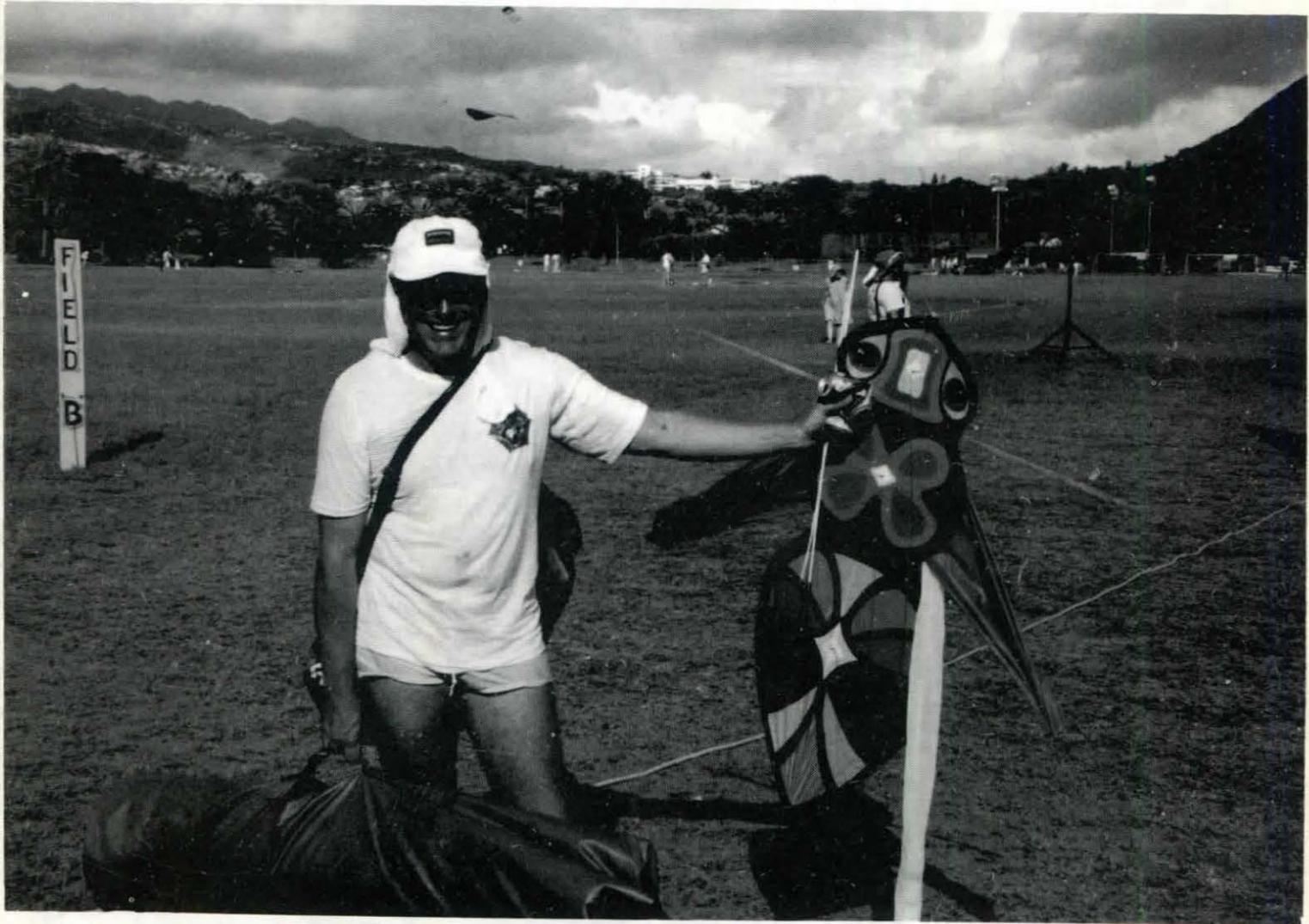


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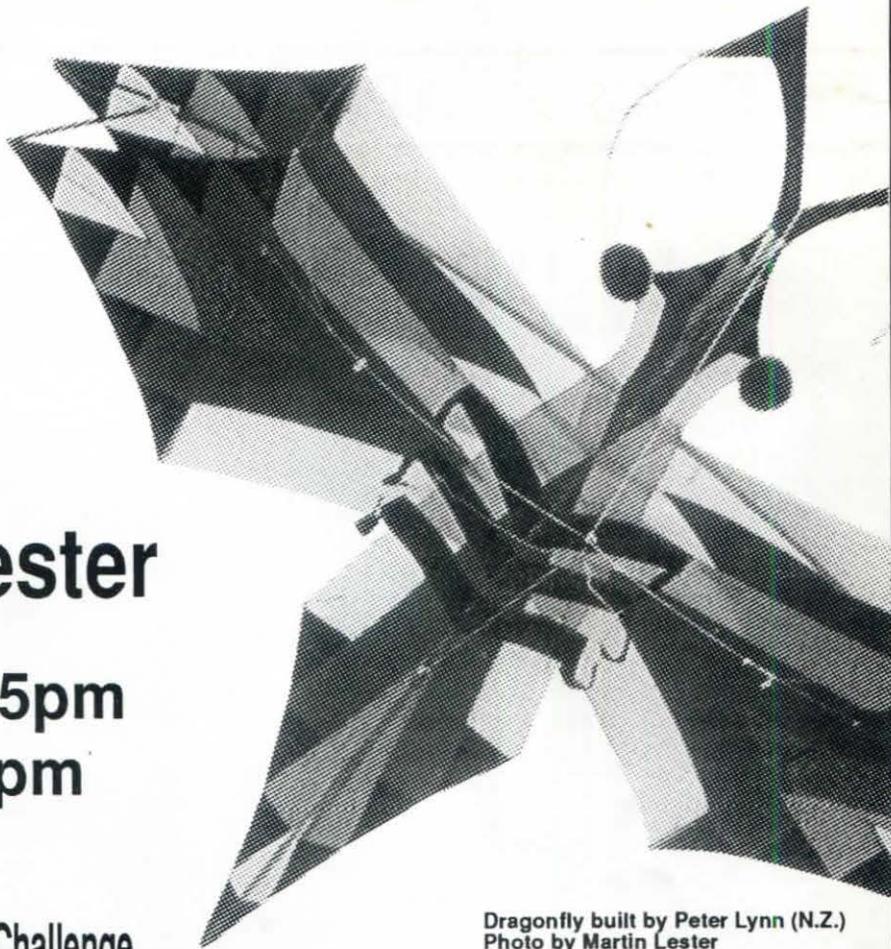
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EDITORIAL

The Kite Society of Great Britain
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Dear Reader,

We have felt, for some time, that with so many competitions available for two line kite flyers, it was about time that the single liners had a look in. So this years Bristol festival will also include the first Kite Society Of Great Britain National Single Line Championships. These will be divided into three categories: 1) Flat Kite, 2) Cellular Kite and 3) Soft Kite plus special prizes of "People Choice" and overall winner. All the award giving will take place during the Saturday evening after the judging has taken place during the day. It would be nice if interested people could register before the event by writing to us.

This years Kite Society of Great Britain National Stunt Championships will take place in conjunction with The European Cup being held at Blackheath on July 26th to 29th. The basic idea is that the UK entrants scores from the European Cup will be taken as a basis for grading the national champion.

For the Rokkaku Challenge, as you already know we have changed the rules regarding the line. To help us at the festivals we ask that if you intend to enter that you bring a suitable bobbin for winding the line onto. We have also added a further round to the challenge. This will take place at Doncaster on May 12th and 13th.

We now have available sweatshirts and sportshirts, in a wide variety of colours and sizes, with an embroidered full colour Kite Society logo. Due to the variety available it is not practical to deal with these through the post, however if we sell these quickly enough it may be possible to order specific sizes and colours. So see us at the major kite festivals. Price £11.00 for both sweatshirts and sportshirts.

Finally, don't forget the convention. You must book for the meal and lectures so fill in the form on page 12 and return it as soon as possible. Remember you will save £3.00 if you pay for the meal now.

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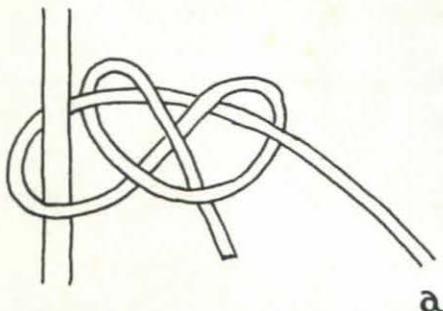
The picture on the front cover is a shot of our guest speaker for the 1990 convention Joel Scholz with one of his creations - a wasp kite. Picture by A & B Cartwright.

WHAT KNOT?

All kite makers and flyers use knots. We use the ones we know and most of us know that there are some knots which could be quicker or easier or safer or more elegant or more easily undone than the ones we sometimes use. We know this because we botch and tie the most horrible tangles to be quick and..... "Who wants to be fiddling about when the most important thing is to have your kite up and flying, anyway?"

What about an occasional feature in "The Kiteflier" on knots? I would like to start the ball rolling, make some suggestions, pass on some knots which may be useful and invite others to share theirs. Here are some which I found useful.

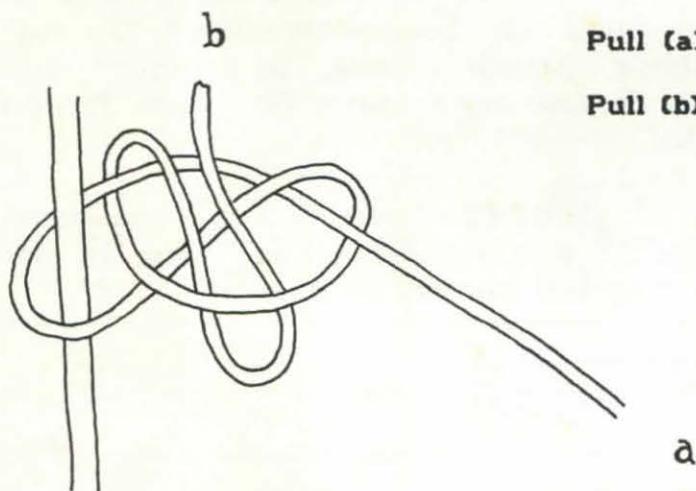
To tie the bridle onto a fighter, use a LOBSTER BUOY HITCH.



From the front, pass the bridle line through the covering, round the spine and back through.

Pull (a) to tighten.

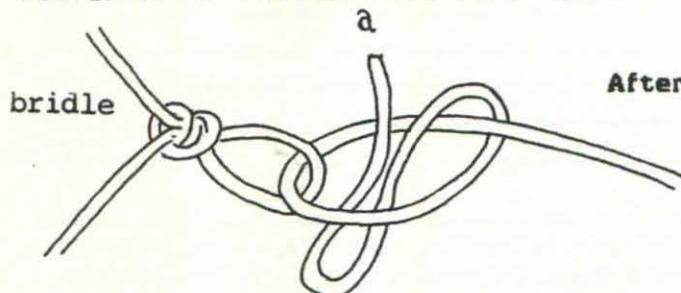
For all I know, this knot is just as good for larger kites. I've never had one come undone. It is a pretty useful general purpose knot - use it to tie your flying line to the ring on a swivel and... and.... And if you take a loop, it can be slipped to give a quick release, called a SLIPPED LOBSTER BUOY HITCH.



Pull (a) to tighten.

Pull (b) to spill the knot.

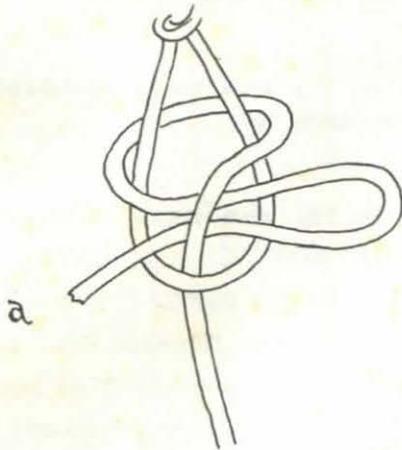
To tie the flying line onto the bridle loop of a fighter so that it can be removed easily after flying, use a SLIPPED OVERHAND KNOT.



