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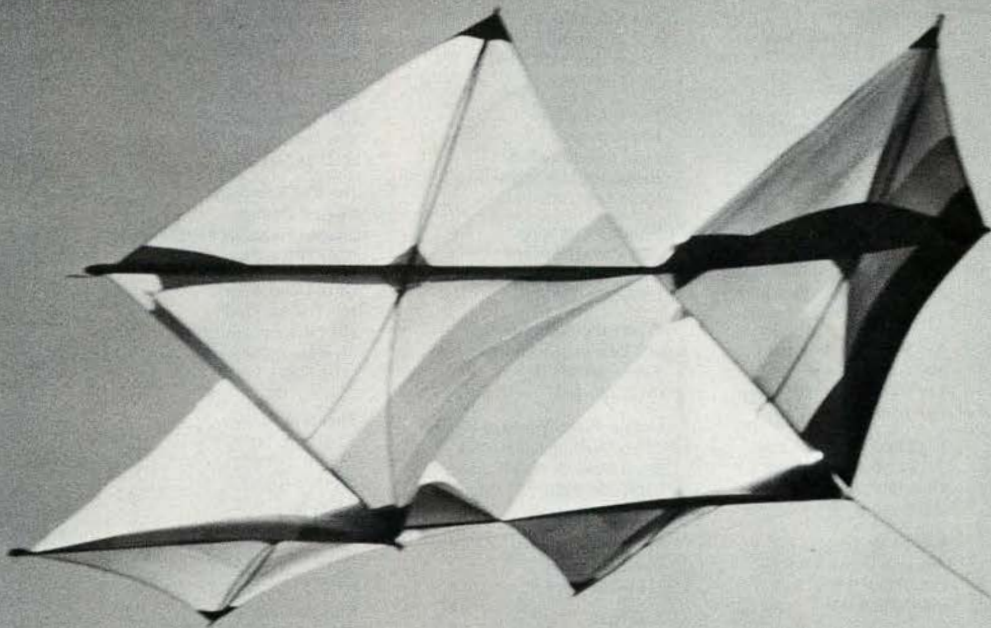
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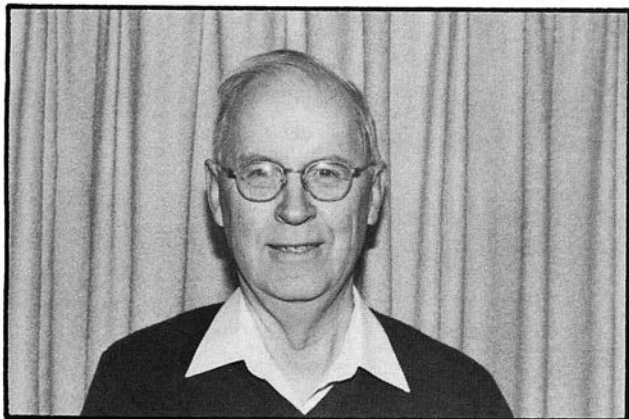
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President's Corner



Dear fellow members and kitefliers of the AKA:

The beginning of a new year is a time to direct our thoughts and actions towards the future. In our case (yours and mine) it is to study the possibilities of what the AKA can become within the constraints of energy and money available from whatever proper source. For several years the AKA has balanced its books by using the proceeds of the annual auction to finance the AKA publication and the management of the AKA. Very little has been available for achieving the objectives of the AKA.

Whether we like it or not, we are functioning as a volunteer organization which means that we should not always expect polished, professional performance from our administration; everything probably won't get done the way we would all like it to be done. However, I and many others will do our best to serve with heart and sweat (if necessary) to keep AKA a living, growing organization. Your new executive committee has prepared a slightly "unbalanced" budget, which will be published in the next issue. Dues are not enough to operate AKA without assistance from the auction, unless radical changes are made in the way we operate and publish.

The budget is a plan for how we expect or hope to obtain and spend AKA funds. It is expected that membership will increase during the next year. This will not help the cash flow problem in that new memberships are just about neutral in net value to the AKA. Where they do help is in reducing the per copy cost of the publication. The printing costs for larger runs are less per copy while the cost of editing and preparation may be kept nearly constant.

Though the revenue from the auction at the annual convention has shown a steady growth over the years, it is not a firm or predictable source of funds. If Rick and Eileen both decided to have children in October, where would we be?

