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CONVENTION IN THE WINDY CITY

by TOM SISSON and JACK VAN GILDER with photos by JACK VAN GILDER and MASATO HORIKIRI

A thank you and a well done were the order of the day after the AKA convention hosted by the Chicagoland Sky Liners September 28 through October 2. Jim Miller, Convention Chairman, and his committees did a wonderful job of managing what was obviously the biggest (more than 400 attended) in the eleven-year history of the AKA. The accommodations at the Woodfield Hyatt Regency were outstanding and reasonable. The convention food was well prepared, including the Friday ethnic all-you-can-eat buffet and the Banquet. Even the box lunches were terrific, and they were served by a lot of wonderful volunteers.

The gorgeous flying fields were donated by the



WKA's Tom Sisson and other kites getting ready for the annual Panorama photo at the 11th Annual WKA Convention near Chicago

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UNOCAL Corporation. Even though they were just a short walk from the hotel, kites also enjoyed the luxury of a volunteer shuttle service every day.

There had been some fear that the absence of the Kite Trade Association would diminish activities and participation. But Wednesday and Thursday there was a "Fly Market" where kite clubs, manufacturers, and stores could represent their products. It was very active and well attended. Kathy Goodwind (Gasworks Kite Shop) and Stan Swanson (Condor Kites) shared a booth. WKA sold pins, patches, and teachers packets. It was fun to meet all the people and share "the other Washington" with them.

The Chicagoland Skyliners put on a first of its



Red Braswell, first AKA President, still an active organizer

kind in AKA history: a convention geared toward the hobbyist. It was a huge success, with attendees from as far east as London and as far west as Tokyo coming together just to fly kites and get acquainted.

Tom Sisson was asked to teach a class on "Teaching People to Teach Kids and Adults

To Make Kites." The classroom was set up to seat 72 people with additional standing room in the back. The class and the standing room quickly filled up. The basic premise of the class was that if you have a single sheet of paper and some string you can make a kite that can fly. To prove the point, we made one of Gene Smiley's Boka Boka kites. Then we put together some Bill Lee Trash Bag Deltas. We sold more of the WKA Teacher Packets and gave out lots of hints and information.

Kathy Goodwind was a Comprehensive Single Line Judge for two days which kept her busy. She also taught a class called "Should You Start Your Own Kite Business?" which was well-received. Kay Buesing also volunteered to help the Skyliners, so what WKA lacked in numbers was made up by extra effort.

The Great Costume Challenge was great fun,



Well-known no-wind kite technician Bill Bigge demonstrates a machine that tests small indoor no-wind kites for efficiency

although we did not recall any WKA participants. The trick was to dress up as your favorite character or weirdo and then make a kite to match.

The weather was a bit unkind at times, but not enough to prevent stunters and single liners alike from showing off their best.

The night fly was a little shy of wind, although we all had fun watching Stan Swanson get a kite up with some Glo-Stix. Saturday morning and some of the afternoon it really rained, but most of

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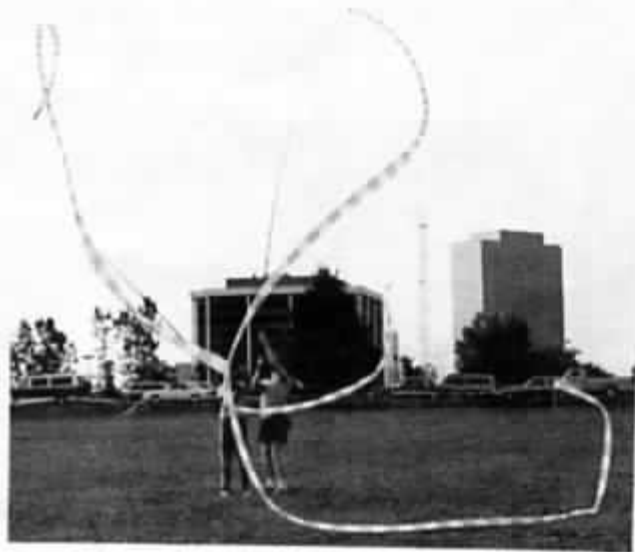
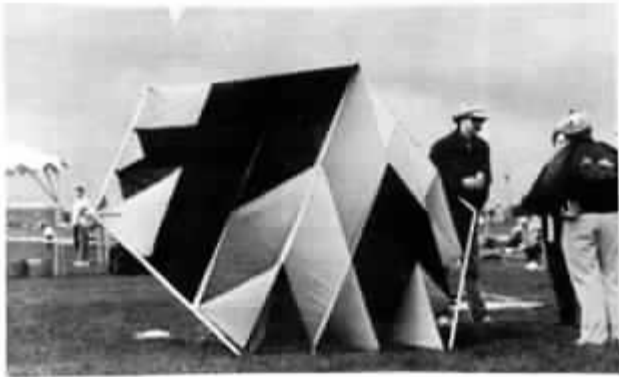


