

# AKA *Kiting*

The Journal of the American Kitefliers Association

## **Total Tako-Kichis Travel To Tulsa**

by  
*Jim M. Miller,*  
Convention  
Manager

**P**lans are well underway for the AKA's triennial sojourn into America's heartland. It's never easy to find suitable flying fields far removed from the wide beaches of the Atlantic or Pacific shores, but AKA First Vice President and Region 8 Director Richard Dermer has located a terrific spot right in his home state of Oklahoma. Our headquarters hotel, the Tulsa Marriott, is only 15 minutes from the Tulsa International Airport, and the flying fields are just a short walk across the street from the hotel.

A number of new features should help to make our 18th Annual Convention a memorable event. First, the always popular Fly Market will be held in a building right on the flying fields instead of being back at the hotel, which should be more convenient for those who wish to maximize their flying time.

Second, buggy racing has been elevated by the Board of Directors to a full competitive trophy event. Buggy activities will take place at the North American Buggy

Championships, a pre-convention event organized by Dean Jordan. Contact Dean at (904) 373-7018 for more details. Pre-registration is required by September 1.

Third, because of the blossoming interest in indoor sport kiteflying, we have arranged to rent (all day Thursday) an indoor arena close to the convention site. There we will have workshops on indoor flying in the morning, and indoor free flying in the afternoon.

The preliminary convention schedule has the convention opening with an early bird reception hosted by the Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas kite clubs on Tuesday evening. Workshop coordinator Scott Skinner has scheduled a plethora of workshops every morning Wednesday through Saturday. Intermediate and Experienced sport kite competition will take place on Wednesday, with Novice, Masters, and Open following on Friday. Thursday will see Fighter Kite competition and Kitemaking competition.

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Mass Ascension at  
Wildwood 1994  
convention.



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## The President's Page

Peter Dolphin

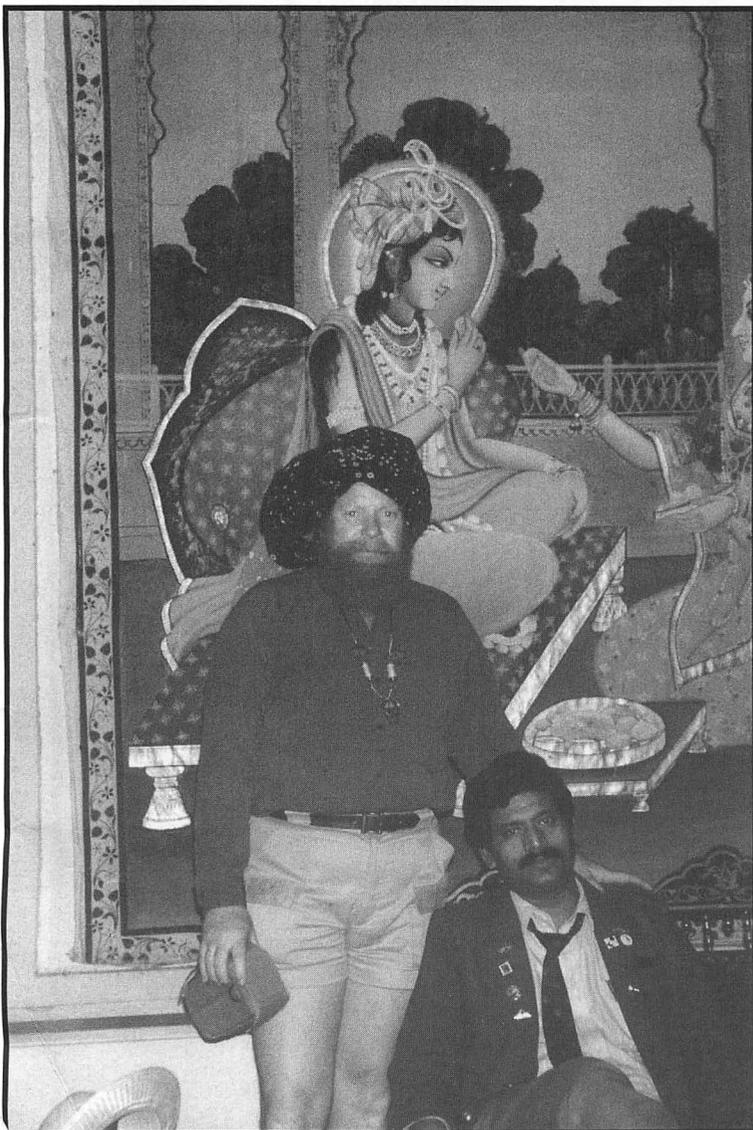
I am saddened by the news that our founder Bob Ingraham is seriously ill with cancer. We owe him a great deal of gratitude for his visionary efforts in forming this association.

Please take time to remember him and his family.

I have just returned from the 10th annual East Coast Stunt Kite Championships. Once again, all who attended this well run event were winners. There was lots of buggying, kiteflying and competitions. Dean Jordan and Fran Gramkowski ran the buggy program – they are working on a new manual that will be completed by the Convention.

There was mass ascension of 252 flow forms. With a total of 30 kites complete with line laundry, there was a

*The Maharajah Pete Dolphin with a very tired Indian friend Ahmedabad '93.*



lot of nylon in the sky. Dave and Sherrie Arnold ran the sport kite competition flawlessly. Everyone seemed happy! Can this be?! Mike Simmons hosted the indoor kite fly which had 19 contestants and was well attended. Congratulations to all the people involved in this event.

An agreement was recently made with Dan Prentice of AKM (longtime member of AKA) to have the "All American Event" back at our 1996 convention. Darrin Skinner, Festival and Competition Chairperson, is working out the details.

We are working with STACK and AJSKA on the production of a new *Sport Kite Rule Book* and on the formation of an International Federation and International Rule Committee for 1996. We are progressing slowly but I still hope to have the *International Rule Book* produced on time.

By now you have all received an AKA credit card application. Please consider applying for this credit card; when you make purchases the Association directly benefits. This will help us grow.

I am off to Montreal, Chicago, and Long Beach, Washington. Hope to see you at one of these events. The Long Strange Trip (but wonderful) keeps on truckin'.

Remember to keep those heads raised and smile.

*Peter Dolphin*

## AKA Looking for New Newsletter Editor

At its last meeting, the Board of Directors decided to redefine and add specific duties to the position of Newsletter Editor. It also decided to open the position to proposals similar to the process used for selecting the Convention Manager and Executive Director.

Under the new job description, the Newsletter Editor/Publisher will be responsible for all facets of newsletter production including page layout, typesetting, advertising, and printing liaison.

Those interested in the position should contact AKA headquarters for a Request for Proposal either by mail or telephone. Proposals will be accepted up to September 1, 1995 with a decision to be made at the convention board meeting.

Call headquarters at (503) 717-0627 or write to AKA, 1559 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**LET'S GET IT RIGHT**

I received the January/February 1995 edition of *Kiting*. In this issue, there is an article titled, Japan's National Treasure Attends New Year's Day Fly. In this article, it is said that Mrs. Seiko Ishiyama's kites are a national treasure or that she herself is one (there is such a title as "human national treasure"). I am writing to inform you that this is incorrect, primarily because there is no kitemaker in the history of Japan whose kite has become a national treasure or has become one him/herself.

People in North America use the term "national treasure" very loosely, but in Japan, this is a status achieved by having one's work or accomplishment recognized by the government as extremely outstanding. There is also an annual grant from the government in excess of 100,000 U.S. dollars that comes with being recognized as a "national treasure." Unfortunately, no kite or kitemaker has achieved this status yet, and I think it is important not to misuse this term.

*Dan Y. Kurahashi  
Burnaby, BC*

**Oops....**

In the last issue of *Kiting* (from page 1), we mistakenly identified Linda Myslinwy Conlin (Director New Jersey Division of Traveland Tourism) as Kathy Chewing. Ladies, please accept our apologies.

*-The AKA*

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Letters to the AKA**

*We look forward to your comments and letters to the AKA and Kiting. You should assume that correspondence will be published, unless you note otherwise.*

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## Tako-Kichis (continued from page 1)

The Fly Market will start with an opening reception Thursday evening, and will continue with sessions Friday morning and Saturday morning. The not-to-be missed, standing room only General Business Meeting will be held Wednesday evening, preceded by the always dull, poorly attended Pin Challenge. And of course, one of the highlights of the convention, the Great Kite Auction, will be held Friday evening. It all wraps up with the annual Awards Banquet Saturday evening. There will be a Happy Coat Challenge Saturday evening and a Banner Challenge as well.

See the pink registration form insert bound in this issue for all the dope on convention travel, accommodations, and phone numbers to call for additional information.

Don't forget to bring a kite for each one of the four 1 pm Mass Ascensions, and bring a couple of kiting snapshots for the photo gallery. The dates, once again, are September 26 to October 1. See you there!



## Great Kite Auction '96

Do you have any rare, unusual, big, small or one-of-a-kind items for the AKA's 18th Annual National Convention Auction to be held at Tulsa, OK in September? If you do, please contact Carolyn Moore, (913) 894-5483.

We had a record breaking auction again last year and The Great Auction of 1995 is looking even better in terms of contributions and organization. With two successful years behind us and lots of good experience and knowledge at our disposal we are anticipating topping last year's results.

Kites are not just for kids anymore; the media has increased public awareness of kiting through coverage of the sport, art, science and recreation aspects. More families are spending time flying together. Schools are using kites as an educational tool, sport competitions are growing, and the scientific and artistic communities are also using kites.

As kiting grows our need for more revenue also grows. The auction is a main source of income for the AKA. The moneys are used to underwrite the National Convention and also keep you - the AKA member - informed and educated. Most importantly, the proceeds are used to promote awareness of kiting to the public. Without public awareness, kiting as an industry, sport and business will cease to exist.

Please continue your support by donating to the auction.

If you know you are going to donate to the auction, even if you don't intend to ship ahead, please let us know prior to the convention so we can enter your donation into the computer. Thank you.

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## Kite Buggy Championship To Be Held Before Convention

The Tulsa, OK site of the 1995 AKA convention will also be the site of the North America Kite Buggy Championship. Prior to the annual convention, which starts September 27, Pursuit and Circuit Races will be held using the Argyle Park Buggy Racing Club Racing Rules. (September 24-26). These are the same rules which were successfully used in March at the Spring Break Buggy Blast in Jean, NV; and at Wild Wheels May 24-26 prior to the 10th annual ECSKC in Wildwood, NJ. Both Wild Wheel and ECSKC included how to buggy workshops.

### Pursuit Races

The course will be placed perpendicular to the wind and consist of two marks approximately 100 meters apart. The racing will be one on one, with a competitor starting at each mark. The winner will be declared when one competitor passes the other and then passes the next mark. This race must have a clear winner, or go at least five laps; failure to do so will result in one immediate restart. If both competitors simultaneously foul out after the 10th mark, (five laps), the leader at the last mark rounded will be the winner. When a restart is also inconclusive, no points will be awarded to either competitor. For elimination racing, both competitors will be eliminated. Depending on the number of entrants, there are two possible ways to select entrants in the elimination series. Either a draw will be made of all entrants and pools will be formed which will race off against each other; the top one or two in each pool will advance to an elimination series. Or, a round robin system will be used to select a pool; in this case, a loss will mean elimination.

### Circuit Races

This will consist of at least three marks and will have upwind, downwind and reaching legs. Starts will be set so that each buggy has at least 10-15 meters laterally clear between itself and an adjacent buggy. The Start/Finish line will be at the upwind end of the course. The first leg will be a course directly to the most downwind mark.

## Convention Agenda

**Tuesday**  
Early Bird Reception

**Wednesday**  
Workshops  
Board Meeting  
Mass Ascension - Cellular & Boxes  
Int. & Exp. Sport Kites  
Annual Membership Mtg.

**Thursday**  
Workshops  
Mass Ascension - Rokkaku  
Kitemaking Competition  
Fighter Kite Competition  
Fly Market Opening  
Night Fly

**Friday**  
Workshop  
Mass Ascension - Soft & Foils  
Novice, Masters & Open Sport Kites  
Great Kite Auction

**Saturday**  
Workshops  
Mass Ascension - Deltas & Other Winged Kites  
Demonstration  
Rokkaku Battle  
Awards Banquet

**Sunday**  
Rain Date & Free Fly

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## Buggy (continued from page 5)

Once around the downwind mark, all marks must be rounded in the correct order and to the correct side for the number of designated laps, with the last leg being to the start/finish line.

### Racing Rules

These rules are simple and enforceable and have evolved to reduce manipulative games based on rules rather than ability. Buggy racing is a spectator sport and the rules are also designed to promote visually exciting events. Regulation is kept to the minimum necessary to stimulate open and fair racing.

1. A race judge will be appointed before the start of the meeting whose judgment is agreed to be impartial; that judge has the power to "black flag" competitors for blatant obstruction, unsafe conduct, or buggy "hunting" incompetence when that incompetence prevents a fair race, and team racing. (Team racing is defined as a bugger fouling out a competitor to give advantage to another associated competitor.)
2. In multi-buggy races, generally, we don't outlaw obstructing unless it is deliberate or blatant. Judgments on obstructions are made depending on whether the obstruction could reasonably have another explanation - no choice, simple incompetence etc.

3. For multi-buggy events, starts will give each buggy at least 10-15 meters clear laterally between itself and an adjacent buggy; the first leg will be from a line set at the most upwind part of the course directly to the most downwind mark with no requirement to round other marks on the way.