We have considerably less cash on hand as we start 1987 than we had at the beginning of 1986. Even with a steady or increasing flow of dues money and advertising revenue, I believe it prudent, if not essential, for the publication to be reduced in number of pages and perhaps have color eliminated, at least for a time. The number of lines of type per inch will be increased slightly and the amount of white space on pages reduced. These changes will have little effect on legibility yet get another page or two of material in each set of eight pages. The AKA has had at least seven mailing addresses. One of the features of having a management firm was believed to be the fixing of the mailing address. Three of the seven addresses have been under two management firms. A forwarding service can be hired for \$600 per year plus postage. The address would be as permanent as we need or could expect.

The 1987 convention site has been selected and a hotel contract signed. The Chicago site for 1988 has been accepted. Do we have candidates from the far west for 1989? How about the southeast in 1990?

Religious holidays are being scrupulously studied in planning future conventions. It is believed that adequate field space and time are being allotted for dual line kite events in 1987 and 1988. With enough time, the wind has a good chance of blowing. However, with the present state of weather forecasting, it does not seem to be possible to assure wind anywhere when it is desired.

There are a number of rough spots in the operation of AKA. One is the sale and distribution of T-shirts. Arrangements have been made for these functions. Orders on hand will be processed as soon as the system is working, which should be before you read this.

The AKA is supposed to be guided by a board which is composed of Regional Directors (RDs) and Directors-at-Large. Day-to-day operations are performed by the Executive Committee which meets

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as frequently as necessary, usually monthly. There are a number of other standing and special committees whose members are volunteers. RDs reside in their home region; this makes meetings of the Board of Directors difficult. Usually all members of the Executive Committee live within commuting distance of one another.

The function of the RDs is to keep tabs on what is going on in their region and transmit the will of their constituency to the Executive Committee. Personal gripes and such may always be directed to the president or appropriate committee chairperson, but they may also be channeled via the RD. The Regional Director should help in the formation of new kite clubs, the organization of kite events, and such other good works as the kiting community may undertake. If your RD is not helping you, raise Cain. This is a democratic organization and if you aren't satisfied with the way things are or aren't being done, gripe, and volunteer to set them straight.

There are lots of other things for AKA to do this year and AKA committees can be as busy as can be, if they will.

Please write if you have any problems with the way AKA is functioning. And don't be afraid to write again if you don't get satisfaction. Your letter may have fallen into the "OUT" basket instead of the "IN" one. I won't promise it, but I hope the publication goes out on time this year!

If you need any more information on the status of AKA, please read the AKA's President's Letter, Volume 1, Number 1, January 1979. Very little has changed. But AKA has thrived for nine years and it will continue to do so if we all pull together in the best interest of kiting in all its aspects.

Have a good year of kite flying!

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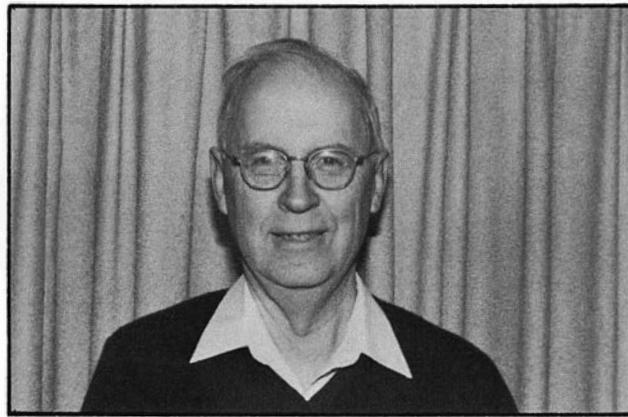


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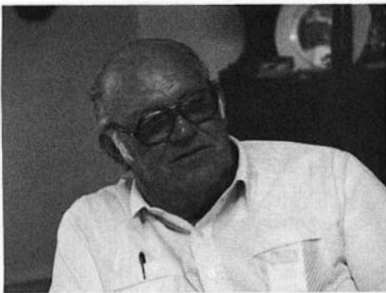


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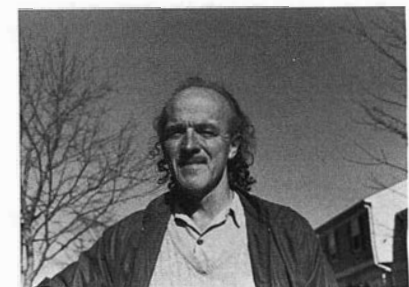
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Keep Up With Kiting

Observations

KITE CLUBS — FOR LOCAL FUN AND KITE FANTASY

By Margo Brown

What would we do without kite clubs to help nourish our kite fantasies? The following columns will be an attempt to acquaint fliers with some clubs across the United States. If we do not get to a club in your area this time, please be patient. The next planned articles will get to you. This time we are highlighting three clubs.