the contests were completed and the kites dried out. It was a little tough on Art Ross from Vancouver B.C. His room wasn't nearly large enough to dry out the big kites he flew! Fortunately, Oscar Bailey's panoramic photo of the whole group was right on schedule, just before a rain shower!



Clockwise: Winner of the Costume Challenge, something about the pregnant nun bringing a prisoner to the bar [Obviously meaning something to the Skyliners]; Jack & Vi Van Gilder and Tom Sisson manning the WKA booth at the Fly Market; this Kite Artist was getting up to \$60 for these works of art painted on kite skins; the weather didn't stop this young kiteflier; capes were in at the Costume Challenge; we didn't recognize Batman, but Lee Toy was the devil; Kathy Goodwind holding a fantastic Sun kite (Photo by MASATO HORIKIRI)





Counterclockwise: Two members of the Hawaii Kite Association practicing a routine (photo by MABATO HORIKIRI); it takes a lot of wind to get these big kites up; Lee Toy sharing kite conversation with Jeff Kataka, head of the Wisconsin Kites; Jack Van Gilder with the Steve Edeiken "Kiteflier of the Year" trophy



The silent auction was handled by Pat Daly and was such a great success that they collected a goodly amount for next year.

As expected, AOK President David Gomberg presented an application for the 1990 AKA Convention to be held in Seaside, OR.

Congratulations to WKA member award winners Stan Swanson, who earned "Second Place" honors in the Figure and Novelty class for his Condor kite, and Jack Van Gilder, who received the prestigious Steve Edeiken "Kiteflier of the Year" award.

The Edeiken trophy is presented each year by the American Kitefliers Association in recognition for outstanding achievements in all of the following categories:

Leadership — points are awarded for positions held in local kite groups, as well as the organization and participation in kite events

Communications — acknowledgement of articles, plans, and other information contributed to kite magazines, newsletters, and other publications

Craftmanship — recognition of contributions made to developments in kite design, construction, and contests

Educational Activities — sharing knowledge with others through classes, workshops, lectures, and demonstrations

Interpersonal Skills — ability to get along with others

The award is named after A.K.A. Past President Steve Edeiken, a much loved and respected member of the worldwide kite community who died in a tragic kite accident in Long Beach, WA on September 25, 1983, when his ankle became entangled in the bridle lines during the launching of the world's largest kite and he fell more than 150' to his death.

The flame and wing design represents the flame of the remembrance of Steve Edeiken, and the wing represents his spirit taking flight. Jack will return it for presentation to next year's winner at the AKA convention, October 4 - 8, 1989, at Kapiolani Park, near Honolulu, HI.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

LAST MINUTES

BOARD, October 28

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sisson at 7:00 p.m. at Margaret Holzbauer's house. The meeting was attended by President Dan Nordgaard, VP Stan Swanson, Treasurer Bob Hanna, and Past President Tom Sisson. Also attending were Margaret Holzbauer (appointed secretary in the absence of Allen Stringer), David Julian, Llyle Morgan, Gene Smiley, and Darryl Stephenson. The main order of business was to discuss proposed amendments to the WKA Bylaws. [These and other revisions of the Bylaws were approved at the last WKA Membership meeting and will be published along with the full text of the revised version in a forthcoming issue of the WKA NEWSLETTER — Ed.] In general