After flying, pull on (a) to spill the knot.

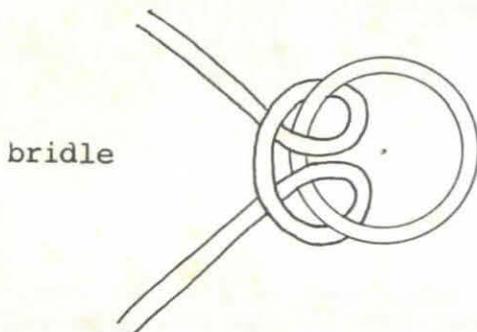
WHAT KNOT?

The above knot works well with the thin line used for small fighters. it is not safe for more slippery or larger line. For tying the flying line to a loop on larger kites use the TILLER HITCH (SLIPPED BECKET HITCH).



After flying, pull on (a) for quick release.

If you use a ring on the bridle instead of a loop tied in it you can easily alter the bridling point by moving the ring up or down the bridle to alter the angle of attack of the kite. Attach the ring with a LARK'S HEAD HITCH.

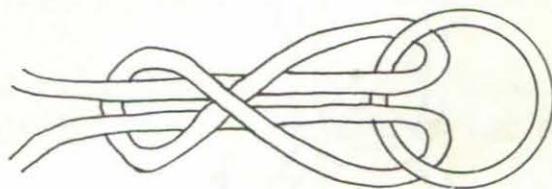
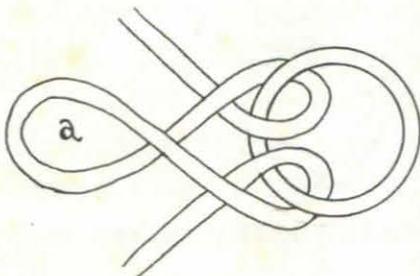


Take a loop in the bridle, push it through the ring and then pass it over the ring.

The ring can be flat fibre washer or a piece cut from polythene or PVC tubing, These work well for small kites. If you have a loop at the end of your flying line, attach it to the ring with another lark's head.

For bigger kites, where thicker bridle line and a stronger ring are needed, the Lark's head works, but is apt to slip up, down or off the bridle when there is no tension on it (especially when the kite is in its bag). To stop this happening.

Take a loop (a), pull it away from the ring, twist it one turn and slip it over the ring.

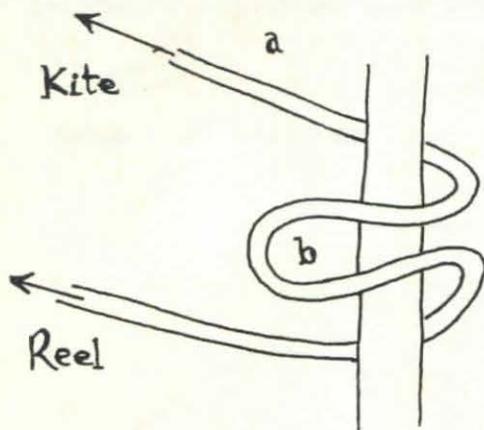


No more lost rings !

When you have your kite aloft and your reel in your hand and then want a secure but

WHAT KNOT?

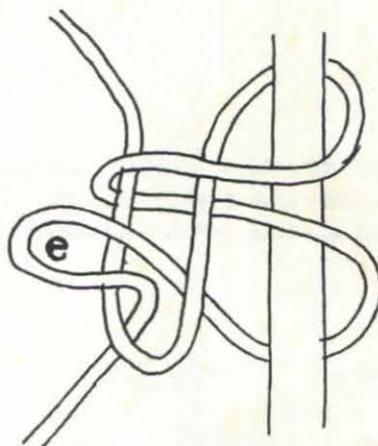
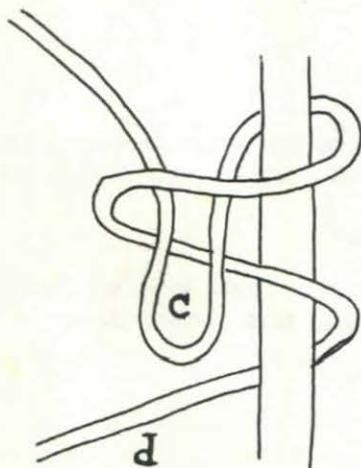
quick release hitch, try the MULTI-HIGHWAYMAN'S HITCH.



1. Take a loop in the line. Pass the loop around the post, tree, etc.

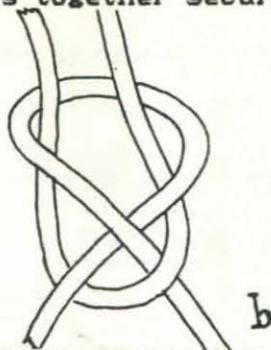
2. Take a loop in (a) and pass it through loop (b) to form loop (c).

3. Take a loop in (d) and pass it through loop (c).

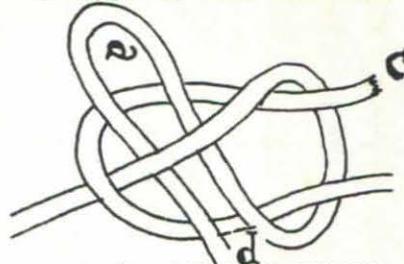


So far this is the straight Highwayman's Hitch. It can work well on a round post, but it is not secure on a square section post. So take another loop on the kite side and push it through the last loop (e) and again take a loop on the reel side and push through the last loop. You can keep going for ever, but make sure the last loop is taken on the reel side. Leave enough line on the reel side to allow the reel to sit on the ground. The quick release - and it is very quick - is by pulling the line on the reel side... Just what you may need if a quick reaction is needed. The lovely thing about this hitch is that it is quick, easy and saves you having to pass the reel around anything. try it on the table leg and see how useful it can be.

To tie two ends together securely, then for most purposes, a SHEET BEND is best.



If you slip it by putting a loop (a) through instead of the end (b):

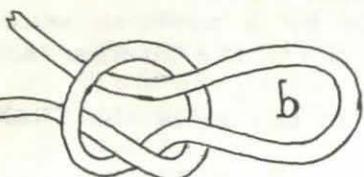


you have a SLIPPED SHEET BEND which is the same as the TILLER HITCH except that the end (c) is free. Pull (d) and you spill the knot.

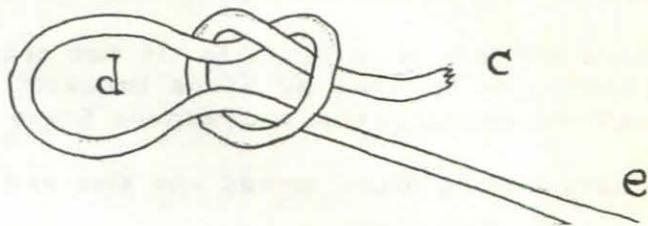
WHAT KNOT?

If the lines to be joined are thin and slippery and you want quick release, try the **SLIPPED LOOP OVER LOOP**.

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1. Tie one slip knot with the short end (a) as shown. Tighten the knot, leaving loop (b) open.



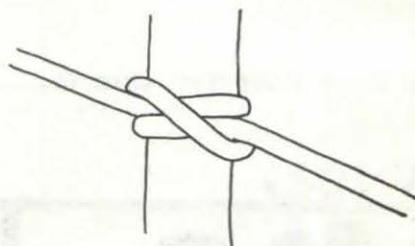
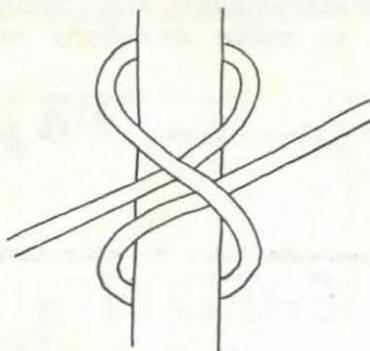
Knot 2.

2. In the other piece of line, tie a slip knot with the short end (c) as shown.

3. Slip loop (d) over all of knot 1 and pull on (e) to tighten knot 2 behind knot 1. To release, pull (a) to spill knot 1, slide off knot 2, pull (c) to spill knot 2.

I have used this with nylon fishing line and it has never let me down. It seems a bit laborious to tie, but it is only two simple slip knots and they can be tied very quickly. Try it.

If you want to tie a line from a spar to spar (eg a perimeter string) the usual knot is the **CLOVE HITCH**.

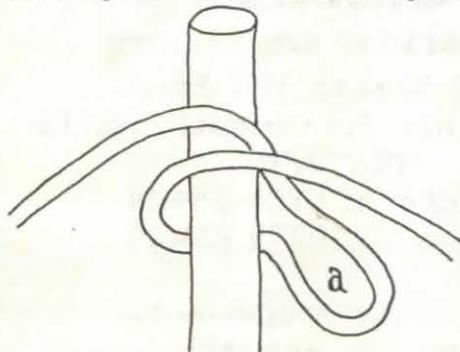


Provided the ends are kept under tension, the clove hitch is fine, but it doesn't grip very well and it can slip.

A better knot is the **CONSTRUCTOR KNOT**. If you have to tie the knot around a spar, use method 2.

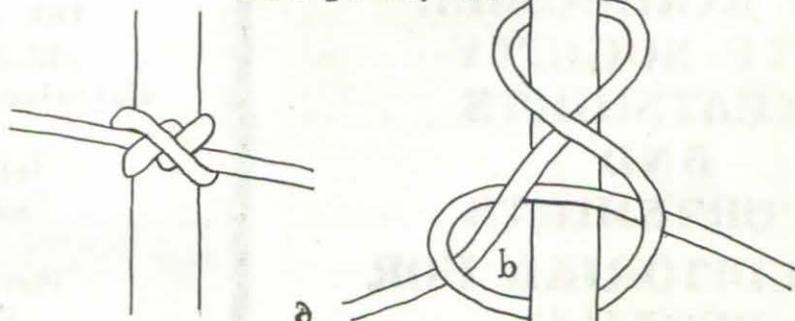
Method 1

Put loop (a) over end of spar.



Method 2

Tie a clove hitch and put end (a) through loop (b).

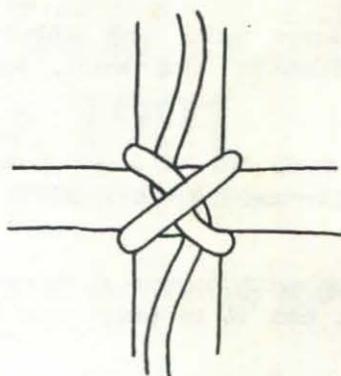
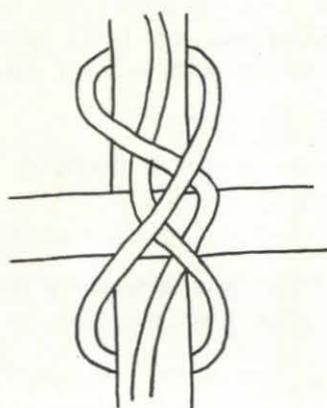


WHAT KNOT?

The constrictor knot binds extremely well - so well that it is very difficult to untie. Make sure it is correctly positioned before you tighten it.

There are lots of lashings to tie two cross members some tidier than others (one of the tidiest ones is used by Steve Brockett taught to him by a scottish nurse, I think. I can't remember it though. Perhaps Steve would sketch it for the kiteflier sometime.)

A neat lashing which wraps and ties and binds tightly in one go is the TRANSOM KNOT.



To make the lashing even more secure, tie another Transom Knot on the reverse side.

I hope that some of these knots will be useful to you kitemakers and flyers. There should be enough controversy raised by my suggestions to make somebody out there cry....

"Oh no it isn't. The best knot for this is.....". Well, come on then. What is the best knot for.....?