Let's start in the northeastern corner of the United States with the Newport Kite Group (NKG). Those "yankee" folks are the ones who hosted the '86 AKA National Convention and introduced a large number of us to a New England clambake! Led by Tom Casselman (Convention Chairman) and Tony Bisbano (NKG President), the New England group certainly extended to AKA that warm hospitality that kitefliers seem to be noted for.



These people made it marvelous for those of us who visited Newport.

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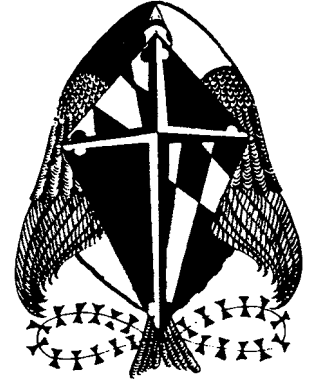
Tom Wineman	Don McCasland
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A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone!

Currently the NKG is preparing for their "Frostbite Fly" on January 1, 1987. For information on the Newport Kite Group, contact:

Tony Bisbano, President, 196 Homestead Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Coming down the eastern seaboard we find the Maryland Kite Society (MKS), one of our oldest clubs. The MKS was founded in 1969 by Valerie Govig. THE MKS is known for its dedication to public service and for their fantastic kite retreats.



The MKS is also hosting the 1987 AKA National Convention. Members are already working hard on convention details. For those of you who like early news, the convention hotel is about five minutes (yes, I said "5") from Dulles International Airport and the practice flying fields are adjacent to the hotel!

The MKS Winter Kite Retreat is a highlight of the winter season on the east coast. This year, the scheduled dates are January 30-31 and February 1. It will be held at Great Oak Landing located near Chestertown on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and if last year's retreat is indicative of anything, this year's promises to be equally rewarding. For further information, turn to the AKA Kite Calendar in the back of this magazine.

The current President of the MKS is Pete Ianuzzi. For further information about the MKS, contact him at 1908 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228, or call (301)744-4754. **(HINT: For those of you who wish to call Pete, the best time to reach him is after 11 pm [Maryland time] and before 2 am. Pete will explain).**

Let's head up to that Windy City, Chicago. The Sky Liners are that fantastic group whose energy knows no bounds. What a lively crew! I chuckle all the way through Skylines, their newsletter. The Sky Liners are the AKA's hosts for the 1988 convention and I hear, via Madam Booga Booga (Pat Daly), that all sorts of surprises are in store plus the fact that our famous costumed green frog

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(Al Hargus) has other kite ideas and games being polished for the event. What?? A flexi foil stunting the flier?! INTERESTED in the Sky Liners Group? Contact: Charlie Sotich, 3851 West 62nd Place, Chicago, Illinois 60624 or call (312)735-1353.

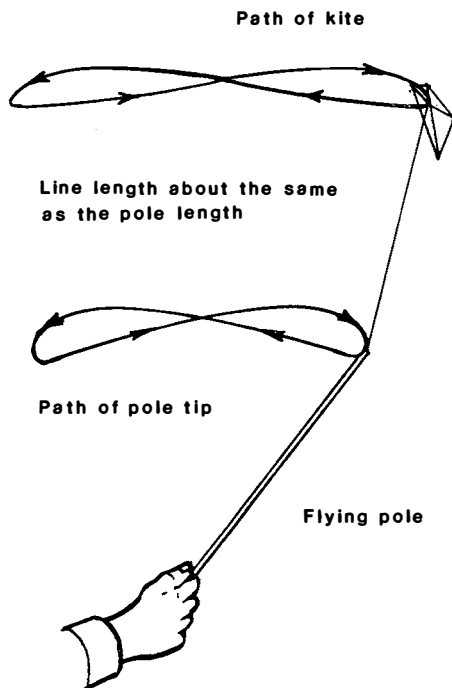


Space is running out and we are here in the Windy City — on our way to the west coast and the Washington Kitefliers (WKA) via the Central Ohio Kitefliers (COKA). Catch the next column which will highlight these groups along with the Greater Delaware Valley Kite Society and a whole "kovey" of new kite clubs now being organized. If you read this and you have a new club in your area, let us know. We want the information you have to share.

The following winter-time indoor kite information is courtesy of Charlie and the Sky Liners.



FLYING SMALL KITES INDOORS _____ by Charlie Sotich



A simple and perhaps less strenuous method of flying kites indoors is to attach the flying line to a pole. A $\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter, three foot dowel is good to start with, especially if the kite is small, such as, ten inches or less. A longer pole works better for bigger kites. The flying line should be about the same length as the pole. The simplest method of moving the pole is so it's tip moves in a horizontal circle. If you have space to walk, you might be able to get added flying speed to keep your kite up by slowly waving the pole from side to side as you walk.