4. If space is limited, preliminary heats will be used to reduce entrants to less than 10 buggys per race.

5. Once a competitor is off his or her buggy, the buggy cannot be moved unless it is to retrace their initial course.

6. Competitors will be given a 10 minute warning before the start of a multi-buggy event. It is each competitor's responsibility to be on time; starts will not be delayed.

7. A pass will be registered only after the next mark is rounded.

8. Points will be awarded as follows: The total number of registered entrants will be the maximum possible points. The winner will receive the maximum points, second place will receive one less, and so-on.

9. Subject to safety and race committee decision, there will be no defined minimum or maximum winds.

All rules will be confirmed prior to the events beginning and are subject to variation and interpretation by the race committee.

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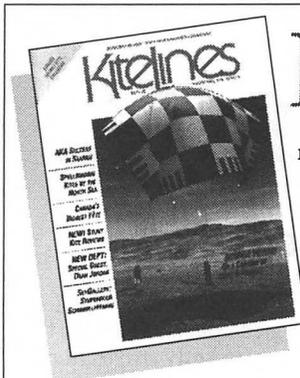
by Ali Fujino

The Drachen Foundation, a non-profit, educational foundation founded specifically to disseminate information about kites, has undertaken a number of projects of interest to kiteflyers. In order to comply with its educational mandate, the foundation has been instrumental in publishing Belgian Raoul Fosset's *Kite Aerial Photography* pamphlet and is working with celebrated American author Tal Streeter on an upcoming book about Domina Jalbert. AKA members should get an interesting glimpse of the early days of the AKA as Jalbert was in contact with many of the principals in the then small kite world.

Through the referral of Valerie Govig at *KiteLines* magazine, The Drachen Foundation has provided photos to two separate publishers working on kite related books. Additionally, Walter Diem of Germany has enlisted the foundation's help to track down the original copies of the San Francisco earthquake kite aerial photos. "These are the types of tasks that The Drachen Foundation was established to fulfill and it is satisfying to fill the need," said the foundation's board president, Scott Skinner. The foundation has added a part-time archivist to continue to build, organize, maintain and process increasing requests.

Finally, answering the request of Wolfgang Schimmelpennig (organizer of the International Kite Fliers' Meeting in Fanø, Denmark) The Drachen Foundation has sponsored the travel of José Sainz and Randy Tom to Fanø. They presented sewing workshops to interested European kitefliers and are the first American kitemakers to be sent on this type of educational exchange.

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## Vietnamese Kite

In 1976, in a Bicentennial crafts program in our local schools, I was teaching sixth grade students to make the Siamese snake kite, when a boy, recently arrived from Vietnam, came up with a piece of the bamboo reed, saying, "Can I show you the kite we make in "Vietnam?"

This little kite, made with the newspaper which covered the work table, is a jewel. Dimensions are given in the layout, as they must be, if someone who has not seen the kite is to build it, but when I teach the Vietnamese kite in the classroom, we eyeball it. Some kites will be fat, a few will be skinny, and one or two may be bridled up-side-down, but all will fly. There can hardly be a better introduction to kitemaking.

There is a pleasing symmetry in having a kite which has delighted Oriental children for thousands of years brought to our schools by a new immigrant in our Bicentennial year.

Newspaper and tissue paper are both light enough for a small kite. Crepe paper tails add stability and movement. They may be placed according to the character of the kite (fish or fowl). Begin with four strips of crepe paper, approximately 1 in. x 5 ft. The dimensions of the bamboo spars vary, because individual kitemakers use different proportions for the folds. They are approximately 14-1/2 in. for the spine and 22 in. for the arched cross par.

### MATERIALS

12 in. square tissue or newspaper plus scraps 1 in. wide

Crepe paper streamers for tails

Matchstick bamboo reed

Gluestick

28 in. string for bridle

Ruler

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wrong side of paper up, crease on dotted lines.
2. Measure spine and glue as shown.
3. Measure the reed for the cross spar. Choose a strong reed with a symmetrical curve. It should arch close to the leading edges.
4. Glue the corner flaps over the reed. Glue one side first, without trying to hold the curve in place; then glue the other side. Glue reinforcements over the reed intersection and between center and corners as shown.
5. TURN KITE OVER and bridle as shown.  
Glue on tails.

♦  
Diagrams on next page.

## The Star Victory Kite

In last issue of *Kiting*, we neglected to publish the dimensions for Stormy Weathers' Star Victory kite. The dimensions are as follows:

A = 12 in.

E = 33 in.

B = 11 in.

F = 16 in.

C = 13 in.

V = 9 in.

D = 2 in.

G = 4 in.

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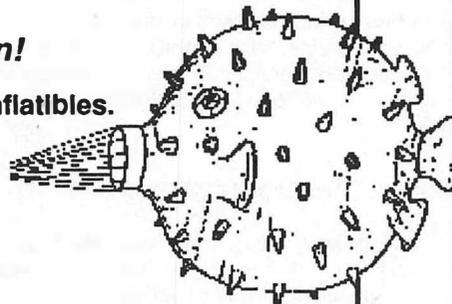
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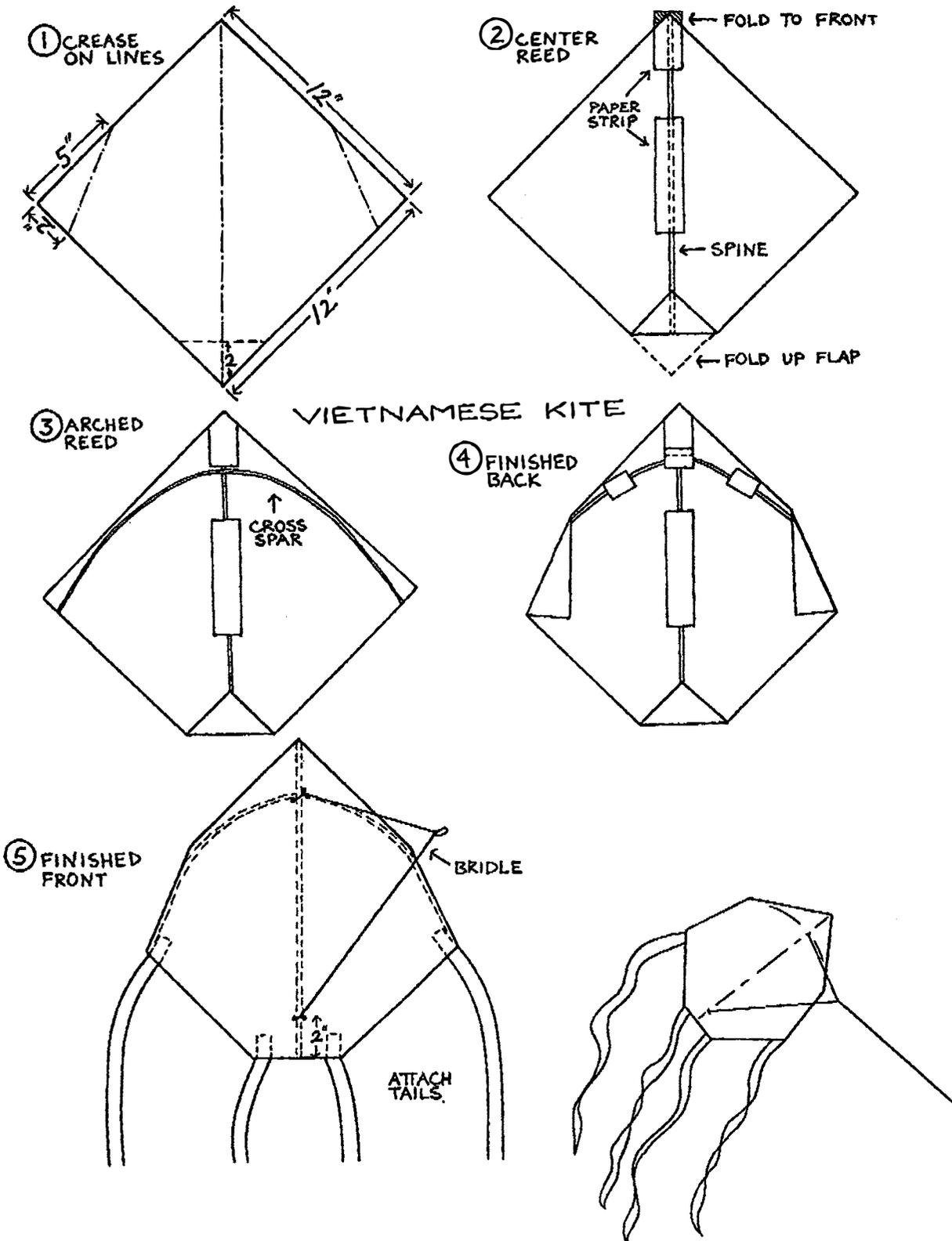
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### Diagrams for the Vietnamese Kite



## It's Only Kiteflying... Don't They Know Anything About Stunt Kites?

by  
Marty Sasaki

Too often I forget that I'm suppose to be having fun with kites. It's Only Kiteflying will try to explore kites and flying from a variety of view points. Your contributions and feedback are welcome. (See Marty's address on page 4.)

It's a little bit sad. This year, the *Bose Corporation* decided not to sponsor *Kites Over the Pike*, an annual kite event. The reason? The Bose Corporation has decided to build on what has been the home for "Kites Over New England" for a long time.

As I looked over the field, with the surveying markers and orange tape on it and the deep holes scattered here and there, I remembered a bright sunny Spring day from a few years ago...

Another car had just appeared on the top of Bose Mountain in Framingham, Massachusetts. The *Bose Corporation* has been letting folks from *Kites Over New England* fly at the end of their parking lot near one of their engineering centers for years. It isn't really a mountain, just a flat topped large hill. The spot is nice for flying kites; it is the highest point in the area. Sometimes it is a place for attracting people.

I was flying a brand new kite, the latest in the series of experimental kites that I have been working on. The kite was *incredible*. I was doing all sorts of fancy stuff, ground work, snap stalls, axles, etc., you know, all of the hot new moves (well maybe not all of the hot new moves, but the ones that I could fly) and I was inventing new ones too.

By now, a small crowd had gathered, being drawn off of Route 9 or the Massachusetts Turnpike to the top of the hill. They came to watch the fancy kiteflying. Unfortunately for my ego, they were ignoring me completely. The object of their attention was Hank Manseau and his stack of 25 Dyna Kites.

Hank has done a lot of experimentation with stacks, first with Rainbow Stunt Kites, and now with Dyna Kites. A lot of what is now common knowledge about stacks was pioneered by Hank. The manufacturers of the Dyna Kite had told him that flying Dyna Kites in long stacks was impossible. Fortunately for them, and for the rest of us, Hank ignored them and did the impossible.

Obviously the people from the cars didn't know a thing about stunt kites. Hank was flying lazy figure eights and long sweeping ground passes, really simple stuff. Yes, Hank's stack, with tails 100 feet long, was a wonderful splash of color against the cloudless, blue, sky. And yes, Hank is a very good pilot. But it just didn't seem fair.

Hank does this all of the time. During one of the early Boston Area Stunt Kite Championships Hank was flying his train. People came from all over the area to watch him fly and completely ignored the nationally ranked stunt kite pilots and teams that had gathered for the competition.

Then I laughed. I had been caught again. This sort of thing happens all of the time when Hank flies his stack, and rather than give Hank his due, I was jealous. Nothing better to do than to join the crowd in admiring what Hank was doing and to answer some of the questions that I knew the folks gathered would ask.

"No, the lines don't get tangled."

"No, there isn't any radio involved. The kite is controlled by using two flying lines."

"Yes, the kites can generate a lot of pull. That's why Hank is wearing that harness."

Ten minutes later, Hank landed the kites to a round of applause and laughter from the kids. He was tired. Each kite has around 8 sq. ft. of projected area, and there were 25 kites. Even in a light breeze, flying those kites is work.

He came over and chatted with the folks, and then, one by one they got back into their cars and drove back to the highway. I told Hank what had happened and how it didn't seem fair and finally Hank just laughed.

As the afternoon became the evening, more and more folks packed up and left. Hank and I were the last ones on the field. I flew my delta stunt kite with Hank's stack. I flew in and out of the tails and raced to dive just ahead of the stack.

A few more cars made their way to the top of the Mountain. The people in them stopped and watched the kites. I could hear children laughing and adult voices warning to "stay back", and "don't get too close".

We flew until sunset. Then packed our kites. I waved to Hank and got in my car. As I drove down the Mountain I thought, "This is what kite flying is all about."

In order to grow in numbers, stunt kiting needs to attract the general public. You don't do this with competitions and hot-shot pilots. You do it with folks like Hank Manseau. People love the colors and the grand sweeping tails.

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The Steve Edeiken Award is, quite simply, the highest recognition given to a member by the American Kitefliers Association. Nominations are now being accepted for the 1995 award.

Steve Edeiken was amongst the best loved, most respected, and most active members of the American Kitefliers Association. He was killed in a tragic kiting accident on September 24, 1983. The association established The Steve Edeiken Memorial Award in his honor, by resolution on October 4, 1984.

### Criteria

The Kiteflier of the Year will be a person who will have shown friendly, loving, fair, even-handed concern for:

- A. People in general, but kitefliers in particular.
- B. Kiteflying in general, but for craftsmanship and technical developments in particular.
- C. Communication in general, but for leading and participating in kite events in particular.

