IN

Every even-numbered Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Central Ohio Kitefliers Association meets at the School for the Deaf, 500 Morse Road, Columbus, OH

Every Saturday, "pick-up day"; every Sunday, semi-formal kitefly, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, CA; Windborne Kites, 408/373-7422; any Sunday afternoon, George Ham and other kitefliers can be found at Marina Green, San Francisco, CA

1987 International Art and Craft Competition, Art 54 Gallery, New York, NY--competition open for all media creations including kites. Contact Nora Smith, director, METRO ART, PO Box 286-H, Scarsdale, NY 10538; 914/699-0969

Through Sept. 1987, The Art of Japanese Kites exhibit, Japan World Showcase, Epcot Center, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL

Exhibition on "Kites" presenting contemporary versions of kites designed since 1887, Museum for Design, Boston, MA. Contact 617/367-1859 for information on times

Through Nov. 1, "Perceptions of Japan," Brattleboro Museum & Art Center Japanese Kite Exhibition and Programs (includes kite fly on July 11), Brattleboro, VT; contact Dolores Root, 802/257-0124. Exhibition includes "Fifty-Five Kites" display through July 13

Sept. 5 Kite Festival, Salmon Creek Beach, Bodega Bay, CA; Barbara Price, 707/865-2829; Roma Robinson, 707/875-3777

Sept. 5-6 6th Annual U.S. Air Force Museum Kite Festival, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH; Dave or Pam Holbrook, 614/846-9957, or Judith A. Wehn, Education Office, W-P AFB, 513/255-3284 (\$1 fee to enter competition)

Sept. 5-7 Westcoast Stunt Kite Championships, Marina Green, San Francisco, CA. Contact Kitemakers of San Francisco, 415/956-3181

Sept. 6 3rd Annual Paul Henningsen Memory Day, Marina, Holbaek, Denmark. Contact Jens Bruun, Dansk Drage Klub, Ejlstrupvej 4, 4390 Vippered, Denmark; 03/48-27-11

Sept. 6 8th Annual Father's Day Kite Fly, Queen's Domain, Cenotaph End, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Contact Kent Stevenson, Tasmanian Kite Fliers Association, 8 Summerleas Road, Fern Tree, Tasmania 7101; 002/39-13-55

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Correction corner

One last try to get this right, with continued and abject apologies to all--the author of the May 1987 *Kiting* article on "A Mechanized Method of Launching Kites" is Greg Greger, not Margaret Greger as noted in the article nor Fred Greger as noted in the July issue corrections. Greg Greger will receive a copy of the article with the proper name as byline for his records.

In the table of contents of the July issue, the locale of H.B. Alexander's "weird winds" was noted as Charlotte, NC; the correct locale, as noted in the actual story in that issue, is Charleston, SC. The reference in the article to "cannons" should have said "cannon."

From the President's Corner--*Don't* go to Castiglione del Lago to see the kite exhibit--it was marvelous but ephemeral! *Do* go to visit a wonderful little town.

As has been corrected in the Calendar listings, events of the 100th Anniversary of Kite Aerial Photography will be held in France, not Belgium. Same town, different country!