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KITE SOCIETY CONVENTION 1990

The 1990 Kite Society Convention will once again be held in conjunction with the Bristol International Kite Festival. The day for the convention is Friday 7th September, at The Unicorn Hotel, Prince Street, Bristol BS1 4QF, with an evening meal and auction at The Watershed Media Centre, Canon's Road, Bristol BS1 5TX. As many of you who attended last years event will know the convention was extremely successful - in fact too successful in some respect. The lectures and workshops were overfull and resulted in some very crowded rooms. This year in order to restrict numbers, and make the lectures more enjoyable, we are asking for attenders to register before hand. We are also moving away from the large number of workshops/lectures to a more selective approach. We have booked a complete suite of rooms all of which interconnect and hopefully all the rooms should be large enough so that there will be no overcrowding! Also a N.C.P. car park is adjacent to the Unicorn Hotel so there should be no problems for car parking (unlike last year!).

The main lecturer for the convention will be one of America's top kite designers and makers, Joel Scholz. His kites, sold under the name of Sky Delights, include Parrots, Animals etc. as well as the F16 fighter kite which is a three dimensional stunt kite. In return for a contribution towards his expenses he will be doing a lecture class delving into the actual processes of designing a kite this will include vocabulary, methods, bridling, finishing techniques, plans and patterns, materials etc. He will also give a slide show in the evening on American kites.

Other lectures/talks planned include John Barker on Parachuting Teddy bears, Tony Slater on the Art of the Fighter kite, Jilly Pelham on more sewing techniques, Paul Jobin on team stunt flying, Fred Waterhouse on China and Chinese kites and Adam Sutherland.

Note that these talks are certain to be filled quickly - so book now.

In the foyer area there will be an exhibition of kites, including many Asian, Japanese and Chinese kites, loaned by Fred Waterhouse and Malcolm Goodman. This year we have booked all the rooms until 10.00pm so we plan to have several activities extending into the evening, including the slide show by Joel Scholz. So hopefully there will be ample time for socialising.

The Unicorn Hotel is a Rank hotel and has 194 rooms all with private bathroom, colour television, radio and telephone. The hotel has a restaurant, Lounge Bar and Waterfront Tavern (which looks over the docks. There is free overnight parking at the adjacent N.C.P. car park. The Hotel has special rates for Friday and Saturday of £33.00 per person per night including full English breakfast. Also if you stay both Friday and Saturday nights you can also have the Sunday night at the special rate. We have been told that there is no supplement for single rooms. This year we have not been able to negotiate a special rate for the Thursday. If you wish to stay in the Unicorn you should make your own booking. The telephone number is 0272 230333, fax number 0272 230300.

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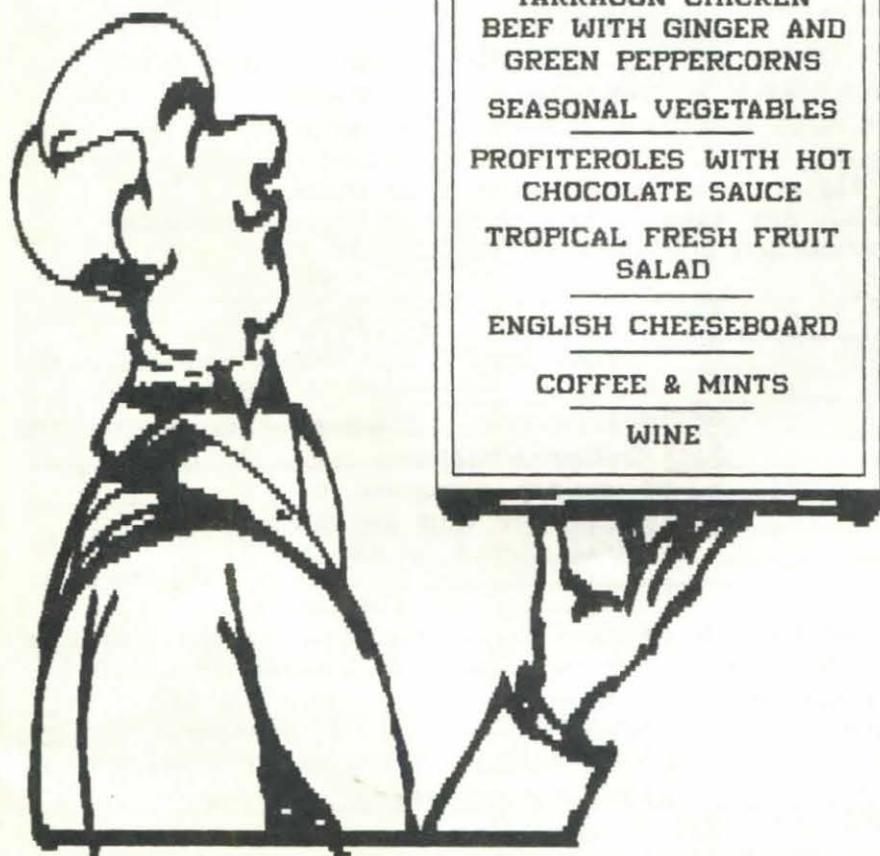
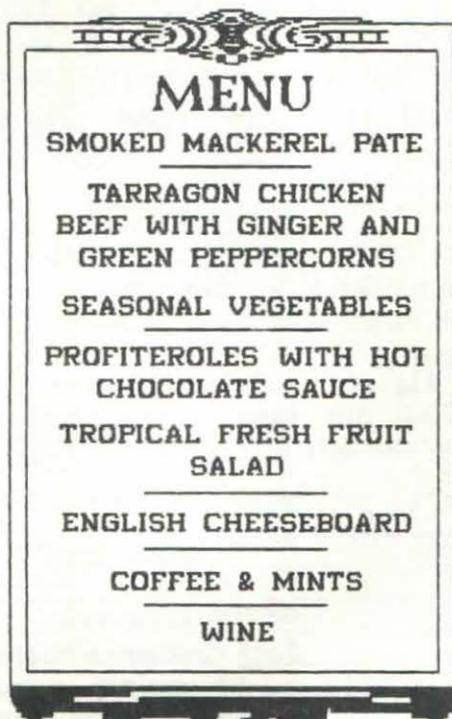
For those of you who prefer cheaper accommodation a list of B&B's is available from us. Just send us an s.a.e. Again we suggest that you make your own booking.

Camping is available at the Kite Festival Site, Ashton Court, from Thursday to Monday. Facilities are minimal - just toilets and cold water. Due to the problems last year, when the camp site tended to sprawl, the number of units available will be restricted to 60 and a small charge will be made to cover the cost of administration and a key, which is needed to gain access the site, will be given to all registrants. The cost is £2.00 per unit per night, three or more nights £5.00. Again please send an s.a.e. to us making all cheques payable to The Kite Society Convention. The camping passes and keys will not be sent until nearer the date. (By the way this money will go to Martin, for the kite festival, not us - so moan to him if you think the price is too high!).

The annual Convention Dinner and Auction will be held at the Watershed Media Centre on Saturday 8th September. The Watershed is approximately 150 yards from the Unicorn Hotel. We have Gallery 2 from 7.00pm and the

meal starts at 7.30pm. Programme for the evening includes the silent auction, which will be running both before and during the meal. The silent auction is where the smaller items are set out with a pad of paper. During the event people place their bids, always being, say, 50p higher than the last. At the closing time the person who has bid the most gets the item.

Due to the large numbers of people we expect to cater for we have been unable to provide the served meal as stated in the last magazine - the manager at The Watershed couldn't find a caterer to cope with the numbers - so the meal will now be a seated



KITE SOCIETY CONVENTION 1990

Buffet (and we have been promised faithfully that there will NOT be queues like last year!). As you can see from the menu we now have a four course meal which includes wine. Non alcoholic drinks will also be available. A vegetarian alternative will be available. There will be a paying bar in the room for those of you into the hard stuff and for drinks when the wine on the table has run out.

The Kite Store are once again, very generously, subsidising the meal to the tune of £3.00 per head (£1.50 for children) for those people who pay for the meal before May 31st. With the subsidy the cost of the meal is £11.00 per person (£5.50 for children under 12). Remember the money for the meal tickets is refundable up to August 5th. So pay now and save yourself money. After May 31st the tickets will be £14.00 per person.

Once again we are relying on the generosity of our members to provide items for the auction. The money raised will go toward the next years convention which we are holding on May 31st 1991 in conjunction with The Birmingham International Kite Festival, 1st and 2nd June 1991. Also a 5% of all monies raised will be sent to the British Heart Foundation as a donation in memory of Patrick O'Driscoll.

For the auction to run smoothly and quickly, so that there will be more time to socialise and to save the two of us some awful last minute panics, we would appreciate that if you intend to donate item(s) to the auction you either send it to us well in advance OR send us a full description for inclusion in the auction catalogue.



CHECKLIST

Accommodation - Book yourself into The Unicorn / Send S.A.E. for B&B list / Send S.A.E. and cheque for camping.

The Meal - Book **NOW** and save money. Offer only up to 31st May.

The Lectures - Register now and ensure your place.

The Auction - Fish out those kites that you always intended to donate to the auction and send us the details.

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Please send _____ camping passes for the following nights _____

I enclose a cheque for _____ (£2.00 per unit per night, £5.00 for three nights or more).

The Meal

Please send me _____ tickets for the meal to be held on Saturday 8th September @ £11.00 each.

Please send me _____ childrens tickets for the meal @ £5.50 each. (12 years or under).

I require _____ vegetarian meals.

The Lectures

Please register places for the following lectures (indicate number required).

