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Washington Kitefliers Association

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Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly a kite



The Japan Kite Association entourage with AKA friends arrive in Washington D.C. after informal kite fly with WKA members at Gasworks Park October 7th

AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Washington D.C., October 7-10 story and photos by Jack Van Gilder

It was the tenth annual convention of the AKA and the sixth that I have attended. It was a good convention, but because of the distance from the flying field and the high cost of the hotel accommodations, not a great one in my opinion. In Chicago next year, they promise a flying field right across the street from the hotel. Hawaii in 1989 will have Capiolani Park within walking distance, they say. This was the case in Columbus and San Diego, and it is the perfect situation.

WKA was represented by the three Seattle kite shops, Ken Conrad of "Great Winds", Diana and Mike Aurigemma of "City Kites", and Kathy Goodwind of "Suspended Elevations", along with David Checkley of "Kite Factory", shepherding the team from the Japan Kite Association (a tough job even if you know the language), and me, Jack Van Gilder, shepherding nobody but my wife, Vi. We didn't see much of Kathy -- she was busy organizing and overseeing the judging of the two-line stunt kite contest.



Photo captions (counter clockwise): Jack & Vi Van Glider Manning WKA booth at Fly Market; Jon Burkhardt (Maryland Kite Society) Convention Chairman; Felix Cartegena with Bozo the Clown; Richard Hayde of St. Louis MO with "Cherokee Angels" kite train; Steve Lamb of "Catch the Wind" in Lincoln City OR; Lamb and team launching 13' x 90' spinsox; Bob Price, AKA Past President, shows off new reel; "Momma-sans" kite team



I will always remember this convention because of:
 (1) the "Fly Market". About half of the exhibitors at the Kite Trade Association left their booths up in the exhibition hall to sell their products to the AKA members at retail prices. The Chicago Sky Liner Kite Club rented a booth for \$25. The booth had two tables, so they sublet one to WKA. We, in turn, sublet about 24 inches of our table to the 5/20 Kite Club of Detroit. We did great! Vi and I sold 69 of the new official WKA pins, 35 patches, a couple of memberships, several newsletters (at 50 cents each), and kite plans (a la Fort Worden) for a dime apiece. We also had several sheets of photos of various WKA activities for the other clubs to gaze upon in awe and wonder. But the one thing I will treasure most: conversations with other kites as they passed our table. Putting faces to the names we have read about all these years is the best reason for attending the convention.



(2) the foreboding feeling I felt when Tom Shane confirmed that the Kite Trade Association will no longer meet jointly with the AKA convention, even though I realize that it is to their advantage to meet in the sunny South during their seasonal slump in January.





Photo captions (clockwise): Mark Cottrell of London, England with hexagonal externally braced box kite decorated with "World Peace" motif; Nancy Keating from Ohio with two of her own kites; Peter Lynn of New Zealand at a rare moment not flying one of his world famous box kites; Gerard Van Der Loo of the Netherlands with Martin Lester's Yako kite train (note helium balloon for no-wind launch); Valerie Govig, publisher of international magazine Kitelines; Diana Aurigemma of "City Kites", Seattle WA, internationally known banner maker; Tad Funisaki of the Japan Kite Association assembling a 25' delta; Martin Lester from England, famous manufacturer of 3-dimensional kites such as this "Icharus" that attended the Long Beach (WA) Invitational in 1986

(3) the feeling of pride I felt on the flying field when I saw two smallish kite trains, when at the Long Beach (WA) festival there were THIRTEEN in view.

(4) Cory Jensen's absolutely superb AKA presidential acceptance speech at the banquet. His mixture of humor and serious content really went over well. Despite his reputation as "the big mouth" as the MC/announcer of the Long Beach Festival, it looks to me as though the AKA is in capable hands. (Stan Mulliken of Sunnyvale, CA made this comment: "I used to call Cory Jensen 'The Mouth' now I call him 'The Voice'. 'El Presidente' is just too much.) Bob Price, the outgoing president will maintain the computer generated record keeping system as a hobby.

