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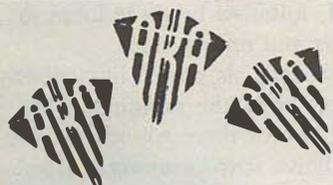
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Please **type and double-space** articles for *Kiting*. Be sure to include sender's name and phone number.

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Front cover: AKA 1987 convention participants face off on the kiteflying field. Photo by Bill Kocher.

Back cover: Rokkaku kite at 1987 AKA convention; photo by Cassandra Edwards.

President's Corner

Dear Fellow Members and Kitefliers,

The convention is over; I hope everyone attending had a reasonably good time and found it worthwhile. We will have new officers, two new directors, and a new executive committee next year. I wish **Corey Jensen** and his court will have at least as much enjoyment from serving in their positions as I have had, and I have had a wonderful time. Though there may be some drudgery involved, the rewards far outweigh it.

Of course, there is always some letdown after an event such as the convention. The accumulated mail has to be answered, new members recorded and old members' data updated. Four days into this process, my hard disk crashed.

Computer users know what a catastrophe this can be. Some minor utility programs were lost and all the recent correspondence files, too. Fortunately, the AKA membership records had just been backed up on floppy disks and the main program is safe, so it should be possible to go right ahead when the computer is well again. The only thing in limbo is printing the current deposit slip; it may be written by hand, if necessary.

The state of AKA at the beginning of September is detailed in the President's Report elsewhere in this issue. I will only add here that, because of the auction, AKA is in robust financial health in mid-October. I am a pessimist, so it was very pleasantly surprising when my anticipations were not fulfilled. **Jon Burkhardt** did a magnificent job as chairman. **Rick and Eileen Kinnaird** and **Brooks Leffler** ran the most productive auction we have had. **Corey Jensen** kept things moving at critical times. I didn't see **Bevan Brown** in action but I have heard no complaints about the competitions. The support and spirit of the members who set up, organized, registered, judged, and participated was to me, outstanding. It makes me proud and humble to be president of the AKA when it survives under my presidency and still has the vitality and spirit to have such a fine convention. I just flew my kite and stood back in amazement as the proceedings unfolded.

Bob Price

Turbulence

Letter to the Editor

With the booming popularity of the control-line or stunt kite, a number of major dual line competitions have sprung up across the country. These super contests showcase the exciting and dramatic performance offered by state-of-the-art stunters and serve to greatly spur the growth of our terrific sport/hobby.

A contest needs a lot of organization and planning, though, plus hard work and a set of judges...requirements that are not easily put together. Should't we consider alternatives for simplified, less intense competition at kite club flies or small-group weekend get-togethers?

I'd like to suggest borrowing a Fun Fly idea from our model airplane colleagues: task or mission type event, against the clock, called the "Monte Carlo." A card table or other suitable rolling surface, a pair of dice and a stop watch are required.

For example, two deltas are tethered to fly, say at 100-foot altitude, about 30 degrees off the wind to either side of the flying area.

The stopwatch is started at the signal for a contestant to begin rolling the dice. A previously-specified number,

say a seven, must be rolled before the flier can take off. Upon rolling the seven, or the specified point, the crap shooter...er, pilot, takes control of the kite...the handles are nearby...and a helper stands ready to launch.

Once the kite is in the air, the flier must perform three loops to the left, then three loops to the right. Free to move about, the entrant must then proceed to touch or make contact with the tethered delta to the left with his or her kite.

After the touch, the pilot must fly over and touch the delta tethered to the right. After this touch, three loops to the left again are required, followed by three loops to the right. The flier then lands and timing stops.

The score, in elapsed seconds, is posted immediately on a public score sheet. All pilots know the standings after each flight. As time permits, two or three rounds may be flown, with the lowest cumulative score winning.

No memorization of complex *maneuvers*, no judging. Entrants may fly one, then time one. The variations are endless. Just fun!

Tom Nallen
Dyna-Kite Corp.

Of Rudders and Brass Bugles

By Bob Ingraham

Jack Van Gilder, one of the patriarchs of AKA, has declared open warfare upon my expert opinion regarding aerodynamics as applied to kites. The least I can say for Jack is that he was considerate enough to waive any possible libel suits should I ruffle his feathers a bit roughly, which I firmly intend to do.

While there is a large group of AKA members who do not know Jack, there is a large one that does, because the guy turns up almost everywhere there's a kiteflying event going on.

Jack was born in an Eskimo village in Alaska that was so small it only had a three-digit zip code. He migrated to the lower 40, settling in Seattle while still a youth, and now lives high on a hill above the bay in that fascinating city of the Northwest.

The location of the Van Gilder residence and insurance office is one of the reasons Jack has so many vague ideas as to why kites fly. The high elevation of his hillside home deprives one of the necessary oxygen to think clearly, particularly about aerodynamics. He also lives a rather secluded life because of the difficulty anyone experiences in getting to his retreat, perched out over the bay. The only access is by swinging on a vine from the street to the front door over a deep abyss.

Jack has an obsession about rudders for kites. He questions my opinion that a rudder on a kite has about the same value as a doorknob on a bicycle. I will admit that in writing my latest white paper concerning keels and rudders, I failed to mention that a keel (actually, a ventral) is useful--but only because it prevents sideslipping of the kite; it does not steer the craft as Jack thinks it does.

Had this expatriated Alaskan not impugned my credibility, veracity and whatever with his salacious

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Eddy kites commemorate a variety of events and individuals. The Ansel Toney "Kiteman" kite is an

especially poignant reminder of a beloved kiteflier. Photos and kites by Michael Weletyk of Ohio.

Of Rudders and Brass Bugles

remarks, I might let this go right here and show my disdain by ignoring him. However, some things need setting straight, such as his reference to my age as 89. I am actually only 88. I did not, as Jack said in a personal letter to me, say that he was a bungler. I said he was a "bugler" but that remains somewhat questionable. At Mission Bay, he so confused the beautiful women who made up the Rokakku team that they are not sure to this day whether they won or lost. (Jack, whose degree in music was won at a plumbing college, bugled for Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill and is credited with demoralizing the Spanish troops to the point where they fell back in confused retreat before American rifle fire.) Not knowing reveille from taps, Jack had the Rokakku girls running downwind most of the time. I gently suggested after that debacle that he convert his beloved old bugle to a table lamp.

But, to get down to business: I did fail to mention, in my most recent treatise of kite rudders, that the keel, or ventral, is important in that it prevents yawing of a kite when wind velocities are less than desirable. To add a rudder to a kite that insists on flying off to one side or the other, though, has less purpose than attaching a door knob to a bicycle.

A kite yaws or oscillates in normal flight because of an imperfection in one of its planes. This applies to deltas in particular as their wings have independent action due to semi-rigid construction. This imperfection can be in wing spars of different weight or warp, errors in sewing fabric or an inconsistency in the degree of porosity of the fabric. All a rudder does in such cases is add drag on the opposite wing to bring the kite into the line of flight. It does not correct the imperfection.

I do not "stiffen" the keels on my deltas as Jack has suggested. They are, however, heavier because of the lamination of two or three layers of nylon, used to form a better suspension support to the center spar and prevent bowing or breaking of the spar. This also eliminates problem of a slack keel that would result from a single ply.

To best demonstrate my reasons for considering rudders as useless appendages on kites, consider the simple weather vane, whose sole purpose was to indicate the

direction of prevailing wind flow. Weather vanes are flat, vertical devices, usually made of metal. Pivoting atop a pole and evenly balanced, they gave a pretty true indication of wind direction because they offered little resistance to the wind and allowed the moving air to flow cleanly along each side.

If, by chance, the rear end of the vane became bent to any degree, the weather vane developed drag on the side opposite the bend, causing it to fly off slightly to one side or "tack" across the wind or, like a flag, oscillate as the drag was spilled by the activity.

The difference between a kite and a weather vane lies in the fact that the kite is held straight into the wind by the flying line while the weather vane is forced into position by the even flow of air along its sides. Presumably, you could add a rudder to a bent weather vane, but the simplest cure would be to straighten it. Likewise, it would be best to correct the incompatible differences between the wings of the delta.