It is the opinion of the American Kitefliers Association that these criteria best exemplify the character of Steve Edeiken.

### Nomination Process

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 AKA member.

Nominating letters should be limited to no more than three 8-1/2 x 11 pages, and one additional page of photos, bibliography, media coverage, or other supporting materials. Candidates should be informed that they are being nominated and may be asked to help assemble or verify the information to be submitted.

The following information should accompany each nomination:

- **Personal data** - candidate's name, address, telephone number, a recent photograph suitable for media use.
- **Leadership examples** - include position(s) held in AKA, position(s) held in other kite organizations, participation in activities related to kiting.
- **Interpersonal qualities** - candidate should be helpful, considerate, known and liked in the AKA kiting world.
- **Communications** - articles and kite plans contributed to AKA News/*Kiting*, other publications, and other media.
- **Educational activities** - participation in providing, organizing, or consulting in kite workshops, lectures, exhibits, demonstrations, or classes.
- **Craftsmanship** - list outstanding kites/kite equipment their candidate has made or invented in the past 12

months and his or her lifetime; also list aeronautical, quality, and safety features and innovations introduced by the candidate.

### Selection

The seven members of the Selection Committee are Cindy Edeiken, the current presidents of both the AKA and The Kite Trade Association International, and two most recent past presidents of those organizations. The immediate past president of AKA chairs the Committee.

The award is announced at the AKA annual convention to the person selected and announced as "The Kiteflier of the Year."

The recipient will be presented a traveling trophy and an individualized plaque. The trophy remains his or her possession until it is returned to the AKA in time for the next presentation.

### Submission

All nominations must be received by the Chair of the Selection Committee by August 25, 1995.

It is understood that it is not necessary to present this award each year if the selection committee feels there is no qualified candidate. There is no prohibition on re-submission of a candidate from a previous year.

Send nominations to:

**Steve Edeiken Memorial Award**  
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## The Steve Edeiken Memorial Award

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- 1990 Leland Toy
- 1989 Tom Sisson
- 1988 Jack VanGilder
- 1987 Tom Cassleman
- 1986 Olan Turner
- 1985 David Checkley
- 1984 Alfred Chang

## Israel's Postal Authority Tells Stamp Collectors to Go Fly A Kite!

by  
Daniel Keren

The Israel Postal Authority is encouraging its patrons and collectors of Israeli stamps around the world to enjoy the pastime of kiteflying with the June 7th release of a most colorful sheetlet of nine vertical 1.00 shekel postage stamps designed by the talented husband and wife team of graphic artists – Meir & Naomi Eshel.

From time immemorial, the skies have stimulated man's imagination with thoughts of ancient gods who came down from the skies and mythological creatures who sprouted wings and roamed freely in the air. Man had always sought to conquer the skies and it is through the kite that he first managed to do this in the skies of China thousands of years ago. There are many legends about the invention of the kite. Some tell of a prince who wanted his flag flown high above the walls of his castle, and so strengthened it with bamboo and tied it with cord to let it soar upward. Another legend tells of an old Chinese farmer who tried to grasp his flat, conical hat as it flew off his head and thus discovered the kite. Historians connect the birth of the kite to the age of silk which was first used in China some 4500 years ago.

The first documentation of kites is from the 4th Century Before the Common Era (B.C.E.) when a Chinese engineer built and flew kites shaped as fishes and birds. Kites were built and developed not only in China, but also by her neighbors. Kites have different characteristics and uses, and even today, they symbolize man's eternal longing to create a connection between himself and the heavens.

Kites were introduced into the West by Marco Polo at the end of the 12th Century, at the same time as he introduced silk, tobacco, and gunpowder to Europe. Benjamin Franklin, the great American diplomat and scientist, is famous for his use of the kite to study the effects of lightning. Kites played an important role in helping the

Wright Brothers invent the airplane. Today, kites continue to play a significant role in the Space program and with the development of the popular pastime of hang-gliding.

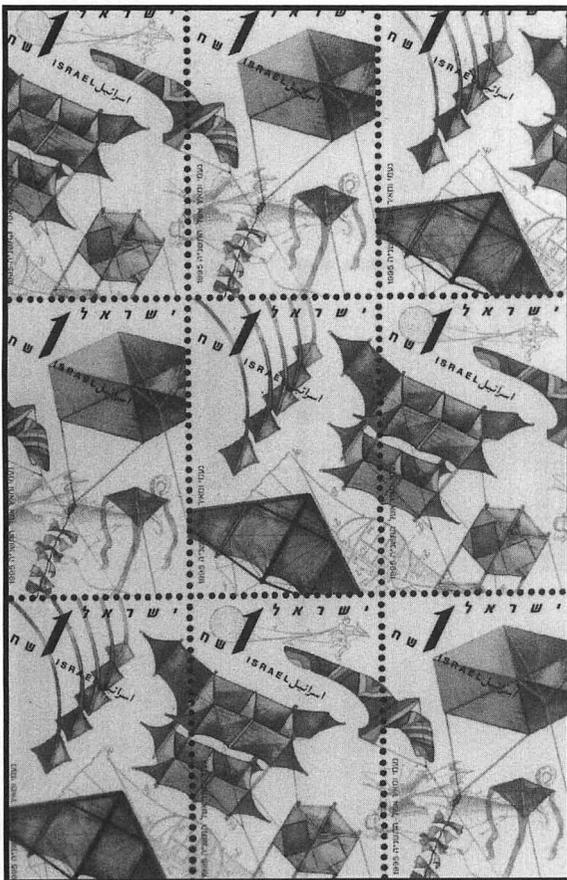
Kite activities are increasing in number and growing in popularity around the world. In the East, the Oriental world continues to build and fly kites in their traditional style. Across the globe, thousands of people enjoy kite festivals.

In Israel, there are a number of important kite events each year. One is held in August at the Israel Museum in Tel-Aviv. During the Succot holiday in the fall, kite enthusiasts journey to Ein Harod. An international kite festival is also held during the Passover holiday in the spring.

In recognition of the growing Israeli interest in kiteflying, the Israel Postal Authority is pleased to release this colorful stamp salute that is sure to make philatelists around the world want to momentarily put down their stamp albums and dash out the door to go fly a beautiful kite.

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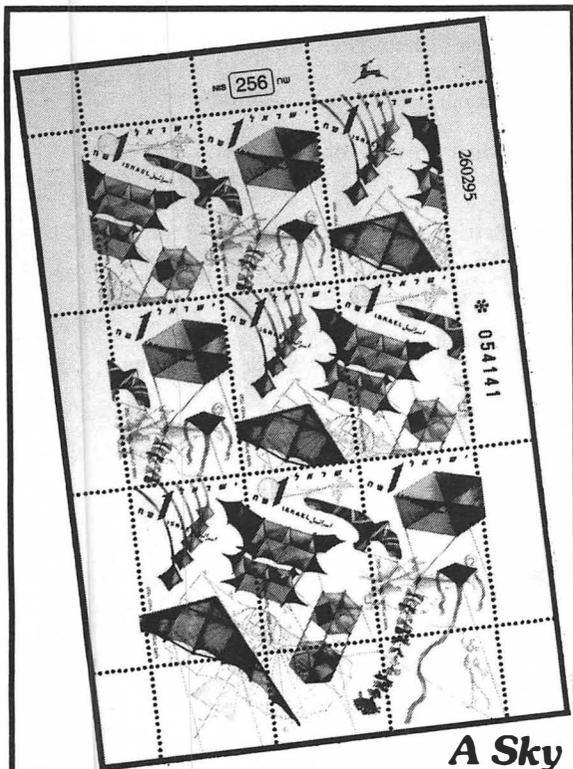
Nominations are requested for fall elections of AKA President and four Regional Directors. The Presidency is annually elected. Three-year Regional Director seats are open in Region 1, New England; Region 2, Northeast; Region 3, Mid-Atlantic; and Region 4, Southeast.

Current board members may be nominated for re-election or new candidates may be proposed. Job descriptions are available on request, but in general, candidates should be experienced kitefliers, capable administrators, good communicators, and willing to donate time to the American Kitefliers Association.

Please contact:

Susie Edison (203) 531-1084 or

Richard Dermer (405) 372-6127



### A Sky Full of Kites!

In recognition and support of the growing worldwide interest in kiteflying competitions and recreation activities, the Israel Postal Authority has just released a special sheetlet that is itself filled with kites, from 15th century dragon shapes to modern giant kites.

Filling the kiteflyer's sky, this innovative sheetlet consists of three different stamp designs, repeated in different arrangements. Combined with lightly shaded drawings in the background, the result is a wondrous image of kites ascending from the sheet of stamps and soaring into an imaginary sky.

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## Kite Art Committee Update

by  
 Janene Evard,  
 Kite Art  
 Committee Chair

Well, we did it. Vol. 1, No. 1 edition of the art committee's newsletter, *Airborne Art News* is out. It took a lot of advice, lots of faxes and long distance calls, long hours and some research and contributions from kitemakers. The first issue is FREE. The second will be out before the convention but I think the AKA would like for you to subscribe now or at the convention to help cover some of the cost of the first issue.

Yes, *Airborne Art News* is an AKA publication. Dawn Williams and I are the editors. But I'd like to think of us as conduits to share information with you and gather information from you, rather like a loop with an in/output.

The first issue has painting techniques shared by Steve Brocketts, supplier list for heat set dyes, and an exhibit report, Scott Hampton's short-story and poetry, Igal Hussein – a personal note about how we can all enter art shows, show opportunities (primarily in the U.S.) and listing of fiber art shows (U.S. and Europe) that might be fun to see and idea starters for kitemakers, business advice to us on how to do this from Mel Hickman and lots of encouragement and marketing assistance from Anne Whitehead.

The next issue will have painting techniques on ripstop by Ann Sloboda plus a retelling of how to use Koolaid as a dye (safe for your school classes). Ali Fujino will write about taking slides of your work for juried shows – a must (I'm collecting jury stories for another column, if you have a favorite, please share it with me). There will be a short story by Mel Hickman, a poem by Jeff Cain, a new column on kite news on the Internet by Bunnie Twidwell, drawings by Alvin Belfloser, hopefully an exhibit report and maybe a few surprises, plus show opportunities.

We need articles about all kinds of art business, techniques and principals of art that apply to kites and wind-involved art, about your experiences with shows, kite artists you've met and interviews, your short stores, art, poems, drawings and whatever. We're not looking for professional writers but sharers.

My fax is (405) 226-0360 and phone is (405) 226-0285.

In order to make a brochure about the work and particular kite artist, I must have slides, prints or if neither available, drawings of the piece, dimensions, etc. plus a short biography of yourself and the accompanying myth or story by September 5. If you are not coming to the convention, the second deadline for my receiving your work is September 21.

From July 16 - August 28, my address will be: Lesarsets, Chalet 201, 1882 Gryon, Switzerland, phone (41) 25 681985. Call or write if you have any questions or ideas.

## Kitevents • July

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- 7- **Belgium Kite Int'l. 1995**  
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- 8 **Fun Fly at Seaside**  
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- 8 **Summer Winds Fun Fly**  
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- 8- **\*Canadian West Coast SKC**  
9 Granville Island, B.C. Canada  
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- 9 **Lavendar Winds Kite Club Monthly Fly**  
Santa Cruz, CA.  
C: Brian Bradley (510) 797-6997
- 11 **\*Lilac City Fun Fly**  
Spokane, WA. C: Bill Lester (509) 327-2829
- 14- **North Coast Stunt Kite Games**  
16 Toledo, OH. C: (419) 535-WIND
- 15 **Wright Kite Festival**  
Kill Devil Hills, NC.  
C: Jayne DePanfilies (919) 441-4124
- 15- **Southern Oregon Kite Festival**  
16 Brookings, OR. C: Larry Goodman (707) 464-9561
- 15- **British National Sport Kite Championships**  
16 Weson-Super-Mare, U.K.  
C: Tony Cartwright (+44) 81-753-866642
- 15- **\*On the Edge S.K.C.**  
16 Ajax, ON. C: Pina Sicari (416) 747-9106
- 18 **\*Lilac City Fun Fly**  
Spokane, WA. C: Bill Lester (509) 327-2829
- 20- **Westport Annual Festival**  
23 Westport, WA. C: Jeri (360) 268-0877
- 22- **\*Newport Stunt Kite Competition**  
23 Newport, RI. C: Stephen Santso (401) 846-3262
- 21- **\*South Suburban Kite Fest**  
23 Chicago Heights, IL.  
C: Kirk Romandine (708) 754-7907
- 23 **Chicago Sky Liners Club Fly**  
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- 29- **\*Berkeley Kite Festival & West Coast SKC**  
30 Berkeley, CA. C: Tom McAlister (510) 525-2755
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—Rae Marie Zimmerling

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5 Camino Island, WA. C: Mike Eason (206) 334-0362
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- 12 **Fun Fly at Seaside**  
Seaside, OR. C: Bill Storey (206) 738-0783
- 12- **Michigan Sport Kite Classic**  
13 Livonia, MI. C: Craig Spence (313) 981-6379
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- 19- **\*BASKL SKC Shoreline Park**  
20 Mountain View, CA.  
C: Darrin Skinner (408) 733-5483
- 19- **Isegran Kite Festival**  
20 Fredrikstad, Norway  
C: Terje Westfoss (+47) 69-321633
- 19- **AMA AT-6 Races, HKS Kite Fly**  
20 Muncie, IN. C: Mike Bragg (317) 453-2977
- 20 **Coventry Kite Festival**  
Coventry, U.K. C: Julie White (+44) 332-669203
- 20- **\*Washington State Int'l. Kite Festival**  
27 Long Beach, WA. C: Kay Buesing (206) 642-2202
- 22 **\*Lilac City Fun Fly**  
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## August • Kitevents

