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## Washington Kitefliers Association

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PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

NEWSLETTER OF FEBRUARY, 1980 - -

Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd: Bob McCort, our Secretary/Treasurer for 1979, was elected President, replacing Carl Brewer. Here's Bob, backed up by Ken Conrad, with Louise Crowley in the background, talking



to magazine writer Harriet Appel.

Carl Brewer was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. Here's Carl



with his Bleriot kite last summer.

We discussed many things and decided a few: 1- Dave Checkley, Bob McCort and Carl Brewer would meet the next day (and they did) with the Pacific Science Center to initiate talks about our annual spring exhibit. It is to be held - well, let's let our new president tell it:

President's Corner: "1980 got off to a rousing start with our New Year's Day fly. Media coverage like you wouldn't believe. J. C. Young even made the front page. It like the rest of the year will follow suit.



(Note the "line amplifier" above -- a used coffee cup amplifies line hum.) New Year's Day.

"Our 7th annual "Kite Fair" is set for May 31st and June 1st but that might change before you receive this newsletter. (It didn't, Ed.) The Science Center is trying to get the "Gossimer Albatross". (It did, Ed.) It was the first man-powered airplane across the English Channel. The Albatross will be on display most of the summer, here.

"The Science Center is asking us if we can leave our display of kites up with it for a month or more. We are still negotiating on this but we may be able to turn this into an international event. Letters are out to all the other kite clubs, asking if they have anything to display here

"We are already getting inquiries from schools and libraries about having workshops this spring. We are working on having a credit workshop for teachers. We still need volunteers to help some groups. The classes aren't difficult and they only take a couple of hours. (Besides, it's fun!) Ed.) But our small core of instructors is

spread too thin. We've had to start turning some groups away. (HELP! please. Ed.)

"One last word: If this newsletter has a membership blank in it, it is time to renew said membership. Please get your \$3. in as soon as possible so that we can begin preparing for the show." Bob McCort -

Also at the annual meeting:



Jan Kloock, the eminent designer, talks with Larry Chinn, the eminent renderer, while Dave Checkley cogitates his pipe in the background. The screen shows that we had slides of the Orient Expressed, from the Bon Marche.

#### Secretary/Past-Presidents Corner:

"New Information Center:

Kite information, newsletters from other areas and correspondence from other kites fliers. Ken Conrad has arranged for a W.K.A. shelf on the wall of Great Winds kite shop so that everyone will have an opportunity to be up on current events in other parts of the nation and world.

#### Indoor Record Trial:

A new indoor world record trial is being planned for the near future.

The new indoor record trial is tentatively planned in conjunction with the Sonics home game schedule in the Kingdome. Nancy Welts, the Sonic's public relations director, will have to approve but we're hopeful that everything will be arranged. We're working on it.

Bernard Stewart of Victoria, B.C., reports that a time of four and a half hours was flown while testing indoors there! He's using a six-foot tissue paper delta

design. He's also talking about 48 hours!

Incidentally, anyone can participate. So here's your chance to fly in such a trial and even have some fun!"

- Carl Brewer -

KITE BOOK: Van Gilder thought he knew kitesaking thoroughly -- until he read "Make Mine Fly", by Helen Bushell of Australia. She writes about "fast" and "slow" elements in kite design.

"Oh, sure," answered Carl Brewer. "Translate 'fast' to 'lift' and 'slow' to mean 'stability' and it's easier to understand." Followed: "moment-arm" and "camber" and "C/L". Very humbling.

This book is at Great Winds Kite Shop. DO stop in and take a look -- everyone should have one in their library of books.

New Contest: "Meanest Kite Workshop". During Seattle's famous Rain Festival, October through April, annually (except New Years Day), what do WKAer do with themselves? They MAKE kites! WHERE?

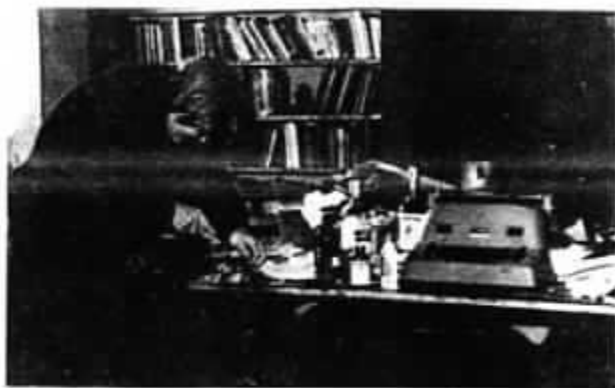
Living rooms seem popular; here's



John Dusenberry's. He moved there after he filled up one of his bachelor-pad bedrooms. Uses it for storage now. Can't get into it without moving one of his touring bicycles.

