

Washington Kitefliers Association

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NEWSLETTER -- of December, 1976 --

First, from the national front:

3 TALES MAGAZINE CHANGES PUBLISHERS !

Bob Ingraham retires! Valerie Govig and Associates to publish Kite Tales from Baltimore!

Bob writes: "We have, for a long time, been worried about the future of all this. It seemed to depend so much on two people who are far past 60 who could falter at any time. Valerie is a good writer, understands publishing and kiting and is herself a kite-flier. She is about the only all-around personality who can take this over and she has backing consisting of competent people who understand kiting, publishing and association management." -- The February issue of Kite Tales will come from Baltimore.

What about the future for Bob? He goes on: "I certainly hope all my friends don't consider me as dead insofar as kiting is concerned. I intend to travel whenever I can and to continue my activities the same as always. Just won't have this responsibility to contend with. I am going to make kites, reels, and complete my book". -- A book? Wow! That should be some book!

What about us? He adds: "I am hopeful I can get back to Seattle one of these days where I have had such wonderful meetings with all the good people there. I want to thank you for your genuine and unselfish interest and help". - The same, Bob - !

If Valerie does half the job she did with the Maryland Kite Society's "Windy Notice" you can expect a witty, breezily-written, thoroughly enjoyable publication. All the scoop about the transition in February issue of Kite Tales - !

Govig telephoned all the way from Baltimore to say, among other things, that they are counting on us WKAers for continued news.

- - and then from the local front:

KITE SHOP CHANGES OWNERSHIP !

Walt McCullough has turned ownership of his Seattle Air Force Kite Shop in Pioneer Square over to our own Ken Conrad and his partner, Tom Dean. Walt has closed down the Pier 70 shop. The new owners have chosen "GREAT WINDS" as their new shop name. When you walk up to the shop at 166 So. Jackson now, you'll see an interesting little sign in their window setting forth their credo:

"We are happy to announce that the kite store has changed owners! This will be only a small part of the changes in the shop.

"In the past, kites have been gold here. We plan not only to sell but to build the finest kites here. We'll sell all sorts of flying objects -- from the most-primitive boomerang to a precision-built rubber band airplane. Much of our stock will eventually be made up of our own designs and the kinds of kites we personally feel are up -- up and beyond the top of the line. All items here must meet our personal criteria as kite builders-and-fliers. They'll be guaranteed to be of the finest quality and to be good fliers.

"We are also looking forward to outfitting the Northwest kiteflier with the finest, up-to-date accessories, reels, lines and kite-making material. Beyond this, we are aiming at spreading the wonderful feeling we have gotten from doing what we do.

"Maybe we can give it to you. Step into the Blue and catch the Great Wind":

If you want to see some really gorgeous craftsmanship, just wander up to their balcony and see what Tom has been doing with a sewing machine.

We want to encourage Tom and Ken in any way we can. So how about accepting our invitation to throw them a house-warming? ("shop-warming"?). Some of us WKAers will be there at about 5:00 Thursday, December 30th. Expect to stay until about 7:00. A "Happy Hour"! Your admittance ticket will be a package of snacks, a bottle of pop -- or something -- and a kite or kite gadget to show -- or some color slides.

This should be fun -- and interesting. Everyone is invited. Bring a spouse/friend !

Life memberships will be offered by Kite Tales -- with a new twist. Sounds like a pretty good deal to me: \$100 buys a life membership -- no more \$5.50 yearly subscriptions due. But the life membership turns into a note at 6% interest -- due in five years. And the note will be so artistically done that you will want to frame it. So that you can keep it, Kite Tales will not redeem the note bodily but send a "Paid" sticker to attach, five years hence.

For more information, clip this coupon and mail:

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Baltimore, MD 21207

Please send details on Kite Tales Life Membership program:

Name: ..
Address:

Traditional New Years Day Fly-in --

We're on again for 1977. Start the new year right by filling the sky at Golden Gardens Park! This will be our fourth year -- and we haven't been rained-out, blown-out, calmed-out or deserted yet. This is a fun one!

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Schedule of fly-ins: Every Sunday afternoon at about 1:30 pm --
Dec. 26th: Pier 70 - parking lot
Jan. 1st: Golden Gardens
9th: Gas Works Park
16th: Stan Sayers Park
23rd: Pier 70 - parking lot
30th: Golden Gardens Park
Feb. 6th: Gas Works Park
13th: Stan Sayers Park
20th: Pier 70 - parking lot
27th: Golden Gardens Park
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Washington Kitefliers Association Club Meeting

January 18th -- third Tuesday -- our Annual Meeting -- interesting presentation -- VERY short business meeting -- at the Science Center -- 7:30 pm -- y'all come, please!

-- and a Blessed Christmas to you too - !