(5) the feeling of disappointment that only two nominees were submitted for the Steve Edeiken "Kiteflyer of the Year" award. Several people told me that in past years they were honored by their nominations, even though they had not won. That their clubs had taken the time and effort to make the nomination was an honor in itself. Our

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Photo Captions (counter clockwise): Oscar Bailey from North Carolina as famous for his Panoramic Photography as he is for creative kitemaking; Tony Cartwright of London England; Bruce Kennington with Maryland State Flag Kite, a double conyne; Charlie Sotich flying a 3" Eddy kite; close up of Richard Hayde's "Cherokee Angel" kite; Corey Jensen, newly elected president of AKA; Lisa 7 Ted Manekin (Ted was one of five honored for attending all 10 AKA conventions to date)



own Tom Sisson came in second by the tiniest of margins, but the entire banquet was with Tom Casselman when he accepted the award. Casselman choked out a statement that he had no idea that someday he would win the beautiful bronze award that he had sculpted himself.

(6) the feeling that the two-line stunt fliers are taking over. Even the weather conspired against the single-liners when the wind absolutely stopped dead on Saturday.

(7) the awe I felt when the kite auction raised over \$25,000 for the good of the AKA.

(8) the amazement I felt when I saw a parachute-sized parafoil kite making lazy figure eights in the sky with almost no wind. Every time it would head for the ground to crash and burn for sure, it would pull out at the last second. No other kites were able to fly in the still air. I found out later that this was the expert style of Lee Sedgewick of Eerie, PA. He had rigged the kite for two-line stunt flying. Unbelievable!

(9) the missing link in fighter kite contests attempted around the country: One supplier provides all the fliers with kites. Three or four of the fliers had



Yes you can build a kite
deft: Newspaper delta
(even the spars are made
of tightly rolled news-
paper; stunt kites ready
for competition; conven-
tioners lining up for
Panoramic Picture by
Oscar Bailey



their own, but the remaining 24 used Grand
Master Fighter Kites provided by the company.
(The object of the competition is to touch the
opponent's line from below.) I was eliminated
in the first round as usual. Robert Loera from
Hawaii won, naturally.

I found many great ideas that we can use
in future WKA gatherings. I also learned that
we here in the Pacific Northwest are held in
high esteem by fliers from the rest of the
country.



OUR NEW AGE

KITES ARE MOSTLY
USED AS TOYS—THE JAPANESE
AND CHINESE HAVE REGULAR
"KITE DAYS" WHEN THE SKY IS
DOTTED WITH COLORFUL FISH,
BIRD AND BUTTERFLY KITES!



BUT IN THE WEATHER SERVICE USED KITES FOR MEASURING
TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE, HUMIDITY AND WIND REGULARLY
OVER THE UNITED STATES IN THE EARLY 1900s.

...UNTIL AIRPLANES TOOK OVER THE CARRY-
ING OF INSTRUMENTS—NOW FREE BALLOONS
THAT RADIO BACK THE INFORMATION ARE USED
ALL OVER THE WORLD.



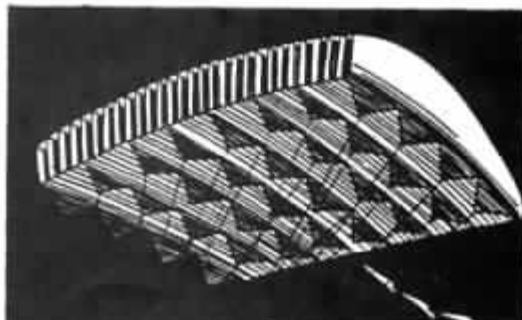
BUT KITES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK—
A NEW JALBERT KITE OF FABRIC INFLATED
TO AIR-FOIL SHAPE BY THE AIR BLOWING
THROUGH IT HAS SUCH LIFT THAT THE
LINE IS ALMOST VERTICAL.



DR. GRANT AND
THE NATIONAL CENTER
FOR ATMOSPHERIC
RESEARCH IN COLORADO
WILL FLY THESE KITES ON
A THIN STRONG TITANIUM
WIRE TO CARRY INSTRU-
MENTS 30,000 FEET UP
INTO THE JET STREAM—
WHAT A WONDERFUL TOY
FOR A

Merry Christmas!

By Athelstan Spilhaus



WKA OFFICERS' REPORTS

from President Tom Sisson, (206) 725-3615

Our beautiful, dry summer offered some great chances to fly kites in very light winds. Kites like the Tissue Paper Delta and Trash Bag Delta seemed to fly exceptionally well.