Louise Crowley says that she operates on the same idea: you fill up one room -- move into another. Her beautiful fireplace is blocked off by this table, see, and with TWO great dunes -- ;

Well, anyway, you should see her handi-



Just wait until next issue when you see the sheer mass of organized mess in the shops of Dave Checkley and Larry Chinn.

#### SCHEDULE

Not much happening during February and March. As warned in last newsletter, Pat Hammond is supposed to be coming to town about Feb. 7th. We're planning a little get-together at the Van Gilders'. If you would like to be invited by telephone when Pat hits town, phone 238 0550. Also a fly at Gasworks Park if she's here on a weekend.

Otherwise, it's every Sunday afternoon at Gasworks Park.

KITE TOUR OF JAPAN David Checkley is leading another one this year, April 25th to May 10th. Understand that such prominent kites as Lee Toy and Bob McCort are planning on making it. Phone (206)284 59X

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION Remember the absolute BALL we had last year making a kite train at a party at Ken Conrad's? They have asked us to participate this year. We still have the train, spelling out the name, so plan on at-least flying it. April 26th to May 3rd. Phone Brom Wikstrom: 283 8442.

KENNEDY CENTER -- Washington D.C. -- heard that J. C. Young has the best centipede kites in the nation so, naturally, they phoned several times to arrange the shipping of one of his masterpieces back to them. They plan to display Oriental kites

for the dedication of a new section of the JFK Center for the Performing Arts. It was built with money donated by the Japanese government and the Japanese Foundation.

Here's an example of why it is wonderful to have a kite organization. J. C. was justifiably concerned about non-kiters hanging one of his 60-foot centipedes. Dave Checkley phoned Red Braswell and Pat Ianuzzi, apparently, and they are going to supply the expertise to do the job. It's nice to have friends a continent away! Pat Kilgallon is helping all the way from Detroit with kites also.

DISCLAIMER Julian Wolf phoned to put the record straight: "The Times, in their story about kiting on New Years day, said ' - Julian once got into a little trouble with aviation officials by flying too high from Gasworks Park'. I just don't know where they got that. We have to be very careful about not going too high at Gasworks Park. If we ever tangle with one of the numerous airplanes there, the whole park will get shut down". True.

INVITATION The Olympic North Beach 4th-of-July Celebration Planning Committee has sent us a letter asking us to help them set up a kitefly and/or contest on that holiday six months away. Keep it in mind. They are just north of Ocean Shores.

Dale Fleener, traveling kiter from North Hollywood, visitor to The Orient Express in September in Seattle, sent a batch of color slides to the fellows in Shirone, Japan. Anyone else answer our plea? Remember, the Shirone fellows lost most of their pictures.

Dave Dube', Billings, Montana, wrote: "Gerry Bishop called last week and we got together, talked shop. Come to find out he read about us at the Sun Kite Contest in the August issue of the WKA newsletter. It was really great to have someone call us up and tell us that they saw our name in your newsletter!" Great.

FOR A PICTURE OF  
DAVE'S GORGEOUS  
KITE GOAL, LOOK  
ON GREAT LINKS  
GALLERY PAGE

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**DUES DUE:** These people are paid up for  
1980 if they joined after October, 1979,  
but the rest of us -- DUES ARE DUE !

As our president, Bob McCort says in his  
column: if there is a membership appli-  
cation enclosed in this newsletter, please  
send in your \$3.00. No raise in member-  
ship dues yet - but -- we sure need the  
money -- mostly for postage.

Bob, John Dusenberry and Jack Van Gilder  
were flying trains at the University of  
Washington/ Univ. of Southern California  
football game in November. Bob's son,  
Roger was there also, come to think.  
Jack had a nice 3/4" roll of strapping  
tape disappear into thin air. Looked high  
and low: just not high enough. It had  
become stuck to the fringe of one of his  
kites, about the 40th kite from the ground,  
and it suddenly appeared -- out of thin  
air!

(Hmmm - editorial error: some of the ad-  
dresses above were already listed in the  
Dec.'79 newsletter. Sorry.)

Help! Phone items of inter-  
est and mail pictures to  
Jack Van Gilder, 1925 Walnut  
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