



Kiting

The Journal of the American Kitefliers Association

16th Annual Convention — Oregon '93 — Promises Great Workshops, Contest Games & More!

Plans are in full swing for the AKA's encore performance at Seaside, Oregon to be held Wednesday, October 13 through Sunday, October 17. Do we have workshops! You will need to read the program carefully to make your personal selections from the substantial number of offerings. Workshop coordinator Don McCasland has put together a menu twice the size of prior conventions. Starting on Wednesday, there will be about six workshops a day.

& Clark Room from 7-9 pm, hosted by the Associated Oregon Kitefliers (no host bar).

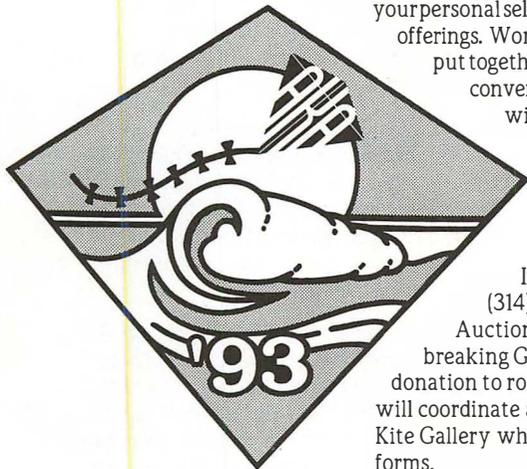
A definite highlight will be competitions for comprehensive kitemaking on Thursday and sport kites on Friday. (Novice and Intermediate events are scheduled for Wednesday.) Sport kite fliers must be prequalified. Check with Genny Forsberg at (503) 357-7557.

If you haven't been to Seaside, you're in for a treat! We fly right on the beach in front of our headquarters hotels which are just steps from the flying fields. The July issue of *Kiting* announced a new air service from Portland to Astoria on Empire Airlines. Unfortunately, this service has already been discontinued.

The flying fields will be a beehive of activity with emphasis on games and demonstrations. Be sure to check with Festivals & Competitions Chairman Al Hargus who will be the "traffic cop" coordinating the events and demos.

And, of course, the usual light-hearted fun "competitions" will be back again like our traditional Rokkaku Battle and a special Pin Challenge judged by Scott Skinner.

It'll be a great time. Hope to see you there! ◆



The Fly Market, always a convention favorite, will be held in larger quarters than in 1990. Fly Market coordinator Ron Lindner has just a few booths left.

If you want to be a vendor, call him at (314) 376-6065. Susan Gomberg and the

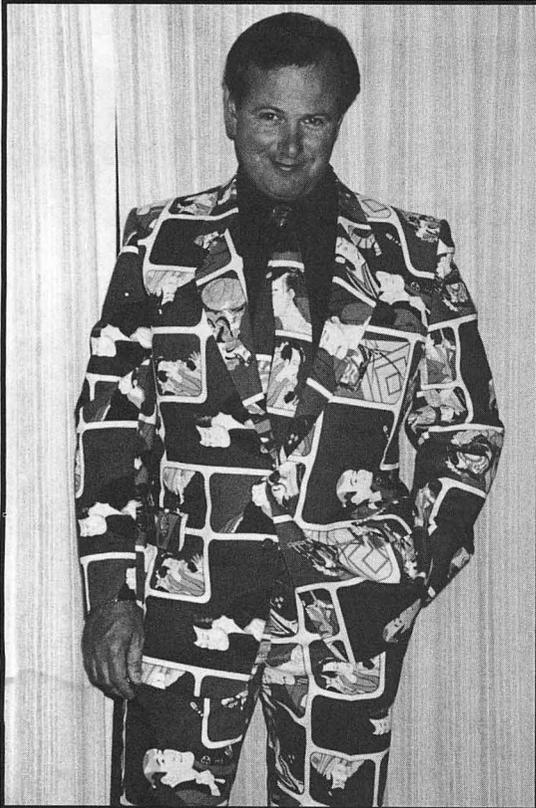
Auction Committee are planning a record-breaking Great Kite Auction, but we need your donation to round out the offerings. Carl Crowell will coordinate a new activity this year, the AKA Kite Gallery which will highlight kites as fine art forms.

An opening night reception will be held Tuesday evening (Oct. 12) at the Ocean View Resort in the Lewis

Seaside, Oregon



The President's Page



Dave fulfilled a pledge to the World Kite Museum at the 1991 convention to wear the "kite suit".

After three years as president, what bothers me the most about kiting? Personality conflicts, game playing, and the "politics" that distract us from accomplishing more. Here's an example:

This issue of *Kiting* contains a letter from Frank Kenisky which offers feedback on our Sport Kite Conferences. Actually, Frank sent us two letters. The first was an earlier version of the constructive piece on page 5. The second was a harsh criticism of the AKA which referred to us as elitist, undemocratic, and close-minded. Frank told me that if we didn't print his first letter, *American Kite Magazine* had promised to print the second.

I told Frank that his negotiating ploy was unnecessary. To my knowledge, *Kiting* has never refused to print a letter. A week later, however, he announced that *American Kite Magazine* (AKM) had asked him to submit the second letter anyway. An edited copy appeared last month titled "Irked at the AKA."

Is AKA elitist? I feel strongly that AKA is the reverse: open, with more member involvement and achievement than ever before.

Until I was elected, it was standard practice for a president to appoint an Executive Committee from his/her own geographical area to make all policy decisions. I changed that. Now the people you elect, regional directors, make all policy decisions in quarterly telephone conferences.

Anyone can run for the Board. In the upcoming election, every position on the ballot has at least two candidates, including President. [Editor's Note: Kenisky is running for RD in Region 8.] Policy proposals are created or reviewed by active committees and all Chairs are listed in *Kiting*. Suggestions from members are always welcome and they ARE considered.

The process isn't perfect, of course. *Kiting* is published every two months and the Board meets quarterly. Consequently, the timing of policy decisions and announcements is often awkward. A good example is the *International Sport Kite Competition Rules*. Ideally, we would discuss changes at the annual convention and have a new

book ready soon afterwards. But volunteers have competing priorities – like jobs and families. Some members want to move quickly; others want to wait, think things through, and implement changes "next season." The book always takes longer than expected to complete because it is democratically created.

So what is going on with *American Kite Magazine*? I have been asked this question over and over. I've not said much publicly because, to be honest, I had hoped our disagreements would fade away over time and we would begin to get along better. But even the possibility that AKM has encouraged letters critical of the AKA, suggests this has not happened. At the risk of dredging up old news, I feel it is time to address this question head on.

In the Spring of 1991, AKM publisher Daniel Prentice wrote the AKA Board asking us to adopt the following statement:

The AKA recognizes the AKM standings as its official national standings and we recommend that these standings be used as a basis for prequalifying fliers (for the Convention), when such a basis is needed.

The issue was placed on the Board agenda, an opinion survey was distributed, and comments from members were encouraged. The survey produced a disappointing response (230 out of more than 3800); 50% supported the proposal. We also received numerous letters, mostly in opposition, some of which were sent by competitors of AKM and its related businesses.

Faced with this controversial and divisive question, the Board voted unanimously, with one abstention, "not to recognize any national stunt kite circuit sponsored by a for-profit entity." They felt that to do otherwise might jeopardize our non-profit association status or give one group of members preferential treatment at the expense of others. I did not vote, but I believe the Board made the right decision, and possibly the only one they could.

In the following months, AKM dropped free ads which encouraged readers to join the AKA. I was removed from the World Cup Committee after traveling to England (at my own expense) to attend the meeting. The AKA Convention lost its premier status on the AKM circuit, and later, derogatory comments about me personally were printed in the magazine ("Gomberg should have a conference call with himself").

AKA made mistakes as well. Even as a brand new president, I could have handled the original issue more smoothly. Problems were compounded when our Sport Kite Committee decided to implement the new Pairs category mid-way through the AKM competition season. And more recently, the AKA Conferences have been perceived (improperly I believe), as a threat to the AKM circuit. To our credit, we have sent advanced notice of all proposals and rule changes to the magazine. But there is still lingering resentment from the supporters of AKM.

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TRLBY WORLD RECORD SET!

At the "Great Trlbys Fly-N" on Saturday, July 24, after the rain stopped and the wind picked up, I launched a stack of 48 Trlbys with the help of strongman Mike Blake used as a body anchor. After a few loops and dives with the wind constant at 9 mph, we added another 32 Trlbys for a total of 80. We also added two more body anchors, Clint Blake and Jay Schollmeyer.

This was a test. With the wind still at 9 mph, I launched the 80, with lots of power they flew great with no loops or dives. With the wind holding at between 8-10 mph and the Trlbys well-tuned, I felt the time had come. Conditions were perfect. I had the crew and the space required to try what I had been waiting to do for the last few years.

While I added another 24 Trlbys to make a total of 104, the crew gathered the AKA members needed to witness and verify should this attempt be successful.

The first launch was a flop - caught some tails, kites didn't want to fly. The wind dropped to 7 mph, but picked up again to 9.5 mph in time for me and the six strongmen to launch the second time. After what seemed like 30 minutes, but was actually 5 minutes 18 seconds, I had completed the required time and maneuvers to successfully set a new world record for the number of Trlbys piloted by one individual! What a great feeling!

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who helped and supported this effort, especially Marie.