Election of officers is coming up soon. It is my hope that there will be a complete slate of volunteers who will step forward to run for the offices, since all of the present officers have expressed the desire to vacate their present positions. Nominations are being accepted for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer by the nominating committee. Contact Margaret Holzbauer (762-3053) or me (725-3615).

from Secretary Margaret Holzbauer, (206) 762-3053

As you can well imagine, the 78" WKA pins advertised in the last newsletter were quickly snapped up by alert collectors. There were some problems in packaging the pins for shipping, so, now that the initial supply is exhausted, we do not anticipate restocking this particular item. The more conveniently sized pins listed below are still available at the same price. Just send \$1.50 along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me, Margaret Holzbauer, 703 S. Cloverdale St., Seattle, WA 98108. Better yet, come to the meeting December 12, buy a pin, pay your dues, and save the postage both ways.

Elections are coming! Having served two terms as WKA Secretary I want to share the fun. If you would like a really interesting job with lots of perks (including getting a look at all the other kite club newsletters before any one else does and getting to see your name in print in every WKA bulletin) do let me know: 762-3053.

from Treasurer Bob Hanna, (206) 767-6381

I am happy to report that the recent stock market crash did no damage to the WKA treasury. Help keep us financially healthy by paying your 1988 dues as soon as possible!

from Newsletter Editor David Julian, (206) 467-9422

It never fails to amaze me how it is still possible, with all this sophisticated computer equipment, word processors, spelling checkers, and the like, how I am still able to be sure to insert a few errors in every issue. On top of that, the text is proofread half a dozen times and mistakes get by every time. The Letters department contains several references to errors in the last issue. Keep up the good work. Letters to the Editor is the best way to remind me that there is a living, thinking person behind every dues check.

I'd like to thank Jack Van Gilder, Margaret Holzbauer, Tom Sisson, Kathy Goodwind, John Keith Leasure, Sari Moore, Audrey Van Gilder (not related to Jack) for their contributions to this issue.

WKA NEWS NOTES:

WKA MEETING, Saturday December 12, 9:30am, at the Burger King at the South end of Lake Union, breakfast meeting open to all WKA members, topics to include nomination of officers and upcoming Museum of Flight and Washington State Centennial Kite Shows -- THIS MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT ... WKA has been challenged to put on a kite show at the "Museum of Flight" in Seattle February 27-28 (Sat-Sun), and President Tom Sisson is calling for volunteers (725-3615) ... Congratulations to Jack Van Gilder who got an article about kiteflying published in FARM FAMILY AMERICA ... Congratulations to Cory Jensen, new AKA president, and Tom Casselman, winner of the "Kiteflyer of the Year" award ... Attention all computer hackers: Raritan Area Flyers has a branch of a BBS in New Jersey, modem (201) 613-7350 and say hi to Ed Boganski ... Bill Roeseler (539 16th W., Kirkland, WA 98033) is still looking for a 16' Flexi-foil to water ski behind ... Did you know WKA President Tom Sisson (jointly with team members Carl Brewer and Robert McCort) still holds the World's Record for the longest indoor flight (39 hours 53 minutes) ... WKA MEETING, Wednesday January 13, 7-9pm, Board Room of the Pacific Science Center, election of officers and other topics.

CLASSIFIED ADS

ACCESSORIES AND SUPPLIES

OFFICIAL WKA PIN, green, white, and gold, 5/8" x 7/8". \$1.50 and SASE to Margaret Holzbauer, 703 S. Cloverdale St., Seattle, WA 98108

WKA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, current as of this issue, FREE with SASE (\$0.37). Margaret Holzbauer, 703 S. Cloverdale St., Seattle, WA 98108

AKA SUPERPHOTO -- 10" x 60" full color photo of kites and fliers at the 1987 AKA Convention. \$35.00 to Oscar Bailey, Rt. 2, Box 1107, Burnsville NC, 28714

BUY - SELL - TRADE

FLITE JACKET -- fly it or wear it! FREE information, Christopher Silvia Sky Art, 125 Bramans Ln, Portsmouth, RI 02871

