

## Washington Kitefliers Association

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NEWSLETTER . . . of April, 1977 . . .

First, a report on our Kite Show exhibition at the Science Center on March 26-27th. The bottom line shows \$948.75! What that is, is our share of the extra gate receipts -- because we were there that weekend. 4,360 people came through the turnstiles during the two-days. We sold over 600 garbage-bag kites. I can't say that we "helped children build" 600 garbage-bag kites, because Den Mothers were buying the little kits a dozen at a clip. We cleared another \$150 on the kites. If you would like the plans, let us know.

Our Executive Committee meeting on April 15th recognized some of the many people who made the Kite Show a success: Bill Lee, our 1977 president and Chief Ramrod; John Dusenberry, always present; Tom Sisson, working until midnight Saturday night to saw up more cedar siding into kite sticks; Harold Writter, the Jolly Workhorse; Dave Checkley, Chairman-of-the-Board and Chief Dresser-Upper; Pat Izza, who multiplied herself on Sunday by bringing three remarkable children to help; Miriam Greene, there both days; Ken Conrad, bringing in the full force of his Great Winds Kite Shop; Bruce Kimball and his Gwen, who ran the projector both days; Laural Hasalux, her cheerful, efficient self both days and Ye Editor, Jack Van Gilder. And Bob McCort!

The hit of the show was again the kite-building instruction. The hits of the exhibited kites had to be the 20-foot glider type kite brought by Jim Carnwath in its own moving van. How he conned friend Larry Stone into parking his Mitchell International Moving Co. van at the Science Center for the whole weekend, I'll never know.

Second only to Jim's glider was Mr. Young's beautiful, gorgeous 60-disc Chinese centapepe which swooped from corner to corner. Of course, John Dusenberry's 30-kite train, specially close-bridled for the occasion, covered a lot of ceiling and added a lot of color, too.

VANCOUVER KITE CONTEST: The next weekend, April 3rd, several WKAers drove to B.C. to join the Madills' "High As A Kite" shop contest. They reported that they had never

seen so many kites in the air in one place in their lives -- and "different" kites, too. Huge box kites. Huger parafoils. 250 kites at once.

They came home with their share of the prizes, too: Bob McCort's kids, Roger and Sheila in their age groups; Bill Lee packed home a kite reel; Linda Lee won a "Kite Folio" book; Sis, the mom of the family, won the "Smallest" event, worth a silk kerchief.

All our members had to tall about the most unusual kite up there: a cotton sports shirt, under-shorts and a pair of panty-hose were strung together -- and they flew! Jack Kelly, who made himself known at our exhibition the week before, came up with that one. "Of course," we sniff, "in the steady 15-mph wind they had that day, anything would fly!" Well, it was almost too tough for tissue-paper deltas, John Dusenberry reported. He didn't dare try his 40-kite train.

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Flying Schedule: (subject to additions later in summer)

April 30th - Saturday: 3rd Annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival Kite Contest -- Seward Park -- 11:30 am

May 1st - regular Sunday fly-in: Golden Gardens

8th - " " : Gas Works park

15th - " " : Stan Sayers park

21 & 22nd: Pier 57 -- help open new Seattle Aquarium - Maritime Week -

29th - Sunday fly-in: Golden Gardens

June 4th - Goldendale, WA, Air Fly-in -

5th - Sunday fly-in: Gas Works park

12th - " " : Stan Sayers park

19th - " " : Golden Gardens park

26th - " " : Gas Works park

July 3rd - " " : Stan Sayers park

10th - Intern'l. Exhibit of Flags, Banners and Kites, -- Seattle Center

16th - Seafair Elliott Bay Park Contest

17th - Sunday fly-in: Golden Gardens park

24th - " " : Gas Works park

30th - Volunteer Park Seafair Contest

31st - Sunday fly-in: Stan Sayers park

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Explanations-in-order:

JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL -- Seward Park -- Seattle -- 11:30 am -- A last-minute contest which had little success last year because of little publicity. This year the Japanese Consul-General is springing for a real nice trophy to attract 30-40 fliers to make an umbrella over the festivities (music and dancing) for a couple of hours. Kites judged on Beauty, Crafts-

manship and Flight on a point system. Come and fly - ! You don't HAVE to get involved in the contest. Should be fun!

PIER 57 - Seattle Marine Aquarium - Maritime Week festivities -- lots doing on the waterfront that week. They also want a kite umbrellas over their programs.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., AIR FLY-IN. Had a phone call all the way from Goldendale's Sentinel newspaper -- Steve Gordenier -- asking how to run a kite contest and inviting anyone interested in their air show to come. He promises accommodations in homes for the night. Phone 509-773-3174.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF FLAGS, BANNERS and KITES: July 10th -- A world gathering of them -- by world-renowned artists. Dave Checkley sits on the board of the Seattle Arts Commission which is sponsoring this. They want us to fly at the Seattle Center where the exhibit is held.

ELLIOTT BAY PARK CONTEST: a part of the FLAGS, BANNERS & KITES exhibit. We'll have events: "Smallest", "Highest", "Most Beautiful", "Kite Fighting", and "Long-Line".

re: INT. EX. OF F., B. & KITES: they probably will need help in assembling some of these exotic and world-renowned kites. Don't be surprised if you are phoned to help.

VOLUNTEER PARK SEAFAIR CONTEST: the big one of the year -- lots of prizes -- lots of events -- brochures will be mailed later. Start building your Secret Weapon now!

HUGH HARRISON visited W.K.A. -- from Montreal, Canada. He came directly from the airport to our Executive Meeting and then showed up at our Sunday Fly-In, April 17th with a large Canadian Goose kite. Wonderful fellow -- enthusiastic kiter. WELCOME!

Had a letter from Al Lee, Toronto, Canada. He read in Kite Lines that we are still trying, with little or no success, to get a kite movie up in the air. He volunteered at-cost services, "location sound recording -- synchronized or wild sound recording. -- could bring you up to the rough edit point with your post-production work." Wow! And here I thought you just pointed the camera and shot. Thank you very much!

See you Saturday, 11:30 am, at Seward Park!

Jack Van Gilder