My early-day deltas used wood dowels for wing and center spars. If matched properly, they worked fine for a time. However, in due time, one or the other of the wing spars would warp more or less than the other, causing the kite to fly off to one side. We did not put a corrective rudder on it. We replaced the spars, later using fiberglass rod, which eliminated any uneven warp possibility. A warped spar reduces wing area and increases pocketing. It also increases drag. The effect of increased drag on one side is the same as a locked brake on one of the rear wheels of a car: It causes a swerve. You can eliminate this by creating greater braking pressure on the other side, but this does not eliminate the original cause--a locking brake. Rudders, I repeat, are nothing more than a splint on a broken leg, holding the bones in place until they heal. Faulty kite configurations do not heal.

With due respect to Jack, you have to admit he is consistent and determined. He keeps right on trying to play the bugle and making defective deltas. And Vi, his patient and loving wife, follows him around, carrying his extra hearing aid batteries, dress-up toupes and tinted contact lenses. Only she can untangle the lines on that 800-kite train he flies and get all the kites out of the box without wrecking them. Meanwhile, Jack circulates among the crowd selling insurance.

Kite Calendar

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

- 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. 22 **Fun Fly**, 1 p.m., Gasworks Park; contact Washington Kitefliers Assn.
- Nov. 22 **Informal Fly**, Ned Brown Woods; contact Chicagoland Sky Liners Kite Club
- Nov. 29 **Fun Fly**, 1 p.m., Golden Gardens Park; contact Washington Kitefliers Assn.
- 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

- March **World Kiting Festival**, Tasmania, Australia (more information to come)
- Mar. 12-13 **Texas Gulf Coast Stunt Kite Competition**, on the beach, Surfside, TX. Contact Linda Crumpler, Surfside Flyers, PO Box 515, Clute, TX 77531; 409/265-0868 or 265-8346
- 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

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

Official notification of upcoming fun event!

The eminently-qualified Board of Peanut Butter Cookie Advisors (BPBCA) has confirmed the date of the **Fourth Annual International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off (4AIIOPBCKABO)** to be Dec. 6, 1987, on the beach to the south of the amusement pier at Seaside Heights, NJ. This momentous decision was made over an appropriate dessert of peanut butter-vanilla ice cream topped with peanut butter fudge sauce and accompanied by peanut butter petits-four. The board was greatly upset to find that no peanut butter blend of coffee was available, but managed to give approval to the entry of other peanut butter delectables, such as peanut butter cake, pie, candy, etc. Any such items entered, however, will be disqualified if the chief judge fails to observe (upon tasting) a distinct peanut butter flavor.

All kites and, especially, bakers are welcome to enter the serious frivolity of this competition. Awards (-unknown at this time) will be provided by the official "Award Creator and Fabricator" (ACF). There are three

competitive events:

1. Best Peanut Butter Cookie Kite--the one that most clearly represents in some unique or realistic fashion a peanut butter cookie (What else?)
2. Best Peanut Butter Cookie
3. Best Other Peanut Butter Delectable

Judging will be done by a distinguished group of International Experts who will be announced at the Kite Fly. "Appreciators" of kites and peanut butter also are welcome. The "ACF" has completed one of his unique awards--a "Peanut String Winder for Kites," the first and only one in the universe.

"Out-of-towners" who wish to enter one of the events may send their entries to:

Olan Turner, 1628 S. Crescent Blvd., Yardley, PA 19067

Note: For lunch, BYOPBJS (Bring Your Own Peanut Butter Jelly Sandwiches).

AKA Convention

1987 Convention competition results

People's Choice

- Best individual kite: 1. Scott Skinner; 2, Romeo Collado; 3. Sarah Bailey
Best individual kite accessory: 1. Chris Silvin; 2, Lori Melroy; 3, Dennis Knumerowski
Best manufactured kite: 1, Reza Ragheb; 2, Joel Scholz; 3. Ron Tabor
Best manufactured kite accessory: 1 and 2, Pam Kirk

Team Precision, experienced

- 1, Outermost Kites Precision Kite Team, 111.6 (Wheeler, McCabe, Frazier)
- 2, *Chicago Fire*, 94.7 (Wolff, Wolff, Hargus, Fieseler)

Team Ballet, experienced

- 1, Markie, Romero, 221
- 2, Outermost Kites Precision Team, 213
- 3, Chicago Fire, 195
- 4, Breeze Boys, 186 (Barresi, Baskotte)

Team Ballet, open

- 1, Tabor, Reich, 277
- 2, Miller, Moore, 256
- 3, Elite Flight Team, 248 (Tom, Coats)
- 4, Spectrum Flight, 247 (Sedgewick, Taft)

Team Precision, open

- 1, Top of the Line, 213.9 (Tabor, Stress*, Reich)
- 2, Island Elite, 160.2 (Collado, Moore, Miller, Esposito)
- 3, Hawaiian Punch, 90.0 (Dennis, Kirk, Balodis*, Balodis*)

Individual Ballet, experienced

- 1, Bill Edison, 263
- 2, Susan Galban, 259
- 3, Lorna Buxton, 258

Individual Ballet, open

- 1, Dan Buxton, 287
- 2, Lee Sedgewick, 277
- 3, Don Tabor, 264
- 4, Roger Chavez, 259
- 5, Pam Kirk, 241
- 6, Mix McGraw, 233

Individual Precision, experienced

- 1, Frank Fieseler, 165.9
- 2, Hal Markie, 165.9
- 3, Al Hargus III, 161.8
- 4, Sue Balodis, 154.8
- 5, Peter Dolphin, 151.2
- 6, Daniel Wheeler, 143.6

Individual Precision, open

- 1, Ron Reich, 252.2
- 2, Don Tabor, 242.6
- 3, Eric Wolff, 237.4

Grand Champion

Romeo Collado

Delta--1, Adrian Conn; 2, Lucian Gibeault; 3, Leroy Hooever

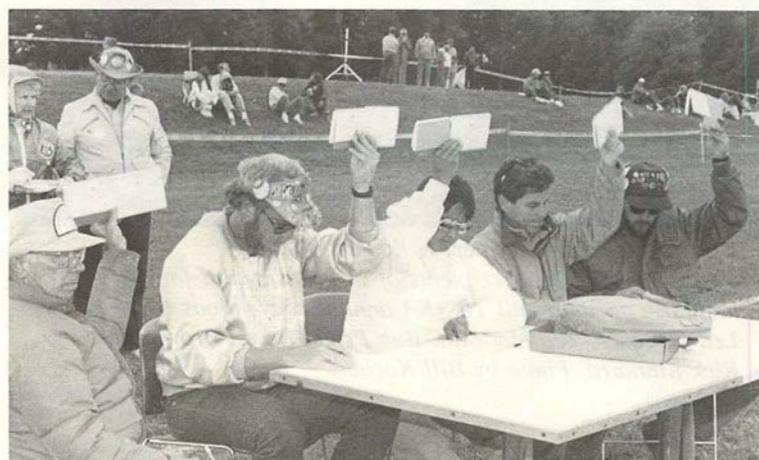
Flat or bowed--1, Scott Skinner; 2, Bill Lockhart; 3, Nancy Keating

Soft--1, Angela Dettmar; 2, Alain Lalonde; 3, David Nichols

Cellular--1, Red Braswell; 2, Paul Bragg; 3, Alain Lalonde

Figure and novelty--1, Ted Cole; 2, Martin Lester; 3, Raymond Merry

And the winner is...the judges take this stuff very seriously. Photos by Bill Kocher.



Convention, continued



But really, I sent in my check weeks ago...volunteers take on the agony of registration. Photo by Bill Kocher.



We are marching to ... a victory. Romeo Collado (far left) and team pace the field. Photo by Bill Kocher.



Cheese! (l-r) Felix Cartagena, Barbara Cartwright, Sheila Whitman, and Jon Burkhardt take a break. Photo by Cinda Shannon



MC Jon Burkhardt (center) is flanked by the pleasantly-surprised recipients of surprise awards for faithfully attending all 10 AKA annual conventions (l-r), Len Conover, Ted Manekin, Bob Price, Bevan Brown, and Rick Kinnaird. Photo by Bill Kocher.



Ted Karl of Cleveland with his trampoline kite. Photo by Al Hargus III of Chicago.

Message from the Founder

Note: These remarks were prepared for the AKA 10th Annual Convention but not read due to time constraints.

Mr. President, Directors and Member of AKA:

As the founder of the American Kitefliers Association and having been deeply involved in its affairs for the past 23 years, I regret very much not being able to be with all of you on this happy occasion.

Our inability to attend this year's meeting is due to several factors: some health problems along with the travel difficulties involved in getting out of Silver City to a point of departure to the East Coast and pending appointments concerning my eye problems and continuing ones for Hazel's orthopedic difficulties.

