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## Washington Kitefliers Association

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NEWSLETTER - of September, 1976

It has been some time since we hotted up the ol' typewriter -- clear back to:

The Seafair Contest at Volunteer Park:

Winners:

Children, age 10 and under:

High-flier: Chetty Mahender  
Jeffy Hepworth

Beautiful: Jeffy Hepworth  
(only survivor in light wind)

Juniors, age 11 through 15:

High-Flier: Chetty Mahender  
Dave Lee

Small Flier: David Lee  
Mark Hammerich

Beautiful: Greg Hammerich  
Erik Wikstrom  
Mark Hammerich

All ages:

Novice high-flier: George Boyd  
Paul Riley  
Richard Hammerich

High-flier: Bill Lee  
Linda Lee

Small Flier: Richard Hammerich  
Linda Lee  
Bill Lee

Most beautiful: Linda Lee  
Erik Wikstrom  
George Boyd

Long tail: Mark Hammerich  
(only survivor from trees)

Largest kite: John Dusenberry  
Roger Bolstad  
Tom Sisson

This years contest was a good one -- about 50 or 60 entrants and some 300 onlookers. The weather was beautiful. The breeze was just a bit fickle but adequate for a soft summer day and mostly-tissuepaper kites. The "Longest Tail" event turned into a nightmare for all but Mark (above). The breeze seemed to shift directions in mid-

NEXT CONTEST: Pier 70 is willing to try it again -- and so is Channel 5's "How Come?" TV program. Remember last April, how we ran off a contest between and betwixt the sun, rain and hail -- and how the teevee boys got scared off by the threatening weather? Well, they want a SKY FULL of kites. Would just love to show them a SKY FULL of kites also. Please come and help!

October 10th - Sunday afternoon at 1:30. We'll be in the cozy confines of the bay end of Pier 70. If too many people show up, we'll adjourn to the more commodious space next door in their parking lot.

To bribe us into getting lots of kites up there, the Pier 70 merchants are putting up some decent merchandise certificate prizes.

Contest rules:

Three categories:

- 1.- Flat kites without tails: deltas, sleds, eddys, Brazil falcons, fighters -
- 2.- Flat kites with tails: Bermudas, Cambodian snakes, Thai cobras -
- 3.- Cellular: French militaries, boxes, barrages, parafoils -
- 4.- Best in show -

Judged on:

Appearance in the air - originality and beauty -- 50% - and 50% on;

Performance: - high-flying stability --

Procedure: Each category will be flown in a separate heat so that you can enter more than one event.

BUT - : prizes will not be given to winners in previous categories. The consensus is that we want to spread the prizes around. By all means, fly in each event -- if for the fun and glory rather than the prize. Besides, someone HAS to win two prizes with the "Best of Show" category.

For the TV cameras that will hopefully show up this time, we would like to put up a nice kite train of about fifty kites. John Dusenberry has volunteered the tail of his nice long cobra kite for show also. He says cobra tails look real neat when cut off by another kite line and fluttering woundedly to the ground -- or bay!

flight. This swept the three and four-hundred foot tails over into a real kite-eater of a tree. The winner would have come in about 12th under normal circumstances but this is the reason for the time-flying limit: they gotta fly and you gotta keep them up.

You'll see pictures of the Seafair Contest in the next issue of Kite Tales.

As Bob Ingraham, president of the American Kitefliers and editor of Kite Tales, reported in this last issue, we had a grand time on July 17th. This was the special fly-in in his honor held at the new Elliott Bay park, north of Pier 70 and south of the Grain Terminal. Again, a gloriously beautiful day and a sky full of kites. W.K.A.ers turned out in full force. They were augmented by a contingent from the Clarkston Kitefliers, Rev. Joseph Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Glenney.

There should be some pictures of that event in next quarter's Kite Tales also. Nishi and Kenji delayed their departure for home in Japan to be there. We had a bit of a contest that day also. A new event tried was the "Longest Line" event -- to see who could let out the most string in a three minute period. Amazing how far you can send them. This one is a regular event in the Honolulu contest but this is the first time its been tried here. Dave Checkley headed up this days events and did a grand job!

Speaking of Dave: he and Dorothea will be in Europe until about the 1st of October.