Calendar, continued

- Sept. 9 **Kite Day, China** (traditionally the day on which kitefying sends away bad luck for the year)
- Sept. 12 **5th Annual Ithaca Kite Festival**, Cass Park, Ithaca, NY. Contact Carol Spence, Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 147, Ithaca, NY 14851; 607/272-5275
- Sept. 12 **4th Annual Quincy Annual Day Kite Swap and Fly**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (coordinator will remain onsite until 8 or 8:30 p.m.), Quincy United Methodist Home, Quincy, PA. Contact Bill Flohr, 227 Philadelphia Avenue, Waynesboro, PA 17268; 717/762-8492
- Sept. 12 **Frank Mots Memorial Kite Fly**, McKinley Marina, Milwaukee, WI. Contact Kite Society of Wisconsin, Jeff Kataoka, 2266 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202; 414/277-9121
- Sept. 12-13 **3rd Annual Fall Kite Festival**, Agate Beach Wayside, Newport, OR. Contact Catch the Wind kite shop, 266 SE Hwy. 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367; 800/227-7878
- Sept. 13 **Maryland Kite Society Kite Fly**, Burtonsville, MD. Flying, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Burtonsville Recreation Center, Oursler Road; buffet/potluck dinner, 4:15 p.m., and business meeting, 6 p.m., 3839 Dustin Road, Burtonsville, MD; Bob Price, 301/421-9620
- Sept. 13 **4th Annual Autumn Kite Carnival**, Humber Bay Park, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact Ray Wismer, Touch the Sky, 836 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 2H1; 416/964-6440
- Sept. 13 **Annual Duxbury Beach Kite Fly**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by RAD Associates; Duxbury, MA. Free hotdogs for Kites Over New England (KONE) members! Contact: Dick Diozzi, 617/826-6157.
- Sept. 18-20 **International Kite Festival of Berlin**, Freizeitpark Marienfelde, Berlin, W. Germany. Contact Michael Steltzer, Vom Winde Verweht, Eisenacherstrasse 81, 1000 Berlin 62, W. Germany; 030/784-7769
- Sept. 19-20 **8th Annual Cannon Beach Open Fly**, on the beach. Cannon Beach, OR. Contact John Fraser, Once Upon a Breeze, PO Box 5, Cannon Beach, OR 97110; 503/436-1112
- Sept. 19-20 **Skyfest, Durango, CO**. Inflatable sky sculptures and kites. Contact Mettje Swift, Fine Arts Council, PO Box 783, Mancos, CO 81328; 303/533-7227
- Sept. 20 **2nd Annual WYSP Rock 'n' Roll Kite Fly**, Cooper River Park. Camden, NJ; Ed Green, WYSP, 215/968-6460; Fran Gramkowski, 609/429-6260; Roger Chewning, 215/736-8253
- Sept. 20-Oct. 4 **Art and Kites '87** exhibit at old airport (Son Bonet), Mallorca, Spain. Contact Falko Haase, International Kite Group of Mallorca, Calatrava 18, Palma de Mallorca, Spain 07001
- Sept. 25-27 **6th Annual Sunfest Kite Festival**, on the beach, 5th Street, Ocean City, MD. Contact Bill or Mary Ochse, The Kite Loft, PO Box 551, Ocean City, MD 21842; 301/289-7855
- Sept. 27 **3rd Annual Greater Lawrenceville Kite Fly**, Lawrenceville, PA. Contact Arthur Jewett, RD 2, Lawrenceville, PA 16929; 717/827-3245
- Oct. '87 **COKA Chili Party & Night Fly**. Dave or Pam Holbrook. 614/846-9957
- Oct. 3 **2nd Annual Manzanita Kite Fly**, on the beach, Manzanita, OR. Contact Scott Nunn, PO Box 345, Manzanita, OR 97130; 503/368-6239
- Oct. 4-5 **Central Coast Kite Festival**. Morro Rock, Morro Bay, CA. Contact Kites Galore, 1108 Front Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442; 805/772-8322
- Oct. 6 **International Indoor Kite Efficiency Challenge**, Riverside Baptist Church, 7th and I (Eye) Streets SW, Washington, DC. Contact Bill Bigge, 13020 Well House Court, Germantown, MD 20874; 301/972-1051 or *Kitelines*, 7106 Campfield Road, Baltimore, MD 21207; 301/484-6287
- Oct. 7-11 **AKA Annual Convention**, Loudon Campus, Northern Virginia Community College, near Dulle Airport. Washington, DC. Contact Jon Burkhardt, Convention Chairman, 10113 Lloyd Road, Potomac, MD 20854. (See article and registration form in this issue of *Kiting*.)

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Calendar, continued

- Oct. 10 **2nd Annual National Soaring Museum Kite Festival**, Harris Hill Park, Elmira, NY. Contact Bill Gallagher, Natl. Soaring Museum, Elmira, NY 14903; 607/734-3128.
- Oct. 11 **Columbus Day Weekend, One Sky-One World Kite Fly**, Bose Field, Framingham, MA and other New England locations; 617/875-0998; **One Sky-One World Festival** worldwide kite day for peace (noon), Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA; contact Let's Fly a Kite, 213/822-2561; general info, contact Jane Parker Ambrose, 303/433-9518
- Oct. 17 **6th Annual Angel Mounds Kite Festival**, Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. Contact Becky Means, 8215 Pollack Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715.
- Oct. 17-18 **Hair of the Dog Kite Fly**, Monterey, CA. Contact Windborne Kites, 408/373-7422
- Nov. '87 **4th Annual Sky Liners Mickey Mouse Birthday Kite Fly**, Cricket Hill, Montrose and the Lake; "the Wizard" (Al Hargus), 312/545-9572
- Nov. 1 **14th Annual Halloween Kite Festival**, on the beach, Santa Monica, CA. Contact Gloria Lugo, Let's Fly a Kite, Fisherman's Village, 13755 Fiji Way, Marina del Ray, CA 90291; 213/822-2561
- Nov. 1 **All Saints Day** (traditional day to fly kites over graves to release the souls of the dead)
- Nov. 29 **AKA Sponsor Member Hod Taylor's Birthday!**
- Dec. 6 **4th Annual International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake-off**, on the beach, Seaside, NJ. Contact Olan Turner, 1628 S. Crescent Blvd., Yardley, PA 19067; 215/493-2153.
- Dec. 13 **Christmas Party and Kite Fly**, Worldwide Games, Route 37, Delaware, OH. Contact Dave Holbrook, Central Ohio Kitefliers Assn., 457 Pittsfield Drive, Worthington, OH 43085; 614/846-9957

1988 Events

- July **Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Invention of Kite Aerial Photography by Arthur Batut**, LaBruguiere, France (all kitefliers invited). For details, contact Kite Aerial Photography Worldwide Assn., 14 avenue Capitaine Piret, 1150 Brussels, Belgium
- Mar. 27 **Santa Monica Pier Festival** (noon), Santa Monica, CA

Turbulence!