BUILD SEVEN KITES and teach others how -- Official WKA Teaching Pack including plans for 2 sleds, 2 deltas, eddy, cobra, and delta conyne. \$1.50 plus SASE to WKA, 200 - 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Timothy W. Abel, Everett WA
Catherine Airola, Seattle WA
Mauritzio Angeletti, Italy
Sandra Bray, Winlock WA
William Burns, Everett WA
Russell Carothers,
Mountlake Terrace WA
Bill & Marian Carter,
Bellingham WA
Scott A. Chapin,
Ocean Shores WA
Scott Greenough, Spokane WA
Mary C. Hannick, Seattle WA
Suzan Houghton, Auburn WA
David & Pam Holbrook,
Worthington OH
Dick Lang, Lynnwood WA

Gregory R. Layng, Aberdeen WA
Bill Lockhart, Lubbock TX
Tom & Lin McAlister,
Berkeley CA
J. Houston Morrison,
Belfair WA
Linda & Dick Nelson,
Everett WA
Ronald L. Prieur, Puyallup WA
Ron Romero, San Ramon CA
Dennis Samples, Kent WA
James Schaeffer, Seattle WA
Eugene Shelley, Seattle WA
Patricia J. Smith, Redmond WA
Jennifer Soderlund,
Vancouver WA
Betty Street, Lubbock TX

PERSONALS

COMPUTER HACKERS -- Kite Information BBS from Raritan (NJ) Area Flyers (201) 613-7350 data modem only.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL from David Julian, WKA Newsletter Editor. A special thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter in your various ways.



KITE MAKERS CORNER

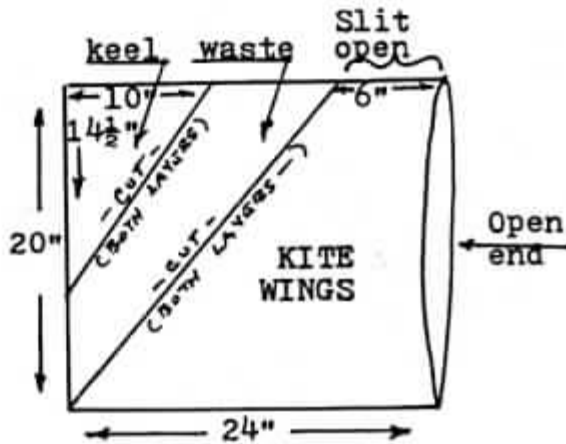
PLASTIC BAG DELTA -- Here are plans for the most successful kite ever developed -- by former WKA member Bill Lee. Literally thousands of them have been made by students guided by WKA members. It is designed to efficiently use most of a standard 20" x 24" trash bag.

PLASTIC BAG "DELTA" KITE - -

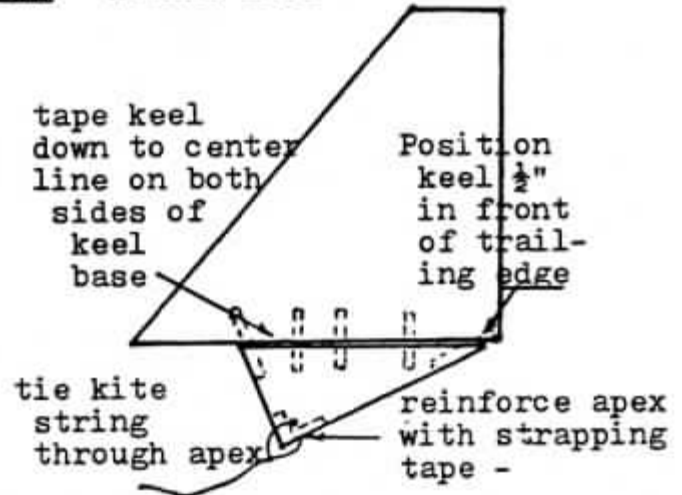
- plan by Bill Lee,
Washington Kitefliers Association -

Materials: 2 1/8 x 24 in. dowels
 - 1 plastic trash bag
 - 24 1/2 in. tapes
 - 2 rubber bands