- 25- **Heart of Ohio Regional SKC**  
27 Columbus, OH. C: Al Hargus (619) 475-8468
- 26 **Westport Windriders Fun Fly**  
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- 26 **Blackhawk Kite Festival**  
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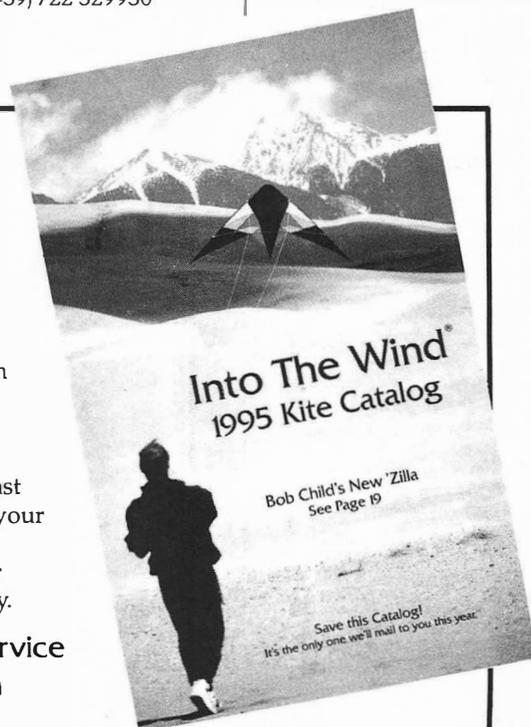
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- 2- **\*Golden Gate Challenge**  
3 San Francisco, CA.C: Craig Wong (415) 221-3711
- 2- **USAF Museum Kite Festival**  
3 Dayton, OH. C: Judith Wehn (513) 255-4704
- 2- **\*New York Stunt Kite Championships**  
3 Uniondale, NY. C: Bill & Sue Edison (203) 531-1084
- 2- **\*Callaway Kite Flight '95**  
4 Callaway, NE. C: Connie May (308) 836-2677
- 5 **\*Lilac City Fun Fly**  
Spokane, WA. C: Bill Lester (509) 327-2829
- 8- **Up Your Wind Kite Festival**  
10 Pacific Beach, WA.  
C: Rob Robinson (360) 276-8377
- 9 **Fun Fly at Seaside**  
Seaside, OR. C: Bill Storey (503) 738-0783
- 9- **All American SKC**  
10 Grand Haven, MI. C: (616) 846-7501
- 9- **\*Sandy Hook Stunt Kite Championships**  
10 Sandy Hook, NJ. C: Sky Festivals (215) 736-3715
- 10 **Lavendar Winds Kite Club Monthly Fly**  
Santa Cruz, CA.  
C: Brian Bradley (510) 797-6997
- 10 **SCI-FI Fun Fly**  
Everett, WA. C: Mike Eason (206) 334-0362
- 12 **\*Lilac City Fun Fly**  
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- 16 **\*BASKL SKC Chavez N Waterfront Park**  
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- 16 **Year-end Awards Celebration**  
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- 16- **Silver Wings Kite Festival & Competition**  
17 Wichita, KS. C: Mel Wohrley (316) 733-0148
- 16- **\*2nd Annual Belmar Kite Festival**  
17 Belmar, NJ. C: Sky Festivals (215) 736-3715
- 16- **Mill Run Kite Festival**  
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### Welcome to the Western Sport Kite League

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Jul 1-2	<b>North Coast Challenge</b>	Lincoln City, Oregon
Jul 29-30	<b>West Coast SKC</b>	Berkeley, California
Aug 3-5	<b>Washington State SKC</b>	Whidbey Island, Washington
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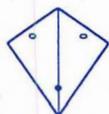
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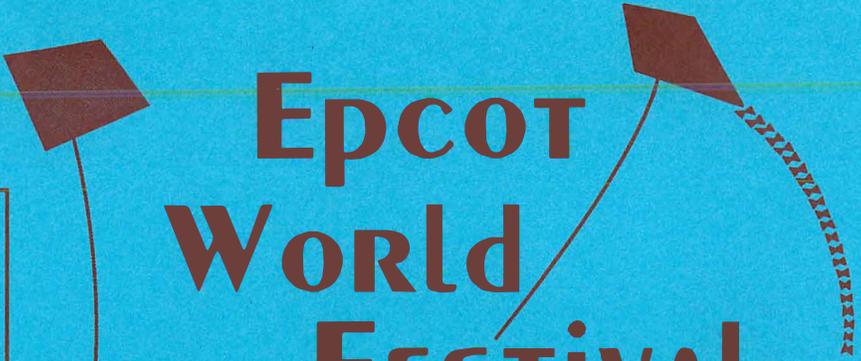
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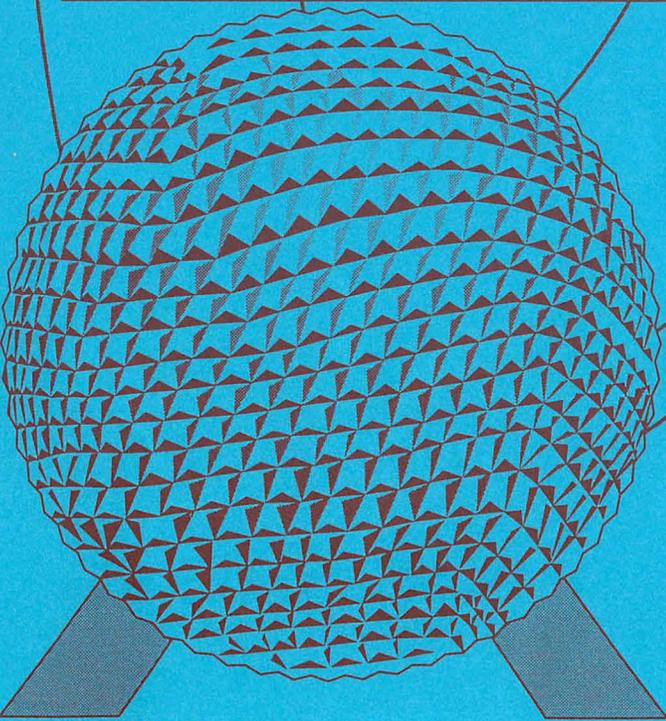
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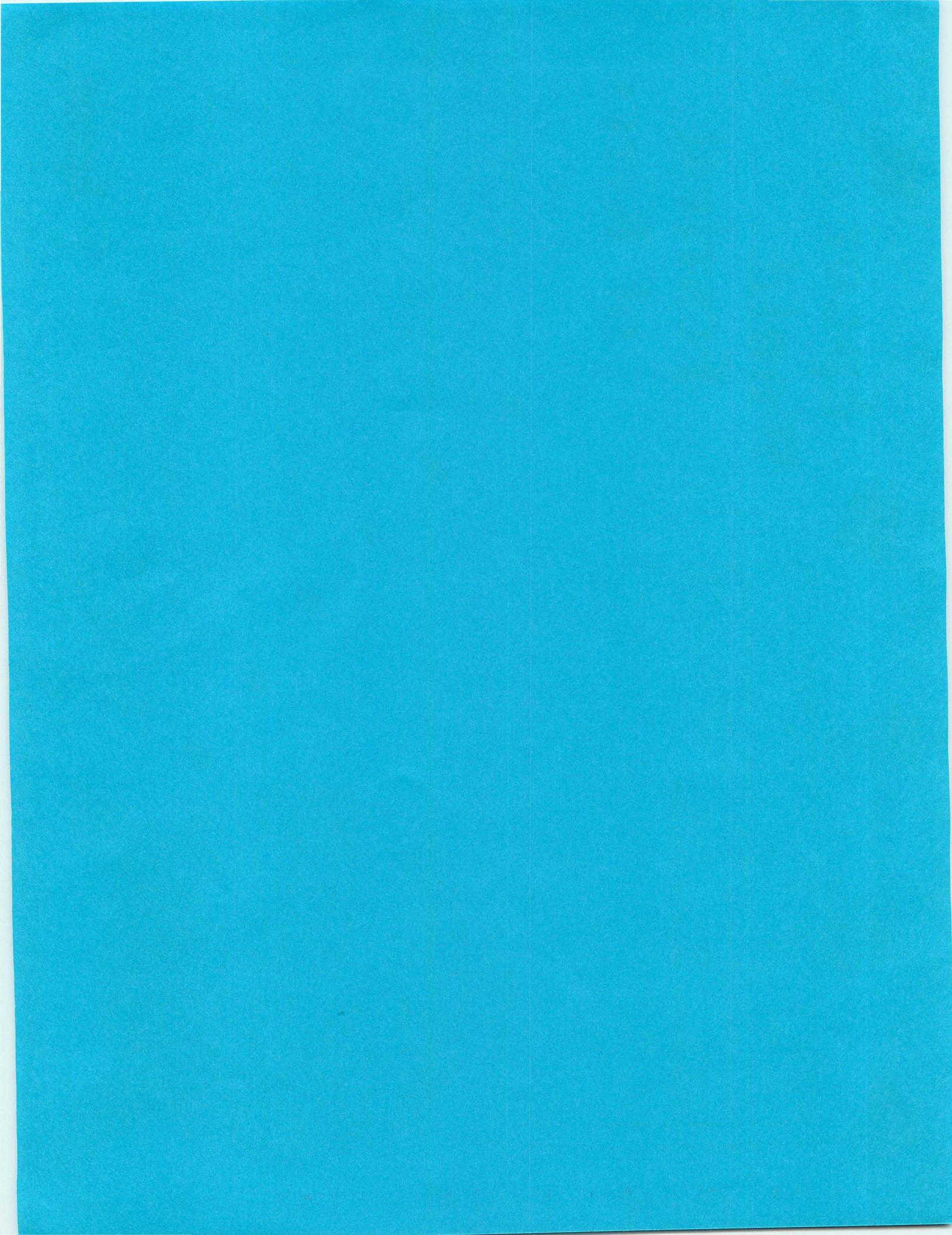
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**PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

July 17, 1995

The following changes to the bylaws have been proposed by the AKA International Committee, to be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Language deleted is shown [~~bracketed and lined out~~]; new language is underlined.

**AMENDMENT 1: Including Canada in AKA "Domestic" Regions.** *Canadian AKA members are currently included as part of the International Region, together with Europe and Asia. The International Committee has been asked to prepare a proposal to incorporate Canadian provinces into AKA Domestic Regions.*

*The proposed change would allow for better regional groupings of Canadian members. Residents of British Columbia, for example, could be affiliated with Region 10 (Alaska and Washington), rather than with Eastern Canada and Quebec.*

*Many Canadian fliers are participating in AKA Conference events. However, Conference boundaries are based on AKA Domestic Regions.*

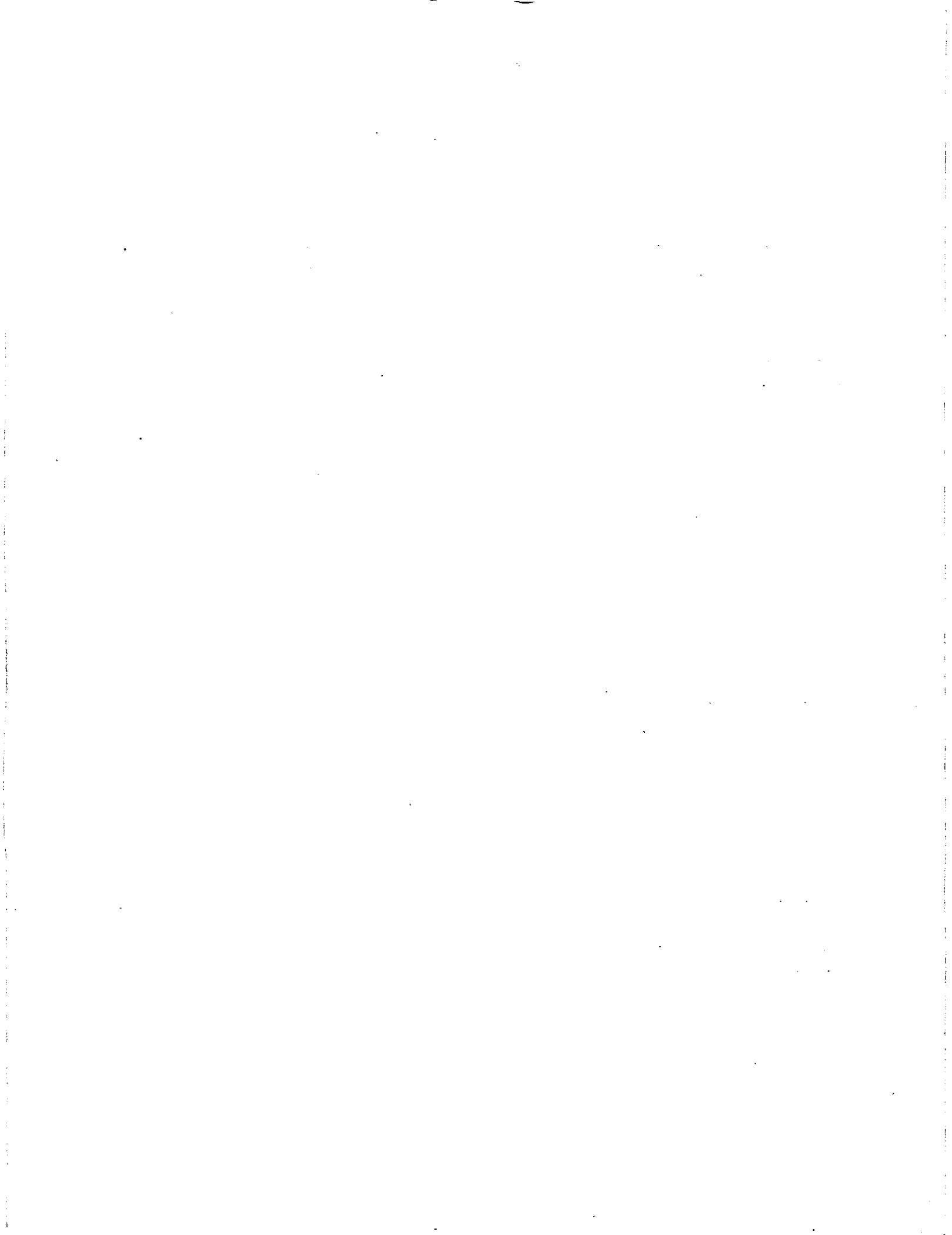
*AKA insurance has recently been extended to cover all of North America rather than just the USA.*