*Bill Storey
Seaside, OR*

President's Column (continued)

So how do we stop this nonsense? I want to say now, publicly, what I have already said privately. This ongoing friction between the publisher of *AKM* and the President of AKA is bad for the magazine, bad for the Association, and most certainly bad for kiting in general. It needs to stop!

How do we do that? Maybe, whenever you see anyone behaving unconstructively, you should give them a swift kick in the pants. Kiting will be better off if you do.

On a personal level, I feel the magazine has treated me and the AKA shabbily. I am certain that Daniel feels the same. Well Dan, I am willing to bury the hatchet if you are. Let's call it a tie and put a stop to the game.

I look forward to the day when all of us in the kiting movement are working together, helping each other, and enjoying ourselves more. We don't need these distractions. What we have in common is a special joy. That's what we should be focusing on.

Dan

COMPUTER TALK

I have been following some major discussions on the Internet newsgroup rec.kite. There are major players on these discussions and there are players like me! I know there are a lot more folks looking in than are playing because after my first comment on this newsgroup, I got responses from folks I have met over time as the chairperson of Edmond, OK, Kitefest.

I would like very much to have electronic or E-mail addresses posted with all the other info listed in the AKA directory. This could also save a lot of postage.

I will even start it myself. I can be reached (in order of my preference) at:

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wjon@okcforum.osrhe.edu (Internet) or,
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Thanks and good breezes to all!!

*Jon Wagner
Edmond, OK*

(Ed Note: We've already started to collect Internet addresses as you'll see in the enclosed directory.)

HARLEYS AND KITES

The Harley reunion was held on June 12, 1993 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There were over 62,000 Harley riders from all over the world. The County of Milwaukee saw over 100,000 Harley riders during the week-long event.

We flew the kites from an island just off the festival grounds and with an east wind, they flew directly over the grounds. We had an opportunity to speak with a lot of the people who came out to the island to get a better look and to share their thoughts about the kites. We found that a lot of the Harley riders were kitefliers. I was very proud to have been a part of this happening and to have brought kites to the 90th Harley-Davidson reunion.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to share these kites. Keep up the good work with *Kiting*. Peace.

*Brian W. Blaeske
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on Page 5.*

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Variable Winds (continued)

ANALYZING THE SYSTEM

It is time to comment on this year's AKA Conference Ranking System, in hopes that a fairer system can be implemented. At the last AKA Convention, the Board decided to restrict the amount of sport kite competition to one day at future conventions. A handful of individuals were appointed to create a simpler method of qualifying sport kite contestants to the convention. This method, the Conference Ranking System, was a sincere effort to rank competitors within the AKA, but it has serious flaws. The method did not withstand initial tests.

The current system is weighted towards larger events, those which historically, financially, and geographically are able to attract more contestants. All other events are competing on an equal basis within an unequal system. The ranking system provides points based on the number of contestants within a category at an event. The more contestants, the more ranking points can be earned within a conference, even though the larger events draw many contestants from other conferences. The ranking system takes a flyer's three highest scores, averages all other scores, and adds a point for each event in which the flyer participated.

In an analysis of the system, which I sent president Gomberg in December '92, I protested that such a method was unfair. One contestant could have had good, but not great, results at several large events and gain a higher ranking than another who won every time at several smaller events. In theory, an individual who scores 6th in a contest event with 20 pilots has done better than a contestant who scores first with 6 contestants. The logic of this is highly debatable.

The AKA Board voted to use the ranking system on a temporary basis. I feel it has been tested and does not work. Do not use it again. Discard it. Use common sense. I am recommending two alternatives – one for qualifying for nationals and another for ranking and recognizing fliers in each conference.

Qualifying: A percentage system which would allow each event to compete on an equal basis and allow all events to qualify contestants based on their performance at one event. I would suggest the top 30% with a maximum of three per event. Small events would need four contestants to qualify one, seven to qualify two, and ten or more to qualify three. This would accomplish the Board's goal of limiting the number of contestants at convention competitions and treat each event equally. If it resulted in too many contestants qualifying for a convention, a smaller percentage could be used. With a top 20% requirement, an event would need five contestants to qualify one, and fifteen or more for three.

Ranking: Ranking contestants within a conference is a rather touchy subject. The current system penalizes both the contestants who compete outside their conference area and those events which benefit from attracting contestants

outside the conference area. Why not use a ranking system to determine the best of the best throughout the regions? Even better, why not print the standings of the established Leagues and Conferences already in existence in the AKA newsletter? Ranking of this sort should not be used as a means of qualifying for convention competition.

In the last year, the AKA board has voted on several issues that affect the entire membership. Yet these issues were not disclosed to the membership until they were voted on. Is this democracy? I realize that some of these issues needed immediate action, but something which affects many individuals should not be decided upon because of time constraints. The ends do not justify the means. The hastily chosen Conference Ranking System tried to perform two functions and failed at both. Let's change it.

I have tried to communicate with many members of the AKA board and the Sport Kite Committee, but my proposals were either ignored or lost in the shuffle. I am therefore going to submit a motion to the annual membership meeting at the convention next month that the AKA adopt qualification ranking systems along the lines I have suggested. I will also submit a motion to limit sport kite competitions at the convention to the amount of time it takes for a competition with an equal number of contestants and events to run smoothly and efficiently, but not to exceed three days. I submit a motion to limit competition to Experienced and Master Classes only. I welcome comments, suggestions, and support.

(Portions of this letter appear in another letter which was sent to *American Kite Magazine*. I feel that this matter deserves the largest possible audience of kitefliers – both in and outside the AKA.) As a footnote, I would like to add that the AKA needs to be more receptive to ideas from its members. Without these new ideas, we can only grow old.

Frank Kenisky
Universal City, TX

RESPONSE FROM THE SPORT KITE COMMITTEE

Frank's original proposal to qualify the top 30% of contestants at an event was considered by the Sport Kite Committee and rejected because it required a minimum of four fliers per category for even one to qualify for the Grand Nationals.

Few conference events in 1993 had four Masters Class teams. Those that did were dominated by a handful of teams. Under the proposal, few events would be qualifiers and few contestants would qualify. Too little consideration was provided to small events.

The Committee recognized that larger events carry heavier weight in the current formula, but felt fliers should be expected to attend such events in order to rank highly in their conference.

The Conference System will be discussed during the Seaside Convention. Suggestions are welcome. [See related article on page 8.]

by Richard Dermer

Richard is Director for Region 9 and a past contributor to *Kiting*

World's Largest Kite?

A 6000 sq. ft. kite! "Is it the world's largest?" Several members called me after seeing the flight from Norman, Oklahoma shown on CNN. "Is it your kite?" some asked. "No, I said, "two AKA members - Wes Allee and Brian Power - from Broken Arrow, OK made it. I helped launch it though and would like to tell you about it."

"Big Buddy," as Wes and Brian call it, is the latest in a series of huge kites they have built for years known as "sky signs" in Tulsa, OK. Made of high density poly bags (all right, garbage bags), they are basically huge rectangles of plastic heat-sealed together, with short dowel rods taped to the sail on the leading edge at the base of parallel fins leading to a single-layer fan of bridle lines. Attendees at the Lubbock convention oohed and aahed over one of the "smaller" kites that Wes has patented and I flew - a 25x40, 1,000 sq. ft. American flag. The kite tied for first in "most innovative new design."

These builders were frustrated by the denial of their claim several years ago to the world's largest kite - a 10,000 sq. ft. they flew for 45 minutes. Since the AKA does not certify records, the most authoritative listings for years have been maintained by both Guinness and *Kite Lines* magazine. Both of these feel that the true test of "largest kite" should be its lifting surface area, excluding the tail. *Kite Lines*, recognizing the difficulty of comparing different types of kites, lists record-holding kites in several categories. Largest lifting surface, the 5952 sq. ft. Dutch parafoil; longest kite, the French "Craken" at 3394 ft. length; Bill Tyrrell's 1200 sq. ft. Eddy, 2000 sq. ft. Rokkaku and several others, and Jim Stipe's 3000 sq. ft. Delta. The largest box kite is apparently unclear.

I propose that Wes Allee's 60x100 ft. "Big Buddy" deserves some kind of record - either "largest sled derivative" or "largest kite flown by one person." I realize that only the

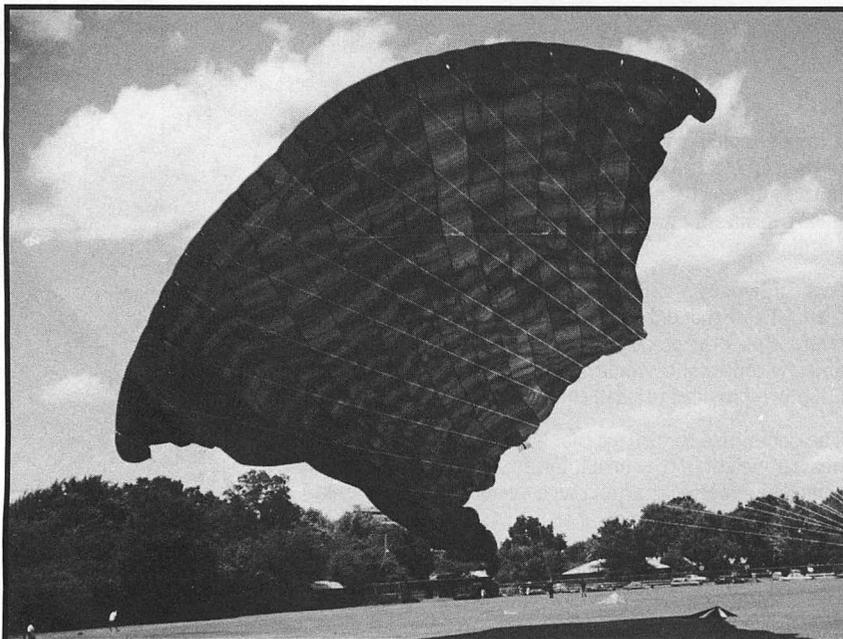
stiffened leading edge is "lifting surface," but it still blots out 6000 sq. ft. of sky! On July 10, Wes flew this kite unassisted (with back-up standing by) for eight minutes, then for another seven minutes with assistance until the line broke. It covered three backyards in the residential neighborhood where it landed downwind, fortunately causing no damage. The event was documented by three Oklahoma City TV stations, a University of Oklahoma video crew, and was shown on CNN on July 11.