An informal gathering of WKA members at the Van Gilder's to welcome international visitors Yuko Taniguchi (Japan), Rene Kung (Switzerland), and Art & Inge Ross (Canada)

the following issues were discussed and recommendations made to the Membership: (1) The Board will hold regular meetings and a summary of the minutes will be published in the WKA NEWSLETTER (2) Regional representatives be added to the Board (3) A telephone committee of regional representatives should be set up (4) for future elections, nominations will be solicited and ballots will be processed by mail (5) various options were discussed to use WKA funds to finance worthy projects, including the beginning of an official WKA library. (6) various options for stimulating additional attendance at the Membership meetings were discussed (7) Importance of informing the WKA NEWSLETTER about upcoming events as early as possible was stressed, the suggestion was made that addresses as well as

phone numbers of the officers should be published in the WKA NEWSLETTER, but was not accepted (8) Tom Sisson, as Administrator of the David Checkley Children's Kite Fund reported that the exact policy for disbursement has not yet been established (9) the issue of bonding of officers was discussed and discarded (10) the Board unanimously agreed that issues of safety and cleanliness at flying sites should be emphasized (11) Llyle Morgan reported briefly on the upcoming Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP, October 29

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom Sisson in the absence of President Dan Nordgaard. There were 26 members present. The following issues were presented, discussed, and acted upon: (1) Dorothea Checkley gave a presentation on the upcoming tour of Japan (2) discussion of area representatives, with emphasis on the new regional and corporate subgroups now forming, and newsletter coverage of statewide and regional kite events (3) Volunteers for telephone committee: Duane Davis, Tom Sisson, Jack Van Gilder, Garth Westoff, and Shirley Allen (4) Nomination committee: Jack Van Gilder, Kathy Goodwind, Duane Davis (4) everyone urged to report newsworthy kite events as soon as possible to the WKA NEWSLETTER editor (5) Flying safety discussed again, Kathy Goodwind to provide rules for standardizing dual line contests (6) Stan Swanson reported on the Board meeting (7)



L to R: Kathy Goodwind, Llyle Morgan, and George Van Stavern consult with Dorothea Checkley after the Membership Meeting October 29

discussion on possible WKA Kite Library. (8) general information: Llyle Morgan thanked everyone who helped with the WKA Windstreamer Drill Team at the Westlake Mall opening; Kathy Goodwind invited everyone down to her new store at 1715 N 34th St, Seattle; Gene Smiley suggested willing of kite items to WKA Library; Barbara O'Neill is trying to get use of the Seattle Times auditorium for future meetings.

BOARD, December 3

A brief Board meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. at Llyle Morgan's office to discuss provisions of the first revision of the WKA bylaws. Attendees included Tom Sisson, Llyle Morgan, David Julian, Margaret Holzbauer, Bob Hanna, Darryl & Kathy Stephison, and Kathy Goodwind.

MEMBERSHIP, December 3

The meeting was called to order by Tom Sisson at 10:30 a.m. WKA members in attendance at the Board meeting arrived and Llyle Morgan read her draft of the revision of the WKA Bylaws and it was accepted enthusiastically by all present.

A motion was made to thank Tom Sisson for taking charge of the WKA and was seconded

by all present and made unanimous. Discussion was held concerning some of the new provisions of the revised by-laws. Newsletter Editor David Julian asked that since the nomination committee announced the slate of officers was running unopposed and that there were no nominations from the floor, if the nominees might be declared winners rather than go through the additional time and expense of printing ballots. After some discussion it was approved, providing that the call for nominations be announced in sufficient time for next year's election, and that the entire text of the revised Bylaws also be published in the WKA NEWSLETTER. Several door prizes of kites and other paraphernalia were given away, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.



Some of the participants at the WKA Membership Meeting October 29

REVISION OF WKA BYLAWS IN STORE FOR 1989 OFFICERS

by DAVID JULIAN

The first order of business for the new officer corps is to improve the organization and image of the WKA. As a first step, the WKA Bylaws are being revised to include the following: specific descriptions of both the duties and limitations of the elected offices; regular monthly Board and Membership Meetings, including meetings in areas other than Seattle; revision of the nomination and election process to allow for more accessibility to the club by members outside the greater Seattle metropolitan area and for voting by mail; and expansion of the Board to include the elected officers, past president, plus four new regional

representatives, and four new at-large members.