If you have a kite that is small and light enough, you should be able to sit down in a comfortable chair and by properly moving the pole, keep the kite flying. The proper path is just an elongated, horizontal figure eight. The trick here seems to be in moving the pole tip down as you approach the end of the stroke. This speeds up the kite and helps it overfly the pole tip. When the pole starts back, the kite is already behind it.

Practice makes perfect!

Long Live Kites!

ANNOUNCING — WINNER OF A 1987 AKA MEMBERSHIP

In this issue we announce our first winner of an AKA membership in 1987 — Wayne Hosking! Wayne, who has authored three kite texts, Kites - Aussie Style, Kites to Color the Wind, and Wil "Bear" Wright's Beginner Kite Book, has been most generous in sending kite plans and suggestions to our journal.

KITE FANCY

**Couple's hobby takes off,
leads to flying art forms**

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THE HOUSTON POST
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By Mark Hanna

Wayne Hosking comes across as a hard-working, studious sort, his sharp Australian accent adding a touch more dignity to that image. He's hardly the kind of person one would expect to spend a good portion of his life taking flights of fancy.

He does, though. So does his wife Jan, whose flights are actually even fancier than his. He's even helped form a club in Houston so entire groups of people can drift off.

Hosking is a kite man — a maker, a flyer and a fancier of an ancient hobby which in recent years has recruited an increasing number of followers hooked on the power of motorless flight...

Hosking has been into the hobby for more than a decade, trying his hand at making kites for an Australian fair back in the early 70's. "We went out, got all the books and set to work," said the man who, since moving to Houston, has written three books on kite-making and flying. "The first 10 didn't fly. The first one was more of a ship's anchor than a kite, but it became a challenge."

Thus, like any great pioneer, Hosking chucked all the books and started out on his own. Within a few years he had lost one job but was teaching kitemaking almost full time and had sold some 45,000 kites from his own store. The more people he could tell to go fly a kite, the better he felt.

In Houston, kites aren't quite back to hobby status. While he's back in the geophysics business, he and his wife have their own kite manufacturing and retailing business. She creates her flying works of art and he spends a lot of time giving workshops and flying the colorful, multi-shaped wonders high into the clouds and occasionally deep into trees.

"Five years ago only a few cities had stores specializing in anything but kites and related parts. Today, the stores are common and have even laid claim to their own listing in most Yellow Pages."

And in the meantime, Hosking has helped form the Texas Flyers, a "loose knit" club of enthusiasts who regularly let their tails drag and, with the right wind, get totally unstrung.

They are not alone.

All across the country the ranks of kite enthusiasts are growing in leaps and bounds. Five years ago, only a few cities had stores specializing in nothing but kites and related parts. Today, the stores are common and have even laid claim to their own listing in most Yellow Pages.

The appeal comes not just in getting a diamond-shaped kite into the sky and keeping it there, although there's appeal enough in that for some. The kite hobbyist soon finds there are seemingly endless styles, colors and shapes to create and fly. The materials vary from the tried-and-true newspaper to exotic silks or, in Hosking's case, colorful plastic bag kites.

For more information on the Texas Flyers, the kite club, call Lyman Hall at (713)621-6901



AKA Kite Calendar



AKA KITE CALENDAR AND EVENTS LISTING

Have you marked these dates?

January 25, 1987. Kite Training Class and 2nd Annual Goodie and Cookie Contest, 12 noon to 4 pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago. Class will include basics and kite building for children. QUESTIONS? Contact Charlie Sotich at (312)735-1353

Late January, 1987. Day to be determined. Kite Festival, San Felipe, Baja Peninsula, Mexico. QUESTIONS? Contact Corey Jensen, Windborne Kites, 585 Cannery Row, Suite 105, Monterey, California, 93940.

January 30-31 through February 1, 1987. Maryland Kite Society's Winter Retreat. Great Oak Landing near Chestertown on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Reservations include two nights' accommodations and six meals (dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday, and breakfast & lunch on Sunday). Reservations and a one-day deposit must be made by **January 16, 1987.** Rates are \$65 per night per person (double occupancy), \$83 per night per person (single occupancy), and a \$10 donation for registration/materials (at door). Reserve by mail to: Great Oak Landing, P.O. Box 527, Chestertown, MD 21620. Reserve by phone to: (301)778-2100. QUESTIONS? Call Timothy L. Thompson at (301)276-4509.

February 8, 1987. OOKA Club Fly. Contact: David Holbrook, 457 Pittsfield Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085 or call him at (814)846-9957.

