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The 4th Annual
Harrison Hot Springs
Kite Festival

by Bob McCort

The day dawned grey and dismal. It had been overcast and sprinkling off and on since we arrived Friday afternoon and during the night there had been a heavy shower. We were beginning to wonder if the festival would be put off until the rain date the next weekend.

After we packed up our campsite we drove down to the beach flying area and found a place to park. It was about 11 o'clock and there were already a half dozen kites in the air. As we dropped our kites next to Hugh and Marge Harrison the clouds began to break up and the sun came out to watch the festivities for the rest of the day.

Although the McCorts were the only WKA members from south of the border, there was a fair number of BCKA members — the Harrisons, Dan Kurihashi, and Marcia Madill from Vancouver and Les Varley, Tom Kowalchuk and Art Rossi from Victoria. Tom has the Victoria Kite Store while Art has kites and reels to rival Julian Wolf's.

The Harrisons won the Best Advertising event with their provincial flags and BCKA banner. Art won the Largest because the High As A Kite bunch couldn't get their hang glider off the sand. Dan barely edged out Tom for Spectator's Choice with his train while Tom was flying a stack of 10 Ace stunters. The McCorts won Largest Family even though Roger stayed home—nobody else signed up.



"Come Fly With Us", The first Canadian-American Kitefly, Sunday June 27, 1982. 12:00 noon til ?? at Bayview State Park between Mount Vernon and Anacortes. Picnic tables and Bar-B-Ques available. For further information contact:

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MEMORIAL DAY KITE FLY

by Norm Smith

Let me begin by stating that the 1982 Memorial Day Kite Fly at Gasworks Park on Monday the 31st of May was a huge success. Never in one place at one time, has this writer seen so many kites in the air at the same time.

The little yellow Flutter Bag Kite looked marvelous interspersed in among all of the other kites. Thank you Suzanne Sadow for that clever design.

The kite hospital was easily the busiest place in the park with the possible exception of the snack bar building. I never took the time to wander down that way and should have because it was a beehive of activity for kite building and repair.

Why is it that when it comes to lines getting tangled, the most prominent or spectacular usually include members of the WEA? One of the several this writer became involved in, was a five-kite affair which involved Kevin Sanders, Julian Wolfe, and Les Smith, my son. Another mess of tangled lines included myself and three other members of WKA, most embarrassing.

Jack Van Gilder was there with his ever present train of 100 plus kites and his "Mother Eagle" (an Alaskan Indian design) kite. A most beautiful creation, Jack.

Ken told me that Suzanne Sadow was at last feeling well enough to be out at the kite fly after a long bout with pneumonia. Welcome back Suzanne!

Last, but not least, I would again like to wish Julian Wolfe a very happy 74th year. His birthday was the 31st of May. Congratulations Julian, you don't look a day older than 73.



Mike Aurigemma and Ken Conrad
Co-sponsors of the Kite Fly



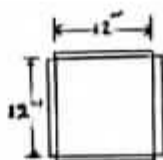
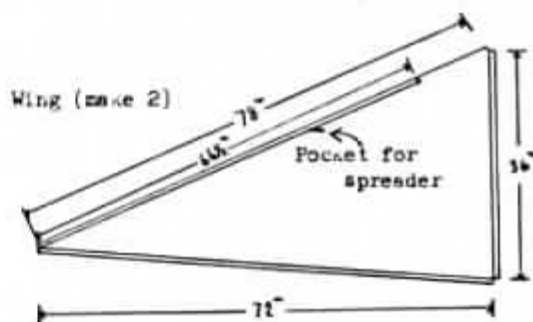
Kite Hospital and Flutter Bag assembly spot

MODIFIED "HARDEC"
by Kevin Sanders

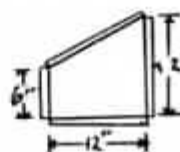
John White's High-Aspect-Ratio Delta-Coyne ("Hardec") was Kite Lines' Design Workshop feature in its Summer-Fall, '81 issue. Kevin fitted it with cells designed by Curtis and Gray Marshall and with a nylon-rod spreader bar, and came up with a kite that has a phenomenal 3-to-40 mph wind range. He's flown it in gale-force winds on the ocean beaches, and says the key to that is the flexibility of the spreader.

