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ONE KING'S OPINION

...as I was saying, blah, blah, blah.

Let's give the soapbox a rest, shall we? I'll just assume we all know why we're here.

I get calls and letters that can really get me going. You know? Really have little to do with AKA but I guess being big and loud and opinionated



does draw a crowd. They ask me to take sides. OK. I love to argue. Some of my best stuff is right after an argument when I'm staring into a b u z z i n g

telephone.

Unfortunately, most folks can't agree to disagree. They must convert others to their way. (Whoa! Deja vu.)

It seems that there is a disagreement over something at nearly every kite festival these days. Someone violates someone's airspace, or infringes on their territory, and rather than talk to each other and work it out, it seems so much easier to shout and brandish upraised digits. And then turn and decry the lack of humanity in the world.

I'm as guilty as anyone. "I've been so busy lately, I don't have time to be nice."

That must be the way one rationalizes it. We all feel justified in our own eyes. "If only others could see what we have to go through. Surely they would understand (and agree)."

What a crock! If we put half the effort into being considerate that we waste on excuses for our rudeness, this club would BE fun instead of desperately needing to be.

Why do we fly anyway? Because it makes us cranky and ill-tempered?

And of course, it isn't you or me anyway, it's those other guys.

I apologize to all you nice folks out there who have no idea what I'm ranting about. I'm like you... a kiter from my youth, purely happy to continue flying whatever I can get my hands on for the rest of my life. Now we have a club and rules and a need for diplomacy (whatever that is). Instead of flying, I try to handle a ton of correspondence. I HATE WRITING LETTERS - didn't I tell you?

Originally, I didn't intend that my demand to have each letter writer enclose a photo to get his/her letters answered would be taken seriously! I've already received two unhappy notes from one of our most generous newsletter contributors, about the "blackmail demand" (although the second had a photo inside). The point is that we need newsy stuff constantly to keep KITING current. If threats and/or intimidation work...

I read everything. And I answer them all. Right out loud as I read them. I appreciate all the good people who take the time to put their help and hints down on paper.

The newsletter will be the better for it too.

Hey! Great news...Hawaii 1989 is in the GO mode. Yes, it will be more expensive than any we've planned before. Not the convention itself, but the airfare and lodging. Around \$600 from Chicago, half that from the West Coast (roundtrip), for the hotel...figure \$250 - \$300 for a week at the Princess Kaiulani. Now the good part...you may make this the island vacation you've always dreamed about. You may leave on any day, stay as long as you like, even change hotels to save\$. The package is completely open and can accommodate any budget. Mike Kim at the Princess K. has promised upgrades on rooms to all AKAers.

Hopefully, Oregon will be able to follow that up with a Seaside bid for 1990. The New Jersey contingent is also mounting a drive for Atlantic City. It is no easy job, as these folks will attest. After my visit to Hawaii for The Challenge, I realized their best hope is for a large active membership to share the load. Having fun with your friends hardly seems like work. But if a few are left to grind it out, it burns them up and destroys the "fun" of it. Everyone is invited to share, so start making plans now!

Finally... yes we're late...again. Moving this newsletter around is the problem. Finding a way to pay to have it done and still keep the focus on KITES without sacrificing QUALITY is our goal. (We hope to acquire a Mac soon.) Your understanding is appreciated.

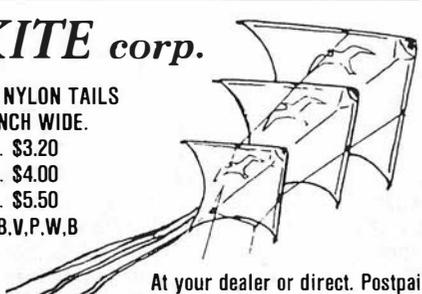
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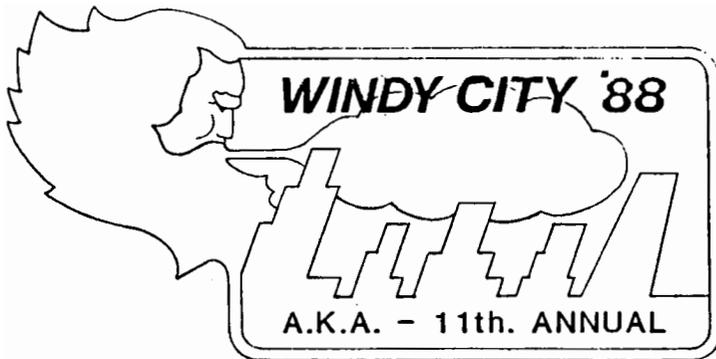
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CONVENTION NEWS



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For some of us, Fighting Kites deliver the purest form of kite flying. The tendency of these little kites to spin and loop rarely allow them to fly unattended, yet they have no second line through which the pilot may enforce his will upon the kite. Only by sensitivity and co-operation with the wind, sail and line may the flyer enjoy an afternoon of soaring and loops, dives and spins.

With all the peacefulness that kite flying offers, let us not forget the intent behind the invention of fighters, head to head combat. This year Kite Fighting will be an official event at the Grand Nationals. Prizes will be earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. The rules will be similar to the "challenges" of past years. All contestants will be paired off for a series of single elimination, one on one mock battles. The best two out of three line touches (from below) will win the round. The preliminary eliminations will be held on Friday afternoon with the finals on Saturday morning. Bring your own kite and NON-cutting line.

Please indicate your interest in this event on the registration form so that we may schedule accordingly. The dual line kites were a non-event just a few years ago, yet look at them today. Last year a great number of people participated in the fighter challenge. Grab your kite, work with the sky, and let's make this event a happening.

Bruce Jarvie

DUAL LINE COMPETITION AT THE AKA NATIONALS

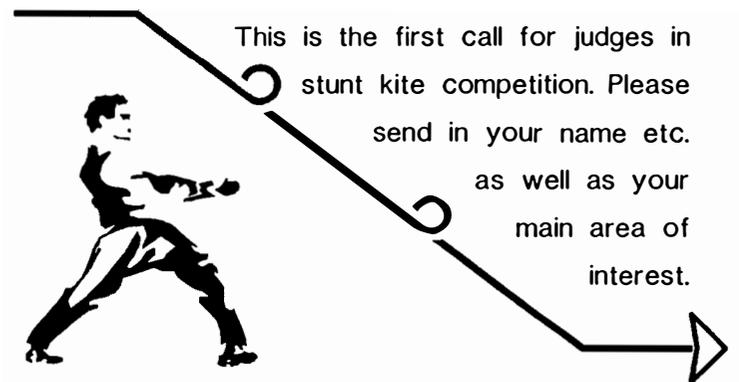
The last few years have seen changes in the national dual line competitions and this year will not be an exception. For openers, in an effort to accommodate both the growing number of flyers and events, we will start 1:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon and continue through Friday afternoon.

Two events for individuals (precision and ballet) and two for teams (p & b) with two skill categories in each event, experienced and open. That's eight events and over 130 competitions, and that was last year! This year we are expecting even more competitions and a new event is in the making, "free style". The exact rules (or lack of them) for this event are yet to be worked out, but check the "Coast" competitions for some idea of how exciting this event will be!

All of this will take a lot of planning - prior registration will again be required this year and there will be no novice competition. If you want to compete in the nationals get your competition experience before this October. We will need at least 45 judges for these dual line events. Please send in your pre-registration forms early and indicate your willingness to help. (Dual line registration forms will be mailed to you with your convention registration confirmation.) It is possible to compete and be a judge in dual line. Get a front row seat and help others compete!

Mike Keating

1988 National Dual Line Competition



This is the first call for judges in stunt kite competition. Please send in your name etc. as well as your main area of interest.

Mike Keating 2283 Bristol Rd. Columbus, OH 43221

TWO STRING WORLD

Welcome to the second installment of our new column just for 2-string pilots. What's happening and what's done.

The season got off to a ripping start with the **Hawaii Challenge**, traditional start to the competition season, held at Queen Kapiolani Park in Honolulu last March 12-13. The best of the local island flyers were joined by some of the top open-class pilots from the mainland.

In the Unlimited Freestyle Competition, (called "Creativity" by the local organizers), **Mal Moore** really flew the wings off the rest of the field. His routine can best be described as a solo flyer/kite duet that told the story of a Soviet ice skater and the old "girl meets boy - girl loses boy to conflicting ideologies - girl defects and gets boy back - girl and boy skate off into an Ice Capades sunset with American flags emblazoned on their costumes" routine.

Intelligent music choices, a variety of styles in technique and hardware, active interaction on the field, and a light enough wind to play to the crowd gave **Mal** the opportunity. He gave back a great performance and received a well-deserved win.

Events like "Creativity" and Innovative Free Flight" at the upcoming **Wildwood III** provide an excellent showcase for the newest techniques on stretching the performance envelope in stunt kiting. One flyer stretching hardest is **Lee Sedgewick**, who flew his 4-line control stunter almost continuously throughout the Hawaii event. The man gets his hours in, doesn't he?

The **Peter Powell Clown Team** got the most media coverage. They were hilarious, falling all over each other, and generally looking like they were on the edge of may-

hem. It was all an act, wasn't it guys?

Sue Taft (Mrs. Lee Sedgewick?) probably had the most fun.. rooming in the men's dorm. They were gentlemen the entire time, and saw to her every need? "Mr. & Mrs." **Merry** (Ray & Jeannie) were also there with the flexi-limbo and excited flyers in the middle of the field. They and the **Gramkowskis**, **Eric & Dorothy Wolfe**, **Sedgewick and Taft**, **Top of the Line**, **Action Kites**, and **Peter Powell's Bill Baker** built a beautiful camp of wing and sails under the trees lining the flying field.