While large kites are an incredible crowd pleaser at events, I must emphasize their inherent danger. The largest kite ever flown was the parafoil -14,000 sq. ft. - over twice the size of the current record holder that caused Steve Edeiken's tragic death in 1983. It was not submitted for a record.

Certain minimum safety precautions should be taken when flying extremely large kites. Bill Tyrell, probably the AKA's most experienced large kiteflier, suggests that a foolproof anchor point restricted from bystanders is a must. (Lots of folks want to feel the pull or hang from the line; don't let them.) Further safety features should include gloved line handlers, adequate line strength, a designated launching, flying, and landing area free of spectators (including downwind in case of line failure), and a knowledgeable team of launch assistants. Bob Anderson, owner of the world's largest spin sock, would add to that a means of getting the kite down. He runs a safety line parallel to the flying lines of his large Stratoscoops. To bring the kite down, he simply pulls on the safety line attached to the center of the foil which causes the kite to fold up and come down gently. Without such a precaution, large kitefliers may have to wait for either the wind to die or something to break - both undesirable options.

Flown safely, nothing compares to the spectacle of a giant kite flying in the sky. I will be bringing one of Wes and Brian's creations to the Seaside convention. I hope everyone will enjoy it as much as I do, watching the invisible waves of wind ripple through the sail like a mirror of the waves on the ocean.

Big Buddy.



J. Wagner

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Comprehensive Kitemaking At the Convention

The 1993 kitemaking competition at the 1993 Seaside Convention will feature some new but mostly familiar elements. Persons interested in competing in the kitemaking competition at Seaside should obtain a copy of AKA's *Rules and Guidelines for Comprehensive Kitemaking Competition*, compiled by the Comprehensive Kitemaking Committee in 1991.

The same competitive categories as before will be open for entry:

1. Flat or Bowed Kites
2. Delta Kites and Delta Derivatives
3. Cellular or Dimensional Kites
4. Soft and Semi-rigid Kites
5. Trains and Centipedes
6. Figure or Novelty Kites
7. Cooperative Kites
8. Stunt or Multiple-line Kites
9. Mixed Media Kites
10. Traditional Eastern Kites
11. Rokkaku Kites
12. Historical Reproductions of Western Kites

Besides these usual competition categories, special awards may be granted at the discretion of the judges. As before, if there are fewer than four contestants in any one of the above categories, the judges may decide that kites of that category may compete against kites of other low-entry categories in a "not designated" category. A new feature for 1993 is that if there are sufficient entries in category #12, separate awards will be given for traditional kites made with traditional materials and for traditional kites made with modern materials.

The basic rules of competition have not changed. These include:

- ✓ All competitors must be AKA members and Convention registrants.
- ✓ Only handmade kites may be entered.
- ✓ Competitors may enter as many kites as they wish (but only one per category).
- ✓ Kites or essentially identical copies of kites which have previously won awards at past AKA Conventions are not eligible for the 1993 Kitemaking Competition.

For further details and other rules, competitors are referred to the 1991 manual. The same judging criteria as before will be applied to all entrants. These are:

- Craftsmanship
- Structural kite design
- Kite flight/kite handling
- Aesthetic visual flight appeal

By Convention time, the Comprehensive Kitemaking Committee expects to have a new computerized scoring system in place. This system will provide detailed scoring information to competitors and spectators as well as streamlining the scoring process. It will also create a detailed scoring history for each Convention.

In order to implement the new scoring system, there may be changes in the AKA scoring method (pages 15 and 16 of the manual). These changes are under discussion and will be announced at a later date. Two major improvements will be that every flight-qualified kite will be scored and that those scores will be available to any interested party.

Judging procedures will follow previous Convention practices. The Kitemaking Competition will take place (weather permitting) on Thursday, October 14. Entrants in a particular competition category (Flat and Bowed, Rokkaku, etc.) will assemble on the competition field with their kites at a prearranged time. The kites will then be flown for the purposes of flight qualification and judging. **Only those kites meeting minimum flying standards will continue through the judging process.** In the event of an unusually large number of entries in a competitive category, only the best-flying kites in that category will continue through the judging. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the entire competition can be completed within one day.

At the 1993 Convention, the chief judge will be Jon Burkhardt.

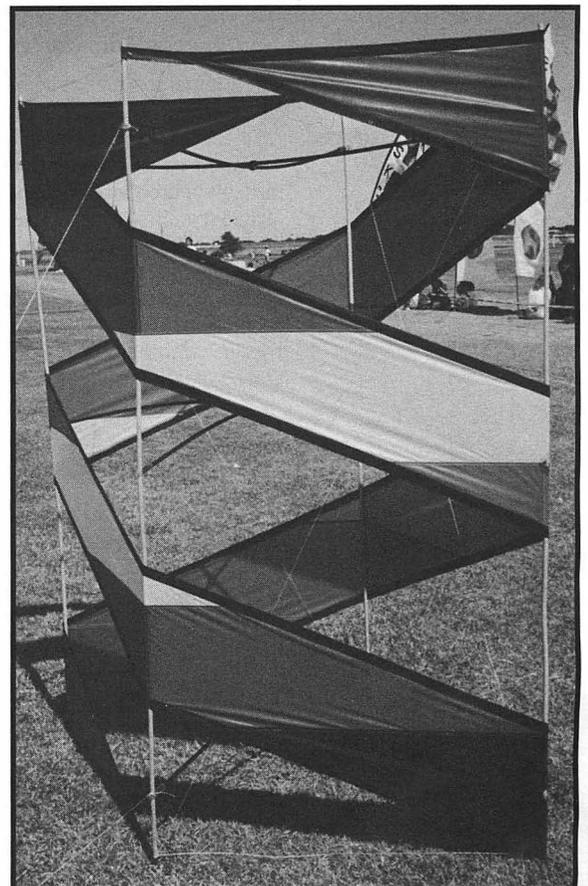
REMINDER! Our Committee will again assist in sponsoring "event flies" that showcase particular types of kites at different times during the Convention. This will be a repeat of the events scheduled last year in Lubbock, such as the "sky full of boxes," "sky full of foils," and "sky full of rocks (Rokkakus)," but with more advance notice this time.

Comments or questions concerning these matters should be directed to Jon Burkhardt, Chairman, Comprehensive Kitemaking Competitions Committee at (301) 424-6976.

Time to get those old sewing machines humming! Best of luck to everyone.

by Jon Burkhardt,
Comprehensive
Coordinator

A boxkite entered in last year's competition, made by Mike Teague.



AKA Competition Conferences Modified 'For 94

Members Asked for Ideas and Suggestions

In early 1993, AKA implemented a series of sport kite competition conferences. According to the Board of Directors, the conferences were designed to accomplish several broad goals:

1. Recognize and reward fliers at the local level.
2. Evaluate "cumulative" performance while limiting travel expenses required to compete on a national basis.
3. Qualify fliers for National Convention Competition.

It should also be stressed that the Conferences are intended to enhance opportunities for fliers and not to discourage participation in other leagues, circuits or individual events. AKA deliberately chose not to compete with existing national rankings. Similarly, there are many important reasons for attending events outside one particular conference.

The AKA Season was determined to be from August 1 to July 31 each year in order to provide timely invitations to the Fall convention. A trial process was announced for the first year with the intention of "fine tuning" conference policies for the 1993-94 competition season. Now that the first year has concluded, the Board has announced some of those adjustments and is encouraging members to comment on other questions and proposals.

Conference Boundaries

The original conference boundaries divided the country into three large sections: East, Central, and West. As the first season evolved, it became clear that travel from Houston to the Great Lakes or from Miami to Boston was still difficult or prohibitively expensive for contestants who lacked sponsors or had limited vacation time or travel budgets. The AKA Festivals and Competition Committee recommended that the three conferences be expanded to six to further reduce travel distances and better focus on local competition. This recommendation was adopted by the Board for the new season. The new conference names and boundaries using AKA's 1994 regions are:

Northeast	Regions 1 & 2
Southeast	Regions 3 & 4
Midwest	Regions 5 & 6
Central	Regions 7 & 8
Northwest	AK, ID, OR, WA
Pacific	Regions 11 & 12, AZ, NV, NM, UT

The Committee also decided to allow individuals to "declare" the conference of their choice rather than be limited to the one where they reside.

A \$1 fee per contestant which was scheduled to be applied in 1994 has been dropped.

Convention Competition

During the 1992 Annual Membership Meeting, there was a great deal of discussion regarding competition at the convention. Sport kite events were clearly popular and many members wanted to participate. However, the events require more than one staff person for every two contestants. Conventions could not recruit enough volunteers - particularly since those volunteers paid to attend the event and resisted the long, uncompensated work hours. The volume of sport kite contests also tended to dominate many other convention activities.