It was originally planned that there would be nominations and elections during December, but the report of the nominations committee was that all the 1989 officers were running unopposed. Therefore, if you would like to write-in a candidate or volunteer yourself for one of the offices please don't hesitate to send a notice to that effect to the Secretary. Otherwise, officially, nominations are closed, the election has been concluded, and the following officers have been elected:

President, Darryl Stephison. Darryl is an Engineering Supervisor at Boeing. He and his wife Kathy have been members of WKA for more than

three years. During that time Darryl has been actively helping with exhibits and workshops as well as attending the major WKA festivals, events, and meetings. He is also past president of his community club and is currently helping organize the Boeing Kite Club.

Vice-President, Stan Swanson. As the incumbent Vice-President, Stan has been active in WKA for more than five years and is a familiar face at all the major events, festivals, and meetings. Stan operates two businesses, one in computers and the other in kite manufacturing. Stan's Condor Kites are regular award winners in international competitions.

Secretary, Jody Hagaman. Jody has been active in WKA events for more than five years, and is the wife of Doug Hagaman, manufacturer of world renowned Parafoil Kites. Jody was doing an outstanding job as WKA Secretary last year when she resigned under unusual circumstances.

Treasurer, Bob Hanna. The nominating committee was unable to find a suitable nominee for Treasurer. Bob Hanna, the incumbent Treasurer, has agreed to continue on in the position. Call Nominations Committee Chairman Jack Van Gilder, 206/938-0550 if you have any questions about the nomination or election procedures this term.

WKA LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Unigard Insurance Company covers WKA to the limit of \$500,000 per accident if we are sued as a club or as individual club members participating in "any club function". What this means specifically is if someone who is officially representing the WKA inadvertently damages property or accidentally injures a non-member, Unigard will either provide lawyers to defend our interests in court or will pay the damages for us.

There is some question as to what constitutes "any club function." For purposes of clarity, "any club function" includes any officially sanctioned WKA kite flying event, social gathering, or meeting that has been published in the WKA NEWSLETTER calendar of events, or has been announced by a mailing or other public notice. Significantly it is the WKA's liability *not your personal liability* that is covered under this policy.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Although the temptation is great, this issue will not be used to air the dirty laundry of the WKA. There has been much offhanded discussion about the tarnished reputation of WKA, inappropriate behavior and exceeding of authority by the President, and some other problems that need to be addressed rather than publicly discussed. Our past President, Dan Nordgaard, has had a tough year. He was faced with a major challenge and he met that challenge head on. He tried to make some changes, tried to make some waves, tried to get some moving and shaking done. He has had some problems. He has a rather abrupt kind of management style that many people found abrasive or dictatorial. He took a few risks and expanded the loose definitions of

power that were prevalent in the WKA Bylaws, and some resentments surfaced. Unilateral decisions were executed and mistakes were made. But to paraphrase an old Italian proverb, if you aren't making any mistakes or enemies, it's because you aren't doing anything. Criticism of Dan's activities may be justified in some instances, but in others that criticism has been clearly misdirected. WKA is having the same kind of growing pains all organizations go through between being a small social club and a medium sized organization. All along we have been expecting our officer corps to behave in the same fashion as the previous officers and we have assumed that we all knew what that meant. We need to realize that now that since we have about 600 voting

members, we also have about 600 different opinions as to what the duties of the officers were. If we make assumptions that our officers will act according to some nebulous preconceived notions we have, instead of being clear about what our requirements are, that's our fault, not theirs. This is precisely that problem that is being addressed by the new Bylaw revision. We've had some growing pains, we've had some problems, some risks were taken, and some mistakes were made. It is now time to get beyond that and to move into the future with the confidence and support of all WKA members, and with a clear and concise set of goals, policies, and Bylaws. If you think things are wrong, you need only volunteer to help make them right. It's as simple as that.

OOPS! Once again I must apologize for the delay in getting out this issue of the WKA NEWSLETTER. I know you don't want to hear my list of excuses, all of which are

good but not good enough. And my apologies to Mel Hickman, whose name I misspelled in the previous issue. CONGRATULATIONS to Cory Roeseler, whose exploits of water skiing being towed behind a stack of 10' flexifoils were expounded in an article in the Bellevue Journal American October 28th; and to Francis Hall, whose photojournalistic article "Quilting the Heavens" appeared in the Fall issue of American Kite.