Unfortunately, the winds didn't show on Sunday and the Team Ballet was cancelled. Even with that, a great time was had by all, and we received a wonderful preview of what the expect in 1989. (NOTE: discussions are underway to hold stunter competitions at **Sandy Beach**, leaving **Kapiolani Park** for the daily Kite Show. Possibly hold the stunt finals at the park.)

Another group made the trek to **Tasmania** for the **Big Do Down Under**. While all this was going on, the **Gulf Coast Stunt Kite Championships** were held near Galveston, Texas. A phone call late at night... muttering about big kites and how they pull... but refusing to name names, has been the only word I've had of any possible survivors. Does anyone have next-of-kin down there? Heard from them lately?

Dave Checkley's renowned "Tunnel of Love-Far East Kite Tour '88" will also include some stunter demos to wow the crowds. I wouldn't be surprised to see Japanese stunter pilots entered in the Hawaii '89 Nationals.

Scheveningen International Kite Festival held in Holland, June 18-19; and **Fano**, Denmark, the same weekend (although it starts the week before); **Cervia**, Italy, June 22-26; and **Labruguire**, France, July 1-3, all expect to host stunter events and demonstrations. Interested? **Michael Stelzer** at "Vom Winde Verweht",

Eisenacher Strasse 81, 1000 Berline 62, West Germany, is the mad genius planning a tour to include them all.

North Coast Stunt Games... July 4 weekend... **Maumee Bay State Park...** more to follow.

More coming up on the **West Coast** with the regional competitions at San Francisco's Marina Green on **Father's Day June 18-19**. Novice and Intermediate Stunter Competitions will be held Saturday, and Comprehensive Events and demo on Sunday. Contact "The Kitemakers of San Francisco" (415) 956-3181 or 800-328-KITE (outside of California).

Northwest Regional Stunter Competitions are planned for the third week of August at the **Long Beach (WA) Kite Frenzy**. More facts on the W.S.I.K.F. are available from 1-800-451-2540 (outside WA), 1-800-451-2542 (inside).

So, enough for this time. Let's hear from some of the rest of your flyers out there. Don't forget the photos.

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Publisher, **Daniel Prentice**, has been heavily involved with the American kite world for the last 14 years. He was vice president of the first AKA board of directors in 1978, and is the owner of **Shanti Kite Spools**. He has this to say about the new magazine:

"*American Kite* is a magazine about people: kiteflyers, kite builders, and people who are just kite curious. It is written to attract the interest of novice flyers as well as to inform "insiders" about their friends around the country. We'll do this by focussing on kite events and festivals as well as individual interviews. This is a hobbyist magazine, not a trade journal."

"For instance, in our first issue we have an article on the Ft. Worden retreat near Seattle. In this article we have interviews with **George Peters**, **Joel Scholz**, and **Leland Toy**. We also have articles on stunt kites; one from the 1988 Hawaii Challenge and another on equipment. There's an exciting pictorial essay on this year's Smithsonian as well as columns on Kite People and coming events."

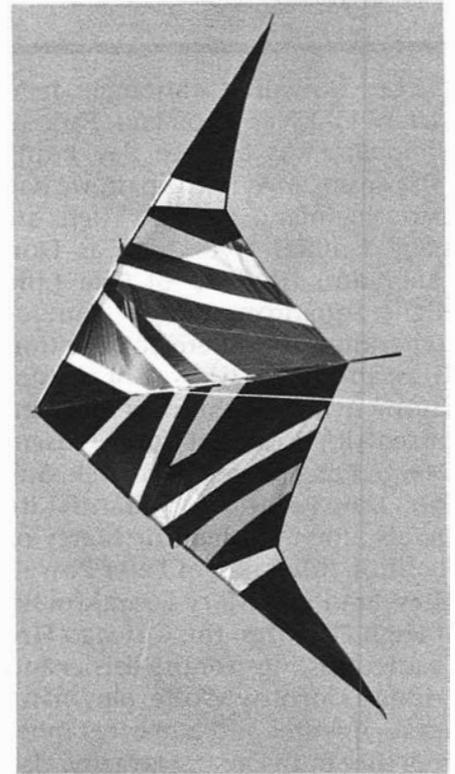
"Probably one of the most exciting articles in this issue is an interview with America's #1 Kite Personality. We'll let you guess who that is."

When asked about *American Kite's* coverage of AKA news, Daniel had this to say:

"We're very concerned about the AKA. From our point of view this year's convention in Chicago is the most important kiting event of 1988. We intend to cover it as well as other AKA sponsored events. But we don't intend to cover AKA news as *Kiting* does. We're not going to report Association business and we're not going to have loads of technical information such as kite plans. We'll refer our readers to *Kiting* for that."

Anyone interested in subscribing to *American Kite* can send \$10.00 for a one year subscription (\$18.00 for two years) to the address below. If you're not absolutely delighted with the first issue, they say you can cancel your subscription and receive a full refund.

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About This Issue

Welcome to the new look of *Kiting*! Guess you've noticed the May issue has been slow getting off the ground. After receiving a box of 'stuff' from who-knows-where--the format is done and here it is! Please send input to: 75 Holly Park Circle SF, CA 94110 Patrice McFadden Publisher



HAWAII CHALLENGE

The Hawaii Challenge, held March 11-13 at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu, was a three day kiting extravaganza. As in the past, we had many mainland guests. There are many familiar faces such as Don Tabor and the Top of The Line Flight Squadron, Randy Tom of Hyperkites, John Peresse of Action Kites, and Roger Chavez of Crystal Kites. A few of the new faces included AKA President Corey Jensen, George Peters, Lee Sedgewick, Sue Taft, Dan Prentice of Shanti Kite Spools, Ray and Jeannie Merry of Flexifoil, Bill Baker of Peter Powell Kites, Fran and Mary Gramkowski of High Fly Kites, the Chicago Fire Team consisting of Frank Feisler and Eric and Dorothy Wolfe, plus many more. A writer and a photographer from the Smithsonian Magazine also were there as were the last four National Stunt Kite Champions - Ron Reich, Lee Sedgewick, Robert Loera, and Randy Tom.

Friday started off with the "Kite Carnival" which was truly a fun and enjoyable day. The weather and wind were beautiful. Fantastic aerial displays graced the sky. Corey's huge "farm on a string" consisting of a pink pig, carrot, ear of corn and a whale were a hit. Robert Loera of Kite Fantasy flew his 100 square foot "Aloha" parafoil which lifted several huge tails and his 252 sq. ft. flow form lifted a 90' spinner owned by Alan Nagao. Crystal Kites lofted some unusual creations such as an elaborate palm tree. Many other beautiful kites also colored the sky. All three TV stations and both newspapers were there. All were impressed with the awesome displays and the entertaining demonstrations provided by the manufacturers present as well as the many talented fliers. Peter Powell's team of clowns with clown kites ere a big hit as were Lee Sedgewick and Sue Taft's creative

stunts. In the afternoon some fun events were held such as blind folded flying (Ron Reich won) the partner event (won by Ron Reich and Corey Jensen) and single line kite fighting with glass coated line (won by local kitemaster Al Chang-first recipient of the Steve Edeiken award). That evening a delicious and plentiful potluck dinner took place as well as the most impressive night kite fly I've ever seen.

Saturday morning March 12th was the 21st Annual Oahu Kite Festival for single line kites which brought fliers of all ages. At noon the Royal Hawaiian Band played and the following exciting demonstrations took place. Top of The Line Flight Squadron team flying, Ray Merry with a 28 stack of Flexifoils, a 100 stack of Hyperkites flown by Randy Tom, Peter Powell's clown team, Elite Flight Team, and George Peters with his colorful sky riders and play sail.

Saturday afternoon the stunt kite events resumed with the Individual Creativity. This event originated in Hawaii last year in an attempt to incorporate both the flier and the kite as well as all the stunts and gimmicks. In other words, just about anything goes. This event was magnificent to watch! Malcom Moore of Honolulu took top honors with a routine to music which incorporated flying two kites simultaneously, flying with a stake, and switching kites. Sue Taft and Lee Sedgewick took second and third respectively, both with their line looped around a stake with their kites flying along side them. Ron Reich even flew three kites simultaneously! Individual Ballet to music finished up the day with a great turnout of talent and choice of music. Don Tabor placed first with a routine to "Peter and the Wolf".

Sunday, March 13th the Hawaii Challenge finished up with Individual Precision (Ron Reich 1st place open) and Team Precision

which was won by Top of The Line. Unfortunately our heavenly trade winds decided to take a break for the day (of course returning the next day) and like so many of the National events of the past the events went on in less than perfect conditions (light and variable winds). Due to the conditions the Team Ballet was cancelled.

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EXTENDED DISPUTE

ORIGINS OF THE KITE

Carl McAvey, claims 3000 B.C.
Charle Sotich, claims 2000 B.C.
Documented, definitive dates, no earlier than 2500 B.C.

UNTIL.....

From Carl McAvey, CSL

"A friend of mind, a kiteologist named Kankakee Jones, came across some pottery pictures in a little known Egyptian book (The Egyptian Book of the Almost-Dead). The pictures clearly depict ancient, royal figures, carved almost 5,000 years ago, flying Egyptians! These documented artifacts prove that kite flying has been around for a long time." (See documentation on below.)



