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NEWSLETTER -- June, 1979 --

"Imagination Celebration" has come and gone as of May 20th. Personal Opinion: an event like this is made-to-order for a kite club - it gives a reason-for-being for a joint effort:

a.- We helped the community: "As one of three cities to host Imagination Celebration '79, Seattle saw workshops, demonstrations and performances by local and national arts organizations in schools and at the Seattle Center - -"

Here's what the public saw of our efforts. It's twenty-three kites in a train spelling out the name.

We flew it at Gasworks Park -- more or a test than a planned event -- but it got publicity for the event.

Our club got into an argument after making the kites as to whether to have it read from the bottom up or top down. It looks good and clear here but several people asked, "What's it say?" Guess we should have bridled it sideways, eh?

We also flew it two more times at Seattle Center (always a challenge to launching skill) and in the neighborhood.

b.- We had a ball making it. It was a good excuse for a party. It was held at Ken Conrad's loft-apartment and was pot-luck. What could be better than a kite club party to make kites?



From the left are Jim Greeno and his dad, Chuck, Vi Van Gilder, John Dusenberry, Suzanne Sadow, Bill Lee, Our President Carl Brewer, then Joanne Whitney, the professional artist who thought up this whole idea for "Im-Cel", Louise Crowley, bending over there, hard-working Jackie Fiske (she really put in the hours at our Science Center exhibit) and her handsome friend who took some nice coloroid shots that night. Not shown is Elliot Couden, up against the wall to the left, doing all the cross spar taping for our small delta kites.

c.- We can do things as a club that we would be embarrassed to do individually -- like fly this thing in the middle of a crowd of a thousand people at the Seattle Center on Sunday, May 6th. John D. and I had to temper with nature ("heat") to launch it: we had to launch a heavy-weather box kite on about 300 feet of line and use that to pull up the train in the hard breeze of the day.

THE BOTTOM LINE: \$532.45 - ! Read and rejoice, oh ye people. This is what we came out with from our Science Center Exhibition. We're solvent again. Actually, most of this is the result of the Science Center not charging us rent for all the equipment we used.

NISHI'S BACK IN TOWN! That affable kiteman originally from Japan, now retired from his tile business and now from all over the land is stopping off in Seattle for a few days. He visited the Toy boys and the Bay Area Kite Club the night our AKA president, Red Bragwell, was there in March. He has been to Washington D.C., (the Smithsonian kite contest), Detroit, the Los Angeles area and has picked up some interesting items. Like a T-shirt, "Redondo Kite Nut".

We had a picnic/kite fly Wednesday evening, May 23rd, and it was another reason-for-being for a kite club. About twenty or so kites showing off their best. Made-to-order weather. We have a sorta-organized phone hot-line for spur-of-the-moment events like this. The way that you get on the hot-line is to make your face and name familiar at weekly and other scheduled events. Sorry if you were missed. Naturally, we only call those we think would be interested.

The same thing will happen Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day, probably while this newsletter is at the printers. Hope to get it into the paper.

Mr. Ro, president of the Korean Kite Club is in town for a few days also, staying with relatives. He was at the picnic at Gasworks and showed an expert's touch on his Korean fighter kite.

DAVID CHECKLEY IS BACK -- from leading his annual kite tour of Japan. Familiar names who accompanied him were Judy and Ron Neuger of Cleveland and Pat Kilgallen. They had great weather -- had to tie their kites that they bought and were given to the tops of their taxis -- adventuresome, he says. We can thank Dave for much of the successful outcome of our Science Center Exhibit. We limp a little when he's gone.

COMING UP:

June 3rd, (Sunday) We received a special letter, inviting us to the Harrison Hot Springs Kite Spectacular. Prizes: largest, smallest youngest/oldest, kite pilot and Most Unusual. Rain date, one week later. See posters at the kite shop -- Great Winds.

June 9th, "Kite Wars", the kite movie, will be shown again on Channel 9, Saturday, 5 pm.

June 17th, Ocean Shores Kite contest, \$1.00 festival button required. Prizes for Large-



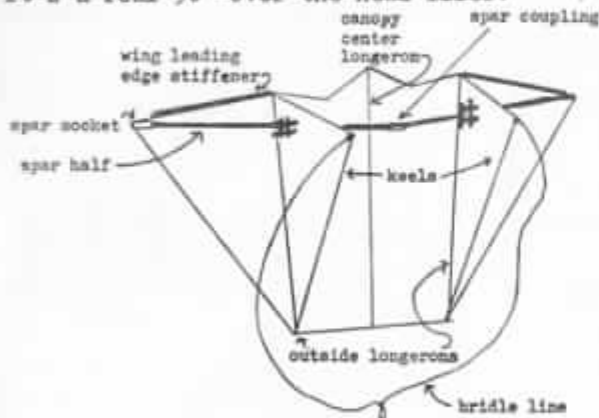
In the Smithsonian,



- that's where Carl Brewer's indoor-record kite is now hanging. A couple people on our newsletter readers list wrote in asking what it looked like. This is it. That's really Carl, too, minus glasses and cigar.

Another reason-for-being for a kite club; visit other kitefliers around the country. Van Gilder was on a business trip to far-off Portland, OR, so spent the evening with Stormy Weathers and family. Had a ball! Anyone passing through there, be sure to give him a call -- also Grant Raddon at his kite shop.

Besides his kite reels, Stormy is now selling kites. Here's his Winged Victory -- and it's a real 90-over-the-head flier.



est/Smallest, Longest Line and Longest Tail, and Most Unique. On beach by the big Inn.

July 4th - Portland Kite Splash - Wednesday. Chinese ("Chinese?") Fighter kite demonstration; 27 by 45 foot delta. Noon at Waterfront Park on Front Ave. between Hawthorne and Morrison bridges. We'd oughta go down there and show them - - !

July 14th - Port of Seattle Kite Contest; a Saturday, at Waterfront Park, Seattle. 1:30 pm; fighter kites, Longest Line, Kite Race (behind speedboats) and other events.

July 21st, Seattle Sun Kite Contest; at Gasworks Park, 1:30 pm; judging on three-criteria point system (the "relaxed" method) A Saturday. Seattle Sun birthday party.

July 28th; Seafair Kite Contest - the next Saturday. Cash prizes in the usual categories, including Beautiful, Largest, Smallest, Straightest Uppest; kids and novice divisions - 1:30 pm. at Volunteer Park.

Sunday Afternoons; Each Sunday we'll get together sometime after 1:30 at Gasworks Park. That just seems to be the best place to be when there isn't a contest or festival going on somewhere else. Seems like everybody in town is there sometimes.

We'll be giving a few people a surprise at Gasworks in coming weeks; we are having printed up a little "Meritorious Kite Award" to present to outstanding kites us members see -- mostly at Gasworks. Very unofficial and informal, but it could be fun.

Sunset Magazine, April '79; did you see Tom Sisson and Bill Hull on page 54? Other shots were at Gasworks Park and Vanier Park in Vancouver, B.C. WKA was mentioned.

June 23rd; Saturday at Seward Park Art Studio, Ken Conrad is offering a master class of things that aren't in the book. \$15 buys materials and instructions on building 8-point star kite, stickless sled, and Nishi fighter. 10 am to 4 pm. Phone shop.

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