The new WKA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available. Please do not use the old ones any more. Call me at 206/453-8895 and I'll be happy to send you some of the new ones or a master for photocopying your own. WKA Membership Rosters are also available for the cost of materials and postage. The rosters are for informational purposes only and are strictly not for commercial use. *Deadline for the February issue is January 15.*

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NEW COAST KITE CLUB FORMING

At past Membership Meetings we have heard about WKA members forming subsidiary groups. We are all familiar with The Squaleicum Kite Flyers in Bellingham and the Ben Franklin Kite Society in the Tri-cities area. More recently Barbara O'Neill has put together a kite club at the Seattle Times/P-I and WKA President-elect Darryl Stephison has just organized the Boeing Employees Kiteflyers. They will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Lynnwood (North) and Oxbow (South) Recreation Facilities. Contact David McSwain, 342-9599 if you are a Boeing employee and would like more information. Now we have received information from Chuck Reese about a Westport kite club (unnamed as of press time) that meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Kila-Hana Club House. Contact Chuck Reese, P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA 98586, 206/875-6385 (evenings) if you would like to participate in that group.



WORLD KITE MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME

Jerry Zorich, who has been involved with the WSIKF since its inception, is now at the helm of a new kite project, the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame. "My goal" he says, "is for the kite museum and hall of fame to be a lasting tribute to the world of kiting and to those who love the sport and



fun of flying." Funding is through memberships that vary from \$10 to \$1000. Contact him through the WKM&HOF, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631, 206/642-2202.

KITE EXHIBIT AT WESTERN WA FAIR

by RON PRIEUR

The kite exhibit at the Western Washington Fair, September 9 - 24 was a great success as lots of folks who did "the Puyallup" saw the display in the Hobby Hall. Many WKA Applications were handed out and the video by Ken Russell gave everyone a taste of flying. Tom Sisson, E.K. Smiley, and myself had a great time putting up the display of special kites from WKA, Jack Van Gilder, and Pick-A-Patch Kite Shop (Westport).

NEW WKA BANNER

by JEAN SISSON

As an observer at the WSIKF in Long Beach for many years, I noticed that the WKA did not have a banner big enough to let people know where we were. As a committee of one, I took it upon myself to do something about this. At Long Beach I met Joanne Crews from Oak Harbor and we discussed the possibilities of doing something to represent WKA at the AKA Convention in Chicago. She got right to work, and thanks to Joanne we now have an official banner to identify WKA wherever we fly. The banner was unveiled at the convention and flown by my husband Tom



using his red and yellow flexifoil. The wind was not too steady, but the banner flew perfectly. The "W.K.A. Washington" banner is in the official club colors, yellow

letters on a green background. Joanne is a member of WKA and flies often with the Squalicum club in Bellingham. We all owe her our thanks.

MORE HOT AIR — OUR READERS TALK BACK

from **Carole Knopek and Kay Buesing**, WSIKF, Long Beach (to Dan Nordgaard)

The Washington State International Kite Festival Committee wants to thank WKA for their generous participation in this, the seventh annual event. From those who took charge of competitions, those who helped with the Japanese [guests] here and in Seattle, those who helped in competitions — judging, ground crew, announcing, registration, providing targets, etc — to the special flare of banners, flags, and other flying things, all of you made the week memorable. Thank you for helping all of us have fun.

from **Maribeth Crandell Hansen**, Ft. Casey State Park (to Mike Button and the Squalicum Kite Fliers)

Thank you so much for greatly uplifting spirits at Ft. Casey last weekend. Your colorful kites, picnics, and friends added a lot to the atmosphere around the old fort ... As I passed through the field someone said, "We'd like to make it an annual event!" I asked my boss, Park Manager Ken Hageman, how he felt about that and he seemed all for it! So consider yourselves invited back for another Labor Day weekend kite day, or even on other days between now and then if you feel like it. Also we really appreciate your phone call, Mike, about "the President" and the one small incident that did cast a shadow on the day. But for the most part it was a terrific day for all of us here and we hope to have you all back again soon.

from **Kathy Goodwind**, Seattle

I would like to thank you for all your support at the Tribute to Dave Checkley kite fly. I'm sure it made Dave's spirits soar as high as the kites ... The extraordinary efforts of Tom & Jean Sisson, Gene & Vera Smiley, Darryl & Kathy Stephison, Stan Swanson, and Lyle Morgan contributed to the great success of the WKA host picnic in Long Beach. Their last minute cooperation made for a successful and fun gathering for all. It takes experience to pull something like that off. Long Live the Flying Dinosaurs! Gene Smiley and Tom Sisson also put their best efforts together to organize a fantastic dinner to honor Jack Van Gilder. It was long overdue ... You guys are a great team! I would also like to extend a special thanks to Jack Van Gilder for finding David Julian to edit and produce our great newsletter. Through Jack's continued efforts ... and Dave's patience with all the grammatical errors, WKA still has one of the best newsletters in the country. What a great bunch of people — the real glue of this club!

