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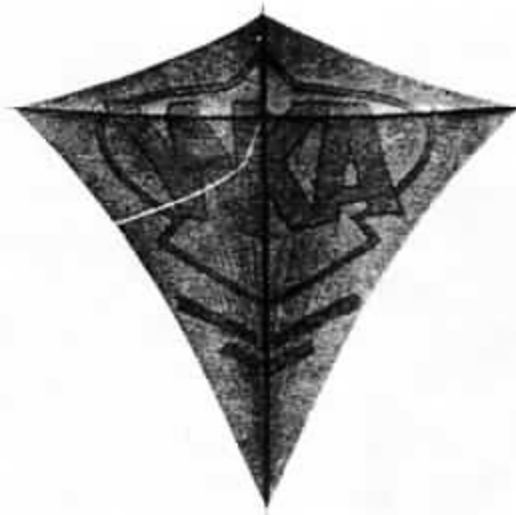
Washington Kitefliers Association

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NEWSLETTER OF DECEMBER, 1980 - -

First, a report on our post-mortem executive meeting, following the A.K.A. convention by about two weeks, end of October:

Pacific Science kite show/exhibit: "we should have it" was the consensus. Date, about April 25th. We made \$600 on our 1980 kite show, counting the time of our volunteer kite-makers for six weekends. It looks like we will negotiate a fee from the Science Center in 1981, and leave the show up for two or three weeks, although we will have workshops, etc., for only one weekend.



NEW CLUB KITE; COLORS AND DESIGN SAME AS CLUB PATCH, YELLOW ON GREEN; BUILT BY LOUISE CROWLEY WITH HELP FROM JAN KLOOK, SUZANNE SADOW AND HAROLD WRITER. 7 1/2 ft.

New Finance Committee: main job: decide which schemes are hair-brained and which are worthy. Ken Conrad, Mike Aurigemma, Tom Sisson and Carl Brewer.

DUES: Sorry, but inflation has really set in - - \$5.00 now, single or family.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Suzanne Sadow will work them up, with room for your picture (you provide). Good for discounts at kite shops.

CONTEST COMMITTEE: Update rules, standardize procedures -- Jack Van Gilder, Carl Brewer, Bill Lee and Bob McCort will go to work on it.

KITE CLASSES, for club members and other experts. We have, in part, but it just takes too much of one person's time to organize.

KITE CLASSES, for schools, libraries, Scouts, etc. EDUCATION COMMITTEE formed: Bob McCort, Tom Sisson, Carl Brewer and Fay Leonge.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: Diane Aurigemma will head it up; for informal get-togethers between newsletters. Like, for instance, notice in the schedule, Jan. 24th -- a Viewing Party.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION: there are advantages, like cheap postage and "tax-deductible contributions."

PUBLICITY: Bob McCort will cut down our media list; many newsletters going to waste.

In the opinion of Ye Olde Editor, this was the most accomplishment-filled meeting WKA has ever had. Great!

ART-MOBILE: Ever heard of it? It's a truck-and-trailer rig which goes all over the state, filled with art, stopping at every school in the western half. This year, it is filled with "Kites As Art". We got a letter recently from "The Washington State Cultural Enrichment Program: - take a moment to thank all of you again for the lovely Artmobile show - - kites have met with great response -- enthusiasm and invitations for return visits -- put together by Bob Randlett". (He hung our Science Center Show). Signed: Carole Tayman. Participants: Bob McCort, Jack VanGilder, Suzanne Sadow, Dan Kurahashi, Louise Crowley, Larry Chin, Margaret Gre-

ger and Stefan Schinzinger.

SCHEDULE! Actually, we haven't been doing too much flying since the start of the annual Seattle Rain Festival (November through April), so the main thrust of this newsletter is the future -- what is coming up:

Jan. 1st: "Protest The Bowls" kitefly. This will be the eighth annual. Last year we got tons of P.R. At one time there, it seemed like there were more reporters and TV crews than kitefliers. It's fun. Golden Gardens Park, again. 10 a.m. until the Huskies get started. (We're not THAT radical!)