My recent eye surgery was highly successful but I am still *unable* to use my eyes extensively until I can acquire new glasses. Kite watching is out of the question and attending a meeting of this type without being able to watch kites would be a total frustration.

Although we can't be with you, it does not mean that we would not like to if the circumstances were favorable. We want you all to know that we are deeply interested and hoping for the continued success of the association which has played such a large and important part in our lives.

We urge that you all combine to create an harmonious atmosphere during the convention and assist your officers

in their efforts to perpetuate the association in a satisfactory and worthwhile manner. One of our greatest concerns is the slow or almost zero growth of the membership, which we believe can only increase by a vigorous public relations campaign. While it is readily admitted that one does not need membership in AKA to fly or build kites, it is membership that greatly enhances one's interest and education in kiting.

It is our earnest recommendation that a portion, at least, of the Benn Blinn Fund be used toward that end. Banked and drawing interest, this money will not provide for the future progress of kiting as a worthwhile and wholesome activity for future generations of kitefliers. Using it now will provide a more stable and worthwhile future for kiting.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Kite Trade Association for the magnificent organizational effort it has made for the good of AKA and to wish it success in the future.

Again, our best wishes for a successful and happy meeting and a good year to follow.

Sincerely,
Bob Ingraham, Founder
Hazel Ingraham, Co-Founder



AKA youngsters join in the fun. Photo by Bill Kocher.



Incoming AKA president **Corey Jensen** serves as master of ceremonies for flying competitions on Saturday. Photo by Bill Kocher.



A true kiting fan from New Hampshire! Photo by Ruth E. Thaler.



Whoa, Nelly--this kiteflier might join her kite in the sky any minute. Photo by Bill Kocher.



Tom Casselman accepts the Edeiken award. Photo by Bill Kocher.

AKA Auction raises record funds

By Mary Ames

British sportsmanship, Japanese craftsmanship and American one-upmanship raised a record \$25,150 for AKA at the 1987 convention Auction. Last year's take in Newport was about \$17,000; the year before, in San Diego, the auction raised more than \$15,000, according to event chairwoman **Eileen Kinnaird**.

To break the record, auctioneers occasionally lapsed into tactics that would not have been tolerated at Sotheby's, but the bidders were good sports. **Bill Baker** of Peter Powell Kites, for example, refrained from drowning auctioneer **John Stubbings** in a pint of Pusser's Rum after discovering that his \$10 bid on a "poor man's Caribbean holiday" (a bottle of rum, bag of kitty litter and two good leis) had unaccountably jumped to \$75.

Satoshi Hashimoto's intricate hummer bee kite went to an alert and determined **Larry Bush** of Waco, TX, for \$575. "I bid on one of these in San Diego and lost," said Bush. "I decided right then I was going to get one the next time I had the chance." Unknown to the Texan, **Dan Prentice** of Shanti Kite Spools was madly bidding up the price, having also coveted the hummer at the 1985 convention.



Going once, going twice--sold! **John Stubbings** auctions off another item for AKA. Photo by Bill Kocher.

Steve Rubin of Windborne Kites survived a murderous round of bidding to haul off **Bill Goodwin's** replica of cartoonist Gary Larson's "Eddie Nordquist Death Kite." Astonished jaws dropped like guillotines as auctioneer and Chicago toughman **Jim Miller** sent the bidding on this \$50 value to the far side of \$400. Rubin finally silenced his opposition at \$450.

Baker, Bush and Rubin were not the only ones to survive the slings and arrows of the AKA's outrageous fortune makers. **Ted Manekin** counted himself lucky to acquire the last in a series of 50 seven-foot Rokkaku kites with the Japanese character "good fortune," for a "mere" \$500. **Bill Ochse** of the Kite Loft was bloody but unbowed after capturing a samurai warrior Rokaku--one of two--for \$475. (The donors, **Fran Gramkowski** and **Cinda and Kevin Shannon**, respectively, valued these works of art at \$300 each.)

Obviously, a lot more than market forces were at work at the auction as it went into the small hours of Saturday morning. There were spouses, potential spouses and foreign visitors to be impressed; shop owners in need of new display pieces; collectors in need of that one last addition, and stunt team members in need of that one last drink. The cumulative effect was a form of temporary

insanity listed, in the professional literature, as "kytauction mania."

Perhaps the best example of this occurred when the stunt team **Chicago Fire** heated up the bidding on an \$80 stack of micro hyperkites to \$375. **Mix McGraw**, representing San Francisco's team, shouted "four hundred dollars" and the Fire suddenly went out. Realizing that this uncharacteristic silence would have to be explained, one of the Chicagoans announced: "We really wanted Mix to have it."

Though far less apparent, the auction had its sober side, too. Through their generosity, bidders honored the artistry and dedication of their fellow enthusiasts. **Scott Skinner**, a kitemaker and hobbyist from Monument, CO, bid \$80 for an oak reel made by **Dave DeBolt**, who died earlier in the year. "Dave was instrumental in forwarding the way we all think about kiting," said Skinner, who won a People's Choice award the following day. "I felt it was important to honor him in this way."

Some folks even came away from the auction with bargains. For the most part, these fortunates were kites who are willing to travel anywhere for a fair breeze and a square meal. **Scott Spencer** of Harrisburg, PA, made reservations at **Skye Morrison's** place for the Toronto festival for an economical \$100. **Dan and Lorna Buxton** of Cleveland, OH, booked a week on the North Carolina coast for \$375. **Jim Miller** assured himself of VIP treatment at the Ocean City, MD, Sunfest for \$40, and **Jane Parker Ambrose** arranged a trip to San Francisco, including airfare, for \$725. She also nailed down an excellent buy on a box kite in the shape of an automobile, designed by **Jan Pieter Kuil**.

The Kuil kite and others were donated by **Judy Neuger** of What's Up, Chagrin Falls, OH, who, according to auction officials, donated most generously to the auction. Rubin, as well as could be determined by presstime, was the top purchaser in dollars and **Craig Christensen** of Lakeville, MN, took honors for the most kites purchased.

"I think I got 126 kites," said Christensen, beaming.

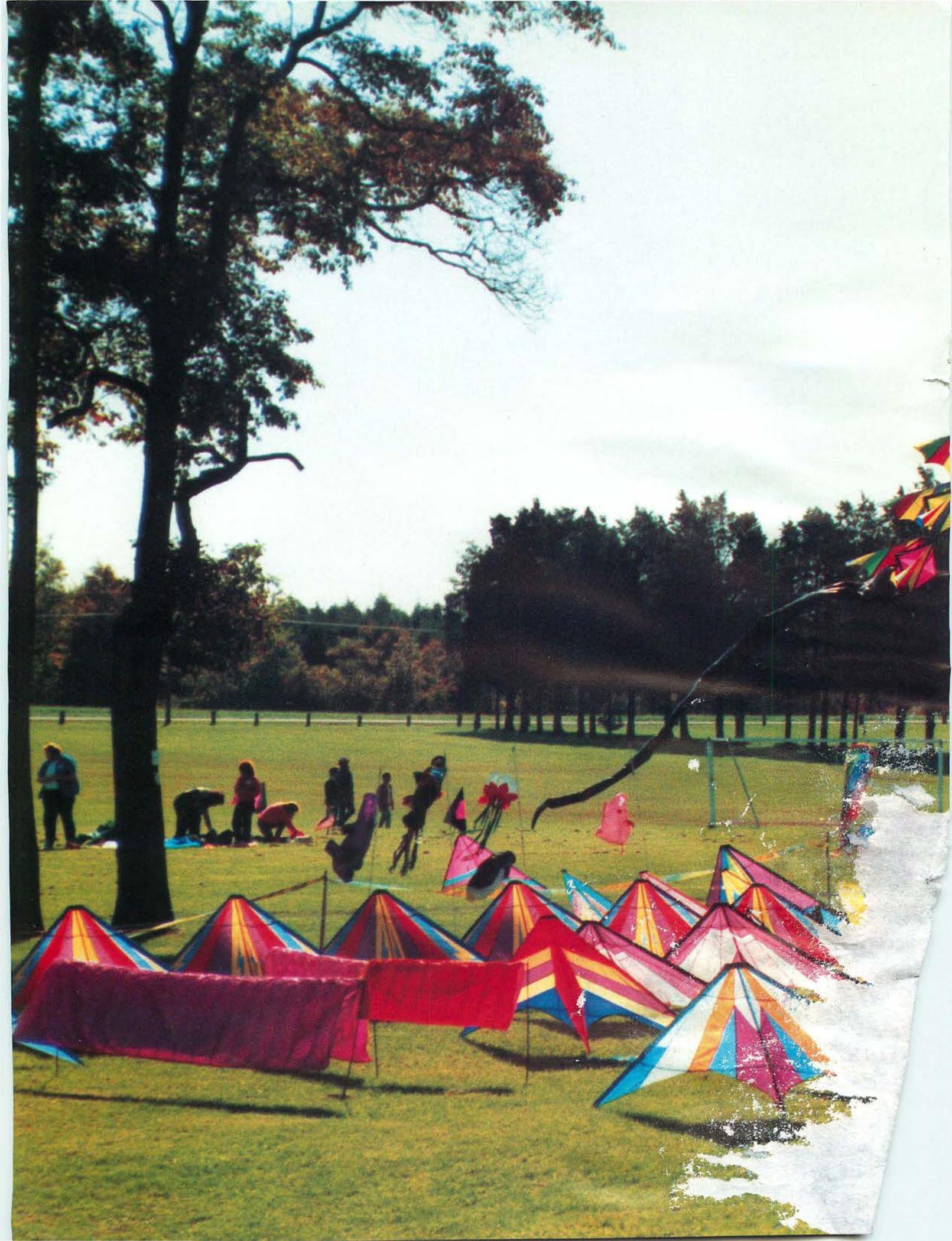
Auctioneer **John Stubbings** (l) plots strategy with **Jack Van Gilder** (center) and **Jim Miller** (r). Photo by Ruth E. Thaler.