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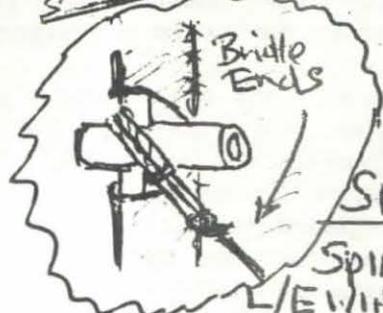
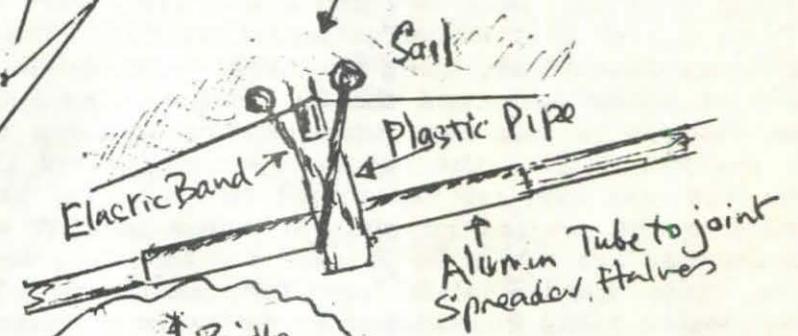
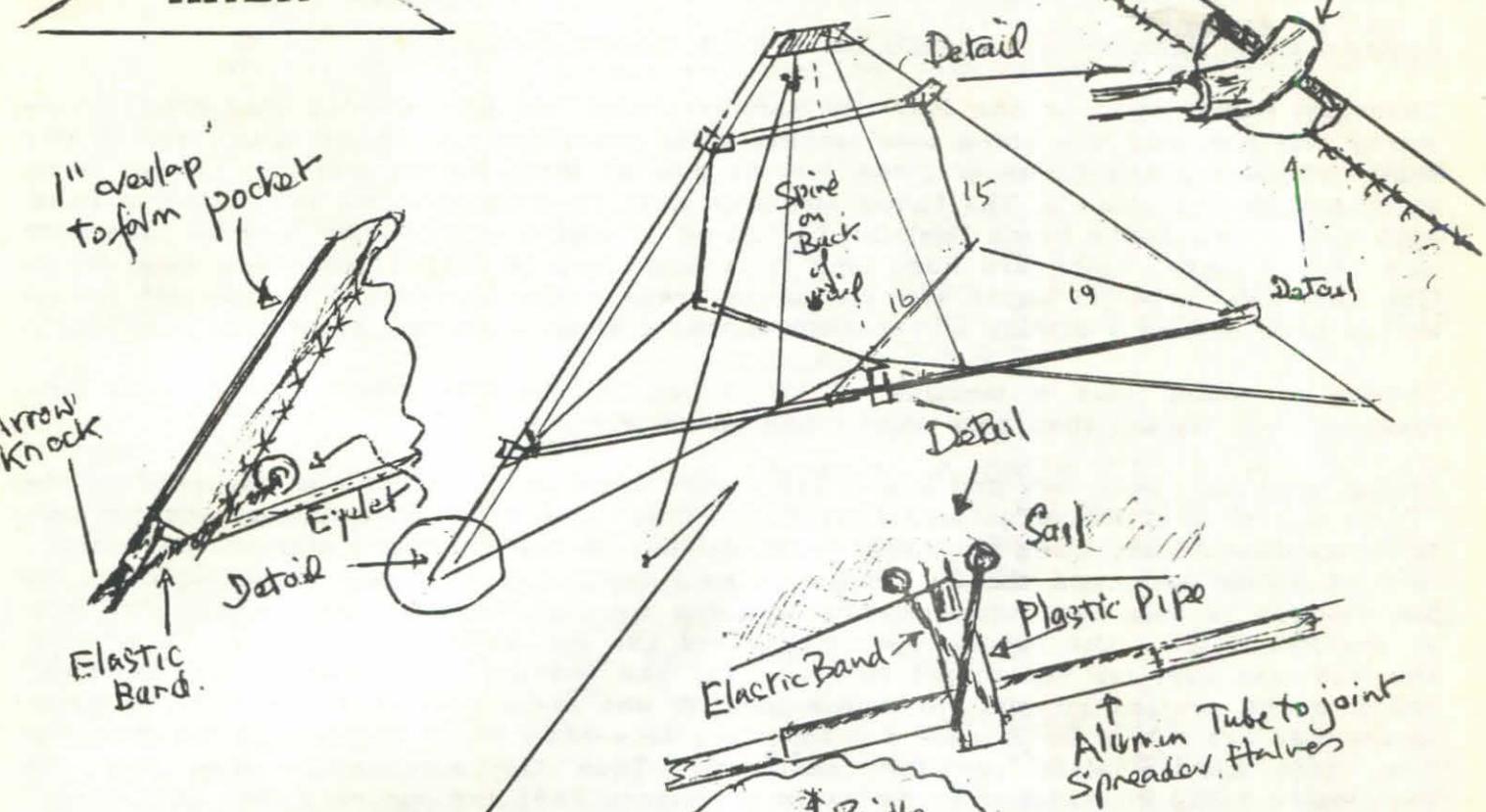
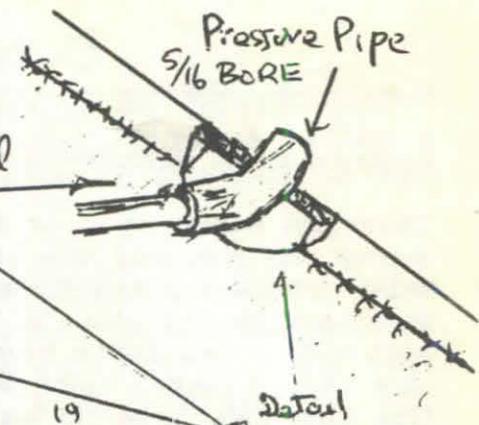
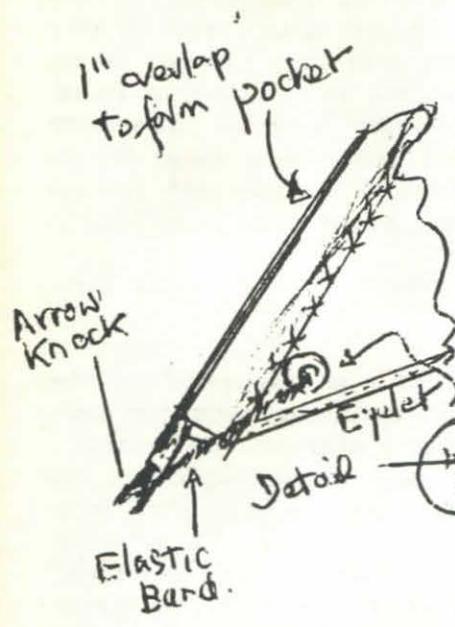
Fred Waterhouse _____

The Auction.

I/We will donate the following items to The Auction and will bring them / post them.

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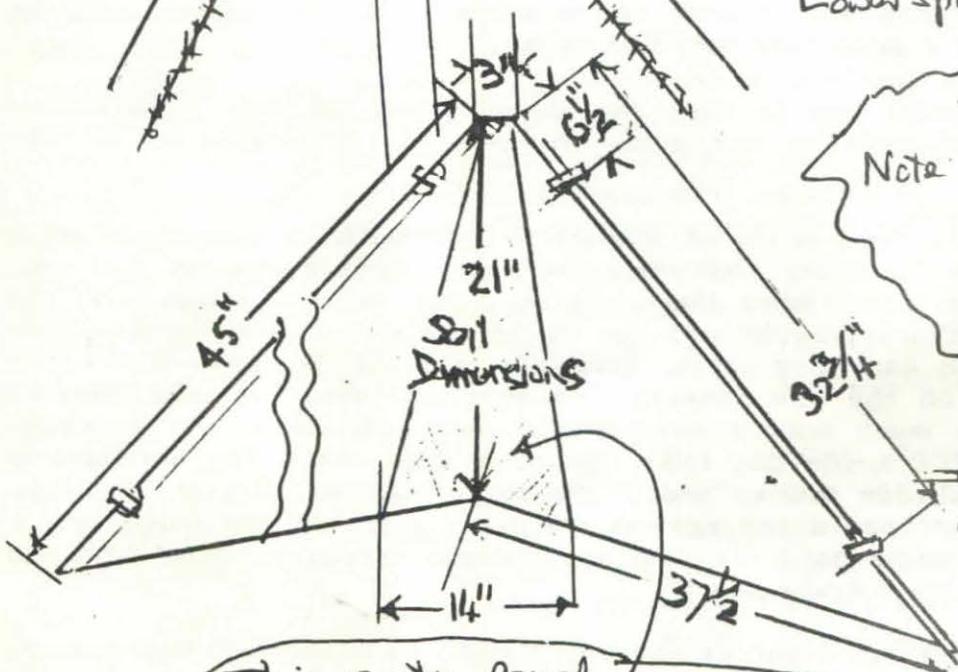
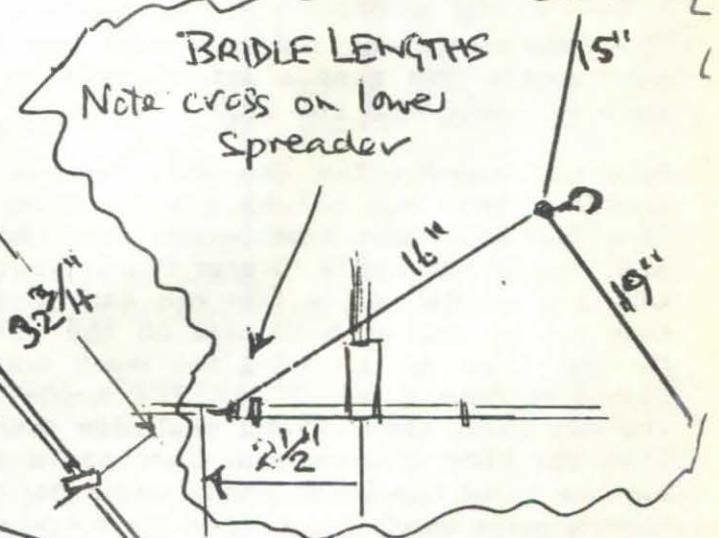
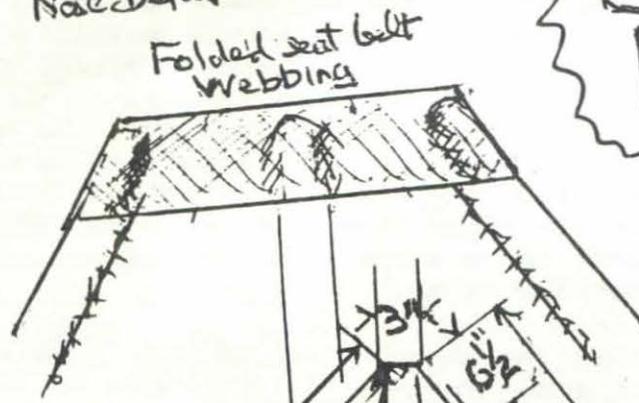
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CONVENTION - A.K.A. STYLE

Excerpts from Barbara Cartwright's Diary A.K.A. Hawaii 1989.

Thursday. Registration at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel and the morning was bright, very sunny and hot, and one thing was lacking after travelling for 19 1/2 hours and 8,000+ miles - wind for the flying of kites, but as you all know, kilters will run up and down getting their kites to fly. The flying site was next to a dormant volcano, Diamond Head, with palm trees and a beach (Waikiki) behind us. It was a truly lovely location. Luncheon was served (subs, which are huge long rolls with lots of filling) plus very cold drinks (the Blitz flew sober !!) under the shelter of trees - the Japanese with Masaaki Modegi at the helm headed a display of beautiful Japanese kites - Martin Lester flew his "legs".

Thursday evening was a meeting of kilters, all in non-kite attire, had lively kite discussions - jet lag then took over - had an early night.

Friday. Another sunny, hot and humid day - very little wind - what had happened to the "Trade Winds" that Hawaii is well known for? They then took the stunt kite competitors to Sandy Beach (just along the coast from Waikiki) on the windward side of the island - next to golden sand and the Pacific Ocean. As I decided to stay and enjoy Waikiki I did not venture to this bay, however, that evening we had the most enjoyable buffet meal at the P.K. Hotel - the hawaiian kitefliers and the P.K. Hotel did us proud. Then when the food was over we redesigned the room for the Auction - we also (during the meal) had a silent auction running. To those who do not know this is an auction on paper where bids are raised by 2 dollars a time (not less than 2) so the last to bid gets the item. This auction alone ran for two hours. Then the auction got into gear the auctioneers being Rick Kinnaird, Jim Miller (President AKA) and our very own Andy King.

The auction started at a break neck pace dollars going up and up for lovely kites, some made especially for the auction. Jon Burkhardt made a beautiful north indian kite with a tail, accessories and reels. Martin auctioned his "Aloha" legs and I started to bid for a few items, especially a "Signed by all at the AKA" kite, but, as was noted by other guests, my plate and number were torn to shreds as I kept bidding in dollars. If it's our own currency we think twice, the time taken for conversion takes too long by then you lose out on the bidding - so to hell with conversion keep bidding if you want the item is my motto. Tony will confirm this, when he stopped bidding for a 4 Aloha Fire Dart stack in a unique colour combination I kept up the bidding to the amusement of Andy and Rick. Eventually we outbid all the rest and are now the proud owners of the stack personally signed by our Chicago Fire friends and it flies like a dream. The evening, or morning, eventually drew to a close and a good time was had by all.