Jan. 24th: Saturday evening, 7:15 pm. - a "Viewing Party"! Millie and Pat Mullarky have invited us to their shop after hours to look at ourselves on giant TV. We have somewhat of a collection of video tapes, some taken by camera and some taped off TV programs. Everyone bring a little something - - a bottle and crunchies or cheese. Coordinator: Bob McCort - 743 7081 "The Video Store" - 206 105th N.E., in downtown Bellevue (see your roadmap)

Feb. 4th: Wednesday evening: Fly at Sonics halftime in the Kingdome. Be sure to phone if interested in having a ball! Might be a good game, too, now that the Sonics have come to life. Phone Jack at 938 0550.



DENNIS BRODERSON AND BOYS, FLYING DELTA TRAIN AT HUSKY STADIUM, FALL OF 1980

Feb. 6th, 7th and 8th: World-Record Indoor Duration Attempt; at Kingdome. Interested in helping with witnessing? Phone Carl Brewer, 525 1149 or Tom Sisson, 725 3615.

April 12th: Pacific Rim Kitefly, Vancouver, B.C. Remember April, 1978? I made a caravan up there and had an absolute ball. Things got in the way in 1979 and '80 and only one or two of us went up. Marsha Madill puts on a real party, there in Vanier Park, by the Maritime Museum, and we should make another caravan this year. We want to prove to Marsha that we fly for the fun of it, too -- she doesn't have to come up with a flock of prizes. Keep it in mind.

April 18: Saturday. Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, Seattle Center, probably; lots of prizes.

April 25th and 26th: Pacific Science



GARY SCHMITT, IMAGINATIVE ARTIST-TYPE FROM INDIANAPOLIS CAME UP WITH THIS ONE.

CENTER SHOW our annual BIGGIE. Start making kites for this one, kitepeople!

May 2nd: The Edmonds Community College Kite Team, Harry Osborn, Leader, has changed their name to "The Northwest Aerological Institute" and is going to sponsor a great, big kite event out at their college grounds; tentatively on this date. Harry is making noises like he's going to get his team to add a skirt to their 52' by 70' world recordholder and try it again.

So -- we have an already-full calendar shaping up. Make lots of kites during the dull days; we'll be needing them soon.

KINGDOM FLY: We had a halftime show for the Sounders soccer game on Dec. 10 -- a Wednesday evening. Some thirty of our club, including kids, walked kites around the indoor, "Fastball Soccer" rink, 80 by 120 ft. Hope we didn't forget anyone on the phone. It was a bit of a sudden thing. Anyway, photographer Julian Wolf got sick this weekend of we would have photos of it for you. Next newsletter.

KATHY GOODWIN: Remember, the Editor said in our last newsletter that he wished he could remember her winning kite during the A.K.A. convention? Well, she phoned and identified herself. Her kite was a flat kite, star-shaped, with a sewed-in sun face. Kathy does her sewing at the "Suspended Elevation" shop in the U District.

A.K.A. CONVENTION: We are still getting nice letters and nice notices in other kite newsletters about our hosting of that one.

AKA NEWS had a lot of pictures, mostly taken by the Checkleys, Sr. and Jr., and a large article written by Lee Braswell (I think). Sheila Toose edited up ten (10) pages for this last newsletter. Great job, Sheila!

Mary Woodcock put out an excellent issue of the "Toronto Kitefliers" newsletter also -- with convention pictures.

And then Lee Toy wrote up his trip to Seattle for the convention in his "Kite Flyer": San Francisco Bay Area News.

All these other newsletters from other clubs are available in our file at the Great Winds, you know. They make fine reading -- especially those crazy guys over in England! Priceless!

KITE TOUR: Dave Checkley says that he will lead another tour of the Japanese Kite Festivals this year -- but he's threatening to quit one of these years. Leaving April 24th. Phone (206) 284 5350. Write 678 W. Prospect, Seattle, WA 98109.

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-- and a very Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all - !

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