Brooks Leffler (r) reviews auction guidelines with volunteers. Photo by Ruth E. Thaler.

Another certifiable kytauction maniac was **Bob Negen** of Grand Rapids, MI, who, anticipating his 31st birthday the following day, rode off into the sunrise on Bob Price's famous horse winch to the strains of "Happy Birthday to You." **Kevin Shannon**, glancing fondly at **Felix Cartagena's** giant bubble machine for which he paid \$400, voiced a sentiment that others shared: "I got it for my personal enjoyment," he said. "It's just a toy."









Convention photo available--
We can't believe he got the whole thing!

The 1987 AKA convention photograph is "big, beautiful and ready for purchase!" The whole 8" by 60" photo is full of people and kites. Oscar Bailey reported that his antique cirkut camera worked just fine once again. The price this year for a whole five feet worth of AKA convention kites and kiders is only \$30 per photo and \$5 packing and handling. One \$5 payment will cover shipping and handling for any number of prints in the same package to the same address.

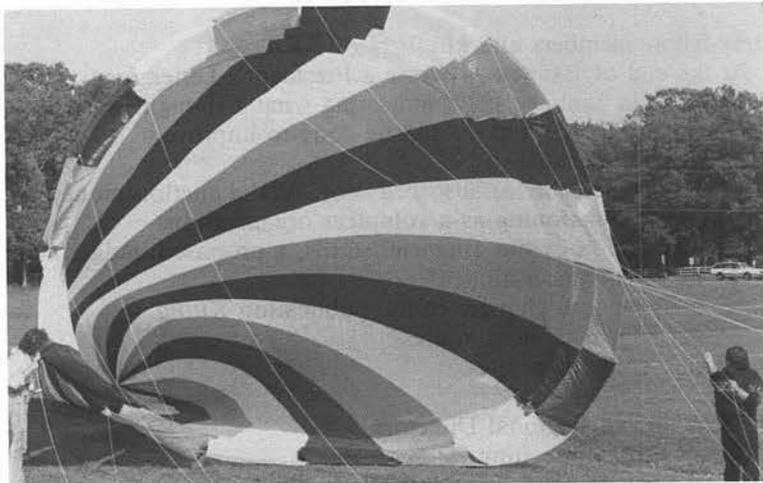
To receive a copy of this magnificent memento of the 1987 AKA convention, use the form below to contact Oscar Bailey, Route 2, Box 1007, Burnsville, NC 28714.

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Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____



Get that wind sock off the ground before it swallows everybody! Photo by Bill Kocher.



Participants from Chicago (l-r)--J. Kavel, F. Fieseler, D. Wolff, Godzilla, E. Wolff, J. Hawks. Photo by Al Hargus III.

1987 Annual Meeting Minutes

Jewell Price, Acting Recording Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the American Kitefliers Association was held at the Dulles Marriott Hotel at Dulles International Airport in Virginia on October 8, 1987. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President **Robert S. Price**.

After several announcements by **Jon Burkhardt**, the minutes of the 1986 Annual Meeting in Newport, Rhode Island, were approved as printed in *Kiting*. With the aid of viewgraphs, Bob Price presented an overview of the condition of AKA (see previous page).

The Teller Committee of **Nat Kobitz**, **Cynthia Kobitz**, and **Mel Govig** reported to the membership on the elections. A total of 171 votes were cast with **Corey Jensen** receiving 61 for president. The other presidential votes were distributed as follows: No known candidate- 45, **Robert Price**- 18, **Tom Casselman**- 15, **Rick Kinnaird**- 8, **Jim Miller**-5, **Al Hargus**-3. **Dan Eisaman**, **Margaret Greger**, **Vic Walton**, and **Dave Melroy** each received 2 votes. **Margo Brown**, **Anthony Bisbano**, **Olan Turner**, **Robert Loera**, **Judy Neuger**, and **Jack Van Gilder** each received 1 vote.

Elected Regional Directors were: **Fred Bell** with 26 votes in Region 6, **Al Hargus** with 16 votes in Region 7, **Scott Skinner** with 5 votes in Region 8, and **Richard Dermer** with 16 votes in Region 9. Nominated and elected as Directors-at-Large were **Rick Kinnaird**, **Frank Brinkman**, **Ed Wright**, **Steve Rubin**, **Cherie McFadden**, **Earl Stokes**, and **Cindy Edeiken**.

Bevan Brown, chairperson of Festivals and Competitions, reported that rules and guidelines for experienced fliers have been assembled. Input from coast to coast and Hawaii resulted in these guidelines. Efforts will now be made to add novice competition guidelines for regional competitions. Anyone wishing to participate in this compilation of rules and guidelines may contact Bevan.

Jim Miller, Convention Committee chairman, reported on the site for 1988 and a proposal for the 1989 site. The 1988 convention will be in Chicago, Illinois. Hawaii has submitted a proposal for 1989, which the Board of Directors of AKA will act on at a later date.

Susan Mayer, former Ways and Means Committee chairperson, submitted the following recommendation for merchandising to the executive committee: The AKA should license a third-party (manufacturer/retail vendor/contractor) to use the AKA logo and name and to develop a product line. They should merchandise it on their own. AKA would retain the right of final approval on all products to prevent the marketing of any products felt to be in poor taste or of inferior quality. Further research must be done to establish what is customary, but AKA would either charge a licensing fee or take a percentage of the profits or sales. That way, we will derive some financial benefit but we will neither be at financial risk nor have to rely on volunteer labor. This option also avoids the problem of favoritism in that the licensee assumes financial risk.

Margo Brown reported that one release for the teacher's packet failed to come through, so the packet will be ready for spring 1988. She urged a letter writing campaign to speed up the process of issuance of a postage stamp honoring kiting. Margo announced that National Kite Week will be the last full week in March and that the Smithsonian Festival will be held on March 26, 1988.

Dave Burdess moved that the by-laws amendments be accepted as proposed. Motion carried.

The following members were elected to the Nominating Committee: **Al Hargus**, **Jon Burkhardt**, **Fred Bell**, **Dan Prentice**, **Pete Ianuzzi**, **Scott Spencer**, and **Bevan Brown**.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

State of the association

Dear fellow members and kitefliers of AKA,

At the end of last year, I wrote a President's Letter for publication in January 1987, indicating what I thought was the AKA situation and what should be done to improve it.

Major items seemed to be:

1. The management fee absorbed most of the auction money.
2. We were functioning as a volunteer organization.
3. A description of our financial status, a proposed budget and some of the uncertainties.
4. Some proposed changes in the publication *Kiting*.
5. A permanent mailing address.
6. Future convention sites.
7. Merchandising.
8. Function of Regional Directors.
9. Committee opportunities.
10. Comment on operations and exhortation.

Some of these and other items have been acted upon; some have quietly resided under the carpet. Decisions and actions have been tempered and affected by the results of the membership poll concerning *Kiting* or *AKA News*.