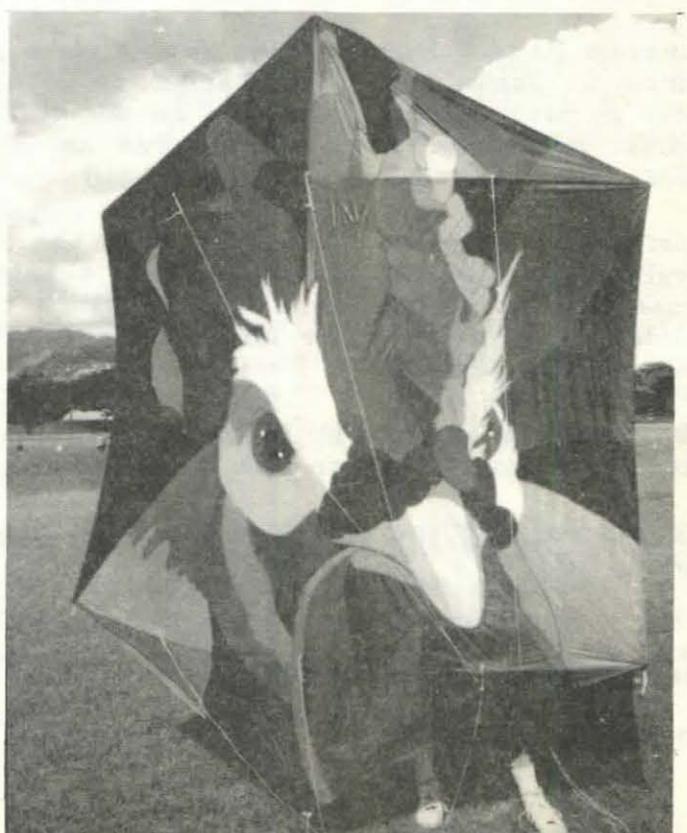
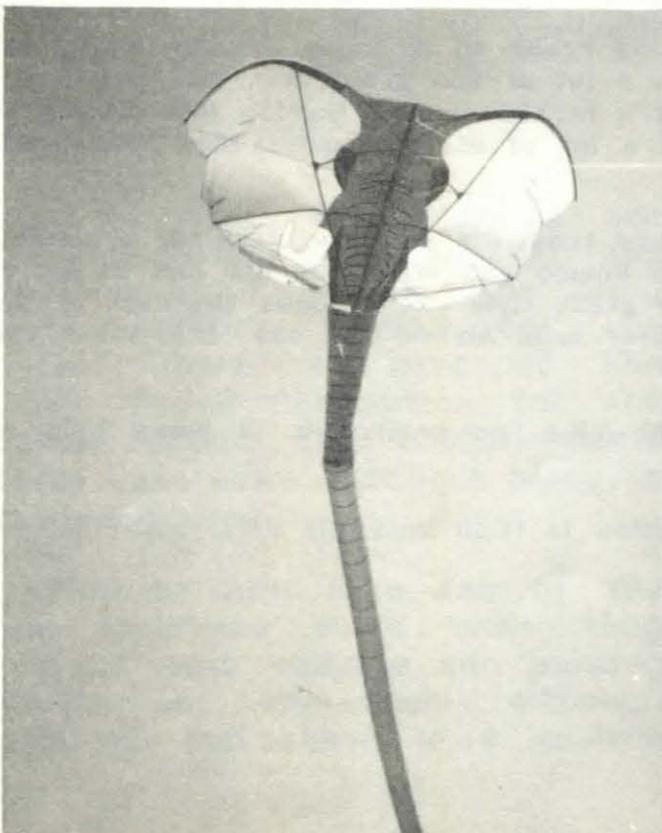
The auctioneers and the guys who had to take the monies, item by item, have earned my respect. You need a lot of patience and quick thinking to be involved in an AKA auction - well done you guys.

Saturday. Another hot day, this time spent at Kapioland Park with Diamond head as a backdrop. With our cabana set up under the trees for extra shelter against the suns rays, the day began again - not much wind. I've come to expect this now, last year the AKA was in the Windy City of Chicago it did not live up to the name. Kite Displays were taking place by people who ran back and forth, especially a giant Japanese Kite which took to the sky with 10 plus on the line running. The stunters were the only kites to fly, but they do not need too much wind (competitions were still being held at sandy beach) so only a few 2 line. The single line folks put on a good show. The highlight of the day being the rokkaku challenge entries and nearly clean fighting best of 3 rounds. Then the Blitz International team had a one against one fight with the Eraseures which, had we have had more wind, would have won but we concede defeat for now! Wait till there's more wind chaps, then we'll erase you !!!

That night they laid on a Polynesian night at the P.K. Hotel which consisted of dancers in traditional costume, dancing to old customs, fire eating and how many ways to wear

CONVENTION A.K.A. STYLE

The pictures on this page, clockwise, Malcolm and Jeanette receiving their "Wedding Legs", "Aloha '89" kite by unknown Japanese kitemaker, Kathy Goodwin's award winning Rokkaku, Stan Swanson's flying Pink Elephant. All photos A & B Cartwright.



CONVENTION - A.K.A. STYLE

a Muu Muu (Sarong). The night finished with an awards ceremony. The awards were stained glass made by Jane Metcalf, a resident of the Island and an AKA member. The evening finished with Top of The Line weight training with their awards closely followed by the Hawaiian Delights, Chicago Fire, Team Rome 1 and 2. The overseas guests received a lovely bowl with the logo Aloha 89.

Sunday. The day started early for those on the tour of the island. We set off and went to a view point in the mountains where you get to see the other side of the island with views stretching for miles. Then on to "Blow Hole" and a bay which was a sanctuary for fish where you can snorkel and feed the various species. Then onto sandy beach for the "One Sky" fly-in next to the stunters finishing their competitions. I had to admit that the call of the golden sand beach was too strong at this point and had a half hour of sunning myself. The sand being far too hot to walk on so had to resort to shoes! Then off we went again for lunch at a shopping mall (for those who know me I did not spend any money or melt my/our credit card). We then drove to another park on the north east part of the island (by now raining - which it did every day at about the same time) and they flew fighting kites. Joel Scholz flew with Joe Vaughan. We then set off again and played tourist, photographing the scenery, the mountains heavily covered by cloud but still very hot and humid and wet. Our last stop being one of the best, a Pineapple Plantation. Pineapples as far as the eye could see. The shop sold everything connected with pineapples, especially pineapple ice cream with fresh chopped pineapple. Some of the party had seconds (not me). We then made our way past Pearl Harbour back to our starting point. The evening saw people going off in every direction to talk, discuss business, tactics and generally to catch up with friends.

Monday. This was the day of Malcolm and Jeannettes' wedding held in a private garden with the Pacific Ocean behind us and a waterfall to the side with Tony and Myself as witnesses. Bridesmaids being Jennifer and Debbie. The service performed by a Priest was lovely (brought a lump to the throat and tears to the eyes) then all back to our apartment for the reception. Lots of bubbly, beer and nibbles. Then Martin Lester presented Malcolm and Jeannette with "Wedding Legs" which we then took to the park and attempted to fly. The Goodmans were last seen heading towards the harbour for a night cruise/meal, the rest of us had burgers!

Tuesday. Rained! Especially as people were getting ready to go home - Andy, Mark, and Martin to Japan and Karen Zander to Germany. A lot of the group left late Sunday or early Monday morning. However as we still had a further weeks holiday left we played tourist in Waikiki which we enjoyed as it has a lot of history apart from the tower blocks.

I personally would go back, even with the journey time. It's a lovely place for a holiday, lovely people the Hawaiians and our thanks to Romeo and Mike, Precilla and to all of those connected with Aloha '89. We had a truly great time and enjoyed the rest of the holiday visiting the other islands and a helicopter trip. All we can say is brilliant and well done to you all.

(If anyone is interested in attending the 1990 A.K.A. convention it is being held at Seaside, Oregon - 10th to 14th October.)

(The address of the American Kitefliers Association is 1559 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, U.S.A.)

Barbara Cartwright

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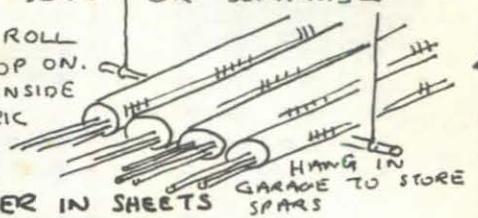
BY NO MEANS COMPLETE - JUST A FEW THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES I'VE HAD OBTAINING KITEMAKING MATERIALS

FREE!
MOSTLY ...

A LOT OF ITEMS THAT HAVE A VALUE FOR YOU ARE OFTEN OTHERS SCRAP OR SURPLUS -

- SCROUNGEES CHARACTER -
- 1) TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU WANT & WHY MENTION KITEING & THEY GO MISTY EYED ...
 - 2) ALWAYS EXPECT TO PAY - & OFFER TO PAY AT SOME PEOPLES GENEROSITY
 - 3) YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT SOME PEOPLES GENEROSITY

CARDBOARD TUBES USE TO ROLL YOUR RIPSTOP ON. STORE YOUR BIGGER PATTERNS INSIDE TUBES. SOURCES :- MOST FABRIC SHOPS - FURNISHING FABRIC CUT TO LENGTH WITH TENON SAW.



THICK BOARD - THIN CARD - PAPER IN SHEETS

PAPER ON THE ROLL - USED FOR PATTERN MAKING - LAYING OUT PLANS - DESIGNING DECORATION OF KITES

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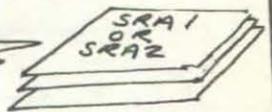
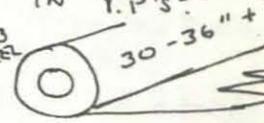
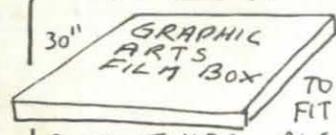


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FLAT BOXES

TO HOLD PATTERN PIECES - FIT WELL UNDER THE BED! -

SOME TIMES ALSO AVAILABLE NICE PLASTIC TUBES WITH END CAPS - LITH FILM TUBE

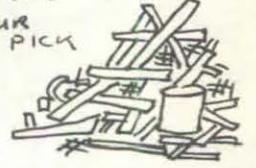


CHEAP

METAL SCRAP MERCHANTS

MAY NEED SEVERAL VISITS TO FIND WHAT YOU WANT - WEAR OLD CLOTHES AND STOUT GLOVES

ALUMINIUM STRIP FOR STRAIGHT EDGE STEEL WEIGHTS FROM BAR ENDS



WEBBING - TENT AND TAUPAULIN MAKERS OFTEN HAVE A LOT OF OFF-CUT LENGTHS OF POLYPROPYLENE WEBBING IN MANY COLOURS - A METRE OR SO IN LENGTH.

SAILCLOTH SCRAPS OF SAILCLOTH MAKE SUPERB REINFORCEMENT - STRAIN PATCHES. HOT CUT. ASK NICELY AT SAILMAKERS - THEY ARE OFTEN RELUCTANT TO LET SCRAPS GO - THEY USE THEM FOR REPAIRS - EXPLAIN YOU ONLY NEED VERY SMALL PIECES approx 4"x4".

FULL PRICE

IN THIS PART I HAVE LISTED SOME OF THE SOURCES OF MORE OBSCURE ITEMS. NORMAL KITE SUPPLIES FROM ADVERTISERS COVER MOST REQUIREMENTS - TRY THEM.

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS IN KITEFLIER

BRASS - ALUMINIUM TUBE

NB THEIR ALLY. TUBE IS OFTEN V. SOFT. TEST FIRST. BY POST: - K.R. WHISTON, NEW MILLS STOCKPORT SK12 SEND FOR CATALOGUE. THEY DO SHORT BITS. 4PT BUT BE CAREFUL MIN CHARGES APPLY - PHONE: SMITHS OF CLERKENWELL 01-253-1277

WARNING! MINIMUM CHARGES OFTEN APPLY - ASK

RIBBON TAPE THIN WEBBING

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LISTED UNDER 'HOSE' IN Y.P. SMALL DIA. UP TO 1/2" ONLY SOLD IN 100 FT LENGTHS - SO TRY KITE SUPPLIERS OR BUY IN BULK WITH FRIENDS



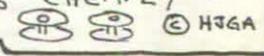
HEAVY WEBBING

FOR STUNTER NOSES - BAG HANDLES ETC - TRY BOATING STORES CLIMBING SHOPS - SOLD BY MT.



THREADS & NEEDLES

A SERIOUS KITE MAKER WILL USE A LOT OF THREAD - USE POLYESTER THREAD - TRY FOR BRANDED REELS - CHEAP REELS FROM MARKETS OK ... but YOU'LL BREAK A LOT - SO BUY PLENTY OF SPARES! HEAVY - 110/18. MED - 100/16. LIGHT - 90/14 FOR REALLY HEAVY SEWING BUY A SET OF JEANS NEEDLES. YOU CAN OFTEN FIND BOBBINS CHEAPLY - SPARES ALWAYS USEFUL - WIND UP A LOT IN ONE SESSION -



WHAT IS IT?