*Canadian AKA members will be invited to cast an "advisory vote" on this issue as part of the Fall AKA Election Ballot (mailed in August). Results of this non-binding vote will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Tulsa.*

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- a. There shall be 13 (13) regions represented on the Board of Directors.
- b. The United States, Canada and their ~~and its~~ territories shall be divided into twelve (12) regions approximately equal in voting member population. These regions may be referred to as Domestic Regions. Each Domestic Region is represented on the Board of Directors by one (1) director.
- c. All members residing outside the United States, Canada or their ~~and its~~ territories shall constitute an International Region. This region shall be represented on the Board of Directors by one (1) director.



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## Region 1 New England

*Marty Sasaki, Regional Director*

I'm on the soapbox again...

I've been asked by several folks why I haven't been very good about writing regional reports, and thought I would take a bit of space to respond to this.

I usually do a lot of kite flying and try to get around. I've flown with folks all over New England and try to get to events out side of New England too. I do this because I really enjoy the kites, and the people, and the places.

I also consider myself to be a decent writer, and writing is something that I enjoy.

So why so few regional reports?

I don't want this to become a travelog of my kiting experience. I don't travel enough and, I don't visit with enough people for me to feel comfortable about writing of my exploits. I've asked people to help me out and while many have promised to send things to me, no one has sent me anything.

If you want to see more about your local events in print, then give me a call with a report of what happened, or an invitation to attend an event.

I feel that this report should be about kiteflying in the region, and not about me. I have plenty of outlets for talking about what I think and what I have done.

If you disagree, great! Send me a note and maybe I'll include it in this report.

Off the soapbox...

During the winter it is a chore to get bundled up to head to the field or the beach to do some flying. Many people do fly throughout the winter, but it just isn't as much fun.

The "season" for me starts with Dan Loughlin's **St. Patrick's day Fun Fly**. Dan bills this as "No competitions, no organization, no politics, just fun with kites." This year the weather was nearly perfect with warmth (for March), and sunshine. Everyone has a good time up at Hampton Beach. Definitely make plans for next year's event.

Spring brings people out to fly kites. Every weekend in April and May had at least one kite event happening somewhere in New England or Upstate New York.

One event that was missed was **Kites Over the Pike**. For many years KOTP has been a spring time ritual. This year, the Bose Corporation decided to start building right in the middle of the field where KOTP was held. It was a great event.

Kites Over New England has lost its field due to the above mentioned construction. Savin Rock, one of the favorite spots of the ConnectiKites is no longer usable as a kite field. It is a bit alarming to lose these flying sites. We should all be thankful for the places we do have to

fly and should be on the lookout for new fields that won't be littered with ball players during the spring and summer.

Let me put in a plug for the **Newport Stunt Kite Championships** to be held on July 22-23 at Brenton Point State Park in Newport, Rhode Island.

The competition is laid back and lots of fun. The flying fields are beautifully mowed grass right on the water. Lots of spectators are drawn to the field when they see the kites and end up staying for the entire day.

The event is again part of the **Black Ships Festival**, an event that celebrates Newport's association with Japan. Lots of fun things happen downtown so your non-kiting friends and family can be kept occupied while you are having fun with kites.

All proceeds go to a local charity. In the past, thousands of dollars have gone to help folks out. It's nice to be able to have fun, spend money, and help people at the same time. ♦

## Region 2 Northeast

*Kevin Shannon, Regional Director*

At last, a kite club in Western PA – fly Pittsburgh Kite Club. They already have substantial membership and are an AKA affiliated club. Now, all you lone fliers in that area have easy access to like minded kites. For more info, call John Kish at (412) 882-5044 or write to the address shown in the club list elsewhere in this issue.

April and May proved to be extremely busy months for me. **The Philadelphia Kite Festival** went off with good winds and great attendance. Great demos were put on by the likes of Mike Dallmer, Scott Spencer, Pete Dolphin, Dave & Sherri Arnold, Fran and Fritz Gramkowski, myself and many others. Jon Burkhardt, along with his select group of judges, did a great job of running the competitions. As usual, the Rokkaku battle was a lot of fun for both contestants and spectators. Two sad notes were Pete Dolphin damaging his sun kite (now repaired) and my wife, Cinda taking a tumble while putting up a tent and breaking her wrist!

After a quick trip to the store to buy Cinda a week's worth of TV dinners, Pete Rondeau and I flew off to England for the **Weymouth Festival**. Along with Dave & Sherri Arnold, we were invited guests of the Kite Society of Great Britain. We put on a great show in less than perfect weather and hopefully represented the AKA at its best. Don Mock and a group from the West Coast were traveling in Europe and managed to show up for the festival also. Pete and I were lucky enough to stay with friends of mine in Windsor, Tony and Barbara Cartwright, which allowed us to tour London for two days. Great weather and an excellent mass transit system allowed us to travel effortlessly anywhere in the city. We had a blast!

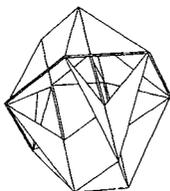
## Regional Reports

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## Region 2 (continued from page 17)

When I got home, **Bucks County Kite Day** in Langhorne was upon me. Good weather with plenty of wind made for an enjoyable no-stress day. It was topped off with a kite fliers' picnic hosted by the Parks department. As usual, Marci Foley and Olan & Bernice Turner were great hosts and everyone had a good time. Tanna Haynes was almost kidnapped by the park rangers when they found out she had made the dessert that they liked the best.

A few short weeks of trying to catch up on work and then it was time for the **East Coast Stunt Kite Championships and International Kite Festival**. This big 10th anniversary event went off without a hitch – it just keeps getting better every year. Unfortunately, I was so busy at the single-line fields, I never got to see any sport kite performances! As usual, big kites dominated the sky, but even they were eclipsed by the sight of 30 giant 252 Flowforms flying at the same time! Let's see any other festival beat that record! Mass ascensions were also held for deltas and rokkakus. And what is an event anymore without buggies! Everyone is getting into this exciting area of kiting. Plenty of TV coverage guaranteed that kiting is being portrayed positively to the public.



Upcoming events include the **Fourth of July Kite Celebration** in Ocean City, NJ. Call Mark Soifer, (609) 399-6111. **MOCK** will also hold a night fly, July 2, on the Belmar Beach, NJ.

The Keystone Kites will hold their third one day **kite building retreat** on August 6. This time participants will make a 5 ft. Rökkaku. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited with preference going to club members. Call Judi Main, (717) 691-0459 for info or to reserve a space.

Also, don't forget the **New York Stunt Kite Championships**, (203) 531-1084 for info, and the **Sandy Hook Stunt Kite Championships**, info call (215) 736-3715.

## Region 4 Southeast

*Steve Cseplo, Regional Director*

The past two months have been bookended by an interesting contrast of events. The period started with a local event and ended with the grand daddy of stunt kite competitions up in Wildwood. So let us begin at the start.

On April 1, Franklin Cook once again organized **Freedom Florence** in Florence SC. For many years this has been a single line event dedicated to the local children and true to form they were the first people to take to the blue skies and gentle winds prevalent that day. After those competitions, the regional sport kite competition got underway in earnest. The weather held throughout the day and the entire program was completed, albeit with a few wind delays along the way. Those pesky breezes seldom cooperate for an entire day inland, eh? Later that night, several of us gathered at a restaurant for winding down and many discussions about kiting ensued. All in all, it was an enjoyable festival.

The following weekend found the Eastern League once again visiting our region for the **13th Annual Spring Games** in Myrtle Beach, SC, brought to us by the Horry County Shelter Home and The Promised Land charity. Great weather welcomed the fliers and the steady breeze aided the proceedings. Congratulations go out to new organizer Ron Fuller, who did the majority of the coordination and advance work for the festival.

In other happenings in the region, the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission held their **12th Annual Carolina Kite Fly** in Chapin, SC, on April 22. Kites were featured attractions at several park openings including Mud Island Park in Memphis, TN, and Tribble Mill Park in Gwinnett County, GA. Then there was the **Fourth Annual Daytona Beach International Kite Festival**. Once again, factors conspired to prevent my attendance at Daytona but from what I hear this is an outstanding event with this year's edition no exception.

That brings me to our great pilgrimage to the North for the **East Coast Stunt Kite Championships** and the **Wildwood International Kite Festival**. What an event! The competition was intense, the fields large and flat, the organization superb, and the hotel convenient. The weather was fabulous on Saturday with strong winds, clear sky and bright sunshine all day long. In addition to the sport kite competition, a large single-line display proved to be a very pleasant diversion with marvelous creations filling the sky. Four separate mass ascensions crowded the sky even further at their appointed time and were a spectacular sight to behold. Team and individual rokkaku battles, a night fly, bugging, the banquet and other parties all served to make for a weekend too soon over.

The highlight of the festival for me was teaching Luzette, my wife, to fly a stunt kite. I am happy to report that when the **Louie, Louie** sport kite mass ascension came along on Monday, she was flying well enough to handle it by herself. What a trooper! We were both amazed by the indoor flying later that afternoon. If you have not attended this most excellent event, you need to make the trip sometime. It's even worth the horrible trying to get to/out of South Jersey on Memorial Day weekend. I would be remiss if I didn't mention one member of our region by name and that would be Wes Bost. Wes has only been competing for a short time in sport kiting, yet succeeded in "striking wood" winning Novice Individual Precision. Quite an accomplishment.

That brings us to the dog days of summer and the doldrums of kiting activities in the South. What with little wind and high temperatures, there is nothing scheduled until the fall except for grass roots gatherings and local club events. Enjoy the summer as much as you can in the heat outdoors and remember that old expression from a T-shirt of days gone by, "Wait for the wind, sweat in the sun, flying kites, sure is fun!?" Gentle breezes.

*Regional Reports continued on next page.*

## Region 5 Great Lakes

*Robyne Gardner, Regional Director*

**Dateline:** Tuesday, May 30. **Timeline:** 1:00 pm, en route from Wildwood, NJ to Verdun, Canada. **Report Deadline:** June 1, 1995. **Problem:** I forgot to write my column before leaving home on May 25. **Solution:** Hand write it while traveling, fax it in. **Problem:** My notes are at home. **Solution:** Write what I can remember and apologize in advance for whatever I've left out. **Result:** Rick and I are heading toward Weekend Event #7 out of 8 in a row. We have reluctantly left Wildwood, NJ and are fast putting some **East Coast Championships** behind us. We saw some wonderful sport kite flying and experienced mostly good weather all weekend. Winds were high but nothing like what was served up for the convention last October. A few Region 5-ers went home with "wood": Sideshow (Al Hargus and Vicki Romanoff) of Columbus took third in Experienced Pairs Ballet; Vern Balodis took a pair of thirds...third place in both Masters Class Precision and Ballet. Vern also earned a special edition 10th anniversary pin for attending all 10 ECSKCs. Running in conjunction with the ECSKC was the **Second Annual Wildwood International Kite Festival**. Gene & Dorothy Lewandowski of Cleveland were among the invited guests. Pete DiGiacomo and former Buckeye, Dan Buxton fought it out in one of the Rok Battles. Both are still claiming victory.

Now, let me back up and see what I can remember of early spring...The **BSAF** celebrated its birthday on Easter Sunday. A good turn out of swampers gathered to help Uncle Wilbert consume large quantities of birthday cake and Easter eggs. One of the oldest (yet one of the most active) members of the BSAF, Willard Gnepper, was given the honor of cutting the cake. Kevin Kilgoar poured champagne and a bubbly time was had by all.

The **Wings on the Wind** grand opening kite fly on April 9, in Bowling Green, OH, was canceled due to inclement weather. Stay tuned to this column for word on a re-scheduled date.

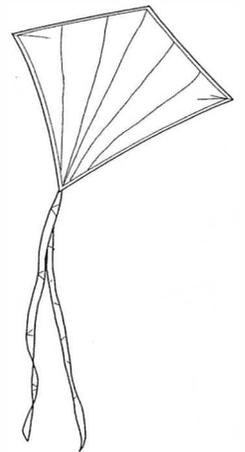
Reports from the **Xenia Kite Festival** on April 22 were all "great". This is one of the friendliest events anywhere, and I wish them luck and growth for the future. Keep up the good work, Richard Myers.