STEP #1: Cut out -

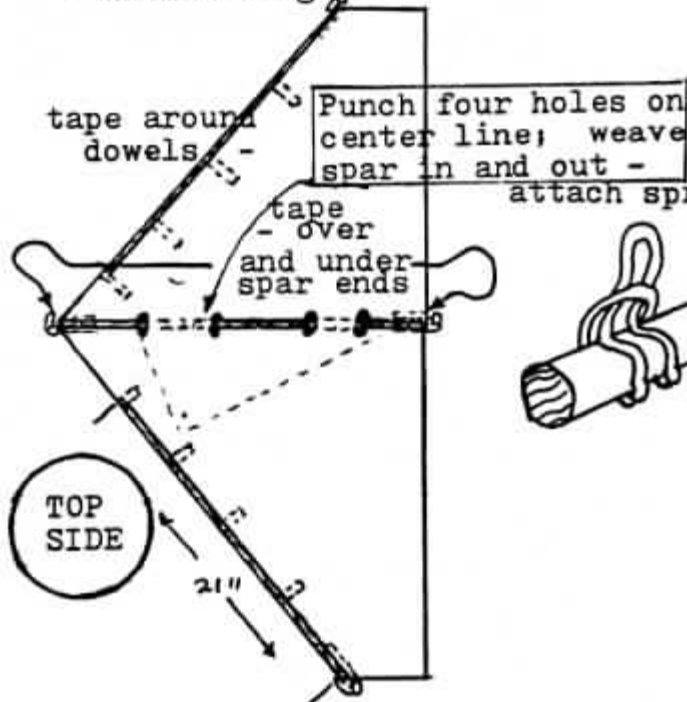


STEP #2: Attach keel -

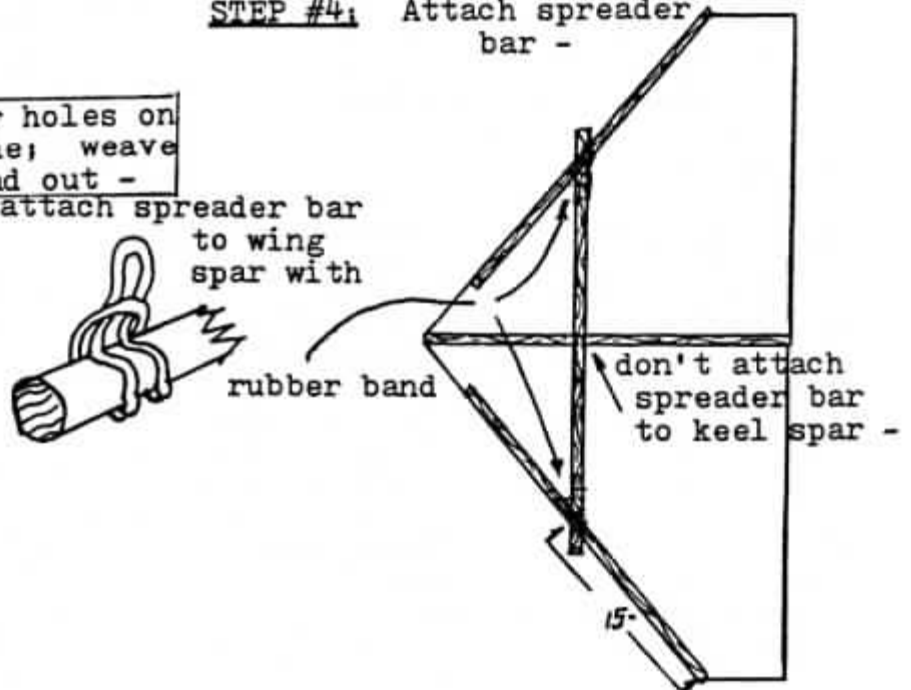


STEP #3: Tape down spars -

- unfold wings -



STEP #4: Attach spreader bar -



Suggestions --

- spreader bar may be made demountable with rubber bands -
- decorate kite with colored marking pens -
- use waste material for tail or fringe -
- if kite pulls off to left, cut slots into right wingtip -- OR (better) tape back end of keel off to one side, like a rudder on a boat.
- this is a very forgiving kite plan -- change dimensions for seagull or arrowhead shapes -
- in brisker breeze, adjust rubber bands to force a "Deep-V" shape in hull