BIAS COMES IN SEVERAL WEIGHTS - ANYTHING GOES SO LONG AS ITS NOT TOO HEAVY

CLOSELY WOVEN NYLON COMES WITH REINFORCEMENT - HELPS STOP THERIPS!
COATED WITH URETHENE TO WINDPROOF ITS VERY LIGHT - BUT STRONG WATERPROOF

WHERE CAN YOU GET IT?

- A) ADVERTISERS IN THIS MAGAZINE
- B) LOOK OUT IN LOCAL MARKETS

PATTERN MAKING

MAKE PAPER CARD PATTERNS TO SIZE USING THIN BOARD BROWN PAPER - LINING PAPER AND CELLOTAPE

MARK BIAS DIRECTION ON PATTERN - ITS IMPORTANT!

DON'T FORGET TO ADD HEM ALLOWANCE 10mm (1cm) WILL DO

CUT SLOTS TO MARK IMPORTANT POINTS - USE 3B LEAD PENCIL ON LIGHT FABRIC (YOU CAN RUB OUT LATER) OR USE WHITE PENCIL OR SILVER/GOLD FELT TIP PENS FOR DARK

TRANSFER YOUR APPLIQUE DESIGNS TO KITE WITH PENCIL DOTS THROUGH PATTERN

PATTERN

RIPTOP

CURVES!

YOU NEED A LONG FLEXIBLE "RULER" - 3mm GLASS FIBRE ROD IS GOOD - A THIN STRIP OF CARD ON EDGE ALSO WORKS

USE WEIGHTS TO HOLD "RULER" IN PLACE MOVE AROUND UNTIL YOU FEEL HAPPY WITH THE CURVE IF IT LOOKS GOOD - IT PROBABLY IS GOOD

QUALS TWO PINS - & A CIRCLE OF STRING AND PENCIL TRY IT - IT WORKS!

BIG CURVES/CIRCLES WITH STRING & PENCIL

LENGTHEN & SHORTEN TO OPEN/CLOSE CURVE

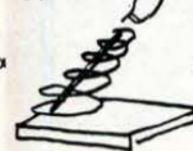
TIP - ALWAYS LOSING YOUR SCISSORS ON THE WORK TAGE? TIE A LOOP OF WOOL OR COLOURED STRING TO ONE LOOP & XULL ALWAYS FIND THEM!

DON'T KNOW WHY BUT ITWORKS

HOT CUTTING SEALS THE EDGE STOP FRAYING

HOT CUTTING

INVEST IN A SAFETY STAND



ANGLE AWAY FROM METAL

CUTTING OUT

COLD CUTTING: ALWAYS USE A METAL EDGE. USE WEIGHTS TO HOLD RULER IN PLACE ON SLIPPERY SURFACE. USE SNAP OFF BLADES - ALWAYS USE SHARP NEW BLADES - DISCARD WHEN BLADE STARTS TO DRAG THROUGH. **SCISSORS:** USE NORMALLY OR PART OPEN HOLD THERE AND SLIDE THROUGH MATERIAL - TEST RUN FIRST - QUICK WAY TO CUT LONG LENGTHS

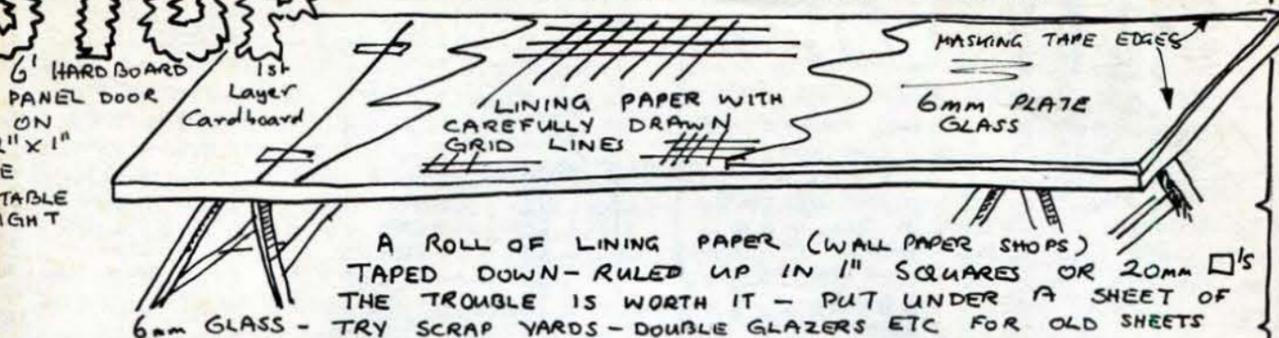
THE BEST SURFACE TO CUT ON IS GLASS! EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET A BIG SHEET - USE A SMALLER PIECE - OLD MIRROR ETC - USE FOR HOT OR COLD CUTTING

* SEE SOURCE LIST

COINED WITH THANKS TO MY MOTHER - WHO LENT ME HER SINGER - WES - GIRLFRIENDS - OTHER KITERS FOR THEIR ADVICE

RIPTOP

AN IDEAL KITEMAKING SET UP



A ROLL OF LINING PAPER (WALL PAPER SHOPS) TAPED DOWN - RULED UP IN 1" SQUARES OR 20mm \square 'S THE TROUBLE IS WORTH IT - PUT UNDER A SHEET OF 6mm GLASS - TRY SCRAP YARDS - DOUBLE GLAZERS ETC FOR OLD SHEETS

TOOLS

TRY SCRAP YARDS FOR SCRAP ALUMINIUM OR STEEL STRIP

TRY STEEL MERCHANTS FOR BAR ENDS - THEY MAKE SUPERB WEIGHTS - MAKE 3 OR 4 OR WRAP A 1/2 BRICK IN BROWN PAPER!

STEEL RULERS - YOU ARE BOUND TO NICK THE EDGE IF YOU USE WOOD OR PLASTIC RULERS

MASKING TAPE - TO HOLD ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN PLACE

DOUBLE SIDED TAPE - NOT NICE TO SEW THROUGH! GUMMY!

KEEP YOUR RIPSTOP ON ROLLS - TRY ANY FABRIC SHOP CURTAIN SHOP FOR FREE TUBES

UHU CLEAR GLUE

SEAM RIPPER - NATTY TOOL (IN ALL SEWING DEPTS) TO UNPICK YOUR STITCHES - YOU WILL NEED ONE

AT LAST A USE FOR ALL THOSE SHORT LENGTHS OF BROKEN SPARS - COTTON REEL SOLDERING IRONS HOLDER

HOT CUTTING TOOLS

HB PENCIL

WHITE PENCIL

FELT TIP PENS

OLFA CIRCLE CUTTER FROM ART SHOPS

D/SIDED TAPE SANDWICH 2 LAYERS AND RUB DOWN ALL OVER - THIS MAKES A NICE STIFF SHEET FOR REINFORCEMENT.

USE CUTTER TO CUT NEAT CIRCLES & HOLES

219 ZAG INTO POSITION

NB RIPSTOP HOT CUT GIVES OFF FUMES - USE A WELL VENTILATED AREA.

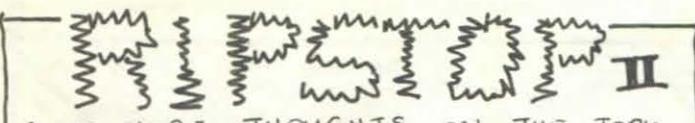
SOLDERING IRONS - PRACTICE ON SCRAPS - DRAW ALONG A METAL EDGE - TAKE CARE METAL DOES NOT DRAW OUT HEAT TOUCH AT AN ANGLE

ELECTRIC GUN SOLDERING IRON - USE CUTTING TOOL PRACTICE & BE PATIENT SKILL WILL COME QUICKLY

IT IS DIFFICULT TO CUT FREE HAND - ALWAYS TRY TO CUT TO AN EDGE - STRAIGHT & CURVED

NOT NICE! - YOU CAN TRY AND RUN RAW COLD CUT EDGE THROUGH CANDLE FLAME

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SOME MORE THOUGHTS ON THE TOPIC -



RIPSTOP DOESN'T REALLY LIKE BEING IRONED - TOO HOT = DISASTER OR IT WILL WRINKLE & YOU CAN'T GET RID OF THEM TO FLATTEN - KEEP ON A ROLL - OR WET WITH LUKE WARM WATER AND DRY IN THE AIR OVER A BROOM HANDLE - DON'T TUMBLE DRY! **YES**

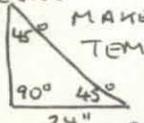
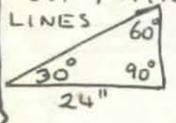


YOU CAN WASH RIPSTOP - EVEN WHEN IT IS MADE UP INTO A KITE AND HAS PICKED UP GRASS STAINS FROM A CRASH - HOSE OFF IN THE GARDEN PEG OUT TO DRY.

WRINKLED + CRACKED COATING - THE RESULT OF MAKING - BAGGING - FLYING - DOES NOT SEEM TO AFFECT PERFORMANCE IN THE AIR.

ADVANCED PATTERN MAKING &

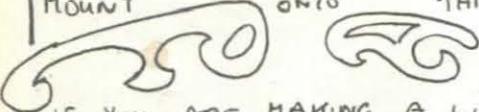
IF YOU PLAN TO MARK OUT CUTTING PATTERNS DIRECTLY ONTO RIPSTOP - & AFTER ALL MOST PATTERNS ARE A SERIES OF STRAIGHT LINES MAKE UP LARGE HARDBOARD



TEMPLATES. USE A PHOTOCOPIER TO MAKE A LARGE PROTRACTOR



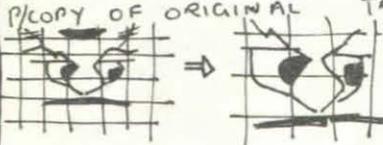
BORROW OR GET TRACES OF A SET OF FRENCH CURVES - ENLARGE AND MOUNT ONTO THIN CARD HELPS SPEED UP LAYING OUT.



IF YOU ARE MAKING A LOT OF KITES FOR A TRAIN - BOARD TEMPLATES ARE A MUST - SAFEST TO CUT ONE BY ONE. HOT CUTTING 2 LAYERS WILL TEND TO WELD TOGETHER - SEPARATE WITH BLUNT KNIFE - COLD CUTTING MATERIAL WILL SLIP

ENLARGING - TRANSFERRING

MODERN DESIGNS PHOTOCOPIERS CAN HELP BY ENLARGING: TRY A5-A3 (200%) TRY IT SEVERAL TIMES - BIGGER & BIGGER! BUT PLAN AHEAD AND ALLOW FOR OVER LAPPING. THE OLD FASHIONED WAY FOR VERY BIG ENLARGEMENTS - DRAW GRID OVER P/COPY OF ORIGINAL TRANSFER SQUARE BY SQUARE ON TO PAPER. THIS WORKS FOR DESIGNS AS SHOWN OR KITE PLANS



TO TRANSFER DESIGN ONTO RIPSTOP FOR APPLIQUE ETC GO ROUND KEY LINES WITH A BIG NEEDLE THEN LAY ON TOP AND PUSH PENCIL THRU HOLES - IT WORKS FOR L.D.A VINCI!