February 14, 1987. Hearts and Flowers Kite Fly at 12 noon, Cricket Hill, Chicago. QUESTIONS? Contact Charlie Sotich at (312)735-1353.

February 15, 1987. Winter Kite Karnival at University of Mass., Amherst (near stadium), 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. By Northampton Kite Flyers Association. QUESTIONS? Call Dorothea Szabo at (413)477-8574.

February 22, 1987. Wind Sock and Spinner Class from 12 noon to 4 pm, at Horner Park Fieldhouse, 2741 W. Montrose Avenue, Chicago. QUESTIONS? Contact Al Hargus at (312)545-9572.

March 6,7 & 8, 1987. Fort Worden Retreat Weekend. Washington state. Over 70 people are expected to join in the fun! By Washington Kite Fliers Association. QUESTIONS? Call Jack Van Gilder at (206)938-0550 or Doug Hagaman at (206)746-7378.

March 14, 1987. Sky Liners 5th Birthday Party Kite Fly Cricket Hill, Montrose and the Lake. QUESTIONS? Contact Charlie Sotich at (312)735-1353.

March 21-25, 1987. Kite Fair '87, Shanghai. This seems to be a trade fair, where main subjects will be kite making, arts, and flying demonstrations. Registration deadline is January 15, 1987. QUESTIONS? Call Jon Burkhardt at (301)424-6976.

March 22, 1987. Sky Liners Sky Circus Workshop, Horner Park Field House, Chicago. 12 noon to 4 pm. Help the Sky Liners make items and giveaways for Sky Circus. QUESTIONS? Contact Charlie Sotich at (312) 735-1353.

March 28, 1987. Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Kite Festival on the Washington Monument grounds, Washington, D.C. Founded by Paul and Irene Garber. A very popular annual event... QUESTIONS? Contact Margo or Bevan Brown at (703)893-3886.

April, 1987. Second Annual Benn Blinn Kite Day. Day to be determined. Fun fly, kite display and workshop. Fancyburg Park, Upper Arlington, Ohio. QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957 or write them at 457 Pittsfield Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

April, 1987. Festival of Kites. Lou Berliner Park, 1220 Deckebach Street, Columbus, Ohio. Day to be determined. Fun fly, kite display and other activities. By Columbus Recreation & Parks Dept. Bring a picnic lunch. QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957.

April, 1987. Columbus Metro Parks Kite Workshop and Fly. Sharon Woods Metro Park, 6911 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Day to be determined. QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957.



Photo: courtesy Margo Brown

It won't be long until once again we meet at the annual Smithsonian Kite Festival, held on the Washington Monument Grounds.

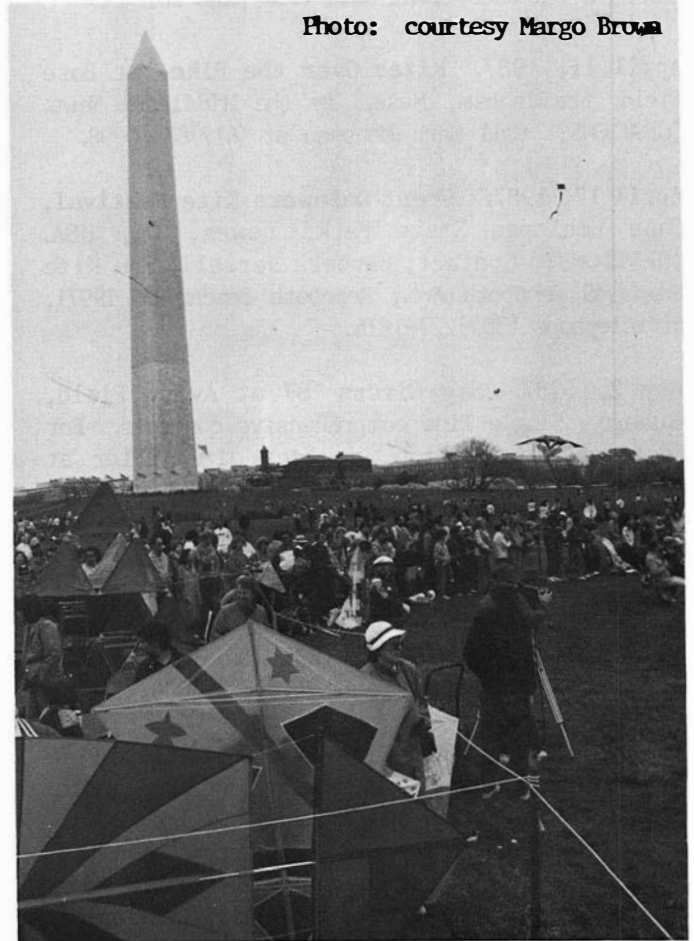


Photo: courtesy Margo Brown

Don't miss this year's Smithsonian festival! See the AKA Kite Calendar for details (page 10).