HOOKED ON KITING

One might believe that my enthusiastic, macho husband has flown kites all of his life, but, he has only become addicted since the Black Ships Festival, two years ago.

I am the kiteflier. Truly, I cannot remember a time in my life when I did not have a kite in my possession. It was such a time as this when we went camping in our motor home seven years ago at Jamestown. I asked Richard to hold my line as I needed to go into the camper for a tail. He was reluctant, grumbling: "It makes me feel like a fool—hurry before someone sees me holding on to this dumb thing."

Then we visited our son, who lives in Warwick, R.I. There, one

evening, we read in the paper that there was going to be a Kite Flight at Newport, and all were invited to participate. "I want to go!" I yelled.

"You would!" friend husband chided. "But if it will make you happy, I'll take you."

WELL! That was a historical event! We were both thrilled with what we saw, what we heard, and we became enchanted. It was there that we learned about AKA, and KiteLines. We saw kites, the likes of which we had never seen, and witnessed love and cooperation of fellow kites that we had never shared in any other organization. We were hooked on Kiting.

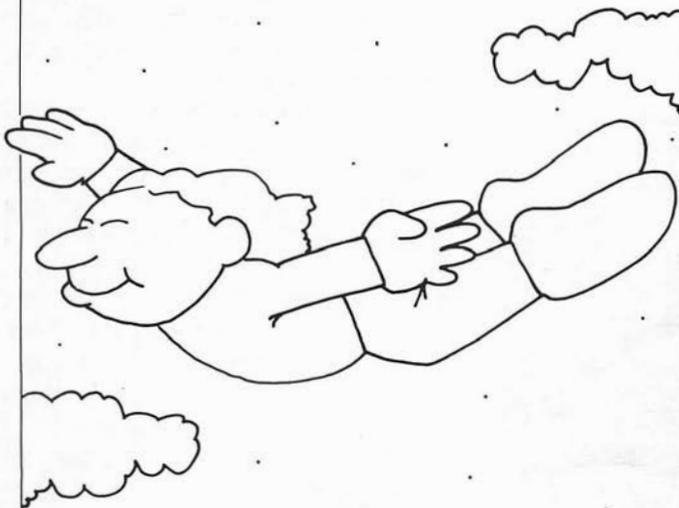
Since that magic moment, we have acquired about sixty kites, which we fly with gusto. Richard flies stunts as if he were born into the sport, and has plans of competing whenever

and wherever we attend a flight. Not only that, we have begun recording special events by video, so that others may share our pleasures, and they do. We have friends who often ask us to bring along our videos of kiting events so that their guests can see what fun we have in our new addiction. In planning our vacations now, they center around kiteflying, and we have bought a new motor home, naming it FERRIS' KITEMOBILE, and have equipped it to carry our kites and related equipment.

We are delighted to be members of AKA, and feel as if we have been a part of its fellowship forever. **Long Live Kiting!**

by Bess Ferris

Transcendent.

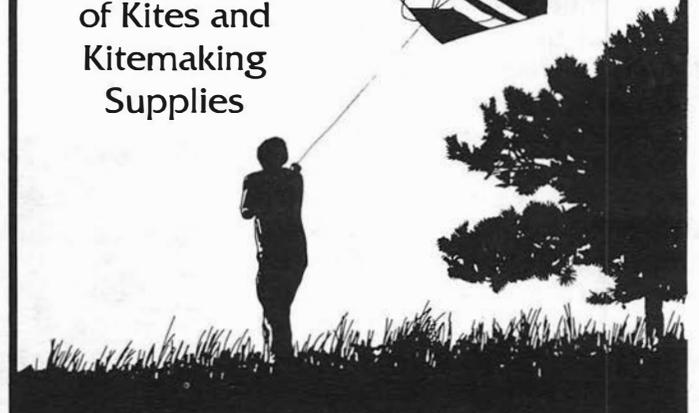


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Kiters in New England have too many choices. The Northampton Kite Flyers Association have a monthly fly in Amherst, MA. Contact Dorothea Szabo at (413)586-6141. Over in Newbury port, MA they fly in Maudslay State Park. Contact Richard Boisvert at (617) 388-3412. For the "tony" set at Hyannisport, the Cape Cod Kiteflyers monthly fly is held at Craigville Beach. Contact Peter Berzofsky at (617) 524-7263. When in "Bean Town", Boston Kite Flyers hold their monthly meet at Lars Anderson Park. Contact Marty Sasaki at (617) 524-2111. WMJX Family Festival on July 23 will be held at the Kennedy Library in Boston. Contact Don McCasland at Kites of Boston (617) 742-1455.

"Black Ships Festival" will be July 16-17. Brenton Point Park, Newport, RI. Contact Tom Casselman at (401) 683-4880, or Tony Bisbano at (401) 683-1742. Volunteers are needed at many of these events as well as participants. If you're tired of wondering what's going on...joining in and help with the confusion.

6th Annual Rogallo Kite Festival...June 11, 1988. Nag's Head, NC. Competition for stunt kites, June 18 is also the Society's regular meeting. Contact Lois DeBolt at (317) 584-4131.

The North Coast Stunt Kite Games on July 4th will be like no other stunt kite event you have ever

homebuilts, and kid's kites. Free kitemaking workshop for children. Fun for everyone. Contact Kitty Hawk Kites: (919) 441-4124.

Moving out into America's heartland, the Chicago Skyliners are still lighting the way with regular flies at Cricket Hill and Ned Brown Woods. Their next Big Fun is Sky Circus '88 on June 11, Arvey Field in Grant Park. Contact Al Hargus III at (312) 545-9572, or John Karel at (312) 627-7648. The whole area is gearing up for what promises to be the best convention ever the end of September.

Hoosier Kitefliers Society hold regular meets too. May 22, in Evansville, IN at the Angels Mound State Memorial. The opening of Summit Lake State Park on May 28 will be celebrated with a memorial kitefly to Dave DeBolt. Info: 1-800-622-4931. Airfest '88 in Anderson, Indiana on



Blind Man Kite Fly!!

been to. Held in Toledo, Ohio at Maumee Bay State Park. Contests, camping, companionship of other fliers, and FUN. The contests are designed to be easy to participate in (no lines or practice needed). Here are a few already scheduled events: Blind Flying, Partners Event, Godzill's Revenge or William Tell and many more! Contact Al Hargus III (312) 545-9572 (Region 7), Fred Bell (614) 488-6220 (Region 6) and Uncle Wilbert (419) 537-7036 (Toledo Area).

Bulletin: Black Swamp Air Force in Toledo Ohio has two (2) good fields...Secor Park and Carter Park. Contact the group at 537-7036 or 382-5460.

July 30th weekend...Canton, Ohio...Hall of Fame Fly...Organizers are hoping to make this a regular, national fly...Care to joining the effort?

Dropping down to the Gulf Coast, we've received numerous rumblings from both sides. From Corpus Christi and Galveston, on the Texas Gulf Coast, to St. Petersburg and Ft. Meyers in Florida. No phone numbers yet, we need a Regional Director's report.

Swinging way out west, we find the typical *laissez faire* attitude about kiting...lots of it going on, but not much written down. San Diego area flyers are to be found on the beaches and parks surrounding the bay. Los Angeles flyers hang at the Santa Monica Pier, and just south of there at Navy St. beach most every weekend. Contact Gloria Lugo at "Let's Fly a Kite" in Marina del Rey.

Elevated Kitefliers Assoc. of Northern California fly regularly at Salmon Creek Beach at Bodega Bay, Scott's Creek just north of Santa Cruz, Del Monte Beach in Monterey, Berkeley Marina, Coyote Point near San Jose, Shoreline Park in Sunnyvale, in Palo Alto, and Marina Green in San Francisco.

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THE STEVE EDEIKEN MEMORIAL AWARD

The **Steve Edeiken Memorial Award** is presented every year at the AKA Annual Convention. Nominations are now open for the 1988 award.

The award honors Steve Edeiken and those kitefliers who most closely approach his character. The resolution establishing the award notes that "Steve Edeiken was amongst the best loved, most respected and most active members of the AKA." It states further than "whereas, Steve Edeiken died in a tragic kiting accident on September 24, 1983...the award will be presented at the Annual Convention of the AKA to a person who will be selected and announced as 'the Kiteflier of the Year.'"

Nominating Candidates

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

AKA Regional Directors and presidents of official AKA Affiliate Clubs are asked to consider people who might be candidates for this award and to process nominations for candidates with the best qualifications.

Candidates should be informed that they have been nominated for the award and asked to help assemble the information to be submitted as well as verify the accuracy of all information to be submitted. Please limit the biographical information for each nomination to no more than three 8 1/2 x 11 pages, with no more than one additional page of photos and/or bibliography of media coverage about and articles written by the candidate.

Qualifications

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

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

a) people in general but particularly kitefliers

b) kiting in general but particularly kite craftsmanship and technical developments

c) communication in general but particularly leadership and participation

The following information must accompany each nomination:

- personal data—candidates' name, address, telephone number, and if possible, photograph suitable for media use

- leadership examples—include positions held in AKA < positions held in other kite organizations, participation in activities related to kiting

- interpersonal qualities—candidates should be helpful to others, considerate of others, liked and known by others in the AKA/kiting world

- communications—nominees should have contributed articles/kite plans to AKA News/Kiting and other publications

- educational activities—participation in providing, organizing or consulting in kite workshops, lectures, exhibits, demonstrations, or classes

- craftsmanship—list outstanding kites/kite equipment the candidate has made or invented in the past 12 months and his/her lifetime; also list aeronautical, quality and safety features and innovations introduced by the candidate.

