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NEWSLETTER -- June, 1978 --

As you can see, we're experimenting with photos -- going Big Time! First, a report on the Tacoma Audubon Society's Kite Contest at Swan Creek Park. This was about as well-organized as we've seen anyone yet -- thanks to Thelma Gilmur, who belongs to W.K.A. and T.A.S. also.

Here's J. C. Young, with his First Place winner --

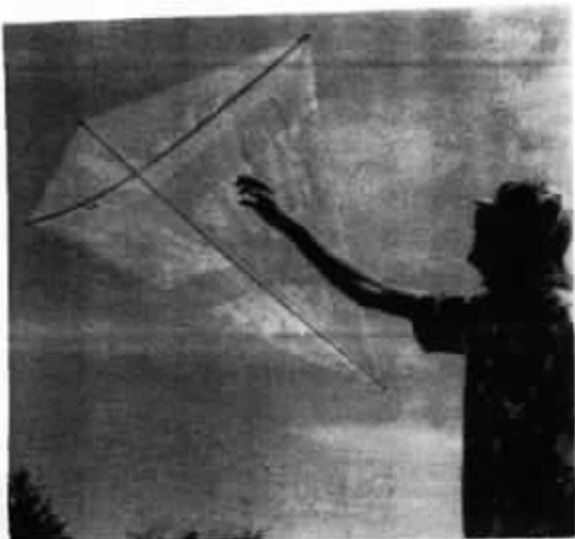


-- his purple butterfly. Don't be surprised if you see this kite on the cover of the next issue of Kitelines -- in glorious full color! (Sorry about having only a picture of the backside of the kite on hand.)

J. C. must have won the full 10 points possible in each of the categories for this kite: Beauty, Craftsmanship and Performance.

Second-most points were accumulated by Tom Deen of the Great Winds Kite Shop, with a very artistic Eddy kite named "Zag" because it was the opposite of a "zig". Its light blue color was hard to catch in the photo.

Third place went to John Dusenberry for his thirty-some light-weight, light-wind delta train. The winds were very light that day, Sunday, May 7th.



-- Tom Deen and his blue-and-white Eddy.

Jack Van Gilder came in Fourth with a cobra kite with brown, gold and moss-green colors in artistic shapes. He thought that they turned out more in the shape and colors of a WWI camouflage job than he would have liked.

J. C. Young's 60-disc centipede picked up 5th place. Bill Lee had his multi-colored light-weight cobra flying straight up for a 6th place. 7th place went to Larry Chinn for a double-owl kite. Bill Lee had a vented-keel delta, swept-wing, in 8th place. 9th place went to Tom Sisson's tie-died Brazilian Falcon. Van Gilder picked up 10th spot with another cobra, red and blue northwest indian shields on a field of black. Linda Lee came up with 11th and 12th prizes with her patchwork nylon delta and a tissue paper delta.

In the "Under-Age-16" class, Brad Smith, our WKA member in Tacoma, (pictured ~~over~~ --) hauled in First and Third prizes with a couple of tissue paper birds showing considerable imagination and talent. The Joseph Lee family and relations picked up 2nd, 4th and 5th places with cloth deltas, beautifully crafted.

Other contests and festivals didn't fare so well, the Cherry Blossom Festival at Seward Park being rained out on April 22nd. It hasn't been re-scheduled as yet. Rain also held down attendance at the Westport contest. Larry Chinn cleaned up most everything with wins of Most Beautiful, Most Unusual, Highest Fliher and a second in Largest Kite. Tom Spurlock had the "Smallest" and placed in Most Unusual also. Very little wind there.

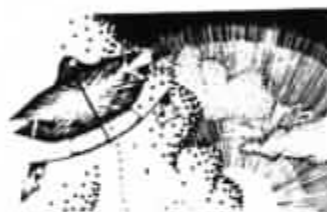
Bottom Line on the Science Center Exhibit: - turned out better than predicted in the last newsletter: \$1,123 - ! That was our share of the extra gate receipts swept in by our kite show. And it would have been \$48 richer if Van Gilder had remembered to have the Take-Down crew put the tables away after the show. The Science Center figures that it cost them \$1,536 for their share of the work of publicizing and supporting work for the show.

So - you can well imagine that our treasury is healthy at the moment. And it is: \$600 in savings and \$1,559 in our checking account.

Now -- ! We are finally ready to spend some of this money on kite books for libraries like we have been promising to do for at least three years. Here is the book plate designed by Tom Deen which will be placed in the front of each book donated to libraries in the Puget Sound area.