As a volunteer organization, the problem of the management fee has disappeared. Service may not be polished and professional, but I hope it has been acceptable. Not everything has been done the way we would all like it to be done. However, AKA is still a living, growing organization.

The unbalanced budget that was adopted in January was circulated to the Board of Directors and to Past Presidents. Though the budget (Fig. 1) rarely was consulted, its philosophy has been followed.

Bill Bigge has prepared a statement (Fig. 2) of our financial condition as of September 2, 1987 and, with his permission, it will be presented here as the Treasurer's Report. I believe it shows that we are living nearly within our regular income.

The beginning of the year was somewhat unusual in that, for various reasons, a large amount of advertising revenue had not been collected. It was collected by **Jon Burkhardt** and deposited in January and February. Because of the shifts of management, income tax returns had not been filed. There also were considerable outstanding debts carrying over from the previous year.

The membership chart (Fig. 3) is of considerable interest. It shows that under the last management firm, the membership fell precipitously. It recovered during **Margo Brown's** stewardship and took a small nosedive in the first quarter of this year. Since then, it has shown a steady increase. I attribute this pattern to the cooperation of member-merchants, the availability of application forms in their stores and an improved reminder of renewal times. The merchants have done a magnificent job of letting kitefliers know we exist and we should all thank them.

I estimate that there were about 1,200 regular members in September 1985. We have not quite recovered to what may have been our maximum size.

As you know, *Kiting* has been under the editorial control of **Ruth Thaler** since early this year. She was selected from a group of about a dozen candidates. She and the Executive Committee know that *Kiting* (really *AKA News*) is not perfect, but it has been getting out at the scheduled time and the passage of editorial responsibility to her has made operation of AKA possible this year. Most of the changes in format that were considered last January have not been accomplished. An attempt has been made to pack the publication to conserve paper and postage. This is part of the reason for some of the appearance problems in *Kiting*.

I must admit that we have not done an adequate job of translating technical writings and kite plans into clear, accurate and useful articles. This is my fault for not using the Editorial Advisory Board properly.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those members who have contributed and submitted material for *Kiting*. I particularly want to thank **H. B. Alexander** for his bountiful submissions and advice. I must admit our lack of system in acknowledging, scheduling, editing, and publishing articles. There is vast room for improvement.

Associated with *Kiting* publication and with the member-merchant program, has been the distribution of *Kiting* through kite stores. The objective has been to let people know AKA exists and spread news of kite events. Thanks to member-merchant support, this is going forward.

The member-merchant program has been tightened up and is expanding.

As you probably know, we established a "permanent" AKA address in Rockville, MD. Actually, there are probably going to be several current AKA addresses in the future. The Rockville one is to collect mail directed to AKA by references to AKA in mass circulation magazines, books or application forms. The president's address will change with the presidency and will be the one to use for rapid mail communication with the AKA administration. Material bound for the archives and membership records can be sent directly to me in Burtonsville. Material for *Kiting* can go directly to the editor. All except the Rockville address should be subject to change as officers change. Use of the Rockville address does introduce a delay in delivery.

The Ways and Means Committee under **Sue Mayor** (now resigned) made recommendations on what should be done to sell AKA merchandise. **Wendy Norwitz** has been filling orders from existing stock. A gradual replacement of popular items has been started.

This year, I have not asked much of the Regional Directors nor have they given me much direction. I think a kit of materials should be developed by one of them as a guide and aid to their colleagues. I think they have been waiting for the administration to do this and vice-versa.

In my January letter, I mentioned committee opportunities. They are there. I have not done a good job of supporting my committees nor have I given them direction. Some chairpersons have done a good, independent job. In the past I have been archivist; during the past 15 months, almost no cataloging has been done while the amount of material has grown to about three drawers' worth. The crisis was precipitated by inheriting the AKA records from the management firm and exacerbated by the need to devote almost my full time and attention to membership records.

In fact, this is one of the main weaknesses of my presidency: a tendency to get swamped in details which I delight in working on, while neglecting the personal contacts, long-range direction and leadership that obviously are needed. On the other hand is the problem of physically filing and cataloging the material of a diffuse organization.

The Festivals and Competitions Committee under **Bevan Brown** has made great progress in developing competition rules for both Stunt and Comprehensive judging. The By-Laws Committee under **Pat Daly** produced a substantial document of which we shall hear more later.

In summary, I think the membership rolls are in pretty good order. There is an efficient method of keeping track of deposits. Coupled with the check book, receipts, bills, and bank

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Association, continued

statements, it is possible to figure out the state of our finances. The member-merchant list is in relatively good shape. *Kiting* is getting published and circulated, at least in a small way. Thanks to Margo, a Teachers' Packet is or soon will be available. Thanks to **Bill Goodwin**, member-merchants have attractive application form displays and AKA has a vastly-improved copying capability through the donation of a fine Savin copying machine. Thanks to **Wood Ellis**, we have a second edition of the *AKA Directory*. Thanks to **Red Braswell** and **Bernie Spalding** we have had material to send to new members. Offers of help came from all over. Unfortunately, I am not organized in a way to use it. I am sure there are other nice things to mention and people to thank for them. My memory fails me.

One thing I am sure of and that is that kitefliers are a very patient and forgiving breed of people. Once people realized that we were all in the same boat, there has hardly been a word of complaint. Suggestions, yes, but constructive ones. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you.

Bob Price

Figure 1

October 5, 1987

AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL BUDGET - 1987

GENERAL REVENUE

Item	Sub-Item	Budget for Year	2/3 Budget	Actual
Dues	\$15 X No. of regular members (950)	\$14250	\$ 9499.90	\$12528
	1 X No. of family members (500)	500	333.33	375.90
	15 X No. of Corporate members (13)	195		
	35 X No. of Chapters (12)	420		583.50
	Total	\$15365	\$10243.23	\$13487.40
Interest		600	400	461.68
Sales of	T-shirts	\$500		
	Badges	30		
	Stationery	50		
	Other			
	Other published material			
	Total Sales of Miscellaneous items	600	400	1358.65
Total General Revenue		\$16065	11043	15307
	GENERAL EXPENSES			
Insurance	Liability	\$1500		2157.
	Bonding	400		
Audit		1200		
Tax preparation	Federal	150		595.
	State	100		
Taxes, if any.				
Regional Directors expenses, 13 @ \$50.00 each		650		
Office costs (includes officers expenses)	Sub-total		3350	
	Telephone	1500	1000	111.60
	Postage	700	467.	1020.63
	Permanent mailing address	600	400	150.00
	Paper	20		182.51
	Envelopes	50		
	Computer supplies	50		
	Miscellaneous	600	400	1613.76
By-Laws	publication	200		10.00
Forms	Application (1987)	130	130	681.00
	Sanctioning	20	20	
	Chapter	20	30	
	Corporate relationship	20		
Ways and Means	T-Shirts	\$400		
	Other	600		
Membership promotion		1000		
	Sub-totals	300	6653	73.00
AKA Commitment to publication		12744		6595
Total General Expenses		\$21934		
General Budget Cash Flow		(\$5869)		

PHILANTHROPIC BUDGET

PHILANTHROPIC REVENUE

Auction Revenue	\$17000
Gifts (including to International Exchange)	
Directory sales	500
Total philanthropic Revenue	\$17500

PHILANTHROPIC EXPENDITURE

International exchange costs	
Member Packets	
Renewal (1000)	\$350
Applicant (450)	400
Teacher Packets (1000)	1500
Directory publication	1500
Rules publication	
Safety	100
Contest	100
Auction Costs	
Printing	50
Facilities	500
Publication philanthropic copies	1396
Total philanthropic expenditures	\$5896
Philanthropic Cash Flow	\$11604

CONVENTION BUDGET

CONVENTION REVENUES

Sales of minor items	1000
Registration (300 @ \$70)	\$21000
Total Convention Revenue	\$22000

CONVENTION COSTS

Hotel	
Meals	\$13500
Meeting rooms (not auction room)	1000
Projectors/screens	50
Transportation	600
Paid expenses	
Visitors	730
Photographer	300
Writer(?)	300
Bob Ingraham	625
Miscellaneous	195
Field Equipment, tents, tables, chairs, etc.	1500
Sound system	1000
Trophies	450
Toilets	250
Total Convention Costs	\$20700
Convention Cash Flow	\$1300