from **Charlie Sotich**, Chicago IL, Windy City '88

Workshop Chairman, to Tom Sisson

I would like to thank you for the Chicago and Sky Liners for making your workshop presentation at this year's AKA Convention. I am sure that everyone who attended your class learned something because you gave out such good information. I personally liked the use of the computer labels for putting kites together, and the light weight plastic sails and spars you use in making your kites, they just have to fly. The effort you put forth will help make a lot of better kites and our hobby more exciting.

from **Eric Forsberg**, Forest Grove OR, 1988 WSIKF Stunt Kite Competition Coordinator

I would like to thank all the people who gave their time and energy to produce a very positive stunt kite competition. Without the exceptional help you gave we would not have been able to hold any of the scheduled events. It takes so many people to do all the jobs — some of which we don't think about. I would also like to thank the many who made WSIKF one of the best festivals in the nation in all aspects. You have truly put Long Beach on the map and in the minds of kiting enthusiasts everywhere.

from **Patricia Button**, Bellingham, Squalicum Kite Flyer and member of WKA, AOK, & AKA

[Excerpted from a 6-page letter asked to be read at the Membership Meeting in November] I have asked a friend to read this because ... I can't be there tonight. I've been told by our president to shut up and get out of his way. I can't do that ... I nearly died of embarrassment when attending the WKA picnic at Long Beach ... to get there and find out no one was there to welcome and introduce our international guests. [After] a lot of scrambling around ... Lyle [Morgan] finally did the job, but Peter Waldron (who must have overheard what was happening) was almost completely ignored. We are also members of AOK and the night before at their picnic not only were the guests welcomed, introduced, wine and dined, but they were given gifts as well by the president [of AOK]. He [Dan Nordgaard] talks [in the president's message in the October WKA NEWSLETTER] of participation at Long Beach. We were there from Friday before the festival until Monday after. We saw little participation by the president. [He was conspicuously absent from] a desperate call for volunteers on Saturday and the WKA part of the Club competition ... At Westport there was [supposed to be] a meeting [and] a lot of us were there because we had things to say. [Dan] came to the pot luck [dinner] late, left early, and stayed only long enough to eat ... At the July kite fly at Ft. Casey, the President was asked by a ranger if WKA would fly on Labor Day weekend. He was overheard answering "No, the kite flyers will be other places." [The Squalicum group had already set up a fly that weekend] ... Two guys with a stack of flexis kept jumping on the support cables from the tower ... when the park rangers were told that we didn't have the authority to stop them, they almost canceled our Labor Day event ... We've made it a practice at Ft. Casey to fly stunt kites on the perimeter of the field so the visitors ... can get from the parking lot to the bunkers, which are the main attraction they came to see. [Dan Nordgaard] set up his tandem stunt kites in the middle of the field, right in front of the bunkers. He spent the rest of the day telling park visitors to "get out of the way, you are in danger." [And that was] ... only when he wasn't flying out of control. (Any time you are being pulled along the ground by a kite you are out of control.) ... he was allowing people who had never flown before to handle these kites over the crowd ... Because of air headed, egotistical stunt kite fliers we nearly lost the privilege of flying at Ft. Casey. [We are afraid that] if we lose one park ... posted "No Kite Flying", we could eventually lose them all. Flying space is at a premium as it is. ... Dan is right on one account. There

should be no discrimination between single line and dual line fliers. Then why does he do it? ... We fly both kinds everytime we fly if conditions are right as do most kite fliers. We don't go by the name of single line flier or the "hot" name of dual line pilot. We fly because we love it ... and [we always try to] educate, whether it is in a classroom, warning a kite shop owner not to sell a stunt kite without proper [safety and flying] instructions, telling an observer to start with a single Triby (so he doesn't find himself at the helm of an out-of-control Hawaiian in a strong wind), or taking a clue from Cory Jensen on how to tell a parent in a gentle way how to behave with a kite and a kid so the kid doesn't end up hating the experience ...