Some went North, others went South on the weekend of April 29-30. While the **11th Annual Kitefest** was taking place near Kalamazoo, the **Mill Run Kite Festival** was going on in Hilliard, OH. Tree Alexander seems to have a gift for finding sponsorship; a full size trampoline from Sam's Club and a mountain bike were just two of many great raffle prizes given away at this event. Tom Ryan had to sit this one out due to illness. Hope you're feeling tip-top now, Tom.

The Kear family of Poland, OH, traveled to the **Smithsonian Kite Festival** in Washington, DC. The trip turned out to be especially satisfying for sixteen year old Susan Kear who won a first place Paul Garber Medalion with her tyvek Rokkaku. This was Susan's first entry as an adult in a kite building competition.

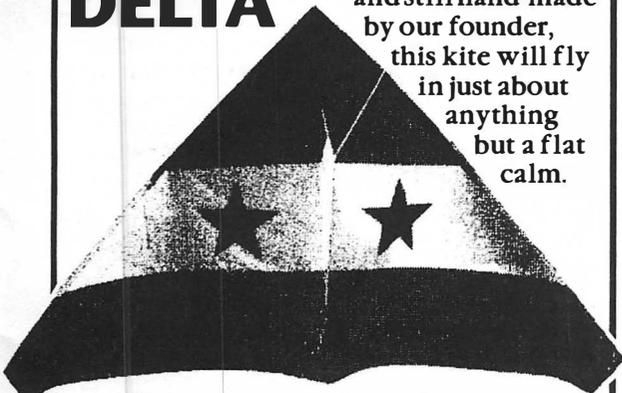
**Lake Erie Kite Camp**, held May 12-14, was brought to an abrupt halt on Sunday afternoon when a 37 mph gust was "officially" clocked and reported by Al Sparling. Before the winds hit, we did manage to get through a great judging seminar and completed all sport kite competitions. The winners were: *Jr. Individual Precision:* Brian Kear; *Novice Individual Precision:* Ted Landers, first, Rick Basnett, second; *Intermediate Individual Precision:* Ann Ritter, first, Scott Nuss, second, Terry Thurston, third; *Intermediate Individual Ballet:* Terry Thurston, first, Dwight "Butch" Kentfield, second, Ann Ritter, third. International competitor, Pina Sicari, took home one of those beautiful stained glass trophies to Canada for her first place in *Experienced Quad Ballet*. Joe Posa placed second. In *Masters Quad Ballet*, Sam Ritter was first and Jon Trennepohl second. Dr. Kyte defended and retained his national fighter kite champion status, winning over Bruce Jarvie, Denny Nichols, and Rick Gardner (in that order). The "Great Fighter Battle" was not for the meek. It took place in 25 mph winds. S.O.K.F.'s fearless leader, Bill Flynn of Warren OH, called to say he couldn't attend kite camp because he was getting married that weekend! Good excuse, Bill. Congratulations!

Thousands of spectators crowded around the busy fields of Grand Haven's beaches at the **Great Lakes Sport Kite Championships** on May 19-21. They were rewarded with stunning performances by Chicago Fire, The Aviators, Lee Sedgewick, Sue Taft, Joe Perron, Cap-



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tain Eddies Flying Circus, The Windjammers, Sam Ritter, and others. I'm especially proud of a new team on the circuit: St. Elmo's Fire Drill. John Cosby, competing for the very first time, teamed up with partner-in-crime Elaine, and Bob & Karen Roehl for a nice showing in the experienced team events. Congratulations to all Region 5 competitors and winners! Don't forget, the **All-American Sport Kite Championships** return to Grand Haven on September 9-10.

Check the main AKA event calendar for lots of upcoming events throughout July and August. I want to see *everyone* at the **North Coast Games** on July 14-16.

## Region 6 Midwest

*Bob Neiman, Regional Director*

Kite flying is in full swing (finally) here in the Midwest. We suffered through a wet, cold, and gusty Spring, but now, Summer has arrived. Already, we have had a good number of festivals and sport kite competitions, and more are on the way.

First, let's look at what has already happened in Region 6.

The Hoosier Kitefliers Society held the **Ansel Toney Memorial Kitefly** on May 7, the **Little 500**

**Applewood Fun Fly** on May 27, and the **Academy of Model Aeronautics Homecoming** on June 10. The Wisconsin Kite Society participated in the **Hot Air Balloon Fest** in Baraboo on June 3. The Minnesota Kite Society held its ninth annual **Kiwanis Kite Fly** in St. Louis Park on May 13 and the "Solid Group" combined their **Easy Wind III** and **Mom's Day Fly** on May 13.

On the competition front, congratulations go out to the pairs team, Sky Scapes (Jan Winkel & Herb Schulz) and the Chicago Fire (Eric Wolff, Jerry Elkerton, Bob Neiman & Ed Welzien) for taking 1st place in Experienced Pairs Ballet and Masters Team Ballet and Precision, respectively at the **Prairie Winds Festival** in Lenexa, Kansas on April 29-30. Region 6 brought home more awards at the **Great Lakes Stunt Kite Championships** on May 19-21. Sky Scapes took 2nd in EPB and Chicago Fire swept 1st place in both MTB & MTP. St. Elmo's Fire Drill (Bob & Karen Roehl, John Cosby & Elaine Johnson) grabbed 2nd place in Experienced Team Ballet. Region 6 swept the top four places in Intermediate Pairs Ballet as Windy City Shear (Wayne Chlebanowski & Harry Larsen) took home 1st place while Cheap Sunglasses (Rudy & Jane Bouhuys) finished second, just .10 points behind! O.C. Frequent Flyers (Doc Jenkins & Al Bull) captured 3rd place and the Flying Frogs (Dan Brinnehl & Russ Faulk) took 4th. St. Elmo's Fire (Bob & Karen Roehl) took 3rd in Masters Pairs Ballet while Bryan Schackmuth placed 2nd in Masters Quadline Ballet. The list goes on as Russ Faulk took home 1st in Intermediate Individual Precision and Bruce Alleshouse took 4th. In Novice Individual Precision, Region 6 again swept the top four spots as Jamie Farrell placed 1st, Josh Jacobsen 2nd, Mary Davis 3rd, and Rick Gardner 4th. Results from the **Chicago Sport Kite Festival** will be forthcoming in the next issue's report.

Speaking of competitions, the new Midwest Sport Kite League has formed around seven inter-regional events. It is being patterned after the successful East Coast League and the newly formed West Coast League. Events that are part of the League from Region 6 include the **Chicago Sport Kite Festival** and the **South Suburban Kite Fest**. I encourage all Region 6 competitors to sign up and expand the camaraderie we share. Contact our new commissioner, Rich Yedinak at (616) 846-7501 for more information.

Back to upcoming festivals and fun fly's. The Minnesota Kite Society will be hosting their **Flying Colors festival** on August 19-20 at the Washington Counties Lake Elmo Park Reserve as well as fun flys nearly every Sunday during summer. Contact Dave Gjerdingen of MKS at (612) 220-8201 for more info.

The Hoosier Kitefliers Society is sponsoring the **Dave DeBolt Memorial Kitefly** on July 9 at the Monroe Central Elementary School in Parker City, Indiana and **Swiss Days - Drachenausstieg** (what is this, a new German kite?) at the South Adams High School in Berne, Indiana. Contact Mike Bragg at (317) 453-2977 for more information on all of HKS' events.

**Mots Festival**, sponsored by the Wisconsin Kite Society is being moved to September 16 this year to make room

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for the AKM All-American sport kite competition in Grand Haven, MI the week preceding. **Mots** will again be held at Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. This is one event you have got to go to! Spectacular single lines, single line competition and sport kite demos along with a breakfast that can't be beat make this one day event seem like a week-long happening. Contact Jeff Katioka at (414) 277-9121 for more info.

The Chicagoland Skyliners are planning a BIG gala event for this year's **Sky Circus** to be held on September 23-24 at Ned Brown Meadows in Schaumburg, IL. Internationally renowned kite artist, Martin Lester will be on hand, legs, and all! All classes of single line competition, sport kite demos and the World Rokkaku challenge will be held over the two days. There's even a chance that our beloved prez, Pete Dolphin may again, show up in Chicagoland for this festival. **Sky Circus** is one of the oldest and grandest festivals in the country – you don't want to miss it! What a way to kick-off AKA Convention week!! For more info, call Rudy Bouhuys at (708) 972-9562

For those of you looking for more sport kite competitions, don't forget about the **Stunt Kite Festival** at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN on July 4 and the **Flying Colors Kite Festival** (mentioned above) in Lake Elmo, MN on August 19. I don't know much about the first event, but there will be all classes of precision and ballet, including team. Contact David again at (612) 220-8201. Mark your calendars for July 21-23, as the **South Suburban Kite Fest** takes to the skies. Besides a complete schedule of precision and ballet events for individual and team, this American Kite Circuit Regional event will feature world famous kite personalities, Ron Reich and Stretch Tucker. Buggy races and an indoor fly round out the festival. For more information, call Kirk Romandine at (708) 755-1541. All of the above events are AKA sanctioned.

That will do it until next issue. Let's hear from the clubs, organizations and individuals putting on festivals and kite flies in the Region. It's your newsletter, so lets use it to get the word out.

Best regards, and gentle breezes.

## Region 7 Great Plains

*Chris Moore, Regional Director*

**K**iting has been catapulting forward, using new materials, a better understanding of aerodynamics and creative individuals as a catalyst. And, it is still being appreciated as a time honored tradition. I am confident this sport will continue to gain popularity as it gains exposure. I recognize the need to explore new forms of marketing kiting. Many of us know and use the Internet and even web sites are becoming common. If you are electronically challenged, I encourage you to contact Frank Kenisky with the Southwest Sportkite Conference. Frank is putting together a web site on kite clubs. If you are interested in gaining exposure for your club, send the following to Frank:

1) Organization logo; 2) Organization profile – one paragraph, 3) Regular fly locations, 4) Newsletter excerpt if available.

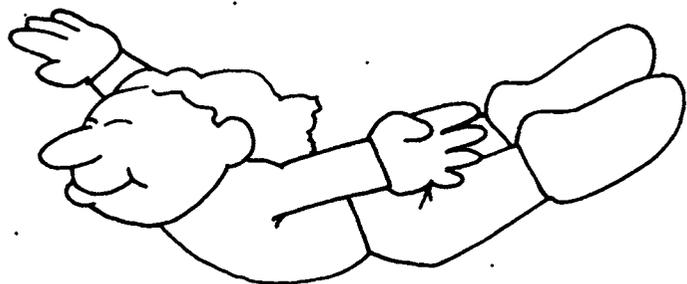
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The Third Annual **Twisted Lines Kite Festival** was June 2-4 in Topeka, KS. Fliers dealt with all kinds of weather – no wind at times, sunny skies, and brief periods of rain. The fun started on Friday afternoon as local fliers were joined by those from TX and OK for a fun fly and night fly. Saturday, the serious business of competition started and spectators were treated to some really awesome flying. Another highlight was a first time novice winning both precision and ballet. The 10 year old was as happy as anyone winning the lotto. Sunday saw more wind and a lot more sunshine. The Topeka Kite Flyers thank those who came and helped make this a great festival.

Mother Nature gave **Kites Over Lincoln 1995**, May 27-29 in Lincoln, NE a challenge this year; it began in a downpour. The rain cleared by 11 am and thereafter we enjoyed sun and a nice wind. Festival organizers decided to extend the festival into Memorial Day so Roger Maddy could have plenty of time to exhibit his flying skill. You can hear the description of one person flying three quad-line kites, but until you actually see for your-

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self, it's hard to realize how amazing this is! K.O.L. also enjoyed the skill of two master class fliers, Jon Trennepohl and David Bui.

The **Smoky Hill River Festival**, June 9-11, in Salina, KS has a little for everyone. Wind Wizards, Prairie Winds Festivals, Inc., and kite enthusiasts throughout the Midwest came to the annual event. I flew in a most unusual situation; due to lack of space, I flew in the center of the park's cement pond that they drained and lined with carpeting.

The **Twin Rivers Kite Festival** was held June 17, in Emporia, KS. AKA sanctioned competition was the main feature of the festival; details will be included in the next newsletter.

**Kites in the Sky '95** was June 25, at the Chalco Hills Recreation Area in Papillion, NE. For more information call Randy Fox at (402) 597-3653 or Nora Cooper at (402) 331-9108.

The **Kites and Castles Festival** in Ogallala, NE, will be a combination kite festival/sand castle competition/beach volleyball tournament. For information call Bob Wosjor evenings at (308) 284-3584.

Wind Wizards and Prairie Winds Festivals, Inc. will host the kiting event for the **Sunflower State Games**, July 29-30. This is a multi-sport festival of Olympic style competition for Kansas amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. The purpose of the event is to provide Kansans a wholesome avenue for positive personal development through sports and physical activity. More than 5,800 athletes competed in 1994. The Games will be held at the University of Kansas and throughout the city of Lawrence, KS and will include AKA sanctioned competition and follow AKA guidelines. Entries must be post-marked by July 15. The entry fee is \$15 for the first event, \$5 per event thereafter and include Sunflower State Games squeeze bottle and admission to Opening Ceremony. Late entries will be accepted on site with an additional \$3 late fee per event. Contact Kiting Commissioners Carolyn & Chris Moore, Wind wizards, 12944 W. 87th Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215, (913) 894-5483.