PUBLICATION BUDGET - COLOR

PUBLICATION REVENUE

Advertising	\$4000	\$ 6432.53
Sale of magazine	1200	
Postage surcharges	1200	\$ 600
AKA commitment		931.00
\$12 X No. of Regular members (950)	11400	
12 X No. of Life, etc., members (80)	960	
12 X No. of Corporate members (13)	156	
36 X No. of Chapters (12)	432	
12 X No. of other clubs (23)	276*	
1 X No. of gift copies (1000)	1000*	
12 X No. of reciprocal mailings (10)	120*	
Total Publication Revenue	22744	
* from Auction proceeds		

PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES

Postage			
First Class	\$1000		
Third Class	1950		
Canadian	80		
Overseas	360		
Mailing fee	450		
Printing			
Color separations			
Binding			
Plates			
Typ setting			
Labels	12600	8400	9388.91
Editorial fee	90	60	60
Cost of mailing to stores	3000	2000	2200
Total Publication Cost, Color	420		
Publication Cash Flow, color	\$19950		
	\$2794		

ESTIMATED ASSETS

As of September 1, 1987

Main Bank Account	1 Jan 87	1 Sept 87
Edeiken Fund	\$12073	11560.06
Benn Blinn Fund(?)	1693	1756.34
Stock of T-shirts, etc.	10624	11028.97
Office Equipment and supplies	500	100
Archives (including back issues of publication)	500	500
	2000	2000
Total assets	\$27390	26945.37

Figure 2

AKA INCOME & EXPENSES AS OF 9/2/87

BEGINNING BALANCE 31 DEC. 1986 12,073.20
(AFTER ALLOWING FOR OUTSTANDING CHECKS)

INCOME:	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	12,528.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES FAMILY	375.90
AD REVENUE	6,462.53
POSTAGE SURCHARGE	931.00
MERCHANDISE	1,338.65
INTEREST	461.68
C&P REFUND	128.26
CLUB DUES	583.50
OTHER	1.50
TOTAL	22,831.02

34,904.22

EXPENSES:	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,157.00
TAX PREPARATION	595.00
TELEPHONE	111.60
OFFICE SUPPLIES	192.51
P. O. BOX	150.00
APPLICATION PRINTING	681.00
1986 CONVENTION	3,386.44
PROMOTION	73.00
AKA PATCHES	500.00
"KITELINES" BLEDS	51.65
POSTAGE	1,020.63
MISC.	1,613.76
"KITING" MISC.	1,222.64
"KITING" PUBLICATION	

JAN. 459.91
MAR. 4,513.00
MAY 3,124.00
JUL. 3,492.00

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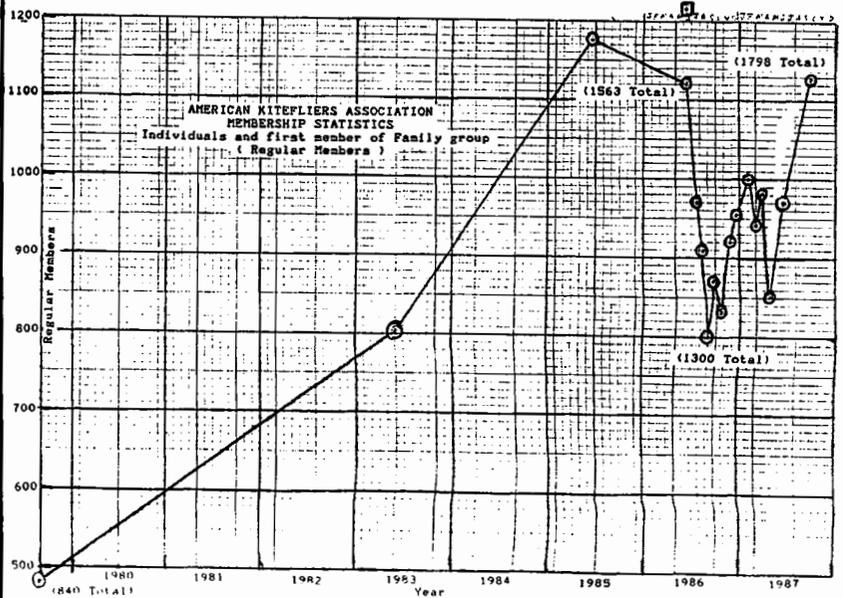
TOTAL 23,344.16

BALANCE 31 AUG. 1987 11,560.05

Figure 3

AKA IS LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY OF THE NATIONAL KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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Report of the AKA Ways & Means Committee

Annual Report to the Membership October 1987 (Report date: August 17, 1987)

Submitted by Susan Mayer, Chairperson

When I was asked to chair the Ways & Means Committee for AKA in the summer of 1986, I was advised that the role of the Committee was to come up with ideas and designs for merchandise. In response to my direct questions about the committee's responsibilities, I was told that other people would handle the distribution aspects; I understood that AKA's management company historically had handled the "business" end of AKA merchandising.

When the AKA and Drohan Management parted company, also that summer, the role of the Ways & Means Committee became somewhat less clear. Or maybe it became more clear--if it had to do with merchandise, it had to do with Ways & Means. Suddenly, it seemed that the Committee was answering questions on everything from product concept to pricing to distribution.

From the time of the Newport Convention on, AKA President Bob Price and I had a number of conversations about what the AKA might do about merchandising. We discussed a T-shirt design contest, "interim" T-shirts for the short term, how merchandise should be priced, who might handle distribution (the committee did make some arrangements with a vendor, although that plan was put on hold for a time). In short, the entire range of merchandising activities was suddenly at the Committee's doorstep as AKA struggled to conduct business using only volunteers.

When the Ways & Means Committee gathered to discuss

the options I had discussed with Bob, it became clear that we all were uncomfortable with the expanded role into which we had been cast. Not only would these additional responsibilities require more time than any of us was able to spare; as a group, we were reluctant to make what amounted to capital expenditure decisions. None of us were professional marketers or merchandisers; we were volunteers who were not comfortable risking AKA's money. At the same time, I was receiving suggestions that AKA expand the line of merchandise beyond T-shirts, pins and patches. It became clear that a small-scale effort would not meet the Association's long-range interests.

Several months earlier, Bob Price had received a letter from Don McCasland, who expressed an interest in becoming involved with AKA merchandising; Bob had forwarded a copy of the letter to me. As the Committee discussed Don's letter, we began to wonder if the professionals should not become even more involved. We came up with the idea of having AKA license its logo to a vendor. AKA would charge a fee for the right to use the name and logo, while retaining the right of final approval to ensure quality and appropriateness of merchandise.

We debated this idea for several hours and finally concluded that this was the best option for AKA. A full proposal was drafted and submitted to the Executive Committee in August. The principal advantages of licensing the AKA logo, as cited in the proposal, are as follows:

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Ways & Means, continued

1. It takes advantage of the professional merchandiser/vendors's expertise, instead of relying on well-meaning amateurs;
2. It places the financial risk on the professional, who is best able to reap a profit, instead of on the Association;
3. It ensures continuity from one administration to the next, from one year to the next;
4. It facilitates large-scale production and distribution of AKA items, making them more readily



Adam and Eve kites taking off. Photo by Bill Kocher.



And they're off--Adam and Eve kites in the air. Photo by Steve Webber of Toledo, OH.



Outgoing AKA president **Bob Price** presents his "state of the union" remarks. Photo by Bill Kocher.

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Minutes of the AKA Executive Committee

Jewell Price, Acting Recording Secretary

At 7:35 on August 5, 1987, the Executive Committee of the American Kitefliers Association met at the home of AKA President Robert S. Price, 3839 Dustin Road, Burtonsville, MD. Others present were Red Braswell, Bill Goodwin, Bill Bigge, Wood Ellis, Jewell Price, and Margo Brown. Bevan Brown and Bernie Spalding also attended.

The minutes of the July 1, 1987, meeting were approved as circulated.

The treasurer's report showed an August 4, 1987, balance of \$9,878.93. There are a few outstanding bills. Several thousand dollars have been collected this year in payment for advertising appearing in previous years of Kiting.

Convention plans (were) progressing. Between 55 and 65 members (had) registered, of whom 13 are Japanese.

On September 12, Margo Brown and Wood Ellis, on behalf of AKA, conduct(ed) a workshop for students of the Northern Virginia Community College, Loudon Campus.

A motion to print a price on the front cover of Kiting was defeated.

It was reported that no progress had been made on the survey of chapters. Committee members were asked to send any comments or thoughts concerning the by-laws to **Pat Daly**.