In my opinion, Dan Nordgaard needs an attitude adjust-

ment and WKA needs a President who doesn't have a personality conflict with the whole human race ... I'd like to nominate Tom Sisson for President. I would also like to make some suggestions: [1] The meetings be changed to weekends, the location be changed from time to time so members away from the Seattle area can attend, and a meeting be held at heavily attended events such as Ft. Worden, Long Beach, etc.; [2] Some of the garbage be dropped from the newsletter, such as frivolous correspondence with Chicago, and the minutes of the meetings be included instead; [3] and last but not least, that the entire membership be allowed to vote on a slate of officers, putting the responsibility of this club on the membership where it belongs instead of in the hands of a few people from Seattle.

IN THE WIND — COMING EVENTS

15th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY

Welcome 1989 at the 15th annual WKA "Protest the Bowls" kite fly beginning at 11:00 a.m. Sunday January 1, 1989 at Golden Gardens Park. This event was conceived in 1974 By David Checkley, founder of the WKA and frequent visitor to the Orient, who loved the Japanese tradition of flying kites to welcome in the New Year, and who found it an enjoyable way of avoiding the holiday of endless TV football

games. In the previous fourteen years the event has never been rained out or lacking in wind, so it has become one of the best kite flies of the year. Bundle up, bring a full thermos of your favorite warm-up beverage, and bring lots of kites.



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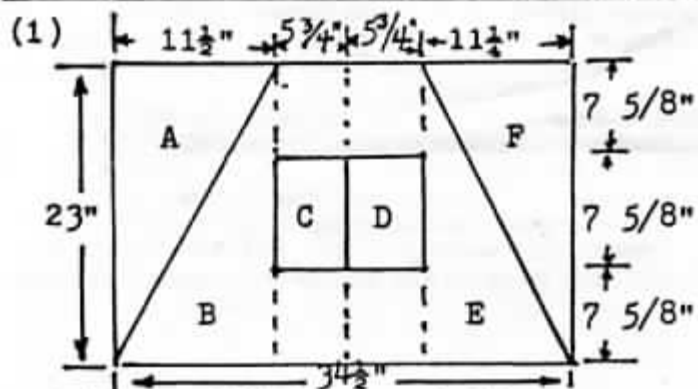
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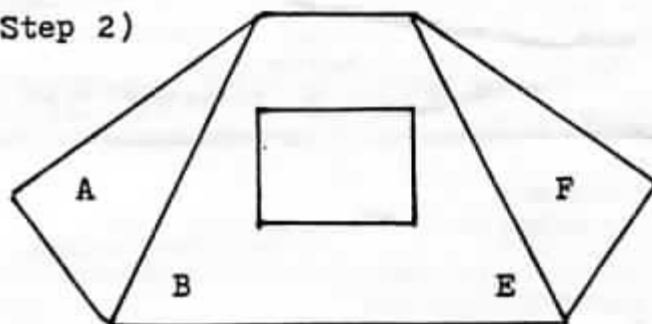
MATERIALS:

- 1 - plastic bag, 20 x 24"
- 2 - dowels, 1/8 x 16 1/2"
- 2 - dowels, 1/8 x 23"
- 1 - dowel, 3/16 x 23"
- 1 - dowel, 3/16 x 25"
- Tape, bridle string



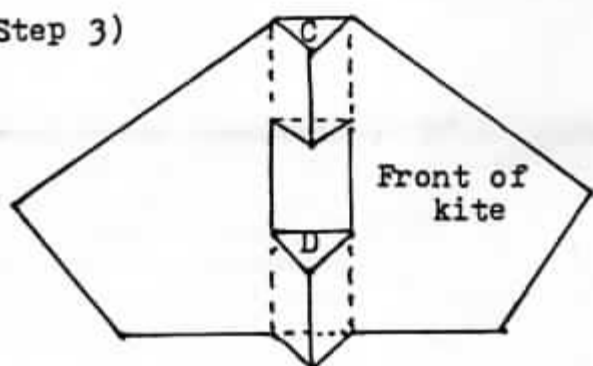
Cut on solid lines, fold on dotted lines

(Step 2)