WE GET LETTERS

from Ed Boganski, Raritan Area Flyers, Edison NJ

I am writing you about a new method of getting kite flying information. As of October 1, 1987 the Jersey Shore BBS [a BBS is a computer linked bulletin board system for data exchange -- Ed.] has been running a conference on kites...Now with the board working we will be able to trade ideas in what will amount to a very large discussion. Also, if you have a kite event that you want to announce, you can call the board and let me know...This will give people a way to get an up-to-date calendar of events without having to wait a month for the newsletters to come out. We can also put directions to the kite flies on the board, so that if we get lost, at least we will get lost in the same spot...(201) 613-7350 [data transmission only -- no voice phone]...

from Bill Lockhart, Lubbock TX

I was going to order the WKA pin from the last newsletter but there were just too many problems. The instructions said to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Margaret, but even in Texas where things are big, I couldn't find an envelope large enough for a pin that is 5/8" x 78"! [See next page -- Ed.]

Also, there are some questions about whether the postal service would handle an envelope that size -- and I couldn't find out what the postage would be.

Besides all that, I'm only 72" tall, not sure how I'd wear a 78" pin. I guess I could attach it to one of the Rokkaku kites I flew at Long Beach.

At least the \$1.50 sounds like a good price. Besides, if it's strong enough, I might be able to use it as a kite frame...

from Kathy Goodwind, Suspended Elevations, Seattle WA

The last issue of the WKA Newsletter went out with such lightning speed that I didn't have time to extend a note of thanks to a very special group of people. They are all those who worked behind the scenes at Long Beach to put on the spectacular 1987 WSIKF...

WKAers hosted the pre- night fly dinner for our foreign guests. Sunni Lukowski of Island Spring Tofu donated the noodles and prepared the meal with help from Stan Swanson and Michelle Sinotti. Llyle Morgan and Suzanne Sadow also helped prepare the table. Jeanne Sisson brought fresh vegetables for salad and Tom Sisson barbecued the salmon donated by Kay Buessing. Margaret Holzbauer brought dessert, while Tom Mallard and Dan Nordgaard stood by to handle the loose ends. More than 50 attended!

The regional dual control competition went so smoothly...thanks to the combined efforts of WKA, AOK, and BCKA that kept the event moving at an even pace...I was proud to see that the NW has the same caliber of judges and field personnel available to make the competition a class act...volunteers for this event included Don & Shirley Allen, Al Ford, Eric & Gina Forsberg, Leonard and Ruth Hoag, Virginia Knowles, Don & Lynn Lary, Bill & Connie Lester, Llyle Morgan, Dan Nordgaard, Rick & Kate Talbot, Walt Sharp, Tom & Jeanne Sisson, Steve Warning, Dave Wiegand, Marlene & Larry Zilar. Without your masterful help, the 1987 WSIKF could never have taken place.

Last but not least, a special thanks to Suzanne Sadow and Ken Conrad who extended their hospitality to the Thai entourage, and to Dave & Dorothea Checkley, Ray McConnell, and Dan Nordgaard who so graciously made it possible for Maurizio Angeletti, Dan Leigh, and Nishibayashi to get to and from the Long Beach peninsula...

Your help is needed to make next year's WSIKF a safe and successful happening. To become a part of the largest kite festival on the West Coast, please get in touch with Kathy Goodwind, Suspended Elevations, (206) 633-4780.

from Charles B. Anderson, Tacoma WA

I am currently a member of both the American Kitefliers Association and the Washington Kitefliers Association, and I am contemplating forming the Pierce County Kitefliers Association. The reason I am writing to you at the WKA is to find out if I can make the proposed Pierce County Kitefliers Association into a local chapter of the Washington Kitefliers Association. (I have already written to the American Kitefliers Association about this idea of making the Pierce County Kitefliers Association an AKA local chapter as well.

In addition to contacting the AKA and you at the WKA, I have contacted Pierce County Parks & Recreation as well, in an effort to find out what I must do at the county level. (Do you have any information at the WKA as to whether or not there is an organization or club in Pierce already existing and dedicated to kiteflying? If so, I'll drop the idea of this organization and just join the existing clubs if you at the WKA would like me to). Any information that you can send me will be greatly appreciated.