Bikes, kites and puppets will be featured at the **Arvada Center Festival**, August 19, in Arvada, CO. Kitemaking with George Peters and Scott Skinner will be included. Call Tillie Laskey, (303) 258-0315.

The **5th Annual Callaway Kite Flight** - 95 will be held Labor Day Weekend - September 2-4. Callaway, NE has been designated the Kite Fly Capital of Nebraska by the State Legislature. This event started with 35 families and has grown to 135 families in 1994.

There will be a lip sync contest, night flies, kitemaking classes with Dawn Williams and possible Sumo wrestling. A wedding will be held between two kitefliers on Saturday at 2 pm. Contact Connie May, (308) 836-2677 (W), (308) 836-2620 (H).

Buffalo Bill Days Kite Competition, will be part of the city wide Buffalo Bill Days festival in Leavenworth, KS, September 9. Prairie Winds Festivals, Inc. will host the competition and follow AKA guidelines. Contact Chris or Carolyn Moore, (913) 894-5483.

If you know of a kiting event in this region please contact me at least a month before the event.

## Region 8 South Central

*Richard Dermer, Regional Director*

**W**hat a schedule! We attended kite events seven of the last eight weekends - it was a busy spring in the Southwest.

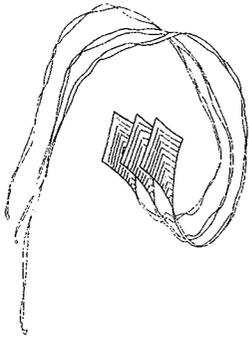
Marti and I hosted our **fifth annual 2-day fun fly** in Stillwater over Easter weekend and drew about 40 AKA members. This is our proof each year that festival organization can produce a good time with minimal effort. We wait each spring until the latest possible moment to fine a "hole" in the April/May calendar. Then we mail invites (no entry fee, no registration, no competition, no organization, no schedule) to all the AKA members within several hundred miles to come fly with us on our good local flying field. It works; this year we again drew fliers from Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, as well as Oklahoma, and we all had a great time.

San Angelo, TX's annual **KLST Kite Fly**, after no wind last year and too much the year before, finally got it right. The sponsoring TV station set up the field, found a soft-drink sponsor to donate several thousand kites to give away, and really hyped the event. This year they were rewarded with a large crowd, great wind, and a sky full of soft drink logo kites - an advertising agency's delight.

Just outside Dallas, the Richardson, TX **Wildflower Kite Festival** had some wild weather. A Saturday night thunderstorm bent our tent frame like a pretzel and uprooted trees near the flying field - one across the access road to the park necessitated a half-mile detour. That was during the evening, while we were at the banquet/auction. Most of Saturday and Sunday though, we had somewhat light but nice winds. I scored a nice single-line triumph - as the only entry in "largest" kite I won the trophy with a four-inch miniature. It was also a runner-up in "smallest." Dick & Gail Bell and Nancy Almandarez also won single-line events. Tamara Joyce returned to sport kite competition after a two year layoff and immediately took a first in intermediate ballet. Other sport kite winners included Rene Lantz, Noel Nestor, Troy Gunn and a few others - you know who you are. Good Job!

Like the Richardson event, the **15th annual Buffalo Beano Kite Fly** and Frisbee Fling in Lubbock, TX, was hurt by pessimistic weather forecasts that killed attendance. Although it rained on Friday before the event, anticipated thunder storms never materialized. Their threat, however, kept some competitors and most of the

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spectators at home. Those that did come enjoyed two days of laid back flying, frisbee catching dogs, the world's biggest disc golf tournament, and more.

The Tulsa Skyrider's second annual **Tulsa Kite Fest** was a sort of test – the first kite festival on the upcoming AKA convention site. (Flying field: infrequently mowed grass, smooth ground, but somewhat stubbly; wind: perfect.) About 20 contestants clipped through a full schedule of events on Saturday leaving Sunday open for free flying and demos. Sport kite winners included Rene Lantz, Terry Officer, Tamara Joyce, Larry Stiles, Troy Gunn, and teams Nemesis and BONO.

Another second-year Oklahoma event also went smoothly at the **Westlake Kite Festival** near Enid. Event organizer Earl Ehlers arranged for a one day kite display and sled making area at a local mall on Friday. Steve & Pam Thomason set up the show and taught over 100 kids to make their own kites. The two day fun fly at Earl's private fishing lake over Memorial Day weekend featured lots of room and, AKA members from three states, and about 400 local spectators and participants.

Finally, the spring season ended with the best event of all – the **Seventh Junction International Kite Retreat**. The Texas Tech University Center hosted 116 kites from 14 states and Canada, England, Germany, Japan and Malaysia. Organizers Betty Street and Bill Lockhart, assisted by a crew of TTU students and staff, threw a great retreat – a summer camp for grown-ups. Kite workshops; hands on building; slide show presentations; free flying; dining hall camaraderie; swimming, tubing and canoeing on the river; visiting the bat cave; a kite auction with over \$8,000 worth of rare kites, a public flying demo; meeting the international visitors, and more.

International guests included Shigeki Endoh, Seiko Nakamura and Mrs. Takuko Sato, Japan; Azahar Abd. Hamid, Faradatul Azni Ibrahim, and Mohd Nasir Othman, Malaysia; Ann Sloboda and Robert Trepanier, Canada; Eckard Schaaf and Harald Weissgerber, Germany; and Martin Lester, England. Other workshop presenters included Jose Sainz, Scott Skinner, Hugh Tucker, Keith Yoshida, Matt Sutton, Joan Nilsson, Neil Thorburn, Sam Huston, George Peters, Ali Fujino, and Ed Lindsey. This year's Retreat was filmed by a Houston area production company; with luck their documentary might get nationwide exposure.

As you read this, the convention is just a few months ahead – the last week of September in Tulsa, OK. Come see us! The weather is great that time of year. The convention flying fields are right next to the hotel so you can fly in, get a hotel shuttle from the airport, and walk everywhere – no need to rent a car. Tulsa has never seen a big kite event before, and our fields are visible from two expressways, so we may draw quite a crowd. For general convention information, call Jim Miller, convention manager at (312) 642-8692. For specific Oklahoma information or local Tulsa info, call me at (406) 372-6127...I live 70 miles away and will help you if I can. We're going to have a great time!

## Region 9 Intermountain

*David L. Colbert, Regional Director*

Well, it is easy to see the new year of flying is in full swing. We kitefliers are busy making decisions about which kite festivals to attend. We are also busy on the sewing machine trying to finish up those last minute projects. Well, at least I am.

We have been busy in Lincoln City, Oregon with the kite festival and trying to compete for the grand prize. The grand prize is an all expense paid trip to China or \$1000. in cash. I know what I want to win. We had great weather for the festival and a good turn out of competitors as well. We had the normal list of contests ranging from best small kite to best theme kite. We also had contests such as best aerial display and best ground display. There were a lot of nice pieces of kite art on the beach and the crowd of spectators really appreciated the show. Hope to see some of you at the next event here in Lincoln City on July 1 & 2 for the **North Coast Challenge**. There will a limited amount of single-line events to compete in also so bring your project kites.

We have also had two events in Rockaway Beach, Oregon and both were considered a great success thanks to A.O.K.. We all had a great time down on the beach, and we were able to put on a great kite show. Rockaway is a great place to go fly kites with nice wide beaches and affordable housing all over town. We had assorted contests with cash prizes handed out to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Both of the kite flies at Rockaway were a lot of fun, and after hours we continued the fun with frenzied feeding up in our room. On Sunday, Frank Hauser provided a six-foot sub sandwich for dinner and there wasn't a piece left. It was a much needed get away.

Route 66 Kite Club has been busy with a few festivals down in the Arizona area – the first being the **St. Patrick's Day Kite Carnival**. From the sounds of, it

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they had more wind than they really wanted but decided to fly anyway. The event started about 1 pm and lasted until they could scratch their ankles without bending over. There was mention of a fellow named Burt, a sled, and a new speed record. Now this I would like to see. The brave hearts that flew in these winds were awarded nice trophies and ribbons. Sounds like they had a lot of fun.

The Arizona area has also held the first annual **Coyote Kite Club Kite Festival** in Tucson. They had good clean air (a surprise blessing it seems for Arizona) or was the air considered clean for Arizona. Any way they all had a great time and flew kites so what else is there. They always hold a raffle and the winner took home a nice stunt kite made by Burt Duron. I hope they continue their hard work and love for kiteflying down in the Arizona area.

They also held a fun fly in April that was blessed with great weather and perfect wind. A work shop for the kids was held that included kitemaking, balloon toss, and a candy drop. The kids always like the candy drop the best. They raffled a kite made by Rod Shelton and Larry Ottersbach was the lucky winner.

I hope to make it down there someday and participate in some of their activities but until then, best winds to you all.

## Region 11 Northern California

*Tom McAlister, Regional Director*

It's been a busy first six months of the season. With all the **BASKL** events, **Visalia**, the **Lee Toy Fly**, **San Ramon**, **Tracy**, **Folsom** and the **NCKC fun Flys**, kite enthusiasts have had more gathering opportunities than ever. Unfortunately, 1995 also brought more rain than ever. The **Tracy Sister City Fly** as well as the first three Bay Area Sport Kite League events saw various levels of rainfall. I began to feel as if our latitude had been shifted north, about as far as Seattle!

Starting the season off with Visalia, Ron and Sandy proved less can sometimes be more. Although lack of sponsorship prevented the usual full-blown festival for the public, the Friday and Saturday night parties remained the anchors of this event. The parties were the perfect complement to two long days spent on the flying field. Thanks, guys!

Due to rain, the first three BASKL events were a lesson in frustration for the board of directors as well as the competitors. Nevertheless, they were also a testament to their tenacity and dedication to getting this league off the ground. I would like to express a special "thank you" to Tracy Fischi who has done all the data entry thus far and to Ron Barron and John Gabby for their help with sound systems. We couldn't have done it without you. Also, congratulations to the following BASKL competitors, who, as of June 1, are holding first place in the league rankings:

### Category Name/Score

NIP	Paul Bush/Shannon Hickey, (tie) 27
IIP	Nonika Mascarenhas, 49
EIP	John Frazier, 43
MIP	Kobi Eshun, 78
NIB	Ben Steele, 29
IIB	John Gabby, 76
EIB	John Frazier, 57
MIB	Kobi Eshun, 55
IPB	Team Phantom, 53
MPB	Dos Avispas, 29

The rain finally stopped, just in time for the **San Ramon Wind Fest**. Congratulations to Kim Guiliano and Bob Anderson for beating the rain and having a successful event. Ron Gibian, Bobby Stanfield and Randy Tom conducted kite building workshops, while Craig Wong held a workshop on how to use wavetable programs to edit music for ballet performances. He showed how, with a simple \$100 piece of software, you can make recordings of your ballet music at different speeds for different wind conditions. This sounded like a great asset for ballet competitors. Darrin Skinner gave a workshop on electronic communication opportunities for kitefliers, such as the Internet and Web pages.

This seems to be a year of great media exposure for our region's kitefliers. First, there was Bob Anderson and the Levi's commercials. At the **Tracy BASKL Fly**, Team Avispa scored a video piece for a central valley TV station. The cameras were rolling again at BASKL in Berkeley where videographers shot a piece on Buena Vista Kites for the Sports Channel. On another front, a production company from San Francisco is working on an educational video about kiteflying. Jessica & Chad Morrison will be featured in the video which includes footage of John Gabby and other NCKC members at the **Folsom Fly** and **San Ramon**.

You can also expect to see Chris Weir of San Francisco flying a Prism Eclipse into Tom Arnold's head in the movie **Nine Months**. I don't know if that is the image of sport kites we want in the media but I guess Hollywood gets what it wants. Also, watch for a computer generated version of a Cody style kite in the movie **Waterworld**. The model for the special effects guys was a 10 ft. tall Cody that I built myself. The storyline finds Kevin Costner on a sailboat that he wants to make go faster. Using materials at hand he quickly assembles a kite. He then shoots it out of a tube. Once in the air, the kite assembles itself and increases the speed of the sailboat. I tried to tell the movie makers that a Cody was not the best kite for traction and there were several modern designs not only better for such applications, but that might actually be launched into flight in real time. They told me they didn't care if it made sense to kitefliers, could I build a model or not? Once again, Hollywood got its way.

That's all for now. And unless we all hit the cutting room floor, we'll see you at the movies! Or at least our kites will.

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## Region 12 SoCal/Pacific

Walt Thompson, Regional Director

By the time you read this column many events will have happened but there are more. We have just come through the busiest part of the kite calendar.

The **4th Annual UP Sports International Kite Festival** has been canceled (as of June 1). This was to be the Manhattan Beach Fourth of July festival.

Roger Chewing, a good promoter and organizer, did not receive the sponsorship needed. June 10-11 the **LA Sport Classic** should have been held (again the long lead time makes me guess and hope that the schedules persist) at Santa Monica (normally El Segundo Beach). A lot of talent was heading for the event. There's one particular flyer I hope you noticed (if you didn't it was not his flying but his size). That giant killer is seven years old and his name is Jessie Lawrence. Jessie has been preparing for competition in quad-line and dual-line ballet using **Surfin USA** by the Muppets for his music.