The Award

According to the resolution, "The recipient will be presented with a traveling trophy, to be in possession of the recipient for one year, being returned to AKA in time for the next annual convention. The trophy will be inscribed with the name of each recipient, there being provision for at least 20 names thereon. The recipient will also receive a suitable plaque which will remain permanently in possession of the recipient."

Selection

A Selection Committee will weigh the nominations, using a formula of 75% for nominee's activities during the past 12 months and 25% for all past activities mentioned in each nomination.

There are seven Selection Committee members: Cindy Edeiken and the current presidents and two most recent past presidents of AKA and The Kite Trade Association.

Schedule/Deadlines

All nominations must be in the hands of the Selection Committee by As soon as possible after that, the committee chairperson will mail copies of each nomination to each member. Each member will rank the candidates in order of preference, using 1 for highest, etc. These rankings will be returned to the chairman no later than **September 21, 1988**. The chairman will total the scores and determine the candidate with the lowest total score, which equals the highest rating. That person shall be the recipient of the 1988 Steve Edeiken Memorial Award.

The winner will be notified and disclosed by official announcement at the 1988 Annual Convention banquet, October 2.

The resolution establishing this award further states that "It is to be understood that it is not necessary that this award be conferred in any year, if it be the judgment of the Selection Committee that there has not been a person nominated who meets the standards for this award."

Send nominations as soon as possible to:

Steve Edeiken Memorial Award
Margo Brown, Chairperson
6636 Kirkley Avenue
McLean, VA 22101.



CALENDAR OF KITE EVENTS

June

- 5 2nd Annual Kite Klassic,**
Blair Field, Huntington Beach, PA
Contact Pam Kane 814/643-5121
- 11 Sky Circus 88'**
Arvey Field, Chicago, Illinois
Contact John Karel 312/627-7648
- 11 6th Annual Rogallo Kite Festival**
Nag's Head, North Carolina
Contact Kitty Hawk Kites 919/441-4124
- 11 3rd Annual Red, White & Blue**
12 Kite Festival Agate Beach, OR
Contact Catch The Wind 503/994-3070
- 12 Ned Brown Woods Carnival**
Ned Brown Woods, IL
Contact CSL
- 18 Pic-a-Patch Kites, 3rd Annual**
19 Festival
West Port, Virginia
Contact Richard or Jeri 206/268-0877
- 19 16th Annual Fathers' Day Kite Festival**
Marina Green, San Francisco
Contact The Kitemakers at
415/956-3181 or 800/328-KITE
- 30 St. Paul Winter Carnival**
Lake Phalen, St. Paul, Minnesota
Contact Jim Oglund 612/476-2061



1987 West Coast Nationals

July

- 1- North Coast Stunt Kite Games**
3 Ned Brown Woods, Schaumburg, Illinois
Contact Al Hargus III 312/545-9572 or
Eric Wolf 312/327-6814
- 16 Tenth Annual Wright Kite Festival**
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina
Contact: Kite Kingdom (919) 441-6235
- 16 The Monterey Vineyard Kite Festival**
Ned Brown Woods, Schaumburg, Illinois
Contact Stanton Hobby at 312/283-6446 or
The Kitemakers at 415/956-3181
or 800-328-KITE

Black Ships Festival
Newport, Rhode Island
No date as of publication

Kite Aerial Photography Worldwide Association Centennial
LaBrugiere, France
No date as of publication

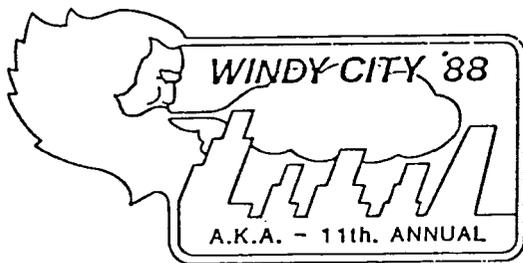
August

- 27- Midwest Novice Stunt Kite**
28 Championship Ned Brown Woods,
Schaumburg, Illinois
Contact Al Hargus 312/545-9572 or
Eric Wolf 312/327-6814

Farm Fly
Rockford, Illinois
No date as of publication

Kite Fly
Toronto, Canada
No date as of publication

2nd Annual Kite Festival
Ontario Science Center
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Contact 416/429-4100
No date as of publication



THE GANG SEZ.....

AKA CONVENTION - Windy City '88

By Jim M. Miller, Convention Chairman

Mark your calendar! The Chicagoland Sky Liners are eagerly awaiting your attendance at the biggest and best AKA Convention ever! The dates are Wednesday, September 28 through Sunday, October 2. All the stuff you need to know follows - and if we forgot something give me a holler at (312) 642-8692.

Membership status - While people who are not AKA members will be permitted to attend the 1988 convention, remember that the event is primarily for members of the association. Check your membership status - only AKA members may vote in the Wednesday night Annual Business Meeting and compete in the kite competitions.

Full registration required - Everyone who attends the convention activities (business meeting, competitions, food functions, fly market, workshops) must be registered. This includes spouses, friends and guests.

Guest meals - If your Aunt Tillie lives in Chicago and wants to come to the Saturday night Banquet, fine. Guest dinners may be purchased at the registration table - \$25 for Friday night, \$30 for Saturday night.

Accommodations - Convention headquarters will be the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois, about 20 miles northwest of Chicago. The Hyatt has a block of 200 rooms reserved for the convention, but reservations must be received by the hotel no later than September 14, 1988. Room rates start at \$59 per night. A hotel reservation form is included in this issue; mail it directly to the hotel. Maps to the hotel (if you are driving) or transportation instructions (if you are flying) will be mailed to you with your convention registration confirmation.

The flying fields - Unocal Corporation has graciously consented to let us use the beautifully manicured grounds of their midwestern headquarters as our flying fields. The flying fields are within walking distance from the hotel;

however, volunteer shuttle service will also be provided. Very limited parking will be available in the Unocal employees parking lot.

Registration and fees - The special early registration fee for the 1988 convention is \$90. After August 15, the fee will be \$110. Save money - get it in early!! The registration form is included in this issue, so don't delay - do it today! The registration fee includes admission to all convention events, box lunches on the flying field Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the official Windy City '88 patch, dinner Friday night, the Saturday night Banquet and entertainment, and all the other expenses associated with running the convention.

Fly Market - Although the KTA trade show will not be with us this year, KTA members, AKA kite and accessory makers, and other retailers of kites and equipment are all invited to exhibit and sell their wares at the 1988 Fly Market. The Fly Market will be set up in the hotel banquet room Thursday and Friday. There will be three prices for booth space: AKA affiliated clubs - \$20. Small part-time manufacturers of kites or kiting equipment - \$40. All other wholesalers or retailers - \$100. (The \$40 fee is designed for small and possibly new starting manufacturers who cannot afford the full fee. A small manufacturer is defined as one who had less than \$5000 of gross sales in 1987.) Reserve your space by sending a check to the Fly Market Chairman, Joe Stanton, 4735 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Space is limited, so early reservation is suggested.

National competitions - Articles on the National competitions appear elsewhere in this issue. Questions on the competitions should be directed to their respective Event Coordinators: Dual Line - Mike Keating (614) 451-4870; Fighter Kites - Bruce Jarvie (313) 399-2785; and Comprehensives - Jack Van Gilder (206) 938-0550 or Charlie Sotich (312) 735-1353. The member's choice event will be for best handcrafted kite and kite accessory (no manufacturer's categories this year). Those wishing to be considered for member's choice must set up their kites in the designated area outside the banquet room at 4:30 PM Saturday.

Optional tours - We hope you might want to spend some time touring our fair city -- we have magnificent museums, and the diversity and scope of architecture in Chicago is without parallel in the United States. We have made arrangements with a tour company to offer some very reasonably priced tours of the city and its museums on Sunday, October 2. The tours will start from the hotel at noon or 1 PM and the bus will drop you off at O'Hare Airport at 4:30 PM (if you are flying) or back at the hotel around 5 PM (if you are driving). Details will be included with the registration confirmation package.

Giant Rokakku Battle and other nonsense - This year we will have a multi-round, judged Rokakku battle! Bring your rokakku and participate in "one of the most useless activities known to man." If the Rainbow Warriors or Mama-sans want to show their stuff, they're going to have to get in there and mix it up with the rest of us! No special privileges at Windy City '88! Other crazy challenges are described later in this article -- if you don't participate, you're not having fun!