[After conferring with several board members, it was decided that the WKA by-laws did not specifically allow for any kind of sub-chapters. But it did not specifically disallow them either. It was suggested that since WKA is an organization dedicated to encouraging people to fly kites, WKA would have no objection to Mr. Anderson's group holding their own meetings or kiting events. It was further recommended that Mr. Anderson's group become an informal subgroup of WKA, similar to the Squaticum Kitefliers of Bellingham. A letter to that effect was sent to Mr. Anderson by Margaret Holzbauer, WKA Secretary. -- Ed.]

from Charlie Sotich, President, Chicagoland Skyliners, Chicago IL

I saw the offer for your new club pins in the October issue of the WKA Newsletter and felt I just had to get a couple. I would have written for them sooner but you would be surprised how difficult it is to get an envelope at least 78 inches long. None of the local stationery or business office supply stores had any. I finally ended up making one myself. It did take some work but I'll bet I'll be the first kite flyer in Chicago to wear a 78" WKA pin...

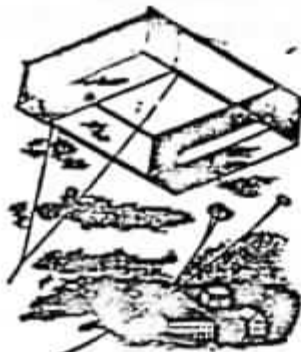


Tom Sisson and Maragaret Holzbauer holding 78" envelope provided by Charlie Sotich for WKA pins



We at WKA Newsletter Editorial Staff had heard rumors that the officers and Board of Directors of the Chicagoland Sky Liners Kite Club were a bunch of clowns (and Charlie Sotich was purported to be the biggest Bozo of them all), but we wouldn't have believed it until we received this photograph from one of our spies back east. Pictured here in their official uniforms are (left to right rear): Pat Daley (BD), Anita Hoover (BD and Sky Lines Ed) Al Hargus (Past Pres), Dorothy Wolff, Susan Mayer (Sec), Eric Wolff (BD), Elmer Wharton (VP). (left to right front) John Karel (BD), Jim Miller (Treas), Charlie Sotich (Pres)

Kite Flying Has Become a Craze.



No. 59363 **Horsman's Box Kite.** The naval Blue Hill box kite. A sensible and practical pastime for boys, and it pleases the men also. Anyone can fly it and a great deal of amusement can be got out of the sport. A team of two or more can be sent up and will support heavy weights. They are built on scientific principles. (Kite flying is becoming a craze.) Size 30x12 1/2. It is folded in a small roll and can be mailed.

Any child can set it up and fly it. Shipping weight, 1 pound.

Price, per dozen, \$2.00; each.....20c

No. 59364 **Blue Hill Box Kite No. 50.** This kite has more square inches of surface than the original \$1 kites first placed upon the market in 1897. The Blue Hill box kite is the invention of H. H. Clayton, general observer at the Blue Hill observatory near Boston, and is used for sending up recording instruments in making observations. Kites of this kind have attained a height of two miles. Anybody can fly the Blue Hill box kite which goes straight up from the hand like a bird, will fly in a moderate breeze and yet no wind short of a gale is too strong for it. Size, 30x20x10 inches; width of bands 7 1/2 inches. Shipping weight, 48 ounces.

Price, each.....60c

No. 59365 **Horsman's Blue Hill Box Kite No. 100.** This is an improved style and has proved a grand success. Similar to the above No. 50 Blue Hill kite but larger. Size 36x24x10 inches; width of bands 11 1/4 inches. It does not dive but flies like a bird. Shipping weight, 48 ounces.

Price, each.....\$1.00

No. 59366 **Horsman's Blue Hill Kite No. 1.** A scientific marvel, a recent and most remarkable achievement in the kite craft. Is constructed to faithfully represent a full rigged racing sloop, with jib and mainsail and globe topsail set. The sails are so ingeniously constructed in catching the wind they drive the ship upwards. The kite has great buoyancy and sails on the wind as if riding the waves. Will rise in a very moderate breeze. A very fascinating kite for young and old. Stands 4 feet high. Any child can fly it. Shipping weight, 64 oz.

Price, each.....\$1.75

No. 59367 **No. X Fine Box kite** See, 300 feet on a spool, for naval kites. Shipping weight, 4 ounces.