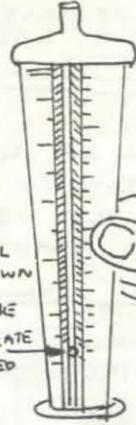
RATHER BORING TIP -

MAKING KITES IS FUN! BUT DON'T COMMIT TO CUTTING OR SEWING IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE MOOD - TIRED - DRUNK - OR WHATEVER - SOME MISTAKES YOU CAN'T RECTIFY - TACKLE IT TOMORROW YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE. END



NOT MANY PEOPLE

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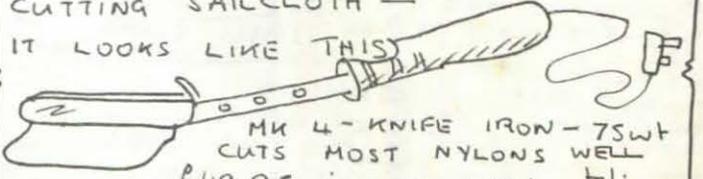


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HOT CUT

A NUMBER OF KITE BOOKS MENTION A SAILMAKERS HOT KNIFE FOR HOT CUTTING SAILCLOTH -

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS

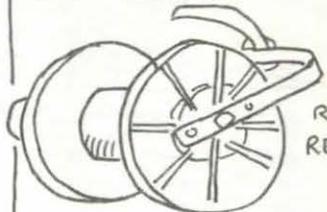


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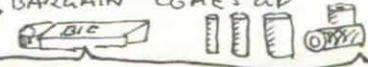
I CAN NEVER PASS A PILE OF SCRAP OFF CUTS WASTE MATERIAL WITHOUT THINKING. How CAN I USE THAT FOR KITEING? SOME EXAMPLES - HEAVY BLUE-YELLOW PVC PIPE CUT INTO SHORT LENGTHS & DRILLED MAKES A HUB FOR SPARS FOR BOX KITES - OFF CUTS FROM



BLACK PVC CENTRAL HEATING PIPE MAKES A STUNNER JOINT. THOSE LENGTHS OF PLASTIC STRAPPING THAT SEEM TO BE EVERYWHERE MAKE



A FLEXIBLE CIRCULAR STIFFENING FOR THE THROAT OF WIND PROUGES - TO CHECK IF IT WILL FIT I CARRY SHORT LENGTHS OF ALL MY SPAR SIZES TUBES RIBBON ECT - SO IF A BARGAIN COMES UP I CAN DO A QUICK MATCH - LIGHTER TO CHECK TAPE IS NYLON! ASK FIRST!





NOTICE BOARD
EVENTS IN EUROPE
AND THE U.K.

CORNWALL
KENT
DONCASTER
EAST DUNKIRK

From Carolyn Rule (Cornwall Kitefliers).

I have been asked by our local t.v. station (TSW) to organise a kite festival as part of the telethon for 1990. So far all I can tell you is the date, 5th and 6th of May 10.00am - 6.00pm, and venue, Royall Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge. We are looking for a good turnout and if any kiting friends are free to join us we'd be delighted to hear from them. There is ample space as the showground is massive and there is camping on site if required. For further details contact Carolyn Rule, Tremain, Meaver, Mullion, Cornwall TR12 7DN, tel no 0326 240144.

Capstone Park 1990.

Dates for May's Kite Meeting are 12th and 13th with a further day this year on June 17th. This being Capstone Park's Funday for the Disabled where, as part of The British Sports Association for the Disabled event, the council would like to have some kitefliers along to put on a display.

It would be nice if a few of the usual kitefliers could come they would be most welcome car parking will be on the field although restricted and there is a modern

refreshment building with toilets also on the field, not a lot of room for stunt flying although a limited display could be of interest.

Those of the old faithful who have come over the last two years have enjoyed the site we could just do with a few more numbers. For further details contact Julian Smith 0634 660396.

Doncaster Festival of the Sky - 12th and 13th May Cantley Park, near M18.

A major international kite festival to be held in Doncaster on 12th and 13th May 1990 will give everyone a chance to see and fly with some of the World's best kite makers.

We have invited Kitefliers from Japan, China, USA, Germany, Italy, Holland, France, Hungary and England to make it a most spectacular and exciting two days of kiteflying. Events planned are single and dual line competitions, strongest lift, Rokkaku Challenge single and team, parachuting teddy bears, Pocock challenge, stunt and precision flying, oriental kite fighting displays by local and world famous kitefliers. Hot air balloons trade stands and other attractions.

Camping and caravans facilities available, accommodation lists available. Contact Malcolm Goodman. Tel. 0642 550827 or write to 134 Thames Road, Billingham, Cleveland TS22 5EX.

Nest Lernout sends us news of the 5th International Kite Festival at Oostduinkerke, on 19th and 20th May.

Those who have already participated



in previous festivals will know how successful this festival is. It is held on more than 500 metres of the wide beach of Oostduinkerke. This year as well as competitions for single line kites, there will be held the 1st Belgian and European stunt kite championships. There are various types of accommodation available ranging from free accommodation in the local youth hostel to discounted prices at a range of Hotels. There is also an evening Saturday dinner which cost 200 Belgian Francs. To register for the events or to find out more details contact - Nest Lernout, Goudenregen 25, B-2510 Morstel Belgium tel 03/449.12.21.

Fete du Vent 2nd, 3rd and 4th June at Dunkerque.

For the fifth year running the local Friends of the Earth and the Masion de l'environnement of Dunkirk are organising a kite festival on the beach.

Accommodation can be provided free at the youth hostel and there is a camping site 2 miles from the festival site, also a selection of hotels are available in the area.

There is a free buffet for kitefliers and friends on the Saturday evening and a picnic lunch on the Sunday.

Breakfast is offered to all participants at the youth hostel and other meals can be taken at the hostel at the price of 40 francs. For more details contact Willem Didier, 600 Bd Diderot, F.59240 Dunkerque, tel 28 63 86 41.

From Ron Ogden regarding The Air Extravaganza - June 23rd and 24th, Manchester.

We would like you, your friends and fellow members to come and join us at this event which we hope will be well attended both by kitefliers and a large number of spectators. Various competitions will take place over the weekend and we are holding a heat in the Kite Society's National Rokkaku Challenge.

Camping and caravanning space will be available (pre-booking is essential) and car parking for kiteflyers (S.A.E. for passes please). Space is also available for kite stalls. Other attractions will take place in the park on both days.

The site is Heaton Park, 4 miles North of Manchester and close to junction 17 and 18 on the M62 Motorway. Arenas will be set out for competitions and displays, but there is ample space for free flying throughout the weekend.

If you have any special kites and would like to give a display of your type of kiteflying please contact me. For kite stalls please contact the festival organiser. If you require any other information please do not hesitate to contact me. (For address see advert on the inside front cover).

Shrewsbury Festival Update. 30th June and 1st July.



Tony Slater writes as follows:-

First the bad news - in the previous 7 years of the kite festival at Shrewsbury camping and stalls have been free of any charge, but unfortunately this year the local council have decided to charge a small fee. After using my charm(?) and persuasion we have agreed on the following i.e. Camping £1.00 per unit, per night, Stalls £5.00 per day or £10.00 for weekend. I suppose after all the previous free years it had to happen.

Now the good news - I have arranged to have a "Bit Of A Do" in the pub located 100 yards from the edge of the flying field (within reasonable staggering distance!) on Saturday evening 7.30 to 12.00. A simple meal will be available i.e. Soup, salad, chips etc price £3.50. Numbers are limited to 100 and remember we will be sharing the same venue as the boomerang throwers so book early to avoid disappointment. We will be using the lounge bar and the garden.

There will be some entertainment laid on by the landlord and various people are booked to do various things such as Didgeridoo playing, suitcase circus, juggling, folk

singing. I might even be persuaded to show off my prowess with a Diabolo. The name of the pub is The Coracle.

"Bit of a Do" tickets are available from Tony Slater, 128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury SY1 4JY. Please make cheques etc. payable to A.T. Slater and please include a S.A.E.

It looks as though this years festival is going to be the busiest yet with so many events happening at the same venue i.e. model aircraft, model buggy racing, 2 day international Boomerang Championship.

Don't forget the kite events to be held over the weekend are one round of team and individual Rokkaku Challenge, with an engraved tankard for the winner of the individual event at Shrewsbury kindly donated by Pat and Ron Dell, beer lifting contest, can clobbering contest and lots of parachuting teddy bears. By the way the model aircraft, model buggies have a field to themselves as do the boomerangs so we don't get in each others way.

Camping as in previous years can be from Friday to Monday midday. If you need any maps, B&B details or anything else please contact Tony 0743 235068.

5th International Festival of the Air - July 7th and 8th - Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Last year's Festival of the Air was one of the best yet. It attracted over 60,000 spectators and gave an opportunity to see and meet some of the World's best Kitefliers who provided some of the most brilliant



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From the Press

Seen in the gossip column of the Daily Mail a small snippet headed Flying for Kites in which it describes how Pamela Salem and husband Michael O'Hagan are travelling to India to make a documentary about kites. Armed at last with full permission from the Indian Government, the couple are taking a Swedish Director with them to their base Baroda. "It has taken about three years to set it up", says Pamela who was brought up near Bombay.

One of our members managed to make the front cover of his local newspaper, The Portsmouth News, with a large black and white photo. The article explains how Philip Robertson built a giant red, white and blue kite in secret and decorated it with the names of his wife and himself and fourteen hearts, then surprised his wife by flying the kite on Valentines day outside his wifes' office, and just to make sure she saw it he arranged for her sister to ring her and tell her about the strange Valentine hovering outside.

Book News

A few issue back we mentioned that Batsford Press would be publishing, in the near future, a kite book on fighter kites written by P Gallot. It has now been published cost £10.95, is in hardback and covers 29 different simple(?) fighting kite designs. Hopefully we will have a fuller revue in the next issue, by the way the ISBN is 085298078.

and spectacular displays ever seen in England.

This year we are trying to make it an even more international event and have invited Kitefliers from China, Japan, Malaysia, Germany (East and West), Italy, Holland, France, Denmark, Hungary, USSR and England.

Some of the event planned - Rokkaku Challenge team and single, STACK demonstrations, kite trains, strongest lift, Pocock Challenge, parachuting teddy bears, oriental kite flying, sky ballet single and dual line competitions, American stunt and precision flying teams including The Hawaiian Delights, an internationally renowned women stunt flying team from Hawaii, displays by local and world famous kitefliers etc, etc.

Other attractions include Hot air balloons, arts and craft market, trade stands, food and drink marquees, live music, entertainment for all the family.

Caravan and camping on site available. Hotel accommodation available at reduced rates. If you have any queries or require any further information contact Malcolm Goodman Tel. 0642 550827 or write to



Materials

We have just been sent the latest price list from Beman, one of Europe's leading carbon rod manufacturers. They have produced a specialist price list for kite fliers, prices are very cheap. Carbon shaft prices per hundred lengths are as follows:-

5mm by 70cm FF500: 5mm by 76cm FF600: 5.5mm by 72cm FF550: 5.5mm by 78cm FF700: 5.9mm by 74cm FF600: 5.9mm by 82cm FF800: 6.3mm by 76cm FF650: 6.3mm by 80cm FF750: 6.3mm by 84cm FF850: 6.3mm by 86cm FF900: 6.3mm by 104cm FF1900.

There is a minimum order of 100 lengths. The Kite Society is quite keen to set up some kind of bulk purchase for kite flyers. If we have enough people interested there is a 15% discount on those prices quoted above. So if you are interested get in touch with us and if we have enough people reply we will see what we can do. So it's up to you!

News of Kite businesses

We have heard from the proprietor, a Mr Peter Schwarz, of the Kite Centre which is a new shop recently opened in Bournemouth.

The address is Kite Centre (Bournemouth), The Quadrant Shopping Centre, Old Christchurch Road, St Peter's Road, Bournemouth BH1 2AB tel 0202 559011. Another kite shop called, we think, With Flying Colours. The address is 9 Wharf Road, Frimley Green, Frimley, Camberley GU16 6LE tel no 0252 836241. They claim they will cater for all your kiting needs and accessories and will carry out repairs on the premises whether the kite was sold by them or not. They will also repair kites sold by them and damaged on its first flight free. Open 8.00am till 5.30pm weekdays, 10.00am till 5.00pm Saturdays and 10.00am till noon on Sundays.

A new kite wholesaler and retailer. The kite wholesaler - Top of the Line Europe Ltd - is a company formed by Paul Jobin and Neil Young to supply Top of the Line kites in Europe. (They hope eventually to import most of the American Stunt Kites). They carry a large stock of the full range of Top of the Line kites in all colour combinations and also a full range of spars. Top of the Line Europe is wholesale. But another Kite business - The Kite Company - has been set up to deal with retail enquiries. This trades from the same address as Top of the Line Europe. Note this is not a shop just a distribution point. Address is 12 Dalston Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1QQ. tel no 0272 535448 or 0272 635118.