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Introducing — our innovative new AKA President for 1987 — Bob Price on his famous "hobby horse!"

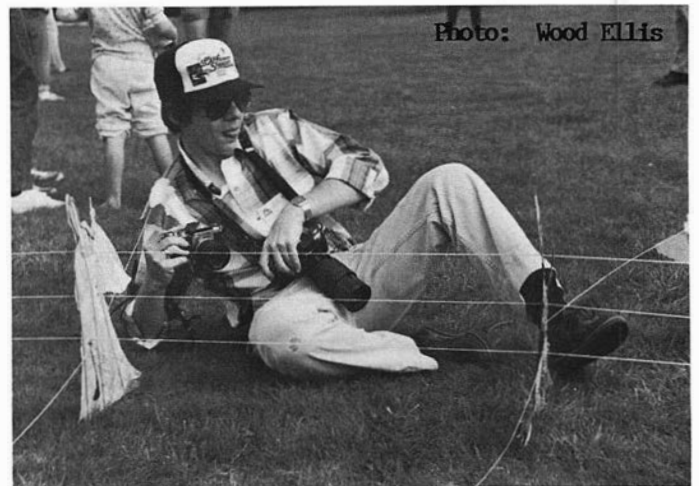


Photo: Wood Ellis

Perhaps we'll get another glimpse of Ted Manekin, in his usual unusual pose, attempting to capture the poetry of kites in motion.

AKA Kite Calendar (continued from page 10)

April 11, 1987. Kites Over the Pike, at Bose Field, Framingham, Mass. By the Middlesex News. QUESTIONS? Call Hank Manseau at (617)875-0998.

April 17, 1987. Great Delaware Kite Festival, Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, DE, USA. QUESTIONS? Contact: Barbara Jerrell, The Kite Shop, 49 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or telephone (302)227-1616.

May 2, 1987. Sky Circus '87 at Avery Field, Chicago. Single line comprehensive contests. For festival information, contact Jim Miller at (312)642-8692. For accommodations, contact Nancy Gellman at (312)283-5114. Festival rain date is Sunday, May 3.

May 9, 1987. Boston Kite Festival, Franklin Park, Boston, Mass. QUESTIONS? Call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617)725-4006.

May 17, 1987. WRSI Kite Fly Competition at Veteran Field, Greenfield, Mass. By WRSI Radio. QUESTIONS? Call Dorothea Szabo at (413)586-6141.

May 31, 1987. Piccolo Spoleto "Great Kite Flying," 2:00 pm, Brittlebank Park, Charleston, S.C. This event is for homebuilt kites only, with cash awards given in six categories. For further information, contact Constance M. Baldwin at (803)724-7305 or write Office of Cultural Affairs, 133 Church Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401.

Summer, 1987. International Indoor Kite Efficiency Challenge; cash and other awards, details to be determined. Contact Bill Bigge, 13020 Well House Court, Germantown, MD, 20874 or telephone (301)972-1051.

June, 1987. OOKA Kite-ric and Night Fly. Day to be determined. QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957.

June 6, 1987. Tako Kichi (Go Kite Crazy) at Greenhill Park, Worcester, Mass., 12 noon to 4 pm. By Worcester Science Center. QUESTIONS? Call Ellen Williams at (617)791-9211.

June 13, 1987. The 5th Annual Summer Games Kite Flying Contest, Myrtle Beach, S.C. To be held on the ocean front of the Sands Ocean Club. Single line and dual line competition. QUESTIONS? Contact Richard Kligman, of Kligs Kites, at (803)449-2856.

June 13, 1987. "The Great Sky Train"; Anderson, Indiana. A brand new organization, The Hoosier Kitefliers Association, wants to put up more than 5,581 kites. For further information, call Dave or Kathy Nichols at (317)474-5751.

July 4-5, 1987. "North Coast Stunt Kite Games," Maumee Bay State Park, Toledo, Ohio. Interregional stunt kite competitions. QUESTIONS? Contact Fred Bell at (614)231-1559 or Al Hargus at (312)545-9572.

July 5, 1987. Wind & Water Kite Festival at Gallops Island, Boston Harbor, 10 am to 4 pm. By the Dept. of Environmental Management. QUESTIONS? Call (617)740-1605.

July 18 through July 25, 1987. Black Ships Kite Festival at Brenton Point State Park, Newport, R.I. By the Newport Kite Group. QUESTIONS? Call Tony Bisbano at (401)683-1742 or Tom Casselman at (401)683-4880.