Price, per dozen, \$1.05; per spool.....10c

No. 59368 **No. 11 Flax kite** line suitable for flying No. 50 and No. 100 box kites and No. 1. Shipped in one quarter pound balls. Length 400 feet. Shipping weight, 9 ounces. Price, per ball.....\$0.22

Price, per dozen.....1.40

No. 59369 **No. 12 Flax kite** line suitable for flying No. 50 and No. 100 box kites and No. 1. Shipped in one-half pound balls. Length 800 feet. Shipping weight 10 oz. Price, per dozen, \$4.50; per ball..40c

No. 59370 **No. 24 Flax kite** line suitable for flying No. 100 box kites in a very strong wind. One-half pound balls, length 400 feet. Shipping weight, 10 oz.

Price, per dozen, \$6.00; per ball.....80c

No. 59371 **No. 18 Flax line, 1/4-pound balls, 600 feet** to fly No. 100 box kites. Ship kite and Eddy kite.

Price, per dozen, \$5.50; per ball.....50c

No. 59372 **The Eddy Kite.** The Tailless Kite has won not only a national but a world-wide reputation. The Eddy Kite will fly in a very moderate wind, and because of its exceedingly light pull is especially suitable for small boys. The Eddy Kite folds compactly into a cloth bag like a fishing rod and is very little larger. Size, 6 feet in height when opened out. Price, each.....\$1.65

Not available.

Sari Moore photocopied this from a Sears Roebuck & Co catalog circa 1900.

IN THE WIND

MKS KITE RETREAT -- February 19-21. The Maryland Kite Society is planning a great weekend at Great Oak Landing featuring Bill Lockhart, who will demonstrate his techniques for building patchwork kites in rip-stop nylon and plastic. Charges are \$84.52 per person per day for a deluxe water view room (double occupancy, meals included), \$77.63 for standard room, \$98.70 for a single. Registration/materials donation of \$10 additional at the door. To reserve a room, a one-day deposit must be made by December 15 to Great Oak Landing, P.O. Box 527, Chestertown, MD 21620. Phone (301) 778-2100 for more details.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT KITE SHOW -- February 27-28. WKA has been challenged to put on this show so President Tom Sisson is calling for volunteers who would be willing to put in about four hours of planning, talking to people, or helping others make kites between 10am and 6pm on either Saturday or Sunday. Contact Tom Sisson (725-3615) or Jack Van Gilder (938-0550) to help make this a major WKA success.

1988 FORT WORDEN RETREAT -- March 4-6. Chairperson Lyle Morgan assures us that this year's retreat will be bigger and better than ever. Contact her at (206) 441-4012 for additional information or early bird registration. An article including specific details of this fantastic annual event will be forthcoming in the next issue of the WKA Newsletter.



KITE CALENDAR

December

- 6 (Sun) Fun Fly, Genesee Park (46th S. at Genesee), 1 pm
- 12 (Sat) WKA Membership Meeting, Burger King, (S. End of Lake Union), 9:30am
- 13 (Sun) Fun Fly, Myrtle Edwards Park (N. End of Alaskan Way), 1pm
- 20 (Sun) Fun Fly, Gasworks Park (N. End of Lake Union), 1 pm
- 22 (Sun) Fun Fly, Magnuson Park (S. of Sand Point Navy Base), 1pm
- 29 (Sun) Fun Fly, Golden Gardens Park, (N. of Shilshole Marina), 1pm

January

- 1 Annual "Protest the Bowls" Kitefly, ~~Gasworks Park (N. End of Lake Union)~~, 12:30pm *Golden Gardens*
- 3 (Sun) Fun Fly, Genesee Park (46th S. at Genesee), 1 pm
- 10 (Sun) Fun Fly, Myrtle Edwards Park (N. End of Alaskan Way), 1pm
- 13 (Wed) WKA Membership Meeting, Board Room at Pacific Science Center, 7pm
- 17 (Sun) Fun Fly, Gasworks Park (N. End of Lake Union), 1 pm
- 24 (Sun) Fun Fly, Magnuson Park (S. of Sand Point Navy Base), 1pm
- 31 (Sun) Fun Fly, Golden Gardens Park, (N. of Shilshole Marina), 1pm

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Just send your name, address, and phone number to our address below along with your check for \$8.50 for membership in the W.K.A. including a subscription to the bimonthly newsletter letting you in on all the fun of kiteflying with other enthusiasts.

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