Editor's note: Letters to the editor are welcome and may be about kiting in general and/or in response to articles and information in Kiting. We will publish letters on a space-available basis. Corrections will be published in a separate section.

About building a Snarst kite...

I sort of assumed that a kitemaker might be able to figure out his own method of sticking the thing together. I know that Alex (H.B. Alexander) wouldn't think of putting his kites together the way I do: sandwich, Tyvek, Elmers Glue, etc. He still comes up with his own versions of my designs and they fly like crazy.

(Although there have been some concerns about offending people in describing the real Snarst), I have never run into delicate ladies and impressionable juveniles in the AKA. They seemed a randy lot at San Diego. In fact, I think that the knowledgeable, sophisticated type is the heart and soul of AKA and that the membership will rise and fall as they find that there is something that is fun going on in the bulletin *Kiting*).

Not too many will be able to build the thing success-

fully, no matter how complete and detailed the directions. My kites were not designed for an afternoon's recreation but for skilled kitemakers who are looking for new departures and challenges. The traditional kites begin to pall after 60 years of kitemaking.

Sincerely,
Neil Thorburn

Kiting via computer

Kitefliers with access to computers connected to USENET or the Internet may subscribe to an electronic newsletter that talks about kites. Send requests to be put on the mailing list to "kites-request@harvard.harvard.edu."

Kites Over New England (KONE) member Marty Sasaki can be reached via computer to talk about kiting on USENET, ARPANET or BITNET. He can be reached at "sasaki@harvard" for USENET and ARPANET access and at "sasaki@harvunxh" for BITNET access. Several other KONE members are on the computer network.

Piccolo Spoleto--"Great Kite Flying"

By H. B. Alexander

This year's **Piccolo Spoleto "Great Kite Flying"** in Charleston, SC, once again lived up to its name. There were both great kites and great kite flying in plenty.

By nine a.m., five hours before the contests, the dedicated and enthusiastic were drifting into Brittlebank Park to set up their kites, test-fly, socialize under the shade of the pine groves, and enjoy the gentle ambiance of the sun-sparkled Ashley River beyond the green lawns.

The first "event" of the day was the inflating and launching of a helium-filled "sky sculpture" of silver and multi-colored mylar by **Howard Woody**. Some 150 "volunteers" assisted in the enterprise, while other hundreds stood bemused and curious as the 50 by 150 ft. sculpture slowly took shape to the music of the Charleston Brass Quartet. Finally, to a burst of cheers and applause, the monster rose into a cloudless sky, accompanied by helicopters and light planes loaded with photographers and television cameramen.

The sky sculpture was still rising, glittering in the bright sunlight, when the trumpeter of the Lamey High School Band of Wilmington, NC, sounded "assembly" to call the kitefliers to the first contest of the afternoon. The next two hours saw a sky filled with great kites.

The winners of the adult competitions, who pocketed crisp \$100 bills as their awards, were:

Largest kite: **Chuck Holmes** (AKA) of Spartanburg, SC, whose red-on-blue Sauls barrage kite featured Philippine mahogany spars.

Smallest: **Juanell Chapman** of Raleigh, NC, whose tiny Eddy just beat out a tiny box flown by **Dorcie Lewis** (AKA) and her husband **Roy Chapman's** third-place winner.

Highest Flying: **John Jeffers** (AKA) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, finally was proclaimed winner of this close contest with a bright yellow slope-sided box. The judges spent many minutes with inclinometers and trigonometric tables before they proclaimed him winner over close second **Donald Butler**, also of Mt. Pleasant, whose blue-and-white twin V-owl was only a few feet lower.

Most Innovative Design: **Forrest Simmons** (AKA) of Columbia, SC, won with a butterfly kite, beautifully sewn of black and yellow to resemble a tiger-swallowtail, which "fluttered" in response to tugs on the line.

Most Aesthetic Kite: **Clifton Cothran** (AKA) of Charleston carried off the cash with his multi-colored 10' 3-Ds coupled together with four halyards loaded with pennants, which has been a crowd-pleaser for several years. The competition in this event was especially fierce. **Peggy Roberts's** second and **Forrest Simmons's** third-place winners, as well as a number of other entries, would grace any exhibit of spectacularly beautiful kites.