The longerons are 1/4" dowels; they fit into sleeves made from the margins of the cell pieces. Wing sticks and spreader bar are 1/4" nylon rod (no longer available here; try fiberglass). The spreader bar is approximately the same length as the wing sticks; it fits across the kite at the bottom of the forward cell.

The 2-point bridle is attached near the top of each cell.

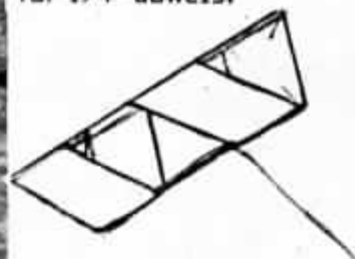


Cell back
(make 2)



Cell front
(make 4)

cut longitudinal margins of cells generously enough to make pockets for 1/4" dowels.



EXPECT A BIG

WKA KITE CONTEST

EARLY IN SEPTEMBER!



Julian, Norm, Doug Hagamon, & Les
If you fly so close together, whatya expect?

MAILBAG

Bob Sconce writes from Tacoma that interest there in kite-flying has increased remarkably since the March 27th "Fly A Kite For Peace" event. After it was over, KTAC was kept busy for three hours answering phone calls about kite-flying, kite shops, kite-club membership, and flying sites. If anyone who was there for the March 27th fly took photos of the kites and/or participants, Bob would greatly appreciate prints for the Downtown Tacoma Association's files; you can send them to him at 7301 W 46th St., Tacoma 98466.

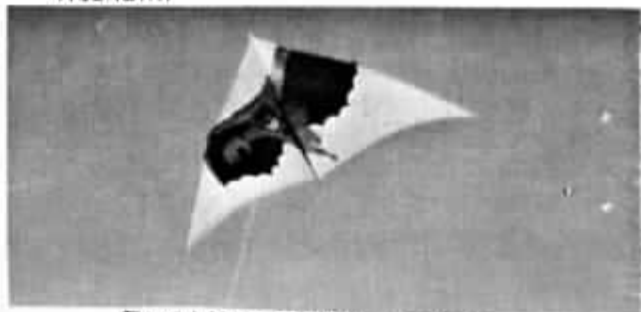
But there's a sad sequel: A blue ripstop delta that J.C. Young gave him (the same one that J.C. and Jack Van Gilder built and flew there) has been stolen. Bob asks us all to keep an eye out for it -- it's very recognizable, with a white dove design and the word PEACE in one-inch letters on the trailing edge. Its original spreader bar got broken and has been replaced with a dowel, fastened by buttons and rubber bands.



J.C. Young flying the stolen PEACE kite

David Holmes, of the Northern Kite Group, writes from Liverpool: "...I'm more interested in decorating kites than designing new forms...there may be people who are burning to know what happens when you cross a Cody with a Parafoil -- but I'm not one of them. Still, like most kites, I'm just a kid at heart. That's why I've been building kites recently with designs taken from my old DC and Marvel comics. I enclose a picture of my Batman delta -- which flies rather like a lead brick, but looks good if it will only stay in the air long enough.

"The design is all applique -- which isn't bad when you consider that my sewing machine is old enough to have been Ethel Merman's best friend...."



David Holmes' Batman Delta

David says he reads about our activities with interest, but that he really doesn't know that many kites personally. The NKG is scattered all over the north of England, and what with the price of petrol, they can't get together very often.

(Ed. note: John Spendlove had already told me that, and I asked him just how scattered, so he sent me a beautifully detailed map with a listing of NKG members' residences. They are scattered; one each in several small towns, and only a few in the largest cities.)

