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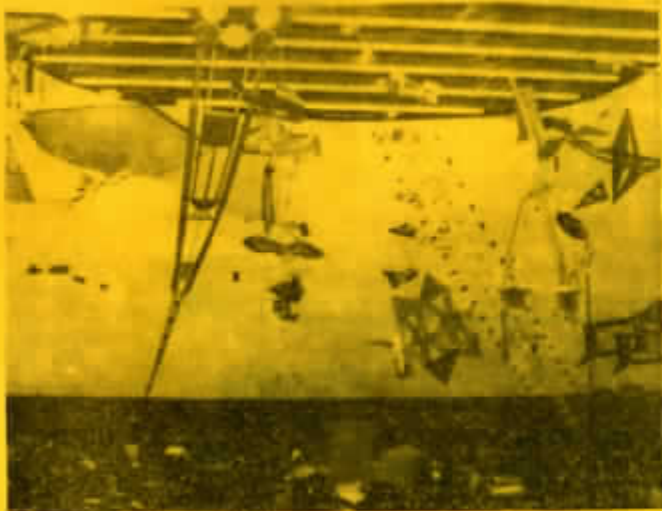
Washington Kitefliers Association

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NEWSLETTER -- April, 1979 --

"Kitefair, '79" is now history. Our annual Science Center exhibit and mass kitebuild was not as busy this year as last -- about 3,700 attendance as against about 4,900 last year. We don't have a reading on the bottom line, the paid attendance, yet but we KNOW it's not going to be \$1,100 like last year. Well, we were getting too cocky anyway ---

Carl Brewer and Bob McCort, our president and secretary-treasurer, each conducted kite-building workshops in enough schools that we had about 230 kid-made kites on our wall. Jack Van Gilder also had a couple dozen from his school presentations. Carl and Bob pulled a neat trick when they invited the kids in their schools to come down and help us help other kids make the kite pattern of the year. One counselor from the Everett Boys Club brought a van-load of seven boys down and they, along with some twenty other kids, including some girls, did yeoman work.



We have about 900 kite kits left over, available for members to conduct classes or whatever at schools or wherever this spring or whenever; two bits (25¢) each. Phone Tom Sisson; 725 3615. Instructions included.

Reception for President Red Braswell of AKA; held at Chairman of the Board Dave and Mrs. Dorothea Checkley's stately mansion on the hill -- it was a real success with some 25 people in attendance.



Here's Red showing off one of his own kites, a compound star kite, six-pointed. Can you imagine a group of laughing, giggling adults out in the street at Checkleys' flying kites near midnight? Well, gee, they had to see if the darn thing flew didn't they?

Red had some serious talk for us all as to the future and growth of the A.K.A. and the future chances of us getting our magazine back. The last thing that the Board of AKA wants to do is to get into competition with Kitelines magazine and Valerie Govig. So, the way we understand it, AKA will continue to publish bi-monthly (six times yearly) newsletters until they see if Valerie can pull it out. In the meantime we are urged in strongest possible terms to send in our memberships to AKA and renew subscriptions to Kitelines. And that goes for all your friends and relatives too!

(All photos by Checkley)

Two "Last Chances": --

(1) David Checkley leaves April 27th for his personally-conducted tour of kite festivals of Japan. The tour will be gone until about May 15th. He still has room for two or three people. This chance-of-lifetime to see unbelievable sights can be yours by phoning him at (206) 284 5350 or write him at 678 West Prospect St., Seattle, WA 98119.

(2) Our new roster will be made up when Bob McCort, our secretary-treasurer returns from a Hawaiian vacation May 1st. Renew your membership NOW! If there is a membership application enclosed separately in this newsletter, yours hasn't been received yet.



A gorgeous part of our Science Center Exhibit was this display -- out on the balcony -- of Dave Checkley's collection of Japanese kites and pictures, seen above.

Stormy Weathers, our grand kiteman of Portland, Oregon, our neighbor to the south, phoned last evening all aglow -- his newly designed kite which he is manufacturing by the dozen, swept the "Timed Altitude" event in a big kite contest in Dayton, Ohio, this weekend. You need a very powerful range finder to even find kites after fifteen minutes! He's named it "Winged Victory" and it really is a straight-up flier. I know. I

have one. Stormy claims that it is a winged sled kite whereas I claim that any kiteflyer can tell at a glance that it is a twin-keel delta. Whatever -- it's a winner. We'll see if we can invite Stormy into letting us include the plans of it in our next newsletter.

Did everyone see J. C. Young on TV? It was on Ch. 4, Friday evening, March 30th, and the program was PM-Northwest; and we have it on video tape cassette! Now all we need is something on which to play it.

Le Lucane, Bulletin De Liaison du Cerf-Vol and Club de France (the French Kite Club's newsletter) has a page-one mention of our WA president, Carl Brewer, in connection with his world-record indoor duration kite fly. Dave Checkley is a member and he doesn't even speak much French. Vi Van Gilder translates some of it for him.

Seattle Center, May 5th and 6th -- a Saturday and Sunday -- are going to be busy ones for kites and kitefliers.

a.- Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, last year it was rained out at Seward Park, remember. This year they will have it indoors at the Center in case of rain. Prizes for the kitefly on a point basis: Saturday
 "Craftsmanship" noon to 3:30 PM
 "Beauty in Flight" 3:30 PM
 "Performance" This is more

of a relaxed type contest; just pick up an entry-score sheet at our WKA banner and take it and your kite to each of three judges in turn. 30 points is perfection.

b.- Imagination Celebration; Sunday 6th - Sunday - Flag Pavillion - . Some of us are going together on making a 23-kite train with a single letter on each kite:

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

They are supplying the black polyethelene letters and we're supplying the kites. We're planning a fun-filled evening kite-making bee for late April and are looking for helpers. Phone Van Gilder at 938 0550, eh? At 1:30 pm, May 6th, Sunday, they will launch 5,000 helium-filled balloons from the Seattle Center, along with our kites, to kick this off. It is a series of workshops and events especially for teachers and artists, statewide, and sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

COMING UP: ----

-- in addition to the big weekend of May 5th and 6th:

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 April 15th: Easter Sunday: Vancouver's Great Pacific Rim Kite Festival, which was rained out April 8th -- well, at least they were so scared of the rain that they cancelled -- for the stay-homes: Gasworks Park fly-in. Sunday, April 22nd: Sand Point Park - regular 1:30 fly-in.
 Sunday, April 29th: Gasworks - 1:30 pm
 Saturday, May 5th: Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival: Seattle Center; noon to 3:30 Kite contest as described.
 Sunday, May 6th: Imagination Celebration -- kickoff balloon launch and kite train attempt. Seattle Center also.
 Sunday, May 13th: Gasworks - 1:30 pm
 Sunday, May 20th: Sand Point Park - 1:30 pm
 Sunday, May 27th: Gasworks - 1:30 pm
 Sunday, June 3rd: Gasworks - 1:30 pm
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Contributions welcome! Yea, encouraged. More: needed. Phone Jack Van Gilder at (203) 938 0550 -- or write 1925 Walnut S.W. Seattle, WA 98116

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