A "straw vote" at the Membership Meeting supported reducing competition to one day for sport kites and one day for kitemaking, with other days dedicated to demonstrations, games, and workshops. The Sport Kite Committee then determined that this could best be accomplished by eliminating qualifying heats at the convention and inviting the top five fliers in each conference category to advance directly to a "best-of-the-best" convention finale.

With the expansion of the three conferences to six, several options are available for the 1994 convention competition.

The top three fliers from each of six conferences can be invited so the system remains similar to what is presently in place with 18 qualifiers rather than the present 15.

Competition could be increased to two days. More fliers could be invited and heats expanded to over 20 contestants.

To satisfy volunteer demands, each contestant could be required to work one hour for each event they entered.

Another suggestion involves designating one large event in each Conference as "open" or "super" events. Points earned at these contests would count for every local Conference (e.g. fliers from San Francisco could earn Western Conference points at Wildwood or Great Lakes). The purpose of this change would be to support and encourage participation on a national level.

Members at the Annual Meeting will be invited to vote on these options. Those who cannot attend the convention are invited to send comments to the AKA President so they can be included in the discussion.

International Contestants

Since the conference system does not rank international contestants, a system was needed to consider international guests who desired to compete in convention events.

The AKA International Committee and International Liaisons were polled on this question and special meetings

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Conference Changes *(continued)*

were scheduled with Canadian fliers in particular. Based on recommendations from these groups, the Board has agreed that Liaisons from Europe, Asia, Canada, and the South Pacific will each be encouraged to "certify" one flier for every competition category. This could potentially add a maximum of four fliers per category. Certification will be based on the contestants performance at international events during the course of the year.

AKA Ranking Points

The conference point system developed by the Sport Kite Committee was intended to balance both larger and smaller events. The Committee wanted a system which objectively considered the number of fliers in a heat, rather than subjectively weighting differently events. The Committee also wanted every flier who competed to earn points rather than only the "winners".

The result was a formula which awarded points for each flier "beaten" but which limited the number of events which could be counted. The formula also rewarded contestants who competed regularly with "event points".

sum of top 3 + average of rest + 1 event point per contest

While the Festivals and Competition Committee feels that frequent, major changes in the scoring and qualification process are not necessarily constructive, they also recognize flaws in the current formula.

Because of scratches at an event, some heats may contain more fliers than others. Winners advancing to the finals may not earn the same number of points.

Large contests may produce so many points that they overwhelm other events in the conference. On the other hand, a flier might be reasonably expected to attend these bigger competitions if they wish to become a conference finalist. An examination of this issue may result in a ceiling being placed on the number of points one event can produce.

Members with specific concerns or suggestions regarding the scoring formula are encouraged to write the Festivals and Competition Committee. These specific issues will probably not be covered at the annual meeting since discussion there is intended to focus on broader policy issues rather than more focused details.

Conclusion

The AKA Conferences are still new and are far from perfect. They are a sincere effort to offer fair rewards and balance a number of concerns for contestants, officials, organizers, and non-contestants.

The process of governing the Conferences and developing Association policy is an open one. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, we urge you to contact your Regional Director or the appropriate AKA Committee.



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Power Flying Committee Report

by Dean Jordan,
Power Flying
Committee Chair

The AKA Board is currently reviewing recommendations that buggy events be sanctioned and insured by the AKA. A Power Flying meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning at the convention.

The following report is regarding two types of powerflying – intentional lifting and traction.

Definitions

Powerflying is the intentional use of a kite or kites to produce power for either lifting or traction. Traction kiting is the intentional use of a kite or kites for the purpose of locomotion. Lifting is the intentional use of a kite or kites to elevate oneself while being tethered.

Both lifting and traction pose their own risks and dangers, lifting more so than traction. Lifting is expensive and not catching on too well, so may be less of a future concern. For these reasons, we recommend that emphasis be placed on the many available forms of traction kiting. These include but are not limited to buggying, inline skates, grass skis, snow skis, ice skates, skate boards, snow boards, as well as dragging, hopping, or jumping. We also find that single kites are safer than multiple kites, and soft inflatable kites are the safest.

This report will address all types of power flying, but because of its increased popularity, buggying will be the main focus. Buggying can be done safely and in conjunction with all other kiteflying activities by using common sense guidelines and empowering event organizers and their safety directors with simple safety criteria.

Safety Gear

When powerflying, we strongly recommend the pilot wear shoes, gloves, helmet, elbow pads, and skateboard-type knee pads. The minimum safety gear for buggying at an AKA sanctioned event should be shoes, gloves, and helmet.

It is essential that the kite or kites be attached to the pilot with a positive release way or a dead-man system which allows the pilot to jettison the kite or kites.

Skills Test

While we strongly recommend that anyone interested in buggying or powerflying contact a qualified person for training, we have developed a test to determine whether a buggy pilot or powerflyer is under control. This test should be considered a minimum requirement for any participant in an AKA sanctioned event. It is designed primarily for buggy pilots,

but will cover other traction power flying as well and is recommended by over a dozen qualified, experienced buggy pilots.

Place two cones in a field at least 100 feet apart and have the pilot round both cones, stop and go on command. If a participant can not or will not do this, we submit that the pilot is not ready to participate in an AKA sanctioned event.

Field Restrictions

It is a good idea to designate an area for buggying, organizers should keep in mind that qualified buggy pilots can operate safely in confined areas.

If a field is to be designated for buggy or other traction kiting activities, consideration should be given to the downwind side because this is where loose kites or errant pilots end up. A field marshal should be in this area to keep spectators away and help pilots with mishaps. The upwind side of the field, however, is safe for bystanders to be close and enjoy the events.

Equipment

A few builders are constructing their own buggy craft. Pre-inspection of these craft would eliminate any unsafe engineering errors, such as a front fork (steering wheel) that rotates more than 160 degrees, rider Center of Gravity above rear axle height, improper construction, insufficient frame strength, etc.

In general, keeping equipment in good condition by constant and careful inspection is critical. Over engineering and selection play a crucial role. Event organizers should have the authority to red flag ANY equipment they deem unsafe.

Specific Recommendations

We recommend that buggying be sanctioned at AKA events and that buggy pilots be covered under the AKA insurance policy.

If this report is well-received by the Board, the Power Flying Task Force is prepared and would like to present additional, more specific information to them.

Contributors to this report include Corey Jensen, Jon Reinschreiber, Lee Sedgwick, Dan Schwenk, George Baskette, Dave Arnold, Steve Cseplo, Peter Lynn, Judy Neuger, Rob McDaniel, Eric Halverson, and Sherrie Arnold.

Bits of String Too Short To Save

If the Boy Scouts don't want a kiting merit badge, maybe someone should form a special kite youth organization. Actually, someone already has.

Young American Kitefliers is based in Colorado but hopes to form chapters across the USA. Monthly meetings will feature educational programs, kite making, and competitions. For more information, contact Olin Hardy, Suite 259, 2280 S Chambers Rd, Aurora, CO 80014-4528.

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Which Stunt Kite Line is Best — Kevlar or Spectra?

The best stunt kite line really depends on the application you intend for the line. As my grandfather used to say, "Proper tool for the job at hand." Always try to use the smallest diameter possible for the current wind conditions. Light winds, light line (50#-100# test). Heavy winds, heavy line (135#-300# test). Remember that the kite has to maneuver with the drag from both stunt lines. The smaller the diameter (less drag), the better. Longer lines seem to work better in lighter winds (getting higher to catch more wind). Shorter lines reduce the amount of time required to negotiate excessive pull in high winds and increase the kite speed across the sky.

How About Kevlar?

Kevlar is very strong for its diameter. Manufacturers claim that it is five times stronger than steel wire of the same diameter. Kevlar is abrasive resistant, that is, resistant to being cut by other lines, and is the least expensive advanced stunt kite line per foot. Generally, it has a smaller diameter than equivalent strengths of other stunt kite lines. In my personal flying experience, I have found that Kevlar will outlast any other stunt kite line when properly cared for. (I have Kevlar that is eight years old, used thousands of hours in the air, and is still going strong.)

However, Kevlar is very abrasive. If you plan to fly on a team or want to do 60 wraps to the left, Kevlar is NOT the line to use. Lately, it has received a very bad reputation as being dangerous. I believe this is possibly an advertising ploy by manufacturers of other stunt kite lines. I believe that Kevlar is no more dangerous than any other stunt kite line, but that certain stunt kite FLIERS are more dangerous than others. The improper use of Kevlar and not the Kevlar

itself has contributed to that bad reputation. Knots in Kevlar need to be sleeved to retain maximum strength. The No-Knot method is the best for maintaining almost 100% line strength.

How About Spectra?

Spectra (the name of the fiber) is marketed under several brand names such as Proline, Spyder line, and Top Shelf line. Each brand is similar in quality and expensive (per foot), so look for the best price or the one handled by your local kite retailer. Spectra is non-abrasive (very slippery) and is the perfect line for team stunt kite flying because the line moves easily across itself. I have witnessed four-person team double wraps at competitions, a maneuver virtually impossible with Kevlar. Spectra is so slippery, you must use sleeving to keep knots from slipping and to maintain line strength. Because of its very low melting point, Spectra is very prone to cutting from any other type of line or object. Even kid's cheap kite line or the wingtip of another stunt kite hit by your line in the air can cut almost any weight of Spectra. There is also what I call an "Elongation Factor." When you first use new Spectra, the line can stretch and will remain stretched up to one foot (per 150 ft. length) after heavy wind use. Some brands stretch more than others. Sometimes one-half of a 300 ft. spool is affected more than the other. I have found no way to "pre-stretch" Spectra, except to fly it in a good wind and check the lengths after each flight. Elongation ceases to be a problem after 5-6 hours of heavy wind flying.