One of the Rev II's he flies in higher winds is vented and was made by Revolution for him to test. He also likes single-line kites and has made and flies bamboo and tissue paper Jamaican style kites that Denzel introduced him to this spring. This flyer is still a little boy and is a delight to be around so if you see him at Berkeley say hi.

Another flyer I'd like to mention is a bit older - old as dirt - Don Johnston. His Corvette Stack is gaining national prominence especially out of the ordinary kite

arenas. Currently he has five black Fire Darts with the nose emblems of different Corvette cars made through the years. The emblems were made and have been appliquéd by John Peruse. In May a major Corvette car show was held at Sea Port Village in San Diego and Don's stack was on display along with about 150 well-cared for Corvettes. The godfather of General Motors Corvette, the original head designer of the Corvette - Zora Arbus Duntov - was so impressed that he signed each kite. Duntov, who is in his 90's, wanted to know if they flew, and Don wanted to fly that day but the officials were concerned about all that expensive metal parked around and didn't want any problems.

The stack has been featured in auto magazines in flight and on the ground. Pictures have been in *Vette Magazine* four times. Don adds a new kite each year and next year it will be the 63-64 emblems. He'd like to do a commercial for General Motors, and frankly I'd like to see that too. I hope his arms don't get too long as that stack grows, there is a lot of pull.

When you read this it will almost be time to go to the **AKA Convention** at Tulsa. This is relatively close to our Region 12 and I hope you go as it should be a blast. Just a reminder that this year it will be Sept. 26-Oct. 1. This is earlier this year and time goes by quickly when you are having fun.

Also a reminder about the **9th Annual Berkeley Kite Festival & WCKC** on July 29-30. Go. Last year quite a few of us Southern California types found our way up north and hopefully more will this year. There will be more events this year and more fun. Look for our banners.



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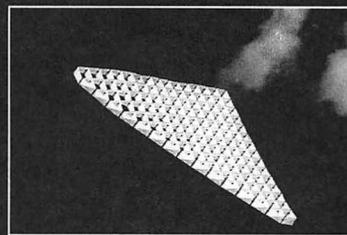
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## Kite Builder's International

"...knowledge is to be shared ..."

by  
Steve Riehle

## What I Wish I'd Known When I Started

Several years ago I took up kiteflying as a serious hobby after my wife gave me a stunt kite for my birthday. Since then, I've become addicted to both stunt and single-line kites. I'd like to share with those new to the sport what I wish I'd known when I started.

Locating a good local flying field is paramount. Your flying field should be an open area that has open access to non-turbulent wind. Therefore, it should not be downwind from tall buildings or tall trees which will generate turbulence. A flying field shouldn't have hazards such as utility lines, trees, or playground equipment. A beach often has the best steady wind, although a seaside beach can be unpleasant in strong winds with the salt air and sand blowing. A grass surface such as a large athletic field or treeless park is a pleasant flying environment. The time you invest in searching for a good flying area will pay big dividends in your enjoyment, kite performance and safety.

No particular kite – single-line or stunter – flies well in all wind speeds. The wise kiter takes several kites to the flying field – for light, medium and strong winds. It is also wise to bring along a full selection of flying line. Most kites will benefit from lighter weight line for low winds and heavier weight for stronger winds.

I find kites the most fun and beautiful when flown on a fairly short length of line. Higher altitude is not better; there's little benefit in watching a beautiful kite through binoculars. I prefer a line length of 100 feet for stunt kites and 200 feet for single-line kites. It's also easier to wind them in.

Kite color is a subjective choice, but bold primary colors and large, simple designs make a visual impact during flight. Colors or designs that look good in one's living room do not necessarily look good several hundred feet up. A combination of red, black and yellow is impressive in flight; solid bright pink is awesome against the sky. My white seagull kite is beautiful against a blue sky, but it becomes almost invisible in overcast conditions.

When putting your kite away in its bag, it's often difficult to roll it up on a windy field or beach. Instead, in high winds, disassemble the kite to get it into the car, and later carefully fold up your kite in the peace of your garage or living room. Make sure your kite is clean, dry and carefully folded before putting it into its storage bag. When unrolling a new kite from its storage bag carefully note how the manufacturer has folded it, and fold it the same way when putting it away. When leaving the flying field check that you're not leaving anything behind.

Extra large kites are impressive but they require strength, experience, and extra safety precautions. Flying these kites in strong winds can be dangerous and even result in injury or property damage. Large kites require a larger flying space and they may be better flown by a team of several people. As a foolish experiment I once launched an eight foot Cody war kite in a 25-30 mph wind on a deserted beach with no anchoring device. I couldn't hold it and I couldn't bring it down; it

was pulling me all over the beach. There was no one to help me and ominous power lines loomed about a half mile downwind. Fortunately, after about 10 minutes of this desperation, several people appeared and came to my assistance. It was irresponsible and unsafe of me to attempt to fly a large, hard-pulling kite under severe wind conditions. Always practice common sense!

My kites range from inexpensive to expensive. Some days a \$10 kite fits my mood and offers as much fun and enjoyment as my more expensive kites. It's like owning a VWBeetle and a Buick. There are times the VW feels right and there are other times when only a Buick will do. If a person can only own one kite, what should it be? Probably a large delta Conyne kite; it looks impressive, flies well within a range of winds and is simple and quick to assemble. A quality large delta Conyne handles turbulent and gusty winds better than any other kite design I know.

Never fly a kite near or over trees. There is a mysterious force that draws kites into trees. I once flew a rock stable, beautiful, and expensive Rokkaku over a tall, large tree; suddenly, for no apparent reason the kite nose-dived into the tree and was irretrievably lost. I now understand that cold air sinks, thus the cool shaded area beneath a tree is magnetic to the warm air and any kites above the tree.

A hat and proper clothing is very important when kite flying. After two years I'm still looking for a good kiteflying hat, one that won't blow off or collapse in a strong wind. This hat should have a wide brim, front side and rear, to protect the eyes, face and neck from the sun. Wear long sleeved clothing, quality wraparound sunglasses, and lip balm. Wear gloves when flying a kite with a strong pull that requires 100 pound or stronger flying line.

Buy only quality kites from a professional kite store or a custom builder. Discount mail order outlets are tempting, but your local kite store is deserving of your business and can give you better service. Subscribe to kite magazines; the product testing reviews alone are worth the price of subscriptions. Join the American Kitefliers Association. Liability insurance and a 10% discount offered at many kite stores are enough to make membership worthwhile. Attend kite conventions and festivals as they are fun and highly educational.

A novice in the sport will have a tremendous advantage if information gleaned from the experience of others is remembered and used. Even after several years I still learn new things about kites and the wind almost every time I fly. That's part of the fun!

### *Bits of String Too Short Too Save*

How many AKA members are also amateur radio operators?

Give James (N5YYX) and Roxie (KB5SVO) Lofton a shout. Base address is 501 Prairieview, Clovis, New Mexico 88101.

In the spring of 1991 there was a plea in the newspaper from the Northampton County Park System to help them with a kite festival. They wanted kite building for kids and kite flying demos. I called and was given, not a helper's job as expected, but, chairman of it all. I gathered friends, neighbors, and people I didn't even know. We made a success - attendance about 200 and lots of happy kids. I put out a clipboard for "kite people" to sign and received about a dozen signatures and addresses. Paul Keeler, one of the original kites, and I called people, posted notices at malls and on phone poles announcing the first kite club meeting. No one showed up for the first meeting except Paul and me.

That fall we heard about a kite festival at a city park - One Sky One World. We went, took another clipboard, and got more names, addresses and phone numbers. This time it clicked! We had the first Lehigh Valley Kite Society meeting with 11 members in November. Ten of the original group (charter members) are still part of the Lehigh Valley Kite Society's core of workers, flyers, and wind seekers. Today we have about 85 members, 20 of whom are very active.

You can see us en masse up and down the East coast. We are lucky enough to have the Kite Studio, AKA store, and Kite Builders International people, Steve and Tony Ferrel as charter members. They are always at hand to help the club. Paul Keeler and I own Burlesque Kites, home of homemade parachuting fauna, now all over the country. Monthly Society meetings are held at our shop.

So far we have produced five annual Kite Days in the Park with attendance of over 2,000. For the third year in a row, Lehigh Valley Kite Society has been the honored kite club for the East Coast Stunt Kite Championships at Wildwood, NJ. We have the responsibility for the single-line areas, safety, and all kite club activities. Our new giant (30 ft.) feather flag was unleashed. We won Best Club Banner, Best Club Banner Display, Best Night Fly with a 10 ft. tyvek Rok (painted with night stick juice) and the 10th anniversary theme for ECSKC with a bi-plane pulling a 75 ft. banner.

We give lectures on kite history in the community and each year we build 700-1000 kites for kids, senior citizens, scouts, church groups, friends of the blind and other groups. We've also donated over 25 books and videos to area libraries and schools.

We are rather hard to miss at any kite festival. Our presence includes a ground display of nearly 50 five ft. feather flags, personal member flags from 12-20 ft. and

## Kite Club Profile Lehigh Valley Kite Society

our award winning 20 ft. club flag. Last year we showed our 15 ft. x 25 ft. club mega banner and we swept the trophies for depicting our club logo, the AKA logo and 36 3 ft. x 3 ft. panels made by club members with themes of their choice. It won Best of Show and Most Excitement on a Line at various festivals in 1994.

Last year at the AKA convention we provided helpers in many areas. The welcome party was co-chaired by myself with help from many local kite clubs and we raised \$1200 to support the kids kite building workshop at the convention. The Society also provided safety officers and. The Lehigh Valley Kite Society came in second in the AKA Rok Battle last fall!

Space permits only a few of our members being mentioned: Vice Presidents Jim Reiser and Ronn Dunn, Secretary Gail Erich, Treasurer Paul Keeler and Super Helper Gien Bachman, along with newsletter publishers and editors Tom & Donna Grable all deserve commendation.

I would be remiss to omit Tony Reiser - his credits include: his "One Sky, One World" kite in *KiteLines* and first and second place wins at The Smithsonian in Kite Building. He built two of the kites donated to our public service TV station auctions and built the AKA Convention Kite raffled at the welcome party. He has always been our "Volunteer of the Year." "Bravo" to Tony Reiser.

This coming season you will see us at festivals large and small all over the world.



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## Where It's At ... Our Founder

by Corey Jensen

Corey Jensen, Head Buckaroo of Windborne Kites in Monterey, is a former president of AKA who submits an opinion column each issue.

This is difficult to talk about. Bob (our Founder) Ingraham has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The doctors say he has only another 6

months to a year. The disease does not respect the man and all he has done for the kitefliers of America.

Thirty years ago, Bob and Hazel started the AKA as a way to bring kiteflying from the image of a child's toy from the first half of this century into the modern age of light-weight, aerodynamically efficient wings and sails we enjoy now. From toys to sport, from art to play, from business to pleasure. A way for different people and their kites to play together and reinforce our sense of community. This wonderful gift was given to us by this wonderful man and his wife. Not for money, but from love.

Now it is our turn to give something back. Bob's biggest concern is that this will exhaust their savings as insurance does not cover everything. They live simply on a fixed income.

If you have not ordered your copy of the last issue of Bob's *Kite Tales*, this might be a good time. Normal price for this fascinating glimpse into kiting's past is \$5. If you want to send \$50, that would be cool. We can make a huge difference and express our gratitude in a very practical way.

No administrators, no bank accounts. Straight to the man. A simple way to help, and to say thanks.

### Up-Side Down-Under

The World Cup Team SportKite Championships are going to Australia in November (10-19th). It will be spring

there and the lovely village of Lakes Entrance will host a 10 day kite extravaganza that has the potential to be one of the most incredible kite expositions in the world.

The first weekend will present the Australian Championships where the last teams will qualify. The competition site is an island beside the entrance channel from the ocean to the inland lakes, hence the name. The town stretches along an arm of a lake that backs the barrier dunes and ocean beach.

The week between the Australian Championships and the World Cup will be filled with a variety of activities for the many international guests and attending flyers. Kid's kite building clinics with most of the local school children. Daily sky-filling kite spectaculars and a Buggy-Roo with an obstacle course and timed runs.

Lakes Entrance is the focal point for many activities including boating, sailing, fishing, wine tasting, marsupial encounters and a peak at the recent history of this wonderful land. Motels and camping parks abound and many small shops and restaurants cater to the travellers every need.

If one can survive the week of kite stuff and incredible Australian hospitality, the World Cup Championships will cap it all off with a two-day sport kite competition and crown a World Champion Team for 1995.

Upon the close of the World Cup, a select group will embark on an Outback Buggy Safari. First to the Great Ocean Highway and the fabled Coorong, stretching southeast from the mouth of the Murray River and enjoying smooth Indian Ocean breezes.

Then inland to Lake Gairdner, site of the Australian land-speed record attempt (although not while we're there), and 3-4 days to explore local dry lakes and buggy our butts off. Local ranchers at various stations provide accommodations and meals. Everything is arranged. Trust me...

Seriously, if a trip to the Land Down-Under is on your list of things you would love to do... consider this opportunity. Round-trip airfare to Melbourne runs about a grand. Figure \$50 a day to eat and sleep during the 10 days of the World Cup activities in Lakes Entrance. Another \$50 a day for the 7 day Outback Buggy Safari. Don't forget souvenirs and stuff. Two grand total. Plus beer.

What else were you going to do with the money? Pay bills? There will just be more bills next month. Think about it. Hope I see you there.

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