Sanctioning of the Long Beach, International Kite Festival was requested. After discussion on safety, Bob Price recommended adding conditions that the flying area be cleared of driftwood and rocks and that motorized vehicles be excluded. Red Braswell moved that the event be sanctioned, subject to conditions; motion passed. Margo Brown moved that the Maryland Kite Society Fall Fly at Burtonsville on September 13, 1987, be sanctioned; motion passed. Braswell moved that the 1987 AKA convention on October 7 through 11 at Dulles Marriott Hotel and the Loudon campus of Northern Virginia Community College be sanctioned; motion carried.

There was considerable discussion of sanctioning procedures. Braswell moved that the new procedures for obtaining AKA sanctioning for specific kite events be adopted; motion carried. Wood Ellis will prepare new forms which will be available soon.

After reporting on an informal poll of some kitefliers and some non-fliers, which determined that October and March are, respectively, the favored months for **National Kite Week**, Margo Brown moved that National Kite Week be the last full week in March; motion carried. An appropriate proclamation is being drafted.

The teacher's packet (was) being made ready for release at the 1987 AKA convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

AKA's Casselman, Checkley named to board of new worldwide kiting organization

AKA members **Dave Checkley** and **Tom Casselman** have been asked to serve on the board of a new worldwide kiteflying organization, the World Kite Association. The invitation to be involved in the new organization came from the leaders of the Weifang Kite Association in Weifang, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China.

Other countries represented in the planning stages are Holland, Japan, Hong Kong, and Thailand.

A draft of the organization's constitution is being circulated among the representatives of these countries. More news will be reported in *Kiting* as it is available.

Obituaries

David Debolt

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of a well-known, active member of AKA, **David (Dave) Debolt** of Winchester, IN. David died Tuesday morning, Sept. 8, 1987, at the age of 64, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN, following a short illness.

Dave hung a kite exhibit at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH, on August 1. On August 15, he submitted to a medical exam and was hospitalized because of inoperable cancer.

Dave was born Feb. 21, 1923, in South Connellsville, PA. He retired in 1984 after 30 years of service with Overmyer Corporation. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, F&AM Lodge 56, York Rite, and American

Legion (WW II veteran). He also was a member of AKA, Hoosier Kite Fliers Society, Central Ohio Kitefliers Association, Chicagoland Skyliners, and Maryland Kite Society.

Many AKA members, as well as many members of the public, have been delighted by Dave's beautiful long trains of Eddy kites, kite covered with postage stamps, state of Indiana kite, and other novel kites. He, with his wife Lois, attended many kite events, including all AKA conventions from 1980-1986.

Dave is survived by his wife Lois, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, three sisters, and four brothers. Memorials may be made to the Randolph County Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

--- Miller S. Makey

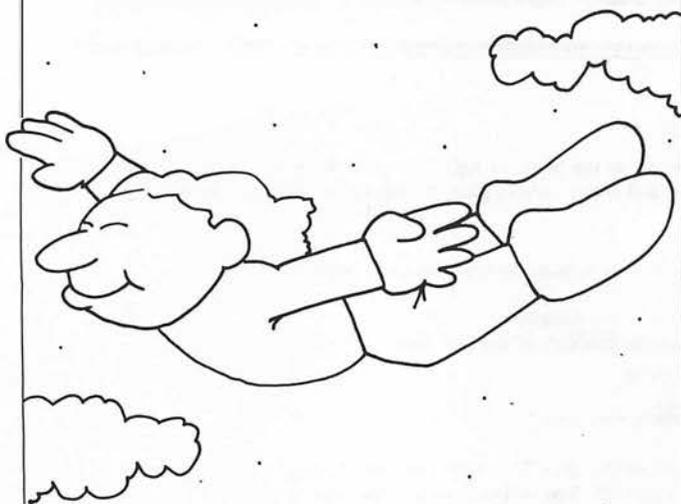
Myron Bernstein

Myron Bernstein, long-time AKA member, died in Tallahassee, FL, on August 30. He was well-known as a kiteflier, adopting the hobby when he lived on Long Island, NY, where he was introduced to kiteflying by AKA member George R. Spaker. Myron often flew kites from his sailboat in Long Island Sound.

Upon his retirement, Myron settled in Charleston, SC, where for some six years, he was a mainstay of the Brittlebank Park group of active kitefliers and kite builders. He produced a number of outstanding winged sled designs during this period (see *Kiting*, September 1987) and was well-known for his unfailing generosity, courtesy and friendliness.

--- H.B. Alexander

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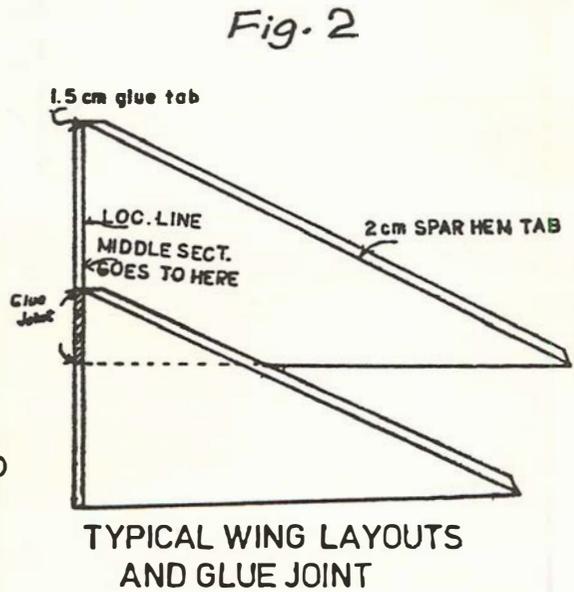
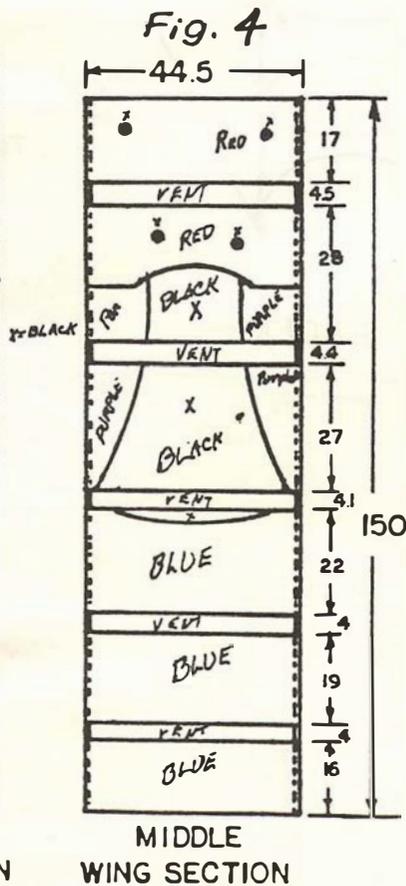
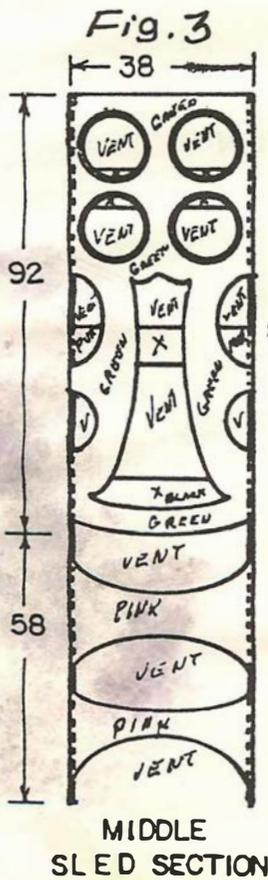
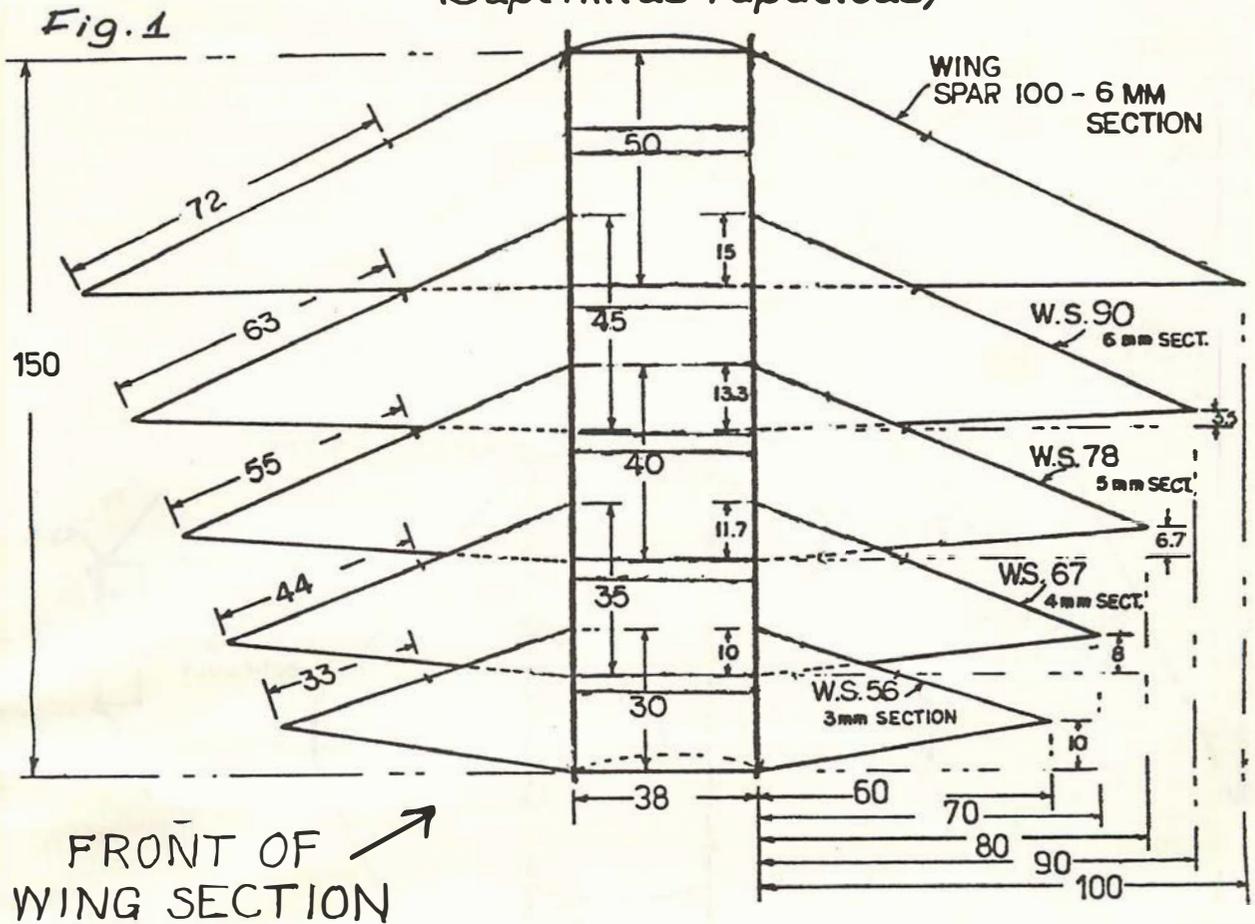
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Inside cover	8 1/2 x 11"	\$500	\$400	\$360	\$300
Inside page	8 1/2 x 11"	\$400	\$300	\$300	\$270
1/2 page	7 1/2 x 4 3/4"	\$230	\$170	\$205	\$153
1/4 page	3 1/2 x 4 3/4"	\$120	\$90	\$108	\$81
1/8 page	1 1/2 x 4 3/4"	\$75	\$55	\$68	\$50