August 15, 1987. Provincetown Kite Fly at Race Point, Provincetown. By Outermost Kites. QUESTIONS? Call (617)487-3766.

August 23, 1987. Sky Liners Just for Fun Stunt Kite Competitions, Ned Brown Woods, Schamburg, Ill. QUESTIONS? Contact Jim Miller at (312)642-8692.

September 5-6, 1987. United States Air Force Museum Festival at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Display, workshops, lectures, competition and open flying. A **MAJOR NATIONAL EVENT!** QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957.

October, 1987. OOKA Chili Party & Night Fly. Day and details to be determined. QUESTIONS? Call Dave or Pam Holbrook at (614)846-9957.

Columbus Day Weekend, 1987. One Sky-One World Kite Fly at Bose Field, Framingham, Mass. and several other New England locations. QUESTIONS? Call Hank Manseau at (617)875-0998.

AKA Kite Calendar (continued from page 12)

November 14, 1987. 4th Annual Sky Liners Mickey Mouse Birthday Kite Fly, Cricket Hill Montrose and the Lake. QUESTIONS? Contact The Wizard (Al Hargus) at (312)545-9572.

July, 1988. First World Conference to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Kite Aerial Photography; Labruguiere, FRANCE. A three-day event attended by persons from all parts of the world to celebrate the birthplace of kite aerial photography and to honor Arthur Batut, prolific research worker and inventor whose main merit lied in his ability to imagine and realize a kite bearing a photographic camera equipped with a delay mechanism with which, in 1888, he obtained superb aerial views of Labruguiere. This centenary celebration will include:

- 1) inauguration of an avenue bearing the name of the inventor,
- 2) issue, in 1988, of a postal stamp commemorating Arthur Batut and his invention,
- 3) publication of a bilingual booklet (French-English) on the subject of aerial photography, etc.,
- 4) an exhibition of classical kites from the whole world, and
- 5) the creation in Labruguiere, of the Arthur Batut Museum.

For further information, contact: Societe d'Etudes et Recherches, Archeologiques et Historiques de Labruguiere, Siege social: 9, Rue J. Simon. 81290 Labruguiere FRANCE.

PARAFOIL AND ROGALLO DESIGNERS NOTICE

The U.S. Army Headquarters Laboratory Command is sending out a call for an unpowered, prototype design using a Parafoil or Rogallo wing aircraft having lift over drag of 6+ for a 30 second flight and a soft landing, delivering a 500 lb. payload. The payload would be a rectangular shape that can be streamlined with fabric. Specifications for the Parafoil design are A-87-326 and for the Rogallo wing, A-87-327. For further information, call 800-368-5211 and ask for Program Substantiation 87.1. The cutoff date is January 9, 1987.

ANNOUNCING — A TRIVIA CONTEST FOR AKA MEMBERS!

By Al Hargus

Some people know a lot about a few things. Others know a little about everything. I guess I fit into the second category.

Here are ten questions I believe will stump all but the most avid kite "triviest." (All answers can be determined either from your memory banks or in previous AKA newsletters and other sources!) There are no trick questions; only to get all 10 answered correctly! Answer all ten correctly and your name will be put in a **special kitefliers' prize drawing** along with any other correctly answered entries. Send your answers by January 30, 1987 to: The "Wizard" c/o Al Hargus, 4705 W. Byron, Chicago, Illinois 60641. The winner and answers will be listed in the next AKA newsletter!

NOTE: Your contest entry is only valid if accompanied by your answered AKA questionnaire (on inside front dust cover)! We need your input!

- 1) Who set a record on April 15, 1984? What did they do?
- 2) When was the first AKA news color cover?
- 3) Who flew a 210-kite train at the Detroit AKA national convention in 1982?
- 4) How many stamps were on Dave DeBolt's 1983 postage stamp kite?
- 5) Who held the record for longest kite tail in 1982? How long was it?
- 6) What was the nickname of Rick Bell's record 140-wing Hyperkite train in 1984?
- 7) What issue of the AKA newsletter had a made on the cover?
- 8) In Lee Toy's famous 1982 cross country motorcycle tour, where was Lee on December 18, 1982?
- 9) Who held the record for the most stunt kites in a train in 1982?
- 10) Who won the "Best Rokkaku Kite" contest at the Smithsonian Kite Fly in 1985?