From Holland, Gerard van der Loo sent news of their June 12-13 kite festival (written, of course, before it happened): our friends from Shirone were coming to that, with sponsorship from the KLM. When he wrote, Gerard was preparing to leave for Hamamatsu and hoping to catch up with Dave Checkley there; he did, with a couple of other Dutch kites, and Dave and Dorothea had a fine time with them.



Gerard van der Loo

From Detroit: Plans are moving ahead for the AKA convention October 7-10. With AKA's new tax-exempt status (501 (c) (3)), the value of all contributions to this year's auction will be deductible, so there's more incentive to donate than ever.

What do they want? Here's what they say: "Anything that is kite related. Kites, clothing (T-shirts, jackets, hats, gloves) reels, kite line, building materials books, kite cases, etc. If it looks like a kite, or can be made into a kite, or can be used with a kite, we'll take it! Those of you who

make kites can send us one or more of your original works (preferably signed). Manufacturers can make selections from your product line that you feel best represent you. Those of you who collect might take a few minutes to look over your collection and see if you have duplicates or models you rarely use."

John Hegg is the auction chairman, to whom all material should be sent. If you write him first, he'll provide you with some fancy green stiff-paper "Donor Tags" to identify and value your contributions. John Hegg, Service Staple Co., 206 W. 6th St., Royal Oak, Michigan, 48067. This auction is, except for dues, AKA's most important source of income.

NEW TROLLEY CARS KITE FLY

by Tom Sisson

Again on very short notice the members of WKA came through for the City of Seattle and painted skies above the northern terminal with kites to celebrate the new trolley cars! The colorful kites made such an impression on the crowds that many walked a little farther than they might have just to ask questions like:

How high is that kite in the air?

Did you make that kite?

When did you start flying kites?

How many kites are on that line?

All WKAers answered these questions with a smile and told all those interested about WKA! The day was sunny and bright and the wind a come-and-go wind, but at times during the day we all got to fly just about every kite we had brought along. Kite flying is fun even on short notice, so if you get a call and have the energy make the effort to help out. All had a great time.

CALENDAR

June 27...."Come Fly With Us", the first (annual?semi-annual?..heck, let's make it quarterly!) joint WKA-BCKA kitefly, Bayview State Park. (Exit I-5 just north of Mount Vernon at Highway 20; west 3 miles to sign for park and turn right at sign; park is about 3 miles further.) 12 noon, in the park's picnic area.

July 2,3,&4..Heritage Crafts Festival, Marymoor Park, Redmond.

July 4....A kite festival is part of Ocean City's annual Independence Day celebration. Great kiteflying on an ocean beach. Contests, prizes. Noon. Park right on the beach.

July 4....Tacoma 4th of July Extravaganza and Military Pageant, 10-kilo run, sailboat races, jet ski races, band concert in the morning; air show, kitefly, water show, fireworks from aircraft in afternoon; fireworks display later. Kiteflying starts at 1 pm at the Old Tacoma Dock. (out Pacific Ave. and Schuster Parkway, 2 miles past Old City Hall)

July 9&10..Air Expo at Everett Mall. Air show, kiteflying, paper airplanes, frisbees. Call Nan Day in Everett, 355-1771 for details.

July 10...."Up and Away" Kite festival to benefit Vision Services. Prizes, food, concessions, kites and kite accessories. Magnuson Park Soccer Field, Noon-4pm.

July 11,18,& 21...Regular WKA Sunday fly-in, Gasworks Park, 1:30 pm.

August 6...Potluck party at Van Gilders' with kitefly at Alki Beach. Leave food at VG's, 1925 Walnut SW, on your way to the beach, 5 pm; come back and eat, show & tell, etc. at 7:30.

August 1,8,15,22,& 29...Regular WKA Sunday fly-in, Gasworks Park, 1:30 pm.

August 20...WKA picnic/fly-in, Gasworks Park, 5:30 pm til dark. bring your own food etc.

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