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Kitemaking The Art and the Science

by Al Hargus, III

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Kitemaking (continued from page 11)

What About Dacron and Nylon?

Short and sweet here! If you are serious about stunt kite flying, dacron and nylon stretch too much to use with any high performance stunt kites. Nylon can stretch up to three feet over 150 ft. of line! Enough said.

Final Comments About "Dangerous" Stunt Kite Line

Some fliers claim that Kevlar is dangerous. ANY stunt kite line is dangerous under tension! From tests I have performed, I found that the diameter of the line, not the material itself, most often determines the cutting power of the line. This refers both to cutting other lines and, very importantly, to cutting people! As noted earlier, Spectra has a low melting point and can be cut by almost any other line. In reference to cutting people, 50# Spectra is more cutting than 300# Kevlar, and 7# Monofilament is more cutting than 50# Spectra. Never fly your stunt kite over people! Never knowingly cross any other kite line with yours unless you are urged to fly team with them, then check for line similarity.

In Conclusion

Kevlar is strong, durable, and inexpensive if you plan to fly alone. Spectra is durable but slippery; you must be careful. It is perfect for crowded fields and team flying. Each stunt kite line has its special application. Remember, "Proper tools for the job at hand." The best advice is to have several spools of each type and length of line in your kite bag so you can be prepared for any condition or situation.

THEM KITE JOCKEYS

by Vic Walton

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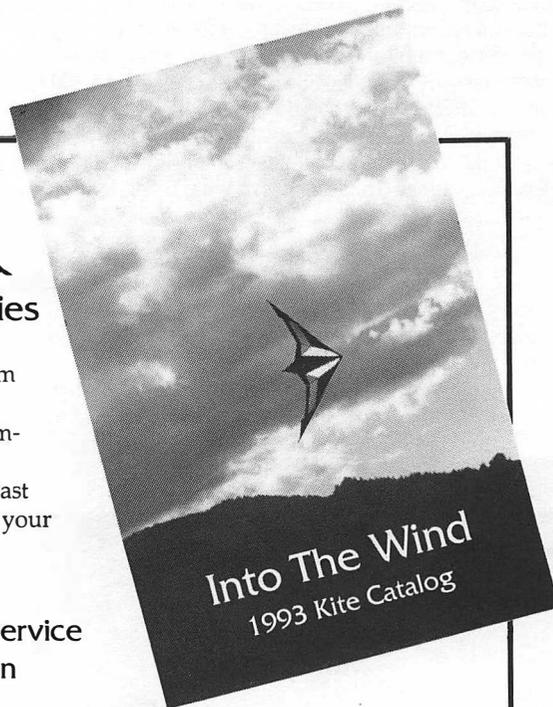
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Recommended Considerations Involving Displays at AKA-Sanctioned Kite Festivals

AKA has been asked to comment on commercial displays at sanctioned festivals. The following statement of recommendation was approved by the Board. Statement of AKA's Interests

For the general benefit of kiteflying and kitefliers, it is in AKA's best interests to

- support kite festivals around the country
- help make kite festivals as enjoyable as possible for participants and spectators; this includes supporting colorful displays and other visual delights
- promote good feelings among kitefliers, kite manufacturers, kite retailers, and event organizers by setting forth standard procedures and expectations regarding displays at kite festivals

Suggested Kite Festival Display Policies

While AKA does not require that kite festival organizers, retailers, manufacturers, or kitefliers adhere to particular kite festival display policies, AKA suggests that event organizers promote the following policies regarding the displays of banners, kites, and other decorative or advertising media at their festivals:

1. Festival organizers are encouraged to establish differing levels of event sponsorship under which major or primary sponsors would be given special recognition such as

prominent display locations, audio announcements, and printed acknowledgements; such recognition would not necessarily be given to other individuals or parties except the primary sponsors.

2. Retail operators and major kite manufacturers (defined as multi-employee operations) are encouraged to support festivals by at least modest financial contributions if they wish to display kites, banners, or other items at such festivals. This applies particularly to displays in which the name of the company or product is prominent.

3. Kite teams which are sponsored by retail operations or major kite manufacturers that wish to create visual displays for their sponsors, especially those that feature the name of the sponsor, are encouraged to make at least modest financial contributions to the festivals for allowing such displays.

4. Festival organizers are encouraged to support kite clubs and individual kitemakers by allowing them to display kites, banners, and other items at the festival at no cost.

5. Individuals or organizations who wish to sell kites or related items at kite festivals are encouraged to check in advance with event organizers regarding their plans for sales since sales may not be allowed at certain locations or events. Individuals or organizations who wish to sell kites or related items at kite festivals are encouraged to become sponsors of those events.

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- 11 **15th Annual Motts Memorial Kite Festival**
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- 11 ***7th Annual Flying Colors**
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- 11- ***Sandy Hook Stunt Kite Championships**
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- 11- ***Mid-American Sport Kite Classic**
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- 12 **Ben Franklin Kite Society Fun Fly**
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- 18 ***Clinton Kite Festival**
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- 18- **T.K.F. Annual Festival**
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- 19 **NHSPCA's Walk for Animals/Fly**
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- 19 **Rocky Mountain Buggy Challenge**
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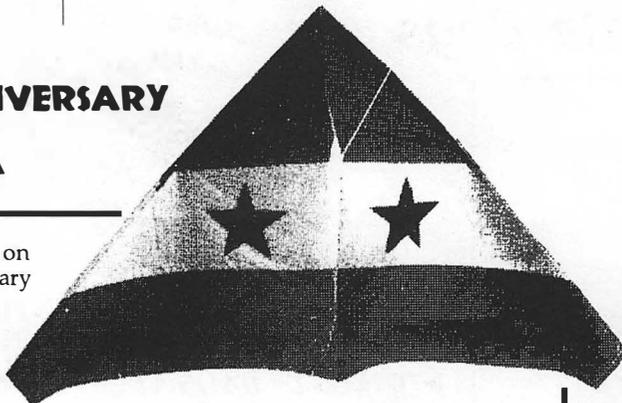
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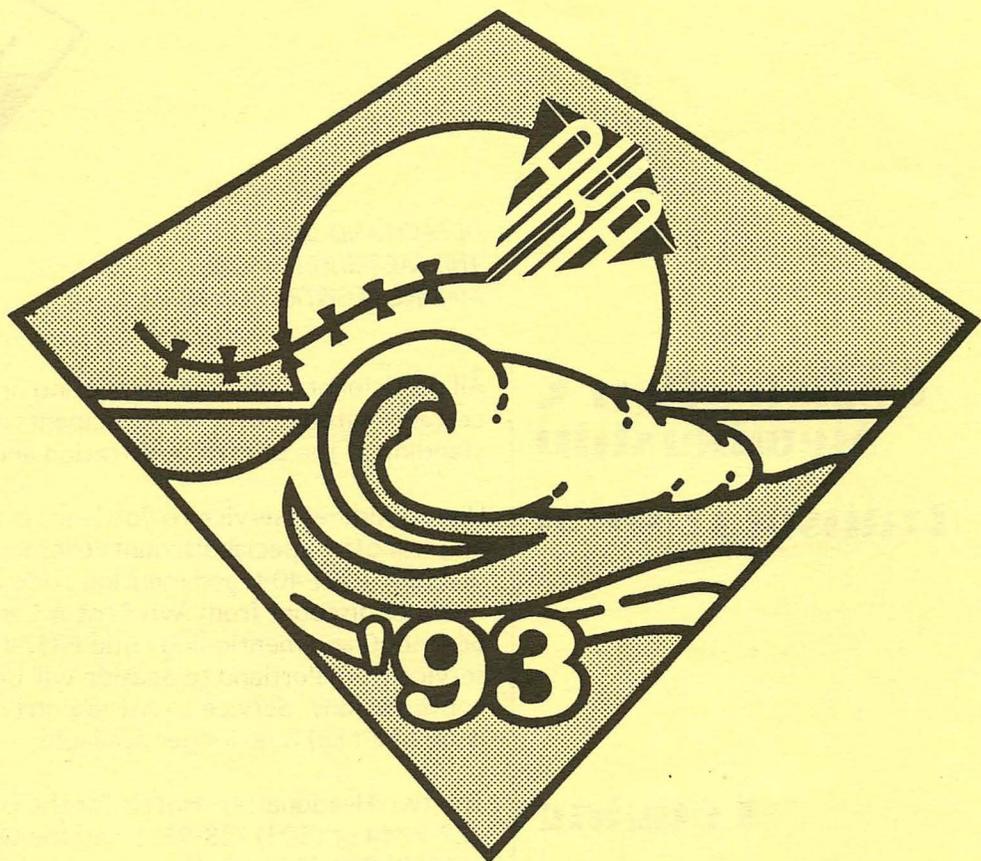
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- Awards banquet on Saturday evening.

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October · Kitevents

The World on a String

*AKA Sanctioned Event

The World Kite Museum has commissioned 13 expert kitemakers or teams from seven countries for an international world tour. The exhibit is currently at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, Washington through January 3, 1994 and will continue to the Orient and to Europe in 1995. The exhibition comes home to Long Beach in August of 1995. At that time, kites will be auctioned off for the benefit of the museum.