Here is your chance to have a say in the distribution of the money -- come to the Kite Club Meeting on June 8th -- a Thursday - 7:30 pm at the Pacific Science Center - probably in the Board Room -- downstairs by the pool.

Pacific Rim Kite Festival, Vancouver, B.C., April 9th, was absolutely mind-blowing-gorgous! Usually, large prizes must be offered to entice many kitefliers to meet in a certain spot on a certain day, but not this time! Pete and Marsha Madill promoted hundreds of kites into the air at the Museum Park. They followed up with a very nice letter thanking us W.K.A.ers for our participation. There were about 15 of us up there and we had about 115 kites in the air - counting the kite-train and not counting the 60 discs of J. C.'s centipede. By the way, anyone lucky enough to get one of those "Pacific Rim Festival - 1978" buttons: hang on to them -- they are collectors items now.



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Tom Toledo

Heavy schedule of things coming up and there is the possibility of it getting heavier, so we'll try to get another newsletter out the last week in June.

Sunday, June 18th, Father's Day --

-- two things: a nice kite contest at Ocean Shores and a novel paper airplane contest in the Kingdome. Bob Brown, our WKA member at Ocean Shores writes that he and the committee have settled on a contest for that day and will let us all know the format as soon as they can.

Ken Conrad got back from his tour of kite festivals in Japan last Tuesday and Dave Checkley returns tomorrow. Ken says that it was a trip of a lifetime and that they got into places and had demonstrations that would have been impossible without being on the kite tour. Ken reports that Nishi - Mr. Nishibiyashi - will be with us here in Seattle again this summer from July 11th to August 11th. And this time he will be putting on kite workshops.

Remember that we have \$300,000 liability insurance on our kiteflying if we are on a club-sponsored or scheduled activity. So, if like Tom Sisson, you take on a kite-making session with 150 Girl Scouts, be

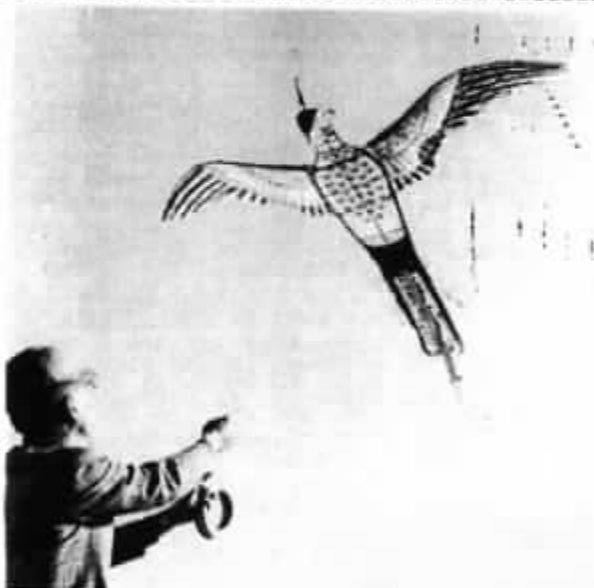


Brad Smith, "Under 16" winner in Tacoma.

sure to call our president, Ken Conrad, at 624 6886 to get your event scheduled so you will be protected. Or, you can call Jack Van Gilder, 938 0550. Tom's workshop will be July 24th. Jack Van Gilder will be having one also in Ketchikan, Alaska, on July 3rd, and requests coverage. Bill Hull was in Anchorage, Alaska, for a whole week, conducting workshops, etc., returning today.

Schedule:

- clip and save-----
- June 4th - Gasworks Park - Sunday fly
 - " 11th - Stan Sayers Park - "
 - " 18th - Ocean Shores Contest - or -
Kingdome Paper Airplane Contest
or fly kites in Kingdome parking lot.
 - " 25th - Sand Point Park - regular fly
 - July 16th - Port of Seattle contest, Elliott Bay Park
 - 29th - Seafair Contest, Volunteer Park



San Franciscans, beware! This is the kite you might have to beat in your annual Fathers Day giant contest in the "Most Beautiful" category. J.C. Young and Carl Brewer are combining to attempt to show California what the W.K.A. can do. Carl is aiming at the "Smallest" category also, with an unbelievably-small barn-door.

In August, we're slated for the Kingdome for another Sounders' half-time. And in September the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival wants us. So watch for another newsletter about the end of the month!

Jack Van Gilder



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