The **Cates Pickle** award of \$50 for the "best pickle kite" went to **Marcia Cothran** (AKA) for a haloed and angel-winged cucumber trailing a gauze skirt. **Forrest Simmons's** facsimile of a pickle-jar lid took second and **Wyman Trotti's** beautifully-painted **Edo** third in a contest which, like the Most Aesthetic category, presented the judges with hard choices among some outstanding kites.

The criticisms of last year's **Piccolo Spoleto "Great Kite Flying"** published in this magazine obviously were taken to heart by the directors and sponsors of the event. While retaining the generous \$100 first prizes in the five categories of competition, they added second- and third-place awards designated by handsome brass and walnut plaques. They also created a "Novice Class"

competition for 12-and-under competitors, who received plaques (first place) and ribbons (second and third) for their achievements. The total number of awards thus has increased from six to 36, allowing more outstanding kites and kitebuilders to be recognized.

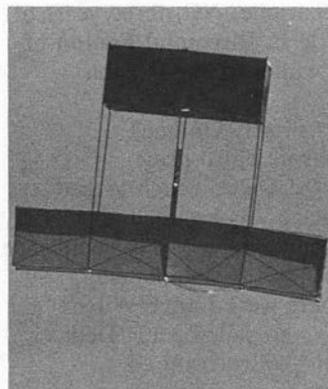
Guests of honor at this year's **Piccolo Spoleto** kiting event were **Oscar and Sarah Bailey** (AKA) of Burnsville, NC. Throughout the day, the Baileys both pleased and inspired kitebuilders and spectators with their displays and demonstration flights of their beautiful and innovative kites, adding much to the quality of this "cultural" event. Their generous and helpful response to all questions and comments was one of the most pleasing aspects of the day.

The **Piccolo Spoleto "Great Kite Flying"** is kiting at its best. It is far more than competitions; it is a delightful kite happening. The directors were careful to reserve areas for non-competitors flying both home-built and commercial kites and other areas for student kiteflying. Live musical concerts by excellent performers spiced an atmosphere already spiced by picnics in the pine-shaded areas reserved for spectators. Careful consideration was given and ample provision made to enhance every aspect of kiting, from the social to the technical. Many of the 10,000 who attended this year's "Great Kite Flying" have never flown and certainly will never build anything like the superb kites which competed for the generous first-place awards. They have, however, enjoyed kites and kiting in their own way.

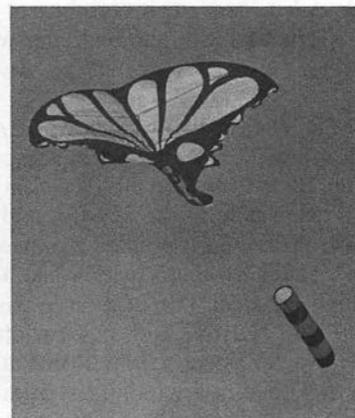
In its own way, the "Great Kite Flying" embodies what AKA is all about: the promotion of kiting as an interest, a recreation and a hobby. In this regard, for every feature of kiting, the **Piccolo Spoleto** event has no equal.



Cliff and Marcia Cothran put finishing touch, with help from H.B. Alexander, on \$100-"Most Aesthetic"-prize-winning, twin 10-foot 3-D kites at Piccolo Spoleto



Chuck Holmes's Sauls Barrage kite



Forrest Simmons's butterfly kite

South Carolina's 5th Annual Summer Games Kite Flying Contest



Editor's note: No captions or credits were provided with these photos from the Myrtle Beach Summer Games.

The location was Myrtle Beach, SC. The date was Saturday, June 13 at high noon. The objective was to perform in the most exciting kite-flying competition ever.

The 5th Annual Summer Games promised to be a great kite-flying contest. Optimistic feelings were confirmed when the number of entrants was tallied up--150--the largest crowd in the history of the Summer Games. Every shape, speed and dimension of kites was represented. The weather was beautiful and the winds were high.

Rick Cole of Charlotte, NC won the "Most Kites on One Line Contest." He flew a large Delta followed by 65 mini-Delta kites and was clearly dominant. He had planned to fly more than 65, but unfortunately, for the second year in a row, his line broke.

A true test of the kitist's abilities came during the "Largest Kite" Competition. The winds were high and had reached a speed of 20 mph. First place went to **Steve Rector** of Greensboro, NC and his extra-large Stratoscoop, which actually lifted him off the ground. **Rick Cole** received second place and third place was won by **Steve Cseplo** of Norcross, GA.