Kitemakers contributing are: Pete Dolphin, Eva & Chris Dunlop, Bob Mosier, Linda Jonston Murosako, José Sainz (US); Michael Alvares, Tony Wolfenden (Australia); Rolf Sturm (Germany); Wilma & Jan Fisher (Holland); Katsutaka Murooka (Japan); Michel Gressier (France); Steve Brockett and The Decorators (United Kingdom).

In addition to kites, the kitemakers have been asked to design a cloisonné pin related to their work to be sold in connection with the exhibition. Sale of these pins as well as other memorabilia, plus rental fees will generate income for the non-profit World Kite Museum.

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Recent Board Actions

by Brooks Leffler, Executive Director

Tuning & Tweaking Convention & Conference

Tuning of AKA's sport kite competition conferences and convention registration policy were the hottest topics at the

AKA Board's summer meeting, held by telephone conference on July 14. On these two topics, the Board:

- approved the subdivision of this season's sport kite competition conferences into six smaller conferences for the 1993-4 season, generally along new regional lines [see page 8].
- decided not to impose a charge for conference competitors in the 1993-4 season, as originally intended.
- ratified a proposal by the Festivals committee to empower the International Region Director and each International Liaison to invite one competitor in each sport kite category to compete in the Grand Nationals.
- established that presenters of workshops at the convention must be AKA members and should be convention registrants as well, except in extenuating circumstances.
- voted to require Board approval of requests for one-day registrations at the convention on a case-by-case basis.

In other matters, the Board took the following actions:

- clarified and expanded existing policy regarding blanket annual sanctioning of regular fun flies by clubs. Such events may be at different sites and will require only one fee, but documentation must be provided in the sanctioning request explaining each site and any changes in personnel responsibilities from site to site. Events which include competition are excluded from this blanket coverage.
- set September 15 as a target date for delivery of background information to the Board for all proposed conven-

tion sites for 1994, so that an informed decision can be made at the Fall Board meeting in Seaside. If a single site seems the only option by September 15, the Board may meet by teleconference to decide the matter at that time.

- agreed on an upstate/downstate regional split of New York State to meet the needs of reapportionment, joining greater New York City and Long Island with Pennsylvania and New Jersey in new Region 2, and the remainder of the state with the New England region.
- approved a list of suggested policies for event organizers to adopt regarding commercial displays at their festivals [see page 13].
- approved David Gomberg's appointment of Pete Dolphin as Second Vice President, replacing Corky Chewning, who had resigned.
- approved David's appointment of Vern Balodis as Director-At-Large to fill Pete's remaining term, and named Vern as Chair of the Sport Kite Committee.
- received a six-month Treasurer's report which showed AKA's first-half cash flow running well ahead, due to expenses in several areas being substantially under budget.
- received into Chapter Membership the Keystone Kites of Mechanicsburg, PA.
- approved sanctioning requests for events in California, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington.
- postponed until next meeting consideration of recommendations of the Power Kiting committee for AKA approval of buggy events at sanctioned festivals and requested that the committee further develop and refine their recommendations before then [see page 10].

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by Larry Ambrose

The Annual One Sky, One World International Kite Fly for Peace is mobilizing forces for the 8th year to organize hundreds of worldwide locations on October 10, 1993. The event is held each year on the second Sunday of October. Since its inception in 1986, hundreds of thousands of people have attended One Sky, One World (OSOW) events in more than 30 nations. In 1992, the AKA officially recognized the long time affiliation of the AKA and OSOW in a Board resolution of support.

In 1992, locations where kites were flown included: most states of the U.S.; Bombay, India; Berlin, Germany; Sydney, Australia; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Antwerp, Belgium; Montréal, Canada; Shanghai, China; Madrid, Spain; Foligno, Italy; Medellín, Columbia; Shropshire, England; Mahebourg, Mauritius. With the help of One Sky, One World, the kite has become a new symbol of global friendship, cooperation and environmental concern.

OSOW events are sponsored in worldwide localities by a variety of business, community, service, and religious organizations concerned with promoting global friendship and environmental awareness, including United Nations and UNESCO Associations, Lions, Zonta and Kiwanis Clubs, and kite clubs. This year, the Children's Television Workshop's publication, *1-2-3-Contact* will publish a story about OSOW in the September issue. This is sure to generate large-scale enthusiasm in schools and communities nationwide and will provide a wonderful opportunity for AKA members and clubs to promote interest in kiting and memberships.

Also of interest is "The Kite That Will Fly Around the World" which made its maiden flight at the Denver OSOW event on October 11, 1992. The 50 sq. ft. parafoil with banners will fly from its tether and gather signatures from people at each different place as it circles the Earth and flies at many festival locations over the next year. It was made by Catch the Wind of Lincoln City, Oregon. AKA members and organizations interested in having this kite fly in their community are urged to contact OSOW board member Steve Lamb by telephone (503) 994-9500 or FAX (503) 994-4766.

Members of the AKA are urged to contact One Sky, One World for information on how to participate in the largest kite festival in the world. OSOW founder Jane Parker-Ambrose says, "We urge kite clubs and enthusiasts everywhere to join forces in expressing the wish for world peace and survival of the planet by simply doing what they like to do best, flying a kite on the second Sunday of October each year." Contact OSOW for a copy of the 1993 issue of *Sky Times* along with registration information at 3940 W. 32nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80212. Phone (303) 433-9553 or FAX (303) 433-0019.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LEADERS

as of August 10

Name	New Members
Wind Wizards (KS)	62
Trlby Products	59
Cobra Kites	52
Richard Dermer	40
Anonymous	34
Windborne Kites	31
Chicago Fire Kite Co.	24
Genny & Eric Forsberg	24
High Performance Kites	24
Cascade Kites	22
Kites BFUN	21
Dyna-Kite	17
Renegade Kites	17
Al Hargus	13
Blue Sky's Kite Conn.	12
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The Financial Page

Ordinarily, the July issue of *Kiting* carries a financial statement for the previous year and the current year's budget. Space constraints prohibited that happening this year.

With the Annual Meeting upon us in a few weeks, it seemed more useful to publish our current condition (to June 30) in this issue than to print last year's statement. A complete financial statement for last year is still available; if you would like one, please call the office.

NOTES:

1. Each year, AKA runs in the red until the convention. The annual auction is the second largest source of operating revenue, none of which has been realized yet.
2. Our main insurance premiums are due in November; the expense shown is for a spring premium adjustment based on membership growth.
3. Costs for publication of the directory will not show until the third quarter.
4. Publication sales started slowly due to delays in production of two new booklets; both became available August 1.
5. Membership Development costs are primarily for a new color brochure published earlier this year. These costs will not be repeated this year.
6. Board expenses are highest in the first three quarters, since meetings are held by telephone conference. The year's remaining meeting will be in Seaside.

If you have questions about any of this, call Mel Hickman, Treasurer, (503) 738-5859, or Brooks at the office.

1993 ANNUAL BUDGET & 6-MONTH INCOME STATEMENT

JUNE 30, 1993

	1993 BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	% OF BUDGET
MEMBER SERVICES			
INCOME			
Membership Dues	83,400	42,601	51%
Bulk Newsletter Sales	4,000	1,538	38%
Advertising Revenue	4,000	2,264	57%
Interest	350	149	43%
TOTAL MS INCOME	91,750	46,552	51%
EXPENSES			
Management Services	12,000	6,000	50%
Clerical Services	3,000	681	23%
Newsletter	50,000	25,196	50%
Insurance	12,500	1,364	11%
Directory	8,000	0	0%
General Operating	16,950	7,586	45%
TOTAL MS EXPENSE	102,450	40,827	40%
NET MEMBER SERVICES	(10,700)	5,725	-54%
ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS			
INCOME			
Auction	24,000	0	0%
Convention	0	266	NA
Sanctioning Fees	1,250	1,425	114%
Merchandise Sales	6,000	3,319	55%
Publication Sales	7,500	1,762	23%
Mailing Labels	600	224	37%
Donations	2,000	898	45%
Interest	1,050	445	42%
Miscellaneous	300	43	14%
TOTAL A&P INCOME	42,700	8,382	20%
EXPENSES			
Management Services	8,000	4,000	50%
Store Merchandise	3,000	33	1%
Publishing	4,000	5,738	143%
Presidential Travel	2,000	1,992	100%
Board Expenses	3,500	2,809	80%
Membership Devel	2,000	1,925	96%
Professional Services	750	637	85%
General Operating	7,000	2,032	29%
Miscellaneous	500	818	164%
TOTAL A&P EXPENSE	30,750	19,984	65%
NET ACT & PROGRAMS	11,950	(11,602)	
NET MEMBER SERVICES	(10,700)	5,725	
NET TOTAL BUDGET	1,250	(5,877)	

Region 1 New England

Marty Sasaki, Regional Director

I apologize for my absence from these pages. My life has been full of the adventure and chaos of living. Fortunately, a large part of the adventure has been centered around kites.

With my busy schedule, I find it hard to get to as many events as I would like to. If you would like to see something mentioned in this column, please send me information and I'll do my best to see that it is printed. I've recruited Sarge Cleaves to help me with gathering information, so send Sarge information as well. Fortunately for me there are several active clubs with great newsletters in the region. Here are a few bits and pieces from the last few months:

A pair of New Englanders brought home the awards from the **Smithsonian Kite Festival**. Bruce Kapsten won best novelty kite with his version of Rocky the flying squirrel, of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame. Paul Lawrence won a bunch of awards for his seven sisters style box kite. I have heard rumors that both Bruce and Paul, and a few others, are actively planning for next year's Smithsonian. I can hardly wait to see what they come up with.