WINDY CITY '88 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 - 5:00	Registration
11:00 - 5:00	Auction Receiving
1:00 - 5:00	Dual Line Competition
1:00 - 5:00	Workshops/Seminars
2:00 - 2:45	Field Seminar
5:15 - 6:30	Welcome Cocktail Party
8:00 - 10:00	Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, September 29

8:00 - 9:30	Fly Market Set-Up
9:00 - 11:30	Registration
9:00 - 11:30	Auction Receiving
9:00 - 5:00	Dual Line Competition
9:00 - 10:30	Committee Meetings
9:00 - 5:00	Workshops/Seminars
10:00 - 12:00	Fly Market
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 6:00	Fly Market
2:00 - 5:00	Registration
2:00 - 5:00	Auction Receiving
8:00 - 9:00	Costume Challenge
9:00 - ?	Night Fly

Friday, September 30

9:00 - 11:00	Registration
9:00 - 12:00	Auction Receiving
9:00 - 5:00	Dual Line Competition
9:00 - 12:00	Fly Market
9:00 - 12:00	Workshops/Seminars
10:00 - 12:00	Silent Auction Set-Up

Friday, September 30 (cont'd)

12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
12:00 - 2:00	Club Challenge
1:00 - 4:00	Comprehensive Competition
5:30 - 6:45	Cocktails, Silent Auction, Cash & Carry Sales
6:45 - 8:00	Buffet Dinner (& Silent Auction Continues)
8:00 - 12:00	Live Auction Madness

Saturday, October 1

10:00 - 12:00	Fighter Kite Finals
10:00 - 2:00	Comprehensive Competition
1:00 - 3:00	Godzilla Challenge
3:00 - 4:00	Rokakku Battle
4:30 - 6:00	Member's Choice Set-Up
6:30 - 7:30	Cocktail Party - Vote for Member's Choice
7:30 - 1:00	Banquet - Awards Entertainment

Sunday, October 2

12:00 - 5:00	Optional Tours of Chicago
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Godzilla Challenge

By Eric Wolff

To our knowledge, this year's Godzilla Challenge is the first stunt kite challenge at an AKA annual convention. The challenge combines all of the excitement of the fifteenth century Swiss legend of William Tell with the artistry of a cheap Japanese Sci-Fi movie. Just the sort of thing to appeal to the more genteel dual line flyers among us.

The rules are simple: Just knock an apple off of Godzilla's head with either the kite or the line, without touching Godzilla. The most hits in the allotted number of passes wins. Trophies/prizes commensurate with the seriousness of the event.

Costume Challenge

Sponsored by

Elmer "Pizza Man" Vanden
Al "Flexifrog" Hargus

CAN YOU OUTDRESS THE WEIRD COSTUME FREAKS OF THE MIDWEST?? Kite and costume to match? Outrageous Costume? Weird Wardrobe?

PRIZES! Everyone who enters will walk away with something???? (Possibly one of the sponsors . . .)

Thursday night, the best (or worst??) dressed of the AKA will gather in the hotel for the Great Costume Judging. Participants will be judged on originality, frivolity, inventiveness, and sheer weirdness of costume.

What?? Too shy to dress up for the judging??

The costume challenge judging will be followed by the Grand Masquerade Ball and Halloween Night Fly (otherwise known as the Night Fly). Costumes aren't mandatory, but you may feel left out if you don't at least wear mask or funny nose. (It's dark, no one will see, no one will know, so let yourself go and DRESS UP!)

UNMASKING AND CHALLENGE AWARDS AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT IF YOU DARE!!

The Club Challenge

By Al Hargus III

The Chicagoland Sky Liners challenge all kite clubs to put on a "show" to entertain the spectators. Any type of kites can be used, in any combination. Single line kites, stunt kites, trains, big, small, and any accessories the club may need to put on an impressive "show" -- teamwork is emphasized. (Matter of fact - if your club can put on "Best Show" without kites, then so be it!)

Rules:

1. Any kite club attending the 1988 AKA convention with more than four "Card Carrying" members may enter (we may check those cards!!)

2. Any number of club members may participate, but the minimum number is four.

3. A public address system will be made available to the clubs during their show.

4. Clubs must put on their show in the designated roped off area at the designated time. Maximum time limit is 15 minutes. "Showtimes" will be drawn by lot just prior to the start of the event.

5. Judging for Best Show will be by three "Very Important Kitefliers" and will be based completely on subjective criteria.

6. The Club prize will not be disclosed at this time, but it will be usable by ALL of the winning club members.

The Club Challenge will take place on the main flying field on Windy City '88 on Friday, September 20 at High Noon. Meet and try to beat CSL at their own game. (Schedule and time of event subject to change pending final field event schedule.) For further information contact CSL Prez John Karel (312) 627-7648 or Al Hargus (312) 545-9572.

The Great Kite Auction '88 by Pat Daly

Announcing this year's theme -

"Chicago Style"

On the serious side, Chicago is noted for outstanding architecture, world class museums, hot jazz, deep dish pizza, and political color.

On the frivolous side, the Sky Liners are noted for . . . clowns and costumes (some say eccentric dressers), Fabulous Flexifoil flying, draggin' and Dragons. Weirdos, winners, Wizards and Wind Bags. Gossips, Godzilla and Gangsters. Get the idea? Give us your version of Chicago Style.

Don't forget the kite Fleamarket. We don't mean to "bug" you, we just want good bargains and affordable kite related items. Gently used kites, kite building materials, gizzies, toys, anything to get your more modest monies \$\$\$.

Sign up early for the most raucous riotous convention volunteer job, the Mystery Box field auctioneers! If you are outgoing, outrageous or just out-in-left-field, this is your calling. No assemblage of one or more flyers will be safe from this mystery madness to get your money. Of course, other more sane and sedate jobs are available for the asking.

To volunteer for auction jobs contact:

Pat Daly
6200 N. Hoyne
Chicago, IL 60659
(312) 764-8432.

Send your auction donation(s) to:
AKA Auction
c/o Stanton Hobby Shop
4734 N. Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, IL 60630

Registering for Windy City '88 By Susan Mayer & Tom McCune

The forms for registering for both the convention and for the hotel can be found in this issue. A few words about registering.

Roommates: If you would like to share a hotel room with someone in order to save on expenses, but don't know anyone else who is going, check the item about the roommate list on the registration form. We will compile a list of all the people (and their phone numbers, of course) who check that space and mail a copy out to each person on the list so you all can get in touch with each other and work out the details. In order to be on the list, we must have your registration form by August 1; you will receive the list during the middle of August. If you want to be sure to have a room reserved, go ahead and register with the hotel. If you'd rather wait and find someone who has a room, that's OK, too. Due to time constraints, CSL will not be able to play "matchmaker"; that part is up to you.

Volunteering: Wait! Don't skip over this part too quickly; we need you! Anyway, helping out is a great way to meet people and feel like you're a part of things (well, you will be). Have a tidy streak in you? How about helping with field clean-up? Like to be "official"? We need help with scorekeeping and field safety. If you've been to any of the previous conventions, you know what delicious madness the auction is. Manning the registration and hospitality tables is the way to meet everyone. And, no, the registration & hospitality area will not (repeat, not) be stuck up in some isolated room somewhere - it'll be downstairs, right in the middle of where all the workshops and other craziness will be taking place. If you'd like to help, but are feeling flexible about it, check the last item (and earn our undying gratitude).

All those other questions: No, we're not nosy (except for Gertie, of course), but the more we know about your plans, the better we can anticipate and plan ahead to make the convention better for you.

That's it. The rest is self-explanatory. Tom McCune is in charge of advance registrations - questions should be directed to him at (312) 537-7066. Send the top form to us; the bottom form goes to the hotel. And we'll see you in the fall!

CALENDAR OF KITE EVENTS



2nd Annual West Coast Nationals

It was brought to our attention after the Hawaiian Stunt Festival in March, that there are many questions out there about the **2nd Annual West Coast Nationals**.

To reassure all of you:

1. YES, the event will happen on Labor Day Weekend.
2. YES, there will be \$10,000 in prize money.
3. YES, it will be on the San Francisco Marina Green (one of the country's most challenging flying sites!!).
4. YES, the banquet will be indoors (thank goodness!).
5. YES, we want all of you to come!!

Information sheets will be available by June 5th. Any-one wishing booklets before registration begins (July 1, 1988) may send \$2.00 to:

The Kitemakers
West Coast Nationals
590 Chestnut Street
San Francisco, CA 94133

*The McFaddens
The Kitemakers of San Francisco*

September

- 3-5 2nd Annual West Coast Stunt Kite Championships**
Marina Green, San Francisco
Contact The Kitemakers
415/956-3181 or 800-328-KITE
- 10 Annual Kite Fly**
Duxbury Beach, Massachusetts
Contact Dick Diozzi or Bob Cline
Fly By Night Kite Company
617/826-0555
- 17 Riverfront Kite Festival**
Harriet Island, Minnesota
- 24 Bethany Beach/Fenwick Island Kite Festival** Fenwick State Park on the beach
Contact Patsy Rankin
202/333-6849 or 302/539-4511, Kay Anderson 800-962-7873
- 24 10th Annual International Kite Fest**
- 25 'D' River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon**
Contact: Chamber of Commerce
(503) 994-3070
- 29- AKA 11th Annual Convention**
- 1 Schaumburg, Illinois**
Contact Jim Miller 312/642-8692

Mots Festival

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
No date as of publication

Dayton Air Force Base Fly

No date as of publication



KITEMAKING

THE ART AND THE SCIENCE

SLEDS IN A ROW

Tom Caldwell, that whimsical kiteflying and kite making judge, and his wife Moira attended our golden wedding anniversary last fall at my daughter's place in Monte Sereno. Tom brought a kite, naturally, to test the feeble air movements corner of the valley. Sad to say, there was not enough wind to loft his small parafoil. However, my market carry-out bag plastic sleds that I had brought along for the amusement of my numerous posterity in attendance flew quite well.

Tom was impressed, so I have him one of my beauties (I can make one in ten minutes). He later told me that the kite was the first he had got to fly from his house tucked on the lee side of the San Mateo hills. He also said that he had fastened two of them together, side by side, and that they flew better than one, and that he thought that he could manage three abreast.