Three contestants in the "Smallest Kite" Competition proved to be quite equal in performance, but once again, **Rick Cole** out-performed the others with his excellent control of his 4" Mylar Special. **Alison Walker** and **Regan Pence**, both of Matthews, NC, flew off with second and third places respectively.

The youngest and oldest kitists at the Summer Games won hands-down. **Meredith Gombar** of Charlotte, NC, three years of age, sported a mini diamond kite, while **E. Raymond Fenton** of Arlington, VA, 83 years of age, won with a Mylar Dragon kite.

The anxiously-awaited "Most Artistically Unique" Contest proved to be the most competitive. Third-place winner **Rick Cole** flew his Seven-layered Delta, which looked like a totem pole in the sky. Second place was awarded to **Don Braken** who presented the awed audience with his homemade Stunt Fokker tri-plane, which had a 50' tail to help handle the high breezes. The first-place winners were **Lance Wilcox** and **O'Dell Nelson**, both of Charlotte, who sailed a 12' Delta trailed by their own windmill invention, which featured three flexifoils in a windmill configuration trailed by a 12' spinsock which spun in the opposite direction.

Contest moods changed a bit with the beginning of the

"Fastest-Climbing Kite" Contest. This event became a three-person affair. Once again, another contest was dominated by **Rick Cole**, this time flying his homemade winged sled kite. **Lee Naylor** and **Steve Cseplo** crossed each other's lines but skillfully came in second and third place respectively.

Perhaps the most exasperating event at the Summer Games one was in the making all day long. In the early hours, two Charlotte, NC, participants, **Steve Garcia** and **Kevin Morrell**, began their attempt to break the world's record for the highest kite in the world. This record stood--and still stands--at 38,000 feet because, through a bad twist of fate, someone snipped the kite line in two from a perch atop a nearby condominium.

The long-awaited "Stunt Kite" Contest finally began with 50 participants. During a fine show of skill in the 15-years-old-and-under category, **Daniel Atkinson** of Myrtle Beach, SC; **Chris Muller** of Matthews, NC, and **Mara Peskin** of Charleston, SC, placed first, second and third respectively. The seniors' contest began with a bang. Featured were Hawaiians, Spin-offs, Trlbys, Peter Powells, Rainbows, Hyperkites, Flexifoils, and Avengers. The competition was fairly even until **Lee Naylor** used his Hawaiian Spin-off. He skillfully maneuvered his kite in the high winds, showing his expertise in kiting while dancing it through its routine. After a short delay due to rain and lightning, the judges' decisions were in--unanimous! Naylor walked away (or should we say, flew away) with first place. Second place went to **Ken Hardin** of Fayetteville, NC, who flew an eight-train of Peter Powell kites. Third place was scooped up by **Cindy Hobbs** of Myrtle Beach and Switzerland, who flew a three-train of four-foot Peter Powell kites. (A note of interest--this was Naylor's second stunt kite win in three years.)

The "Best Kitist in the Show" went to **Rick Cole** for the second year in a row. He exemplified the true spirit of kiting.

Kligs Kites would like to thank those who sponsored Summer Games '87: **Coca Cola**, **Sands Ocean Club** and **Ocean Annie's**, **GYAV Radio**, **Hot Times**, **Quick Way Convenience Stores**, and all of the kite companies who generously donated prizes.

The 6th Annual Summer Games Kite Flying Contest will be held the second week of June 1988. All are invited to spectate and come fly a kite!

East Coast Stunt Kite Championship provides rousing competition for all involved

By Red Braswell

The second annual East Coast Stunt Kite Championship brought 87 kitefliers from across the nation to Wildwood, NJ, on May 24-25 to compete against each other in a successful day of events. The day's success was due in large part to the 49 volunteers--workers, coordinators, judges, field directors, safety marshals, communications staff, safety crew, programmers, score-keepers, a registrar, and one announcer--who all "did their things." This did not include the paid personnel from the city of Wildwood who supplied the field equipment, or the very professional TV producer, with a staff of 10 including a camera crew, who taped the events.

There were nine events, from novice class to individual ballet. Spectators received a program of events, with information explaining the competitions.

The judges scored precision teams of up to four

fliers, as they performed many unusual maneuvers. Some fliers flew two kites at the same time, in ballet-style routines, to musical accompaniment.

The first place individual ballet was won by Lee Sedgewick, who flew a red kite to the music of "The Lady in Red." He ran his two lines through a ring fastened to the ground in the center of the field and was able to fly his kite into and out of his hands as he danced with the Lady in Red. When all five judges held up their score cards at the same time showing unanimous scores of 59 each, out of a possible 60 points, the crowd went wild with applause.

One flier flew his kite 20 feet above the ground in a complete 360-degree circle around himself.