Recently, Eddie Webb organized a workshop. Hans Schepker guided the folks that attended through the construction of a Knupfer's Ringleschange which are the spinning snakes that you often see. Everyone had a great time which means there will probably be more workshops in the future!

Former New England Regional Director Carl Poehler is still actively involved in New England kite matters. Carl gave an enthusiastically received presentation of kites to the Sky Fliers, a 4-H group from Westford, Massachusetts.

The **Newport Sport Kite Championships** was a great success. Brenton Point State Park is a beautiful place to fly and folks from the Wind-blown Friends Kite Club hosted a wonderful event. Along with the sport kites, there were single-line/comprehensive events too.

The folks organizing the **Boston Area Stunt Kite Championships** have created an award to honor people who have contributed to kites in general and stunt kites in particular. During this year's event, we presented the award for the first time.

Choosing the first recipient was easy. Hank Manseau has been instrumental in organized kiting in the New England region for a long time, and has been actively involved in BASKC organization from the beginning. Hank has been president and is currently president of Kites Over New England. He helped with the initial planning of the AKA National Convention held in Newport, RI. Lee Toy nicknamed him "Hardware" Hank because of the reels, stakes, handles, gloves, and who knows what else, that hang from his belt.

Region 3 Penn-Jersey

Kevin Shannon, Regional Director

Talk about just meeting a deadline, I'm writing this report on my way back from a week vacation. Karen Marks, my wife Cinda, and I were graciously treated to a wonderful time at Jon Burkhardt's family farm in Non-quit, MA. It's really a tough life up there, being force fed lobster after a strenuous day of kiting, swimming, or just lounging about. By the way, Jon is just as good on the tennis courts as he is

Regional Reports

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Region 3 (continued)

on the flying field. All in all, we wish we could have stayed all summer. Our thanks to Jon and Karen for a memorable summer outing.

Only two clubs have sent me information on upcoming events. Sky Pilots will hold their **3rd Annual Fun Fly-For-All** on October 9 (rain date is the 10th) at the Berks County Heritage Center located on Route 183 at Reading, PA. This is a new location due to a three-year construction project at their regular site. For more information, contact either Tony Schoch at (215) 670-0657 or George Feger at (215) 921-1190.

The Keystone Kitters, a newly AKA-affiliated club, will hold their first **Fun Fly** October 23 at the Lower Allen Township Park in Mechanicsburg, PA from 11:00 to 5:00. Let's hope the weather holds out. Contact Todd Little at (717) 975-2852 for more information. While at the fly, I'm sure you could get Todd to talk about his recent kite adventures in Poland and Germany.

Other upcoming events worth attending include **Sunfest** at Ocean City, MD from Sept. 22-26. This event is always well attended by Region 3 members. Also, the most anticipated event of every year – the **AKA National Convention**, Oct. 13-17 in Seaside, Oregon. If you can make it, you won't be disappointed!

One last note before I sign off. With the action of the Board at the last meeting, I'll be happy to welcome the kites of New York City to our region. I look forward to representing their interests and views along with PA and NJ while I remain your Regional Director.

Oregon '93 Pin Challenge

This year's Pin Challenge encourages all pin collectors to display their collections. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1. The top ten largest (number of pins) collections.
2. The three best presentations of collections as judged by head Judge Scott Skinner & panel. (Be creative and display on hat, coat, or whatever. Size of collection does not count.)
3. The three best "Top Ten Pins" from each collection.

The prizes are a very limited production pin and contestants can enter all three categories. (You are not limited to placing in just one group.)

Region 4 Mid-Atlantic

Jon Burkhardt, Regional Director

What to do in the no-wind dog days of DC summer? Kidnap a Regional Director! Region 4 Director (and his loyal string bearer) unmercifully kidnapped the Regional 3 Director and his wife, dragged them (over much protesting) to the ocean in front of the crashing surf, tore open their kite bags, and hurled their kites into the sky. As if that were not enough, we held them down and poured vast quantities of lobster and wine down their whimpering throats. When all that ended, we conducted significant aerological experiments, such as testing the distance that Martin Lester's Big Legs could swim. Perhaps the regional directors should have a contest to see which of them could torture the most of the others thusly.

There were a number of notable no-wind events in recent months, among them the **Maryland Kite Society** summer picnic, the **Kapital Air Korps** summer meeting, and the joint **MKS-KAK Fourth of July fly**, during which the only fliers were Walt Matthews' Rokkaku and the bubbles from one of Felix Cartagena's machines. Better still was the **Kiteflying Extravaganza** at the Linganore Wine Cellars in Maryland, where MKS and KAK put on a fine display of color in rural Maryland until the wind died. Best of all, the **Cape May Kite Festival** in mid-June was blessed with beautiful weather and what our British friends refer to as "brilliant winds." This event just could not have been better.

Significant upcoming events include **Sunfest** in Ocean City, Maryland (one of the real contenders for Kite Capital of the World), September 23-26. This is one of the largest regional events around and well worth attending. Also coming up is the **Maryland Kite Society Fall meeting** on September 18.

Here's a challenge for all Region 4 AKA members: what's the best and biggest flying field in the area? And does it have a big hotel nearby? Like one that could handle an AKA Convention? Your Regional Director has a great prize for anyone with a really great suggestion.



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Region 5 South

Steve Csepló, Regional Director

I could wax poetically about how the **Piccolo Spoleto Kite Festival** has been "very, very good to me" through the years, or talk about the dog days of summer, but priorities must be addressed. Our hobby is in the process of evolving from an esoteric avocation to one of serious competition of an athletic nature among much of the membership. To this end, let me take this opportunity to remove my regional director hat and speak as the Eastern Conference commissioner.

As we all know, things have not gone quite as smoothly as we had hoped with the institution of sport kite ranking. Many items contribute to this dilemma, but one that has caused much confusion and disillusionment this year remains the question of which events are eligible for AKA points. The event must be sanctioned by the AKA for competitors to acquire AKA points. Sanctioning is a simple procedure and basically a formality. However, unless the organizers file the paperwork in a timely manner, we as an organization have no choice but to deny sanction and therefore points for an event.

An example is in order. The Eastern League is far and away the most organized series of events on the East Coast. Many competitors of this league mistakenly assume that because an event is listed on their calendar, it is AKA sanctioned. This is simply not the case. Take the Spring Games for instance. While part of the Eastern League circuit, the sponsors/organizers never requested AKA sanction; therefore, AKA sanction was never granted and thus no AKA points were awarded. Sandy Hook '92 also comes to mind when AKA sanctioning was requested after the fact, a situation that no reputable organization could grant. As a sanctioning body, we can only extend sanction to events that properly request such. Hopefully, you begin to appreciate the dilemma. The perceived unfairness of such situations is not the AKA's fault, but rather the organizers that did not expend the short time required to fill out and file the required forms. True there is a fee involved, but given the financial commitment of competitor and sponsor alike, it is incidental to the total budget.

Other bumps along the road have included obtaining results in a timely manner, verifying membership of participants and determining where participants hail from, for as we all know (hopefully), you are only eligible to obtain points competing in the conference of your residence. This is why you will not see teams such as High Performance or Tsunami listed in Eastern Conference standings, even though they competed in Eastern Conference events. The system is not yet perfected. We are working toward that end, but as with all new endeavors, it takes years to develop and establish. We are currently experiencing teething pains that any reasonable person would expect and accept. I hope that all competitors can understand these facts.

As an experienced official of interscholastic athletics, I bring to this position a somewhat unique perspective of how things should operate. We are not yet at such a level of total professionalism, but we are moving in the proper direction as a sanctioning body and will achieve such stature in the future. Many long hours have gone toward this effort and undoubtedly improvement will come with time. It is all a matter of commitment involving the participants, the judges, the organizers, the rules makers, and the sanctioning body. Many elements must pull together for the betterment of our sport or face the prospect of chaos, with visions of Olympic competition remaining a pipe dream.

Time to revert to regional director. The aforementioned **Piccolo Spoleto Kite Festival** occurred in early June in Charleston, SC, and was blessed with marvelous weather. Dan Klos wowed the crowd as usual with several of his sky puppet creations. Where does this guy get his ideas? To complete the bookends, KAOS was active the weekend of August 1 hosting a kite festival sponsored by Savannah Sails and Rails, the festival being associated with **Savannah's Maritime Festival**. Scenic City Kite Club in Chattanooga has been actively involved in their community conducting a kite workshop during July. Members of Bald Mountain will be doing the same in Atlanta during September.

Upcoming competitions include: Montgomery, Alabama, the first week in October sponsored by Mariah Kites; Charlotte, NC, the third weekend in October sponsored by S&P Kites; Charleston, SC, sponsored by Kites Flyin' High; Orlando, FL, sponsored by Crazy Kites; Panama City Beach, FL, sponsored by Pro Kites. **The Golden Isle Sport Kite Championships** on Jekyll Island, GA, November 13-14 is also an official meeting of the AKA membership. If you want to "chew on my ear a bit," this is an excellent opportunity. Otherwise, my travel plans include a **Fun Fly** Labor Day in Montgomery, the Charlotte event, and hopefully Atlantic Beach, NC. Look for the AKA banner at these locations. If it is there, I'll be around.