Bumbershoot was fun! We sorta got the word out hand-to-mouth that the fliers should try to get down to the Seattle Center and help Ken Conrad by advertising his kite booth. So VanGilder/Dusenberry Dynamic Duo sent up 35 kites on one string and Ken put up a dozen or more on another and amazed the onlookers. Good weather, huge crowds, friendly people, decent wind -- who could ask for more. No worries about a contest -- just relax and fly your kite (s). When someone asks you howcum you're flying a kite, your reply is ready made: "It's just part of the Bumbershoot Festival!"

NEXT KITE CLUB MEETING - - Oct. 20th  
-- at the Science Center -- Wednesday --  
-- at 7:30 pm -- probably in the Math  
Lab, way over in the southeast corner,  
down the stairs. We'll have color slides  
from most of the summer's events. But  
anyone who has any, please, please bring  
them too. If anyone has any 8 mm movie  
footage, phone Van Gilder at 938 0550.  
Otherwise there won't be a movie projec-  
tor there.

One item for discussion should probably  
be a philosophical one on how active you  
would like the club to be. In phoning  
around to some of the active members, I  
found that many of them have tapered off  
on their kiteflying -- but on the other  
hand had missed the newsletter and wond-  
ered what was going on. Wondering also  
when the next club meeting is going to  
be. We will send a notice the radio  
stations and newspapers about the con-  
test and also about the club meeting.

We've asked Ken Conrad to head up a dis-  
cussion/description of his adventures in  
putting together Janus airplane kite.  
This is the kite that Bill Bigge makes  
back in Maryland, designed to fly in NO  
WIND AT ALL. He pulls it up and then  
lets it glide out, zig-zagging up in  
the air. This is what got him into the  
Wall Street Journal one time about five  
years ago. Ken has been in contact with  
him and has made one using his plans.

Remember that every meeting is Show-and-  
Tell time. Let's see what you've been  
doing. We should make it a rule that  
your ticket of admittance is a kite or  
kite gadget to describe.

News and gossip: chit-chat: Van Gilder  
and Dusenberry were visited by a Califor-  
nia kiteflier during August! Bob Forrest  
is a Maryland Kite Society member from  
Pacific Grove who was visiting the Seat-  
tle area with his new wife. He brought  
along his membership roster and phoned.  
I had a real good comparing-notes ses-  
sion and then adjourned to the nearest  
park -- Hamilton Viewpoint -- for a small  
fly-in. When any of the rest of you go  
on a trip, be sure to take your W.K.A.  
roster along with you because we have mem-  
bers from coast to coast to Mexico.

Bill Lee had a good visit with Tom Joe and  
Denish Bahadur on his summer visit to Cal-  
ifornia.

Dave Checkley wanted us to be sure to take  
a look at Nishibayashi's book at the Sci-  
ence Center book store. It's in Japanese  
and sells for something like \$5 but is  
worth it.

Ken Conrad was selling kiteline at Bum-  
bershoot festival. I bought some 25 lb.  
twisted nylon that seems to be real good.  
Small diameter and not kinky -- and white.  
I like to see my line in the sky, too,  
for some reason.

Another thing I like to know is how many  
feet of line I have out. So I usually  
walk around my ping-pong table a couple  
thousand feet, marking kite lines every  
hundred feet. Does anyone know if mono-  
filament nylon will take felt-tip mark-  
ing pen ink? Will have to check on that.

Harold Writer says he showed Ken Conrad  
everything he knew about reels in one ev-  
ening. Everything Harold knows about re-  
els couldn't be TOLD in one evening!

Bill Lee has a couple of new developments.  
He's working on a new variation on a ven-  
ted-keel delta and he's breaking all tra-  
dition with a Conyne with TWO sticks only!  
One spreader-bar and one at the apex of  
the V. Jim Peck had a real nice delta in  
the shape of a square. He says he's dis-  
satisfied with it but it looked very pre-  
tty to me at one of our last regularly-  
scheduled flyins. Speaking of which:

----- clip and save: -----  
Schedule of fly-ins: Sundays at 1:30 pm.  
Sept. 26th: Golden Gardens (north end of park)  
Oct. 3rd: Univ. Wash. parking lot (across  
N.E. 45th from University Vil-  
lage)  
10th: Pier 70 Contest.  
17th: Stan Sayers Park.  
24th: Golden Gardens Park.  
31st: U. of W. parking lot.  
Nov. 7th: Pier 70 parking lot.  
14th: Stan Sayers Park.  
21st: Golden Gardens Park  
28th: U. of W. parking lot  
Dec. 5th: Pier 70 parking lot  
12th: Stan Sayers Park  
19th: Golden Gardens Park  
26th: Pier 70 parking lot.  
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