This was the best stunt kiting competition since such competition started more than 15 years ago. The weekend was filled with great kites and fantastic kitefliers, and will be a joy to remember.

A kite capital of the world???

From Valerie Govig at *Kite Lines*--another challenge!

"When Lincoln City, OR, laid claim to the title of "Kite Capital of the World" in September 1987, we at *Kite Lines* were asked our opinion. We replied with a list of factors that we thought should be used in deciding such a claim, as well as a list of potential claimants to the title (see below)...We are positive that several cities deserve consideration for the title, and we are concerned that they may not even know about it.

"(To claim the title, it) is not necessary to fill out a complicated form. All that's needed is a claim, as boastful as possible within the limits of accuracy, of your city's pre-eminence in kiting, typed on official letterhead (government, chamber of commerce, tourist bureau). The factors on our list are only a guide to the kinds of items you might claim. Imaginative promoters are encouraged to claim anything and everything appropriate to their city's image.

"Any kind of claim...will be seriously reviewed by the *Kite Lines* committee. We need responses by February 15, 1988 to give us time to decide before our announcement (of a winner) on February 25, 1988."

Factors to consider in claiming to be Kite Capital of the World include:

Quantitative factors--

- "kite/days" per year (notarized estimate preferred*)
- kitefliers living in area
- festival(s) and fly(s)
- club(s)
- kite shop(s)
- manufacturer(s)
- years active in kites (the longevity factor)
- weather (days of wind, moderate temperatures, sunshine, no rain)
- facilities (lavatories, lodging, food)
- transportation convenience

Qualitative factors--

- importance and leadership (of kites, kitefliers, flies, etc.)

- kite promotional value ("noisiness factor," starting with interest shown in the claim itself)
- historic value (previous kite feats and/or activities)

These factors are neither final nor mandatory; any one city is unlikely to be able to boast high scores in all factors. Suggestions for additional factors are welcome. Weights and points have yet to be assigned.

Send claims, documentation and photographs to *Kite Lines*. The magazine will call a knowledgeable and impartial committee to adjudicate and name a "winner" with the announcement planned for February 25, 1988 or 1989, depending on response, on Will Yolen's birthday and in his memory. Yolen, the late founder of the International Kitefliers Association, was known for his press releases, which combined whimsy and bombast.

Send claims to *Kite Lines*, 7106 Campfield Road, Baltimore, MD 21207-4699. For information, contact Govig at 301/484-6287.

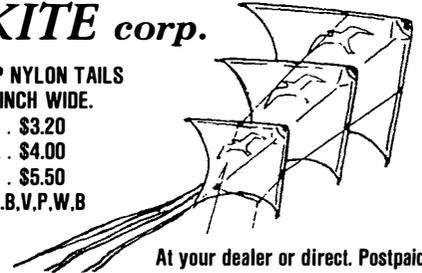
* "Kite/days" (like "man/hours") is a unitized accounting of the number of kites flown combined with the number of days flown. A city with a large, 365-kite festival would be on a par with a city in which one kite was flown all 365 days of the year. "Square-foot hours" may be considered in a run-off between close contenders with similar kite/days achievements.

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Regional Reports

Region 11 (Northern California)

By Bob McCort, Region 11 Director

I have been informed by some highly-placed sources in the AKA that there has been a dearth of information coming out of the West. I guess that I will have to take some of the blame for that. Not from lack of good intentions, mind you, but you all know how far good intentions get us.

As you all know, kitefliers are a very independent lot, and Californians are always known for going their own way. Consequently, Californian kitefliers are so independent that I sometimes wonder at the fact that we ever get together. That is not to say that there are no kite activities out here; there are actually quite a few. Our biggest problem is finding out about them.

Region 11 covers approximately 80,000 square miles with a population of more than 10 million potential kitefliers. That is a lot of territory and people to keep track of. I have a list of about 125 people and kiteshops through whom I try to keep informed on what is happening in this area, but that is not always enough. I frequently hear about a kite fly that happened "last weekend" with no information about whom to contact regarding future events. (*Editor's note: AKA members, please send event information either to the appropriate Regional Director, whose addresses are on the inside front cover of every issue of Kiting, or directly to the newsletter editor!*)

Ah, well, enough grousing. There are some kite flies coming up that are listed in the *Calendar of events* elsewhere in this issue. There also have been two kite flies on which I can report from firsthand experience.

On Saturday, April 11, there was the *Ninth Annual Kite Festival* in Vallejo (pronounced "va yea hoe"), sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The day started with a kids' kitemaking workshop in the library. When I arrived, there were about 80 kids quietly and contentedly making kites around five sets of tables (George Ham kept commenting about how smoothly it was going). The designs and materials were donated by Paul Zachry of Magic Dragon Kites, just across the bridge in Crockett.

