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NEWSLETTER -- July 1, 1978 --

Well, our huge splash (spelled "d-u-l-l t-h-u-d"?) of last month, going with pictures in our newsletter for the first time, drew one response: Winton Leman, an old friend of Wyatt Brummitt's, phoned on his way through Seattle. He reported that Wyatt is back in good health -- relative, for an 81-year-old -- and has moved back to the north from Florida for the summer. Address:

Wyatt Brummitt
817 Elmwood Terr.
Rochester, NY 14620

They were fellow Eastman Kodak execs before retiring. Wouldn't be surprised if Wyatt would appreciate your letter. He lives in the same apartment complex with Ed Grauel. Wyatt authored one of the first and still-the-best-value kite books, "Kites", published by Little Golden Books, \$1.95.

Which leads us right in to our next subject, books. At our kite club meeting on June 8th, it was voted to allocate \$500 to the purchase of "Kites" by Brummitt and \$120 for 20 subscriptions to "Kite Lines", our quarterly official American Kitefliers Association publication.

Distribution will be handled by Elliott and Erma Couden. Elliott's a charter WKA member, a retired insurance man and Erma is a retired public school librarian. Distribution will be to public libraries, state-wide, not just Puget Sound-wide. This will be accomplished through the newsletter of the Washington State Librarian Association's newsletter from Olympia. The books and subscriptions will be offered "free" and on a "first come, first serve" basis to all the libraries. The books are on order now.

Ken Conrad and Dave Checkley bought several Japanese kite books while on tour of Japan in April for the WKA. These will be presented to the Seattle Public Library for their Japanese language section.

We can blame Valorie Govig for the fact that our club members didn't vote to allocate some \$1,200 toward distribution of free kite books. She phoned a hour before meeting time from Baltimore to suggest that we save some of the money to finance all-or-part of one-or-two round-trip tickets to the first "Grand National Kite Meeting" in September. This will be the convening or organizing -- first, anyway -- national convention of the American Kitefliers Association. It will be held Sept. 22, 1978, at Ocean City, Maryland. There will be a kite contest held the next day.

By the way, it's assumed that you know that Valorie Govig is head of the American Kitefliers Assn. and editor of Kite Lines magazine. She also blew the whistle on the San Francisco Father's Day kite contest. They cancelled it because of a history of bad weather. It will be re-scheduled for the fall. Well, this kinda blew the plans Carl Brewer had for cleaning everything up. Remember, he was going to take J. C. Young's beautiful Chinese Phoenix kite down. At-



John Dusenberry flying a train. His train was a winner at Tacoma in May.

suko Brewer reports talking to Carl on the phone from San Francisco and he told her that a big kite fighting demonstration was held Father's Day there -- attendance: 25. Not too huge, even by Seattle standards!

Here's LARRY Chinn, one of the most imaginative kitefliers around.

How's that for a wild reel? It takes a wild reel to fly a wild kite -- pictured over --.



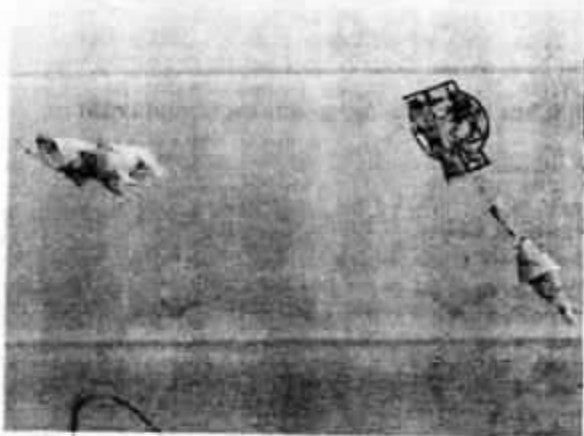
Coming events: Like we promised, July and August are full of events -- right up to this newsletter's publication time, things are being added. But here are the highlights:

July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th: HELP! HELP! Dave Checkley needs it. Phone him at 284 5350 to help with the kite-building for the Redmond Heritage Festival at Marymoor Park. Don't wait -- phone. It's fun!