I followed Tom's directions and also found that two were better than one using his swiftly nifty tandem bridle. I thought about three but decided to let the judge do it. I would go for broke or four. I finally made it. Here are the mechanics:

1'st

When the market clerk asks that per perennial question, "Paper or plastic?" Say, "Plastic." Or better yet, scrounge for some unused ones. You are advertising for them. New bags are easier to work with. Cut off the handle and the bottom of the bag just above the seam. Fig. 1. Spread out the bag, crease it through the center of the logo, and smooth the plastic both sides. I use my garage window for this as I can see through both sides for alignment and rinks. Transfer bag to aboard (corrugated paper makes a good board) and tack down (no wrinkles). Four or more kites can be done at one this way if care is taken. Fig. 2.

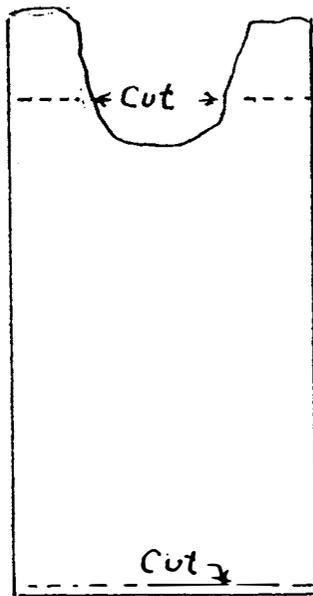


Fig. 1

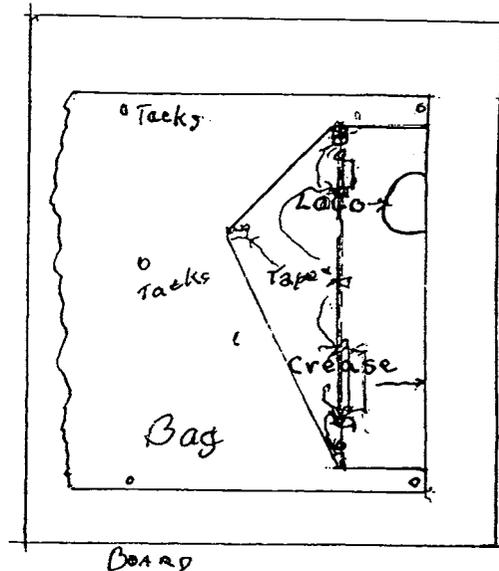


Fig. 2

2'nd

Cut a half pattern from cardboard or stiff paper as in Fig. 3.

Lay the center line edge of the pattern on the crease, (see Fig. 2) tack down, and cut around the pattern and cut out the vents with a sharp knife. Be sure to put tack holes on either end of the stick line for future reference.

3'rd

Spread out the kite and draw in stick lines with a ball point pen using the reference tack holes. Use matchstick bamboo from a bamboo blind, old or new. One blind will make kites for a whole crowd. Several kinds of tape work but perhaps the best for this kite is 3/4 inch masking tape. It's cheap. Lay a stick on the line (don't pre-cut for length). Slip 1/2" of a 1 1/2" length of tape under the plastic and press in place. See Fig. 4. Align stick to edge and fold tape over and press

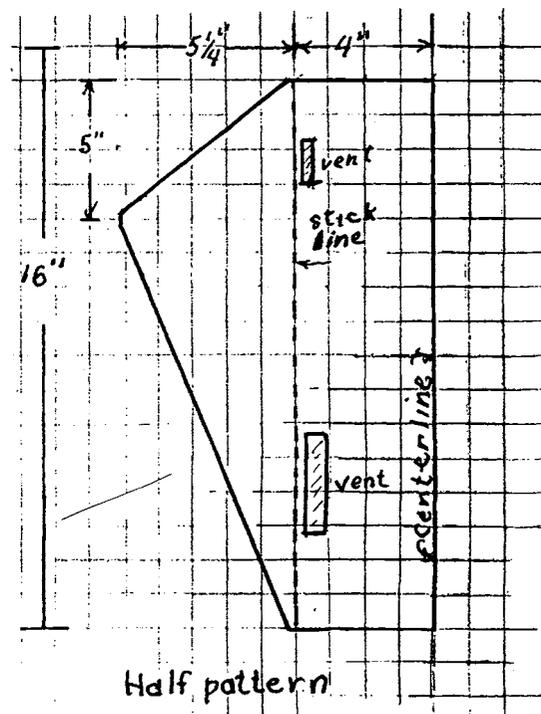


Fig. 3

in place to the stick and plastic. Trim other end of stick 1/32" longer than the plastic and tape the same way as the other. Do same with other stick. Apply 4 pieces of additional tape, 1/4" x 3/4" to each stick. Apply 2" lengths of tape to the fin corners in the same way as the stick ends, 1" under 1" over, only apply 2 pieces at each location. Lay fin ends together and punch bridle holes at the same time when in exact alignment.

4'th

The bridles should be about 2 feet long with adjustment features, you will need them. Loop the 4 foot string permanently in the center with an overhand loop. Tie the ends to the fins with a tent rope knot. (See your Boy Scout Manual.)

The rule of the sled states: when it veers to the right, shorten right, and vice versa. To get two abreast Tom added another bridle with adjustable knots and taped the inboard fins together as shown in Fig. 6. Remember, tape under the bottom fin as they lie one on top the other, and over the top fin.

5'th

To get four abreast I used 8 or 9 foot shrouds (wide kite) and taped them together as per Judge Tom Caldwell. Disaster! I then inserted a length of bamboo through holes punched through the tape just inboard of the sticks on the tops. Not much better. I inserted a stick through holes in the bottom in the same way. See Fig. 7. Success!!!! It flies better than one or two on 500 feet of taut 10# mono at an angle of 75° during lifts, and it looks cute with its identical logos and the kites jittinger on the cross sticks. Make stops by double tying cotton twine around tape.

When Tom shows his twins or triplets I'll raise him with my quads although he might call me with quintuplets or a whole litter. When two old gaffers mess around, anything can happen.

Neil Thorburn

(Editors Note: This will be the last sled kite plan for awhile. Thanks.)

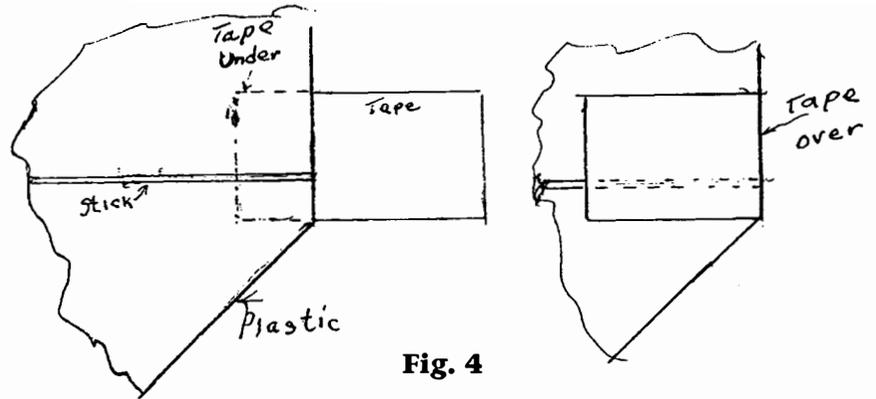


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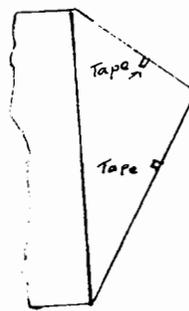


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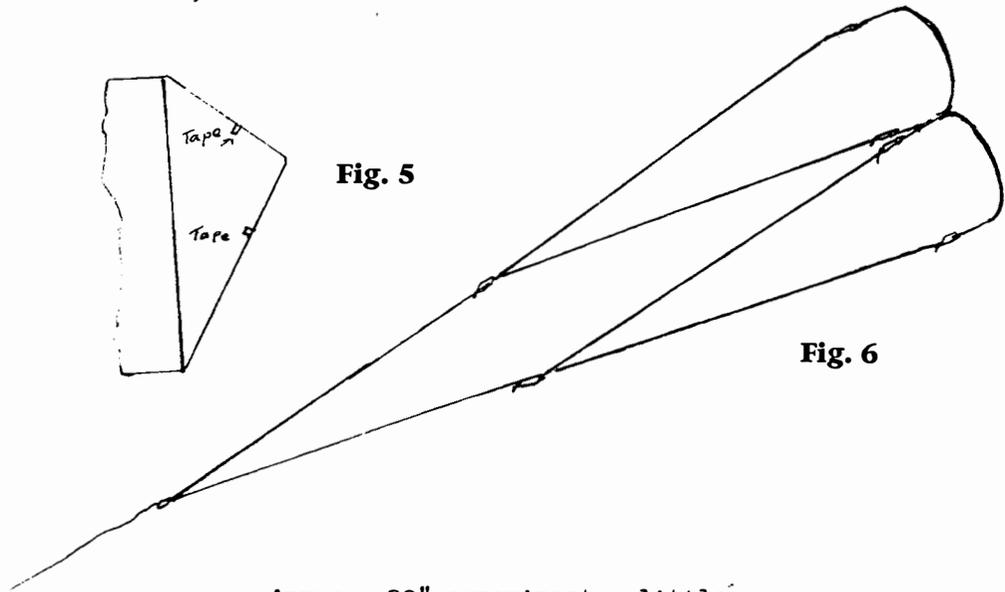