Readers Write

CALL FOR DUAL-LINE JUDGES

By Bevan Brown

We are compiling an initial list of AKA-certified dual-line judges and are developing procedures to systematically train and certify new judges. Would dual line fliers please send me a list of people that you nominate to form this initial core group. We need the following information for each candidate judge:

- 1) name, address, phone number,
- 2) event qualifications (one or more):
 - a) individual dual line
 - b) ballet (to music) individual and team
 - c) team
 - d) team precision
- 3) level of qualification (one or more):
 - a) major event organizer
 - b) senior judge
 - c) judge
 - d) field manager
- 4) short summary of experience

I especially encourage groups to recommend a set of candidate judges for your area. They will become your resource for holding AKA regional events. I will compile a list of names this spring. This list will be sent to all kite clubs and be available to members.

I would also like to hear your ideas on how to define certification categories, levels of qualification, and procedures for certification of new judges. Please send the above to: Bevan Brown, 6636 Kirkley Avenue, McLean, VA 22101.

The Spin Sock (TM) design described in the November issue of KITEING is patented and the name Spin Sock is registered at the patent office as a trademark.

John Waters developed the design and commercial use can only be done with permission of Catch the Wind Kites, of Lincoln City, Oregon. The plans printed in the November issue are for private/individual use only.

The Spin Sock (TM) pictured in the November issue was a high point in the AKA convention auction. It brought the auction record price of \$1,125.

ESSENCE and UNISON

By Philip Castillo

The kite is an extension of my soul; achieving the grace and oneness with IT is my goal.

The kite is connected to my being by the tethers I control.

Oh! The essence and unison sets my heart reeling and makes me believing that what I'm doing is for an aesthetic feeling. Essence and unison is what we live for.

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AKA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES October 21, 1986

The Executive Committee of the AKA met at the home of President Margo Brown at 6636 Kirkley Avenue in McLean, Virginia on October 21, 1986 at 7:45 pm. Present were Margo, Bob Price, Pete Iamuzzi, Jon Burkhardt, Bevan Brown, and Jewell Price.

The minutes of the September 11, 1986 meeting were approved as amended.

Jon Burkhardt, Treasurer, reported that the auction proceeds amounted to \$17,013 of which \$11,072 cash receipts have been deposited in the AKA account. The remainder will be deposited when the credit card procedures have been completed.

Margo has signed the Booking Confirmation Form and Letter of Agreement with the Hyatt Regency Woodfield for the 1988 Convention in Chicago. She has sent the papers to Jim Miller, Treasurer of the Chicagoland Sky Liners.

Bob Price moved that Bill Tyrell, of the Fabric Lady, be reimbursed for Kevlar line received at the Nashville convention and mistakenly auctioned off and that the 8% interest be paid on that "loan" to AKA. Motion carried. Jon Burkhardt immediately wrote a check for the amount of \$262.44 to be paid to the Fabric Lady.

There was a discussion of the 1987 convention site and accommodations.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was tentatively set for Thursday, November 13, 1986.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Jewell Price
Recording Secretary
November 10, 1986

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT REGION 6

By Fred Bell

It's been a very busy year in Region 6 — so busy, in fact, that all clubs were asked to coordinate

among themselves in a mid-January mailing so that fliers can get a chance to attend other clubs' events.

HOT NEWS! It's official. Indiana has a kite club, the "Hoosier Kitefliers Association." Their first newsletter came out in November. They are looking for logo suggestions. They fly at the Anderson Convention Bureau (Anderson, Indiana) on ODD numbered Sundays (1:30-5:30 pm). For further information contact:

Hoosier Kitefliers Association, c/o Rosie Forkner, Anderson Convention Bureau, 6335 Scatterfield Road, Anderson, Indiana, 46011.

Kentucky: I know there are a lot of kitefliers out there. Someone please drop me a line and let me know what is going on there!

Michigan: The Rainbow Kitefliers in Flint hosted the First Annual Midwest Stunt Kite Competition in late November (no further details as of this report). Their annual business meeting is January 11. They fly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The 5/20 Club of Detroit rose from the ashes this past year. They are taking things slow and are working hard to build a strong club. Welcome back!

Ohio: OSEK was involved in 38 kite outings this last year, some on the same dates in different places. They fly the 2nd Sunday from February to November at Edgewater Park, in Cleveland, from 12 noon to 5:00 pm.

Toledo: Keep your eyes open everyone. There may be another new club in Region 6 soon. I've contacted interested parties and I think we'll see something soon. And don't forget July 4th weekend. The First Annual AKA Interregional North Coast Stunt Kite Competition, brought to you by Regions 6 and 7, is another AKA first! More details will soon be available.

As you saw in the last issue of KITING, Region 6 also scarfed a lion's share of awards at the AKA Convention. There's just no stopping these people. Hope everyone had a great holiday and best wishes for good winds in '87. Keep 'em flying!

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