These rates are for one-time ads. AKA offers a 15% discount for a three-issue contract and a 20% discount for a six-issue contract. Black-&-white ads must be camera-ready. Color ads must be in separation; advertiser will be charged for separations of ads not provided already in separation. AKA member-merchants receive additional discounts as indicated above.

Deadline for submitting color separations and camera-ready black-&-white ads: 15th of the month preceding publication (ie, October 15 for November issue). Deadline for submitting color ads to be separated: 10th of the month before publication.

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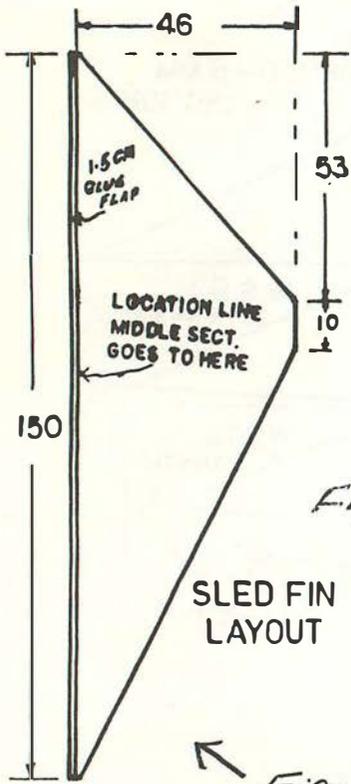


Fig. 6

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Fig. 5

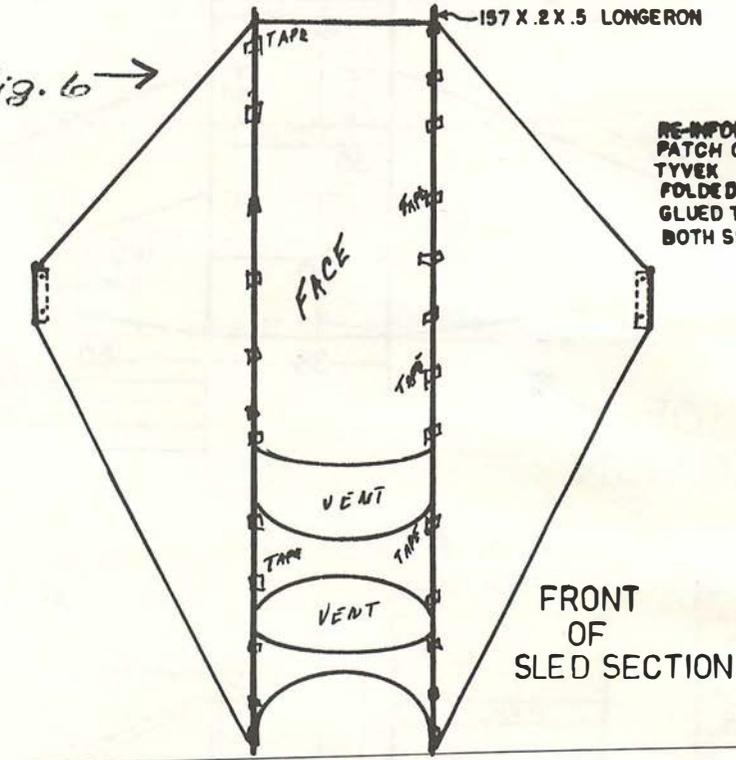


Fig. 7

RE-INFORCING PATCH OF TYVEK FOLDED & GLUED TO BOTH SIDES

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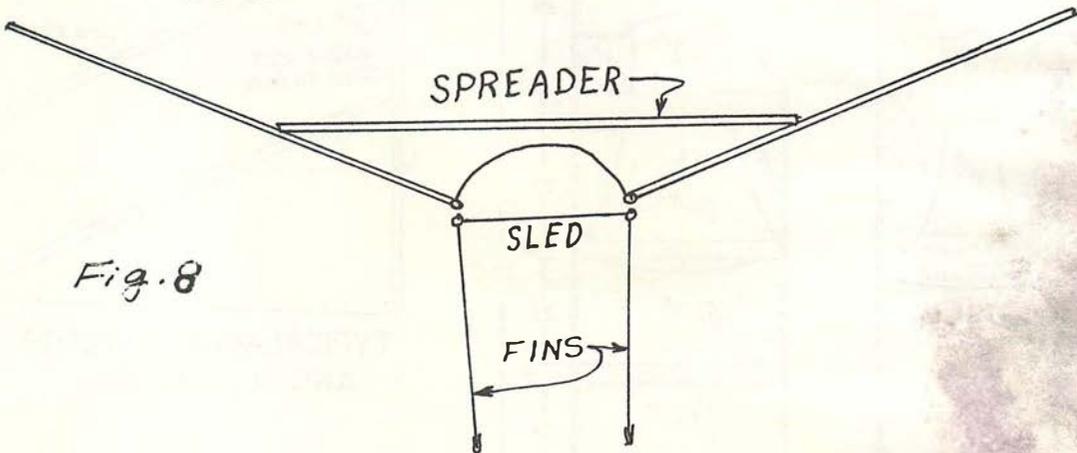


Fig. 8

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