In addition to the workshop, the library also had a display of kites hanging from their high ceiling, kite books in display cases and free kite plans available. The kite fly was a "just for fun" type. The closest to a contest was when Dinesh Bahadur and Mehr Kahn gave a demonstration of Indian Fighters without cutting line. Corey Jensen was there with a bunch of staked-out windsocks, including the biggest Canadian Goose decoy I have ever seen. George Ham had one of his Parafoils with his new "Bubble Thing" attached. George's "Bubble Thing" is 110 feet long with 19 bubbles ranging from 10 to 100 inches, by five-inch increments. Although there was not enough wind to keep it up, the kids (and adults) certainly loved seeing it rolling on the ground.

The other kite fly was on Sunday, April 12, in Stockton, sponsored by KWIN radio station for its listeners. This was basically also a "for fun" fly, although they did have some contests. Since they wanted to spread the fun, they limited a person to winning only one category, which was just as well or George Ham would have taken everything except smallest and youngest with his Parafoil and Bubble Thing combination, and I don't know what he would have done with *three* tailgate barbecues!

September 1987

This was KWIN's Third Annual Kite Fly and was much better than last year's. With the input given by some of our active kites, it will be even better next year.

There have been a few other kite flies that I know of but I haven't received any reports about the ones in Sacramento, San Ramon or Bodega Bay. I encourage anyone in the area to let me know about any activities of which they are aware. I will try to get as much information out as I can.

Regional report--Region 10

By Larry Wiswell

Two enjoyable kiting events took place in Washington State in July.

The first event, held on July 4, 1987 at Copalis Beach, Washington (The "Kite Flying Capital of the World"), was sponsored by Rod's Beach Resort and Kites Aloft of Tacoma. Good weather and excellent wind abounded providing super conditions with Meryl and Mary Gordan being judged the grand prize winners.

The second event was the 3rd annual greater Poulsbo Kite Fly-in, held July 18-19, 1987. This event, due to its evergrowing popularity, has become a two-day event. This year, as in the past, the event was sponsored by the local Kiwanis organization and the Pacific Rim International Kiting Society. This year's event was attended on Saturday by hundreds of children from the local naval station. On Sunday (adult day), several distinguished guests were present, including the Honorable Tom Sisson (Washington Kitefliers Association president), Larry and Frances Chinn (from Seattle) and Mike Winters (City Councilman and founder of Pacific Rim International Kiting Society). Due to the lack of wind, Sisson and Larry Chinn conducted a dynamic display of no-wind kite flying using ultra lightweight kites and thermal updrafts to their advantage, Sisson, Chinn and Larry Wiswell of Kites Aloft of Tacoma each had several kites on static display.

Good times were had by all and everyone is looking forward to 1988.

Region 5--South

By Charlie Henderson, Region 5 Director

The big news for Region 5 recently was Bobby Stanfield's establishment of a new record for endurance at Stone Mountain, GA, on March 22. His kite was aloft for 25 hours and 17 minutes. Kirk Charles of Atlanta, GA, last year's winner, came in second. It was hot during the day and downright "brisk" and cold during the night atop Stone Mountain. The outcome was well worth it for those hearty souls who braved the chill.

A survey of kiting activities in Region 5 shows that most of the action is concentrated along the eastern seaboard. Florida leads in the number of organized and sponsored events. Jim Sonia of Uncle Sam's Flag and Kite Shop in Port St. Lucie is active in sponsoring kite flies and contests in his area. He sent a nice patch to sew on a kiteflying jacket. In addition to sponsoring events on Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter weekend, Sonia works with the school system and the local department of Parks and Recreation to present kite demonstrations and activities.

The second Boca Raton kite fly is a part of the Boca

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AKA Executive Committee minutes

Submitted by Wendy Norwitz, Recording Secretary

The Executive Committee of the AKA met at the home of Bob Price at 3839 Dustin Rd. in Burtonsville, MD., on June 3, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Bob, Bill Goodwin, Wood Ellis, Bill Bigge, Jewell Price, Wendy Norwitz, Margo Brown, Jon Burkhardt, and Bevan Brown.

Minutes of the May meeting were discussed and a few changes were made.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance based on the April statement and the outstanding checks was \$13,934. David Perlman has been contacted and will meet with Bill B. to discuss 1986 and 1987 taxes on 6/4/87. The committee asked for a written report to be submitted.

Convention: The first convention registration has been received.

Insurance and Liability: Bob has received a statement from Hartford about a new reduced premium. Red has the bill and new policy.

1985 Taxes: Parke and Higham have them ready for Bob to sign and forward to IRS. They're on the way from the mailing address. The Maryland state sales tax needs to be renewed for next year.