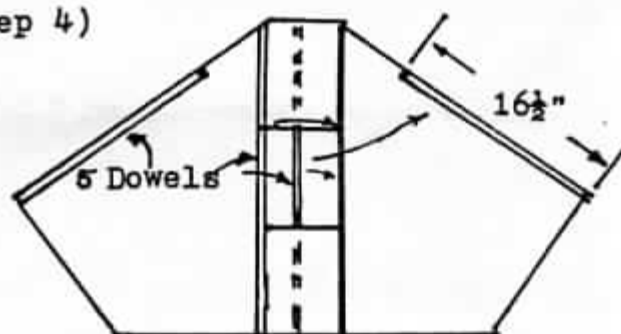
Remove sections "C" and "D". Flip sections "A" and "F" upside down and join to sections "B" and "E".

(Step 3)



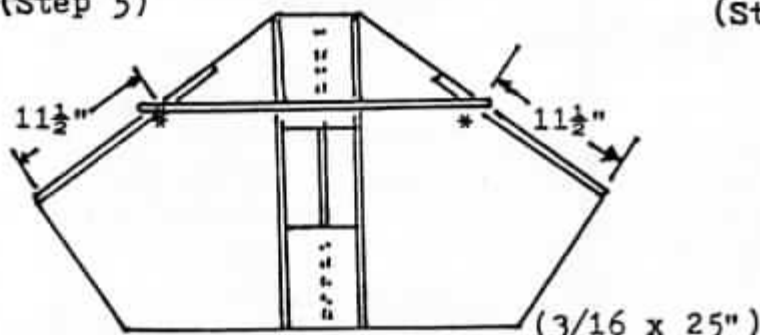
Fold up centerline. Join sections "C" and "D" to back of kite to form two triangular box sections, top and bottom.

(Step 4)



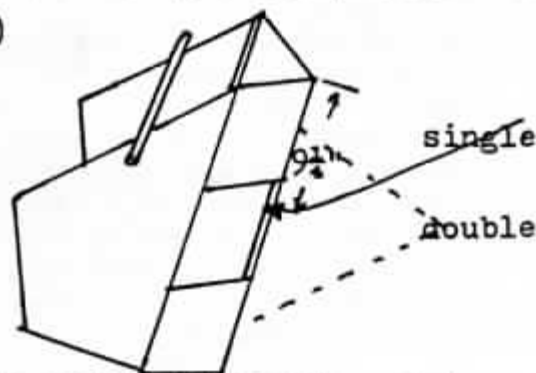
Attach 16 1/2" sticks to leading edge of wings. Attach 2 23" sticks to back of triangular box. Attach 1 3/16 x 23" stick inside triangular box, at center, bottom, temporarily.

(Step 5)



* attach "spreader bar" (3/16 x 25") with rubber band, using "Larkshhead" knot.

(Step 6)



Bridle may be single-leg string about 9 1/4" from front or 2-legged as shown in dotted lines. Kite will need testing to set bridle permanently.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT KITE EXHIBITION

WKA has been asked to participate in an exhibition of kites all day Saturday and Sunday January 21 and 22, at the Boeing Museum of Flight. If you can spare a few minutes helping set up the display or participating in it, call Tom Sisson at 725-3615.

KITE CALENDAR

January 1 (Sun), 15th Annual New Year's Day "Protest the Bowls" Kitefly, Golden Gardens Park (just north of Shilohole Marina), 11am Ken Conrad 624-6886
January 5 (Thur), WKA Board Meeting, at Tom Sisson's, 7:30pm 206/725-3615 for address or info
January 7 (Sat), WKA Membership Meeting, Burger King (S. Lake Union), 10am
January 21-22 (Sat-Sun), Museum of Flight Kite Exhibition, all day both days, Tom Sisson, 206/725-3615
January 28 (Sat), Westport Kite Group Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese 206/875-6385 (evenings)

February 4 (Sat), WKA Membership Meeting, Burger King (S. Lake Union), 10am
February 25 (Sat), Westport Kite Group Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese 206/875-6385 (evenings)
March 3-4-5 (Fri-Sat-Sun), 6th Annual Kitemaker's Conference, Ft. Worden, Lyle Morgan 206/441-4012
March 25 (Sat), Westport Kite Group Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese 206/875-6385 (evenings)
April 22 (Sat), Westport Kite Group Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese 206/875-6385 (evenings)

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