July 9th: Sunday Fly at Gasworks Park. WKA member Joseph Lee, the flyin' parson, will be there with his kite class from Tibbitts Memorial Methodist Church.

July 16th - Sunday - Seafair/Port of Seattle Kite Contest at Elliott Bay Park. Prizes for "Longest Line", "Kite Fight", "Most Beautiful", and "High-Flieger". Also the "Fastest Speedboat" and possibly "Smallest". And the prizes are generous.

July 22nd - Saturday - Sacajawes Jr. High School - Federal Way - Ken Conrad and J.C. Young building and flying kites for an Arts Festival. Everyone urged to come!



Larry Chinn's wildest, "It'll Never Get Off The Ground" creation; his "Goldfish Bowl With Fish" kite. Photo proof; it flies!

July 23rd - Sunday - Seattle Sun newspaper 4th Annual Birthday Party -- with kite contest. Point System judging; "Beauty - Flight-Craftsmanship". Prizes. Gasworks Park, Noon

July 26th - Wednesday - Dusenberry and Van Gilder's kite-building clinic at Museum of History and Industry - 1:00 pm -

July 29th - Saturday - Seafair/Volunteer Park Kite Contest - 1:00 pm - Child/Junior/All-Age divisions; "Highest - Beautiful - Small-Flier - Long-Tail - Largest - Controlled Flight" categories. Cash prizes.

July 30th - Sunday - regular fly at Golden Gardens Park - afternoon -

August 5th - Saturday - 9 Am. - Nishibayashi's Full-Scale, complete kite clinic - \$10 fee provides material for beautiful Japanese kite - phone Kite Shop, 624 6886, for reservations - limit: 25 students - class at Pacific Science Center,

August 5th - Saturday - 6:00 pm - practice for indoor kite flying at Sounders Soccer game in Kingdome - Game at 7:30 - we fly also during half-time.

August 6th - Sunday - regular fly-in at Gasworks Park - afternoon -

August 13th - Stan Sayers Park fly-in -

August 20th - Golden Gardens Park fly-in -

August 27th - Sand Point Park fly-in -

Bits and pieces:

Contributions to the newsletter welcome! Phone 938 0550. Need pictures and news.

Louise Crowley has a sewing machine now and will be working on a WKA banner. Checkley is donating the material.

Henry Boutwell, "Our Southern Kiteflier" (as he signs himself) from New Orleans, sent pictures of three seagull kites he made from our pattern, pictured in Kite Lines. With his modifications, they fly like seagulls, he says.

Steve D'Ovley, WKA member for a couple of years was killed in a car accident, Karen Sykes reports. Happened about the first of May. Our prayers to you, Karen.

VanGilder is working like mad to make his kite train waterproof -- he's taking it to a 38-year high school reunion in Ketchikan over the 4th. Then to Anchorage. Back July 12th.

Nishibayashi arriving from Japan about same day.

Buttrick Sewing Pattern #6111: Keeled diamond kite, Conyne, Winged Box, 17-ft. Dragon and Bat Delta. Check it out next time you're in a fabric shop!

You would have died laughing at Val Govig's article in the Maryland Kite Society's newsletter, "The Windy Notice". It's hanging on the bulletin board at Great Winds Kite Shop. Claims a new record set by members of that club.

Bill Mull had a full week in Anchorage in May -- was on both TV channels and gave several kite-building clinics. Way was paid by a civic club.

If you are ever flying at Riverview Park, in White Center area, remember that there is an 800-ft. altitude limit on kites in that area. It's too close to the airfield.

Kite safety: recently seen was a flier (not a WKAer) flying a fighter kite over the street at Stan Sayers Park. Naturally, as fighter will want, it came down in the street and blocked traffic. A word of warning from a club member would have prevented this. Don't be afraid to speak up!

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