There was a discussion of the status of the bylaws and job description updates.

1989 Convention Site: Still waiting for Hawaii's proposal. It was agreed to invite Northern California and Oregon also to submit proposals.

Sanctioning: The Black Ships was interested but hasn't fulfilled the policy requirements.

National Kite Week: Margo still waiting to hear about the stamp proposal; she should get an update by August (See article, this issue). Paul Garber is working on designing a set. People in Oregon, Texas and Colorado, and Virginia Electric Power are interested in working on something for kite week. Margo will write a letter to the interested groups.

Teacher's Packet: There was a discussion on the work in progress and what's still to be done. The target date for publication is the '87 Convention.

Regional, continued

Raton Festival Days, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and held August 9. **Dom Jalbert** is always on hand for these events and, according to reports, "has more fun than anybody." In the Dania area, **Harper's Bizarre** was one of the sponsors of the "Mighty Kite Flight" which originated with the Diabetes Research Institute of Miami (*Editor's note: Pictures from this event were featured in the last issue of Kiting*). They donated prizes and J.C. Penney donated T-shirts for the May 3 event, a real success with more than 2,000 in attendance. AKA members **Sidney Rosenburg** and **Dennis Kucmerowski** regularly attend these events and often capture some of the prizes at them.

Further north, the coast of the Carolinas boasts four summer kite events. Leading off this summer's parade was Charleston, SC's **Piccolo Spoleto "Great Kite Flying"** event (*Editor's note: Both the Regional Director and another AKA member reported on this event. Full details are elsewhere in this issue*).

The **Wright Brothers Memorial Kite Festival** was held July 18 at Kill Devil Hills, NC. One big winner at this event was **Forrest Simmons** of Columbia, SC, whose homebuilt kites took three firsts, three seconds and three third-place awards. Simmons also was a winner at the Piccolo Spoleto event, as was **Roy Chapman** of Raleigh, NC, whose third place at Charleston was followed by a first at the Wright Brothers Memorial Fly.

In addition to these larger kite flies, Region 5 has had a number of smaller events, notably the kite contests at Chapin, SC, and Brevard, NC, sponsored by the Recreation Department. Especially active in holding kite design and kite-building workshops in the Carolinas are **Forrest Simmons** and **John Smart** of Charleston, both of whom have spent many hours and much effort in promoting kiting to the younger generation.

An interesting project to promote kiting to and for all was undertaken by **H.B. Alexander** and **Marcia Cothran** of Charleston's **Brittlebank Gang**. Since last October, they have been compiling and distributing a directory of kitefliers in NC, SC and GA. Every person on the list has been contacted

to insure accurate listings of names, addresses and phone numbers and for permission to put their names in the directory. Each person listed received a copy of the list and receives periodic updates. The list also includes a code number or numbers to indicate the individual's special interests--kite building, stunt flying, etc. This directory is not restricted to AKA members; only about one out of every five is now a member, but to date, the project has increased both interest and membership in AKA.

Articles, photos and announcements from AKA members are welcome for publication in *Kiting*.

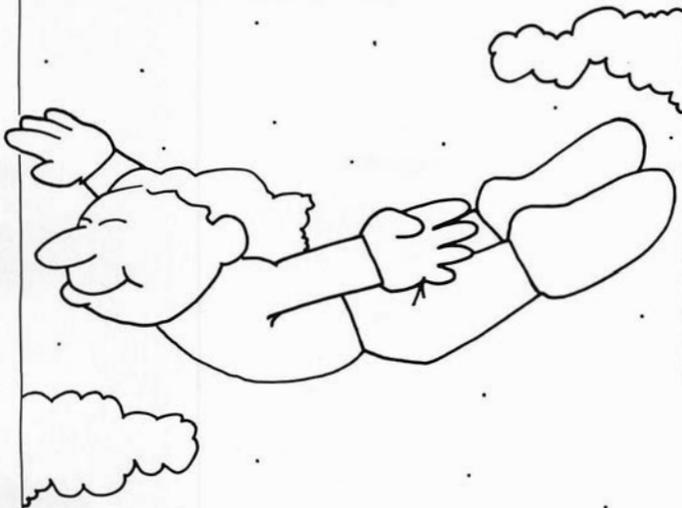
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Please be sure to label the type of kite, names of key people shown and photographer's name for all photos submitted for *Kiting* so we can give proper credit and captions. If appropriate, add a brief note explaining the significance of the photo--and just in case, indicate "which way is up"!

The new deadline for typed material is the 10th of the month before publication (ie, October 10 for the November issue, December 10 for the January issue, etc.) and the 15th of the month for material sent by computer modem. Feel free to bring newsletter material along to the Annual Convention in October.

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