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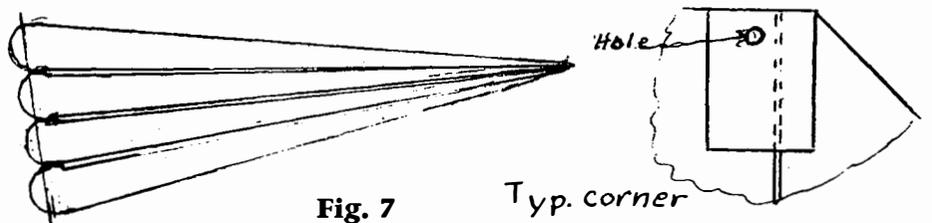
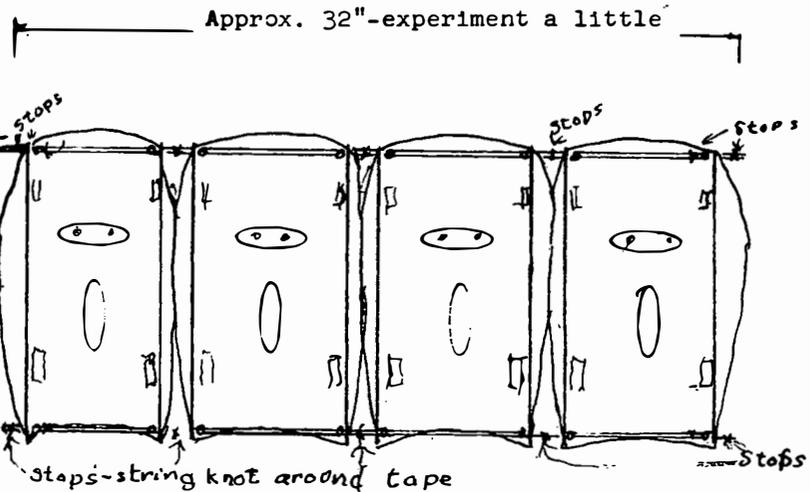


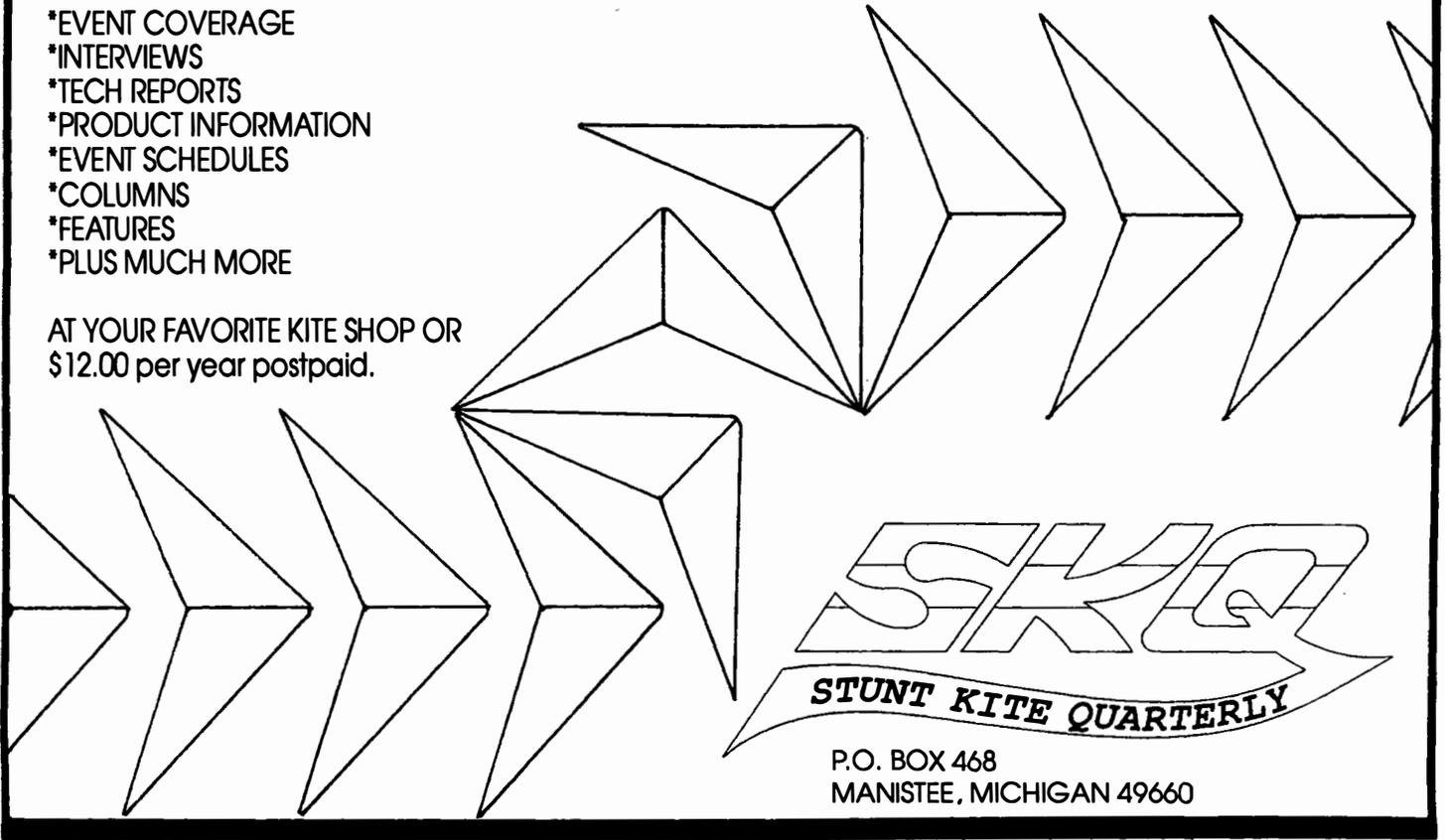
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Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

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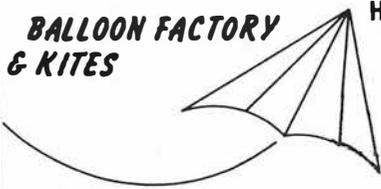
Robert Fulghum
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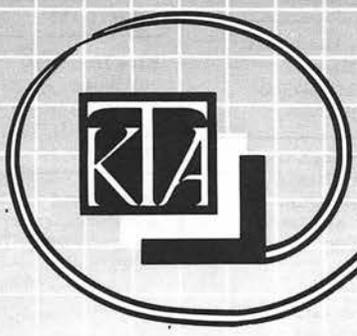
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Letters to The Editor

Dear Corey:

"The Steve Edeiken Memorial 'Kiteflier of the Year' Award" was set up during my presidency of the AKA, so it is dear to my heart. The first years there was much interest and many nominations. But not the last couple of years.

As all who attended the AKA Convention banquet know, I got up and scolded everyone for not making more nominations. I realize that it takes time and effort. But it is worth the effort to nominate someone you think is deserving.

I had been shocked to learn that only TWO (2!) nominations had been submitted for the second year in a row. So I asked around the attendees, seeking out ones I knew who had been nominated previously but who had not won. EVERYONE of them said that they were deeply honored that someone had thought enough of them and their efforts to go to the trouble of writing up a nomination.

That night, at the banquet, I pounded on the podium and announced that I was just a little bit angry. "This is RIDICULOUS! I see fifteen people seated out there who should have had their efforts rewarded with a nomination." — and named a few.

The rules were changed two years ago so that ANY AKA member can nominate ANYONE. The immediate Past President (Bob Price, this next year) will receive the nominations. He will photocopy all of them and send a copy of each to each of the seven voting members of the committee: Cindy Edeiken, this year's presidents of the AKA and Kite Trade Association, the immediate past presi-

dents and the second past presidents. Cindy is the only permanent member and has graciously done her duty these several years.

These voters then rate the nominees on a scale beginning at 1, on down. They are looking for facts, not flowery language. Now, if I come to Chicago in '88 and find TWO nominations again, you can expect to hear from me again!

John F. Van Gilder

To the Kite Mystic -

Talk about reprisals!! Talk about twisted minds, crazed mystical madmen and hot air Dragons!! Secret ceremonies, indeed!!

As the duly appointed Chairperson of the '88 AKA Convention Weather Committee, I am appalled by your unauthorized, unwelcome, blatant interference and general jibbering.

The "official" convention weather request was submitted two years in advance for: plus 70 degree, sunny, clear skies, with winds variable 10-15 MPH.

If for any reason this request is denied by Herself, consider your name to be Mystic Mudville and your neuro-axial pathways turned to Pabulum!

