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NEWSLETTER -- of March, 1977 --  
Our busiest month of the year --  
why? "Tradition!"

First, a report on our meeting of January 18th: Some fifteen members met at the Science Center in a very nice lounge area new to us. Elected unanimously as our new president was Bill Lee. Same for Ken Conrad as Secretary-treasurer/next Presidential Nominee. Bucked on up to 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors was 1976 president, John Dusenberry. He joins Dave Checkley, Chairman of the Board, and Jack Van Gilder, Vice-Chairman.

A special thanks is due John. He slipped back to Secretary mid-1976 in addition to president's duties. "Yoeman Duty" is an apt description. Jack shouldered in on John's presidential duties and David Checkley helped pull his weight as usual.

In attendance also at the meeting was one of our members from Anchorage, Alaska, Keith Fuller. We had about 15 minutes of color slides, mostly on kite trains. (Can you imagine anyone shooting four rolls (80 shots) of color slides in one afternoon at a kite fly? Ask Trigger-happy Wild-man Dusenberry!) We also talked about our annual Science Center exhibition March 26-27th.

The Annual Kite Exhibition on that Saturday and Sunday is really an all-member activity folks. We need kites to show -- your best efforts -- and several of them -- at least two from every member. Will you please start work on them quickly? Bring them to the Science Center office late afternoon on Friday, March 25th.

We need publicity -- phone ideas to David Checkley; AT 4 5350. We need people to hang kites Friday evening, March 25th. We need people to man the information tables. We need people to help kids make-your-own kites (this was the Success Story of the 1976 exhibition). We need people to take down the show Sunday evening. Please, please phone 938 0550 to let us know when you can help with a three-hour shift: 10 am to 1 pm, 1 to 4 pm and 4 to 7 both days.

David Whitman will be showing kite movies and slides during the show. Tom Sisson will gather and supervise kite-making and supplies. Dave Checkley is in charge of publicity and posters and signs. John Lutz

will be there the whole time, almost. Jack Van Gilder is helping Dave with publicity and recruiting help. And President Bill Lee is already hard at it with his scheduling and expediting. -- These yearly exhibitions are a lot of work, but Hey, ha! They're worth it! . . . .

Next Kite Club Meeting: Thursday, March 17th, 7:30 pm, Science Center -- in that nice Employees' Lounge downstairs overlooking the pools. Wanna see some moo'm pictures? We've gotten.

1977 W.K.A. dues due -- It's that time of the year again, People! We're able to hold the line on \$3.00. \$3.00 buys a membership roster and five or six newsletters packed with deathless prose. If there is an application blank enclosed with this newsletter, please fill in and mail back with check -- promptly, please!

Next contest: Sunday, April 3rd, noon to 4:00 pm; Vancouver B.C. beckons! Vanier Park, at the foot of Berard St. bridge next to the Planetarium. Prizes: Overall prizes of trophies awarded on point system including designmanship, craftwomanship and airworthinesspersonship; broken down into age brackets; special prizes for largest, smallest, youngest flier, seniorest citizen and they asked me not to tell, but it was brutted about that there will be something for the farthest awayest. Come on up, Stormy, from Portland, eh? --- Anyone wanting to carpool it, phone Checkley, Dusenberry, Van Gilder or Lee.

Flying Safety: We had our second brush with The Law a couple weeks ago. Tom Sisson was asked politely to stop harassing student pilots from Boeing Field while he and they were sharing air space over lower Beacon Hill last year. But Dusenberry and Van Gilder had found absolutely-perfect wind conditions at Stan Sayers Park at the regular Sunday fly-in Feb. 13th for their kite trains. Because the breeze was a couple points east of north, private pilots found ninety six (96) kites only a couple hundred feet under their floorboards as their final approaches came up. For some reason this made them nervous. Two squad cars swooped down late in the P.M. as Jack and John were buttoning up their kite cases. They relayed the Boeing Field tower reports of the pilots' language -- mostly complaints.

The next week Your Editor requested and received the applicable F.A.A. regs -- and I quote: " - rules governing the operation - of any kite that weighs more than 5 lbs. -"

Really, now; how many five pound kites have you ever seen? I've met at least five in my long, active 5-year career.

The Catch-22 is Paragraph 101.7: "No person may operate any -- kite -- in a manner that creates a hazard to other persons or their property".

This means, of course, using your common sense. Silver mylar conducts electricity, blowing large segments of fuses. Nylon fish line ruins propeller bearings -- on outboards or airplanes. Fighter kite cutting line also cuts people. People who run backwards, eyes to the skies, fall over objects like Park Dept. garbage cans. This tends to break things like arms. Same for kids running their kites in front of cars. So -- -- watch-it, People, eh? If we don't police ourselves, you know who will; the Government.

DESIGN EXHIBITION: Allied Arts of Seattle, with David Checkley as a Board member, announces a "Flags, Banners and Kites Design Contest" July 10th to 24th at the Flag Plaza Pavillion of Science Center. 500 works expected worldwide. Invitational, but unsolicited works may be accepted on basis of slides submitted until April 15th; Allied Arts, 107 So. Main St., Seattle 98104 Big cash prizes!

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Schedule of Fly-Ins: Every Sunday afternoon at about 1:30 pm --  
March 6th: Gas Works Park -  
13th: Stan Sayers Memorial Park -  
20th: Pier 70 - Myrtle Edwards Park -  
26th & 27th: Science Center - come fly!  
April 3rd: Vancouver B.C. -  
10th: Gas Works Park -  
17th: Stan Sayers Pits -  
24th: Pier 70 - Elliott Bay Park -

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Edmonds Community College has a class which uses sewing machines -- called "Needle Trades Technology". Hardwicke, the DJ from KVI, is in the class and Hardwicke is a semi-kitenut. Therefore, read the P.I. for Feb. 27 about an assault on a couple Guinness world records.

Van Gilder's bluff called: at the weekly fly-in at Golden Gardens Jan. 30th, a voice asked an oft-voiced question, "How much"? for Jack's ol' favorite Thunderbird, pictured in Sunset magazine and winner of Seafair Most Beautiful award. Figuring material at \$1.50 and time and talent at \$98, Jack quoted a round figure of \$100 to get rid of him. He then heard the unmistakable crinkle of fresh bills. Two \$50's were aimed at his mid-section -- so he took them!