Finally, it is time to bid adieu to the Crescent City Kiteflyers of New Orleans. Due to reapportionment, Louisiana shall no longer be part of this region. We will miss you and wish you the best as you move on to your new region. Conversely, a hearty welcome to the members in Kentucky as you now become part of my charge. Hopefully I will meet your expectations as we evolve from Region 5 to become Region 4.

Trying to keep my finger on the pulse of the kiting community in the South. Until next time, gentle breezes.

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Region 8 Mountain

Scott Skinner, Regional Director

Bits and pieces from the kite hinterlands. Does this happen to anyone else? You have the most beautiful day of the summer, a kite that you've spent the better part of the winter building, and a park with *no soccer players* – the perfect situation for some serious testifying and kite tuning! Well, things in Colorado are not the way they seem. A day that others might label as ideal is, in fact, a typical day of countless frustrations. Wind from the north, wind from the south, no wind, too much wind – all within the space of the first hour. No problem, though, because I needed the time to attach bridles to the kite anyway.

Fourteen bridles later, more typical Colorado wind – like a fighter pilot – all mach and no heading! Has any one else noticed the catch-22 of bridling? You can't fly it unless it's bridled, but you can't bridle it until it's flying. At any rate, another hour passes without a successful launch and I'm beginning to look for volunteers to help. Is this why people tell me they fly kites on the beach? No, I'm sure that even the guys in San Diego are having these same problems, aren't they?

Another hour slips by – mystic chants imparted, profanities spewed, and reason again taking hold. It's time to pack the whole thing up and wait for another day. A day in Seaside, Oregon might be good. And that's the point of this ordeal and all those agonizing test-flying days that we all have to spend; come time for the **AKA Convention** in October, we'll have something new to fly for our friends in kiting. They won't mention how hard it was to finish their projects, and we'll tell them how easy it was to get our things flying. But if you come from the kiteflying hinterlands, *you'll know* what really happened on the day you test flew your new kite.

Isn't it ironic that as soon as Utah is removed from this director's region, he finds a way to go to a festival in Utah? **Brian Head Resort** has sponsored what it bills as the highest kite festival in the U.S. – flying kites at 11,307 feet above sea level!

Once again this year at **Callaway, Nebraska**, there will be camping and kiteflying over the Labor Day weekend. This little town of fewer than a thousand really rolls out the red carpet for fliers all over the midwest.

Region 9 Southwest

Richard Dermer, Regional Director

Kite Nirvana. I've used that term before to describe the **Junction, Texas, International Kite Retreat** – no other phrase does it justice. This year's fifth annual affair was just like the first four – as good as it gets. 112 kitemakers, collectors, and fliers from 17 states and six foreign countries, living together, sharing kite building expertise and talents, and above all – flying! The huge flying field at Junction's Texas Tech branch campus, reserved each year over Memorial Day weekend by organizers Betty Street and Bill Lockhart, showcases some of the finest kites in the world. This year's event again featured clear skies, plenty of wind, and enough heat to drive almost everyone into the spring-fed river at least once a day. Classes, workshops, and presentations were scheduled to allow several hours of free flight time each day, with a Japanese cooking demonstration, night fly, barbeque, and auction providing non-stop social activities in the evening. As usual, I was awed by all of the spectacular kites, but my favorites this year were the unique designs by longtime AKA member Eugene Hester of Ft. Worth. Gene makes these kites with styrofoam picnic plates, and they fly great! I will submit plans to *Kiting* for one of the best, featuring nine plates in a 3x3 flat plane, each plate pivoting freely on a vertical axis using drinking straws and dowels.

Emporia, Kansas' Twin Rivers Kite Festival was another rousing success with perfect weather for the third consecutive year. Employees of the sponsoring Emporia State Bank assisted children with building sleds in the gym next to the flying field. Watching the kids pop out of the building and launch their kites at 30 second intervals was a delight. 18 sport kiters competed, with winners including Nick Burnett, Chance Cooper, Cheryl Jones, Fred Eagles, and David Bui. Mel Wohrley and Paul Beugelsdijk gave team demonstrations while Steve Rogers and Steve Vestal showed off their buggy expertise.

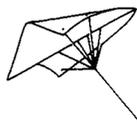
Edmond, Oklahoma's Libertyfest Kite Festival, rained out on the originally-scheduled Saturday, tried again the next day with fine weather. Sport kite winners were Josh Officer, Larry Christensen, Larry Whitacre, Michelle Weber, and pairs team Gone with the Wind. The single-line scene was dominated by a 2400 sq.ft. American flag mega-sled by Wes Allee and Brian Power. I enlisted a newcomer, Dusty Rhoads, to help build sleds for the kids. After three hours of non-stop construction, he announced he loved it and joined the AKA on the spot!

What began as a simple sled workshop and flying demo by Marti and me turned into an impromptu festival in Norman, Oklahoma. Held in conjunction with the **Summer Winds Arts Festival** at OU, the event was billed a "Festival" and received excellent advance publicity. Upon learning this, I appealed to the Oklahoma Kitefliers for help. About 20 AKA members showed up, found a great flying field with perfect weather and wind, and put on a super

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show for several hundred spectators. Over 100 kids made sleds in a nearby church and had their own marked field to fly them in. No schedule, awards, or competition - just filling the sky with color. Wes Allee and Brian Power flew their newly built 6000 sq.ft. mega-sled for 15 minutes before their line broke; the flight was shown on local TV that evening and on CNN the following day [see related article on page 6].

Springfield, Missouri's second annual **SAKE Mystery Ballet** was a unique event. Members of the Springfield Area Kite Enthusiasts contributed several musical tapes to the "grab bag." Fliers then had an hour to listen to the tape they drew before performing a ballet routine to it. On Sunday, a Mystery Precision event consisted of a random pairing of fliers. Each pair was required to fly two precision maneuvers and a freestyle with a single kite - each team member controlling one line. These events were fun! Winners included Cheryl Jones, Joe Bossi, Andy Medina, and David Bui.

The Red River Kitefliers Club in Wichita Falls, Texas, held their first invitational event in several years. They offered free barbeque with all the trimmings to out-of-town fliers which resulted in a good turnout from Oklahoma City and Clinton, OK, and Dallas and Lubbock, Texas. The combination of the visitors, a good flying field, and a good PA system made for an entertaining event. However, the 104 degree temperature and erratic winds kept everyone returning to the shade after a few minutes of flying. Both local TV stations showed footage of the event. The night fly following supper was considerably cooler and the audience applauded a night-lighted team flying exhibition by Troy Gunn, Gerald Kelly, and Larry Christensen.

Club activities slow down during the summer heat, but some new events are scheduled for early Fall. In Clinton, OK, members of the new club Above and Beyond are holding their first festival on September 18-19, complete with sanctioned sport kite competition and single-line awards. Contact Gerald Kelly at (405) 323-1198. In Wichita, Kansas, the Windjammers will hold their first festival on October 2. **The Silver Wings Kite Festival** will be at Northwest High School and includes sanctioned sport-kite events, open single-line events, a Rokkaku battle, and team exhibitions. Contact Mel Wohrley at (316) 733-0148. Lots of regional clubs are planning **One Sky, One World** festivals and flys on October 10. Contact your closest affiliate groups for details.

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Region 12 Southern California

Walt Thompson, Regional Director

Summer is rapidly coming to a close, but kiting activities continue through each season in Region 12. This has been a busy time for many with much more yet to come, locally and beyond.

Word from Hawaii includes news that members of the Hawaii Sportkite Association (HSA) will attend the next **Bali International Festival**. Will it be called Bali High? The HSA is an all sportkite club and offers workshops at various locations. The current club meeting place is Kapiolani Park at the base of Diamond Head.

October 16-17, Hawaii's first **Air Expo** will feature the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. The HSA will provide workshops and demos; a large crowd is expected. On the drawing board is a kite festival to be held in conjunction with the Honolulu Marathon. Last year over 20,000 participated.

A final note from Hawaii concerns the international flavor in the Islands. On June 9, the **Japanese Kite Expo** included a team from Showa, Japan, with a giant kite as well as 30 Japanese kitefliers at Kapiolani Park. This will take place again next year. Thanks to Mike Kim and the HSA.

On July 17, kitefliers from Southern California, Nevada, and Arizona participated in the **Desert Lights '93 High Desert Night Fly** at Quartz Hill, CA (70 miles northeast of Los Angeles). Ten members of the San Diego Kite Club (SDKC) came up to fly in the 20-25 mph winds. Jim O'Bryant took the prize (literally) for the Most Absurd Use of Lights on a Kite and Flyer. Jim, with his great sense of humor, really looked ABSURD! Look for a complete writeup in the SDKC newsletter. Thanks to Jon and Patty Small for the fun.

The **L.A. Sportkite Classic** was held at El Segundo Beach on August 22. I planned to attend after talking to Randy Joe, owner of Sunshine Kite Company, who wanted to present a venue where less experienced competitors could compete in a friendly environment and hopefully learn to expand their competition to other arenas. Randy and Spectra Sports sponsored this worthwhile endeavor.

Many activities are planned for the San Diego Kite Club (SDKC). Monthly meetings are held at Mission Bay Park on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend. Special events include the **Halloween Fly** on October 30 which should be a blast because it is a costume fly with candy drops for the littler gremlins. Last year, a clown was seen chasing around a cow flying a kite. For more information, call the SDKC Hotline and leave a message for Diana Martin at (619) 222-9300. You can also receive news on other upcoming events, so leave your questions and phone number.

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