*Disrespectfully,
Mde. Booga-Booga, the Wind Bag
Chicago, Illinois*



*L to R Harriet, George & Duncan, Little Tyler-Front
Stuffed Dragon Society of the Midwest*

Dear El Presidente, Dirt Cheap Press T.E. O'Bear,

Regarding the cover photo credit in the first issue of 1988 of the American Kitefliers Association newsletter "KITING". There are many errors that accidentally occur in an all "VOLUNTEER" newsletter of this type. True the editor was a paid human, but not a kiteflier as such. (Though I agree that the editor who lives in the Washington area should have recognized that big concrete thing for what it was.) One must be careful of two things when one speaking up about human errors. First, they aren't intentional errors, big humans in the A.K.A. try very hard to make the ONLY national kite organization work they aren't perfect (they are only human after all!) but are doing the best they can. And second, you have no doubt heard the expression used by humans on occasion, "If you aren't part of the solution, you're part of the problem". Think about that one a bit. Remember too, that most humans aren't very smart and oft times show that they have less upstairs than our high quality saw dust, especially when they try to use us (stuffed animals of America) as spokesanimals.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND PATIENCE,

*Harriet, George, Duncan
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*Where It's At (continued)
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Assoc. Oregon Kiteflyers can usually be found on the beaches surrounding Florence, Newport, Lincoln City, Tillamook, Rockaway, Cannon Beach and Seaside. Not to say that the cities inland don't have their share.

Portland areas and Eugene both have active groups. Catch the Wind has two big flies coming this summer...3rd Annual Red, White, and Blue Kite Festival... June 11-12. 10th Annual International Kite Festival... September 24-25. Call for locations and information (503) 994-3070

Washington Kitefliers keep busy with many events year round, and good times are in the mix in their club. Weekly flies in the Seattle area at Gas Works Park on Lake Union and Magnuson Park or Lake Washington. Long Beach, WA hosts the GIANT W.S.I.K.F. the third week of August. Over 75,000 people from around the world attended last year. Make plans early. Info: 1-800-451-2540 (outside Washington); 1-800-451-2542 (inside Washington).

Corey Jensen

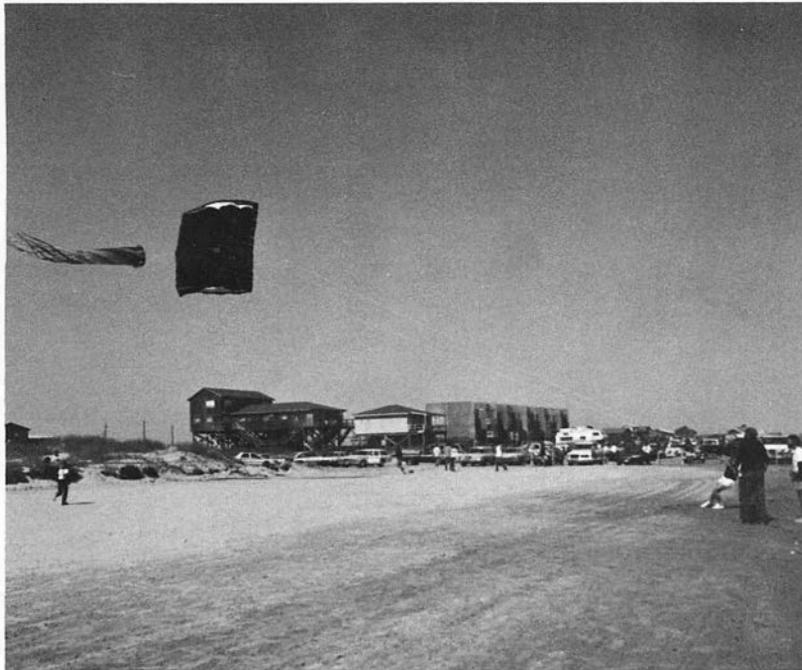
*Hawaii Challenge (continued)
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Sunday night, the awards banquet was held. An all-you-could-eat prime rib buffet was served. Beautiful trophies were awarded along with many fabulous prizes donated by kite manufacturers and stores. Overall, a good time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year for the **6th Annual Hawaii Challenge**.

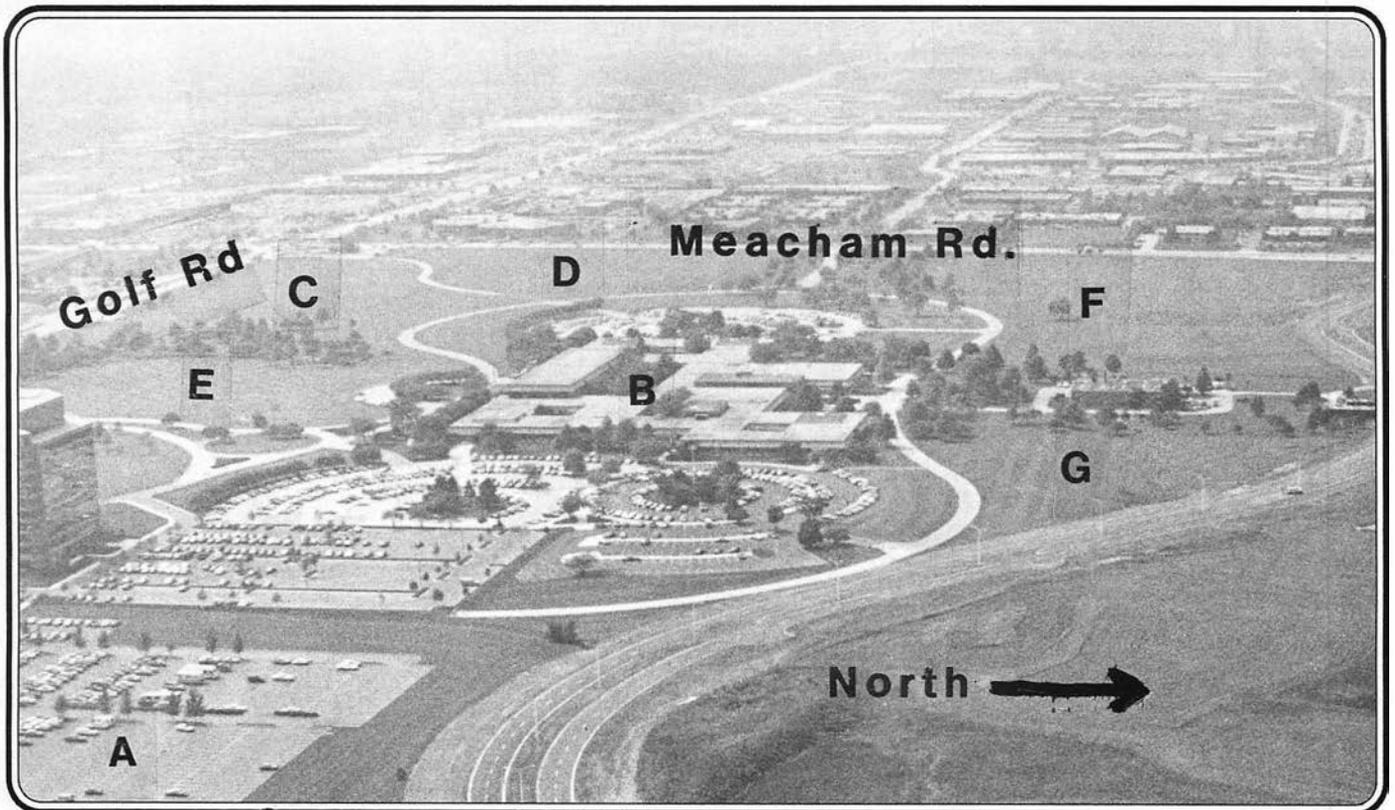
Barbara Skaggs

**SCORES - HAWAII CHALLENGE (Continued)
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<u>Creativity</u>		<u>Ballet</u>	
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Sue Taft	244	Lee Sedgewick	282
Lee Sedgewick	244	Rick Roberts	278
Ron Reich	243	Ron Reich	275
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Bill Baker	186	Malcom Moore	261
Robbi Sugarman	152	Eric Wolff	260
Michael Moskowitz	97	Robbi Sugarman	259
		Ted Driver	254
		Dorothy Wolff	235
		Frank Fieseler	188
		Roger Chavez II	105
		Sue Galban	85
<u>Individual Precision</u>			
<u>Novice</u>		<u>Open</u>	
Scott Aughenbaugh	216.7'	Ron Reich	286
Richard Peck	211.5	Eric Wolff	257.16
Chuck Matthiesen	205	Romeo Collado	253.5
Norman Krantz	195.4	Malcolm Moore	247
Jon Cannella	194.5	Don Tabor	242.8
Brian Hirose	189.3	Frank Fieseler	233.5
Dean Sullivan III	88.4	Alan Nagao	225.6
Richard Ito	184.3	Randy Tom	225.5
Gary Kanaya	181.1	Stan Mullikin	207
Ted Driver III	176.5	Eric Streed	206.8
Ann Wolley	169.4	Lee Sedgewick	204.3
Bill Prall	158	Ian Esposito	194.8
		Sue Taft	194
		John Perusse	182
		Richard Van Mechelen	175.5
		Ted Driver	146.2
<u>Experienced</u>		<u>BlindFolded</u>	
Rick Roberts	245	Ron Reich	52
Ken Peterson	242	Alan Nagao	48
Don Schramm	237	John Perusse	45
Jensen Leong	236	Richard Van Mechelen	43
Skip Parks	223	Scott Aughenbaugh	42
		Ted Driver II	40
		Lee Sedgewick	37
		Ted Driver III	32
		Chuck Matthiesen	32
		Ken Peterson	31
<u>Couples</u>		<u>Team Precision</u>	
Ron Reich/Corey Jensen	48	Ron Reich/Corey Jensen	48
Sue Taft/Lee Sedgewick	35	Sue Taft/Lee Sedgewick	35
Alan Nagao/S. Aughenbaugh	32	A Nagao/S. Aughenbaugh	32
Ted Driver/Ted Driver	28	Ted Driver/Ted Driver	28



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