Malaysian Trip

Bill Farrington (telephone 02406 3477) is trying to organise a party to attend the Kelantan International Kite Festival, Malaysia - 20th - 27th May 1990. He is willing to arrange a trip and if enough people want to go there should be a discount available on the air fares. Anyone interested should contact him directly as soon as possible on the above number.

EVENTS LIST

MAJOR KITE FESTIVALS

May 12th, 13th	Doncaster Festival of the Sky, Cantley Park, Off M18. Doncaster. <u>Contact</u> Malcolm Goodman.
May 19th, 20th	Waterhall Playing Fields, Patcham, Brighton. <u>Contact</u> Greg Locke.
June 3rd	Poole Festival, Dorset. <u>Contact</u> Tony Cartwright.
June 10th	Leeds Festival. <u>Contact</u> Adam Sutherland.
June 23rd, 24th	Manchester International Festival. <u>Contact</u> Ron Ogden.
June 30th, July 1st	Shrewsbury Kite Festival, Shrewsbury. <u>Contact</u> Tony Slater.
July 1st	Blackheath Summer Rally, Blackheath, London. <u>Contact</u> Tony Cartwright.
July 8th	Petworth Kite Day, Petworth Park, East Sussex. <u>Contact</u> Joanna Mersey.
July 21st, 22nd	Washington Festival of the Air, Washington, Tyne & Wear. <u>Contact</u> Malcolm Goodman.
July 27th - 29th	Blackheath Stunt Competitions. Blackheath, London. <u>Contact</u> Tony Cartwright.
August 4th, 5th	Glasgow Kite Festival, Glasgow. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Store.
August 19th	Bournemouth International Kite Festival, Hengistbury Head. <u>Contact</u> David Webster.
August 24th - 26th	Gateshead Garden Festival Kite Event. <u>Contact</u> Adam Sutherland.
September 7th	The Kite Society Convention, Bristol. <u>Contact</u> The Kite Society.
September 8th, 9th	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol. <u>Contact</u> Martin Lester.
October 14th	Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Beds. <u>Contact</u> Ron Moulton.

LOCAL EVENTS

The White House Kite Fliers have fly-ins on the second Sunday of every month. These are held at Barbury Castle Country Park, Near Wroughton, Swindon. Contact Ron Gunther.

The Great Ouse Kitefliers have a meeting on the following dates:-

May 13th	St Neots Riverside Park. <u>Contact</u> Colin Jackson 0480 212435
June 3rd	Priory Country Park, Beds. <u>Contact</u> Bob Piron.
July 8th	Grafham Water, South. <u>Contact</u> Robert Smerdon.
August 12th	St Neots Riverside Park. <u>Contact</u> Colin Jackson.
September 2nd	Ferry Meadows, Peterborough. <u>Contact</u> Mike Millen.
October 7th	St Neots Riverside Park. <u>Contact</u> Colin Jackson.
December 9th	Priory Park, Bedford. <u>Contact</u> Bob Piron.

The Chiltern Kite Group have decided to meet on the third Sunday of each month at Alternative flying sites. Maidensgrove, near Henley on Thames - 20th May, 15th July, 16th September, 18th November. Pinkneys Green, near Maidenhead - 17th June, 19th August, 21st October. Contact

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The Blackheath Kite Association meet on the second Sunday of each month at Blackheath, London. Contact Tony Cartwright.

The Avon Kite Flyers have fly-ins at Ashton Court, Bristol on the following dates. All events start at 2.30pm.

22nd April, 13th May, 26th May (Knock Off The Can Competition for stunt kites), 9th June and 23rd June (Lifting Competition). Contact Nigel Bence.

The Essex Kite Group meet as follows:-

May 6th Galleywood Common, Chelmsford.

Contact Kathleen Pike.

The Alcester Kite Fliers meet at the Alcester Rugby Ground on the third Sunday of each month in addition the following events are being held.

May 13th Twyford Country Centre, Evesham.
June 30th Tibberton, Droitwich.

Contact Fred Taplin.

Kite North meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at locations around the North of England. Contact Adam Sutherland for location.

The Devon Kitefliers have meetings at Pork Hill, Mid Devon on the following dates:-

May 13th	May 28th	June 10th	June 24th	July 8th
July 29th	August 12th	August 27th	September 16th	
September 30th	October 14th			

Contact Les Symons.

The Midland Kitefliers have fly-ins on the first Sunday of each month at Sutton Park. In addition the following events are being held.

June 3rd	Sutton Park, Demonstration with the fly-in.
July 15th	Sutton Park Open Day.
August 4th	Coughton Court, Alcester.
October 14th	One Sky, One World, Sutton Park.

Contact Derek Kuhn.

The Brighton Kite Flyers have fly-ins on the following dates.

May 6th	Ditchling Beacon.	3rd June	Littlehampton.
June 17th	Rottingdean.	1st July	Ditchling Beacon.
15th July	Hollingbury	29th July	Brighton Race Hill
12th August	Cissbury Ring	26th August	Woodingdean
9th September	Beachy Head	23rd September	Telscombe Tye
7th October	Hollingbury	21st October	Brighton Race Hill
4th November	Highdown	18th November	Beachy Head
2nd December	Telscombe Tye	16th December	Woodingdean
30th December	Ditchling Beacon		

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Kite Events in Kent.

- 12th, 13th May Capstone Park Festival, Capstone Park Road, Chatham, Kent.
16th June Eastborough School Summer Fete, Vinters Road, off Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone, Kent.
17th June Capstone Park Disabled Fun Day.
11th, 12th August Teston Bridge Kite Festival, Teston Bridge Picnic Park, Maidstone.
2nd September Shorne Kite Day, Shornwood Country Park, Gravesend.

Contact Ron Dell.

Others.

- 30th July to 1st August Kirkcudbright, Kites, Kids, St Mary's Park, Kirkcudbright, Scotland. Contact Wilf Proctor.
5th, 6th May Kite Festival, Royall Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge. Contact Carolyn Rule.

1990 Rokkaku Challenge Events

Heats for the 1990 Rokkaku challenge will take place at the following festivals:

Easter Blackheath	Summer Blackheath	Shrewbury
Washington	Glasgow	Bristol
Manchester	Doncaster	

Note that there are going to be a number of rule changes for 1990. See the editorial.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

- May 19th, 20th East Dunkerque, Belgium.
June 2nd, 3rd Hamburg International Festival.
June 2nd, 3rd, 4th Dunkerque Kite Festival. Contact Willem Didier.
June 9th, 10th Fano, Denmark,
June 9th, 10th French Stunt Kite Championships.
June 16th, 17th Scheveningen Kite Festival, Holland. Contact Vlieger op!.
July 7th, 8th Ostend, Belgium. Contact L.J.Everaerdt.
September 15th, 16th Dieppe International Kite Festival, France.
September 22nd, 23rd Berlin Kite Festival, West Germany.

CONTACT DETAILS

- Tony Cartwright, 78 Dongola Road, London N17 6EE. 081 808 1280.
Greg Locke, 53 New Road, Shoreham by Sea, Sussex.
Martin Lester, 40 City Road, Bristol BS2 8TX.
Les Symons, 'Ju Les Gla', East Waytown, Goodleigh Road, Snapper, Barnstaple, North Devon.
Ron Gunther, 0793 770784
Bob Piron, 0234 61835.
Malcolm Goodman, 134 Thames Road, Billingham, Cleveland TS22 5EX.
George Reed, 7 Bellwood Rise, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP11 1QH.

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Kathleen Pike, 34 Mortimer Road, Rayleigh, Essex.
Fred Taplin, 20 Henley Street, Alcester, Warwickshire.
Adam Sutherland, 20 Durham Place, Birtley, Tyne & Wear.
Ron Moulton, 2 Avenue Rise, Bushey, Watford, Herts. WD2 3AS.
Tony Slater, 128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury. SY1 4JY.
The Kite Store, 48 Neal Street, London. 071 836 1666.
Derek Kuhn, 29 Bradbury Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8AE.
Rog Ogden, 41 Ashfield Drive, Clayton Bridge, Manchester M10 6WJ.
Nigel Bence, 8 Laurie Lee Court, Barrs Court, Warmley, Bristol.
David Webster, 16 Brackley Way, Hammonds Green, Totton, Hants, SO4 3HN.
Ron Dell, 2 Garfield Road, Enfield, Middlesex 081 804 9080.
Wilf Proctor, Grange Farm House, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4XG.
Carolyn Rule, Tremain, Meaver, Mullion, Cornwall, TR12 7DN.
L.J.Everaerdt, Didakites, Gistelsesteenweg 586, B-8400 Oostende.
Willem Didier, 600 Bd Diderot, F59240, Dunkerque.

STOP PRESS: The London Borough of Waltham Forest Kite Festival. To be held Saturday 30th June at Wanstead Flats, London, between 11.00am and 5.00pm. Demonstrations, displays, public flying. Contact 081 527 7070.

KITEFLYER COLOUR SUPPLEMENT

Yes - you did read it correctly. Why should the American kite magazines be the only ones with colour photographs?

Send in your colour pictures of kites, preferably transparencies, in 35mm or bigger, or else good colour prints. If there is a big enough response we will print four pages of full colour in the autumn edition.

Send a s.a.e. for safe return to:

The Editor
Kite Flyer
31 Grange Road
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Essex IG1 1EU

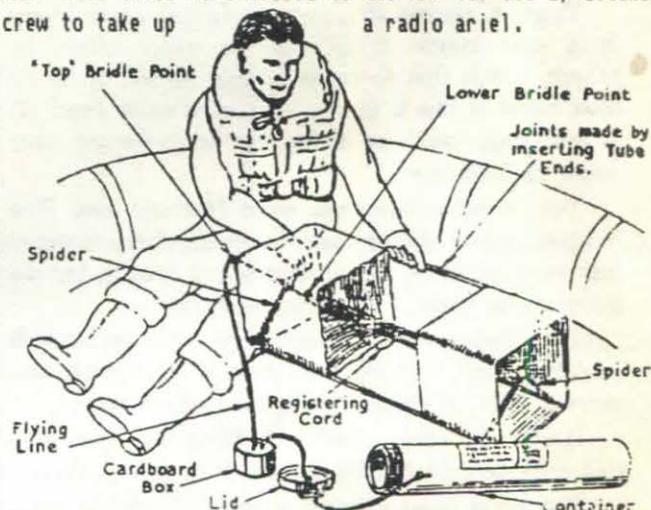
Enclose your name and brief details of the kite, and....

see you on the centre spread!!

S.O.S

.....INFORMATION WANTED.....

Some of you older kite flyers may well have cut your flying teeth on one of the kites shown below. Known as the Gibson Girl kite these were issued to the RAF for use by ditched crew to take up a radio ariel.



If you have any information about these kites, who made them, how many, how they were used, photo's even etc. please let me know. The results will be published in a later edition of this magazine. All correspondence will be acknowledged.

HUGH J.G.ANDREW

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MKF NEWS

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MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS FESTIVAL OF KITES 1991

The Midlands Kite Fliers are currently in the early stages of planning a spectacular Kite Festival. This festival is to be held over the weekend of

1st and 2nd June 1991

in Cofton Park, Longbridge. This was the venue of the very successful Birmingham Centenary Festival of Kites in 1989.

It is hoped that the 1991 festival will be even more successful, and will have a truly International flavour.

A number of interested members have been meeting fairly frequently to formulate ideas and make some of the early policy decisions. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings on a regular or irregular basis and contribute their ideas or particular skills.

Regular updates will appear on these pages, but put it in your diary now!

FLY-IN REPORT

Sutton Park 4th March '90

There is always at least one feature about every fly-in that makes it different to every other. In March, it was that so many people turned up to fly their kites! If this is the turnout on a chilly (end of) Winter day, we'll be flying by appointment only come the Summer!

Two notable attendees were Norman and Rita King who had come from Cornwall. They claimed that they had come to visit family and friends, but we know it was really to fly at Sutton Park!

We also had A Personality: Jim Rowlands (notable Kite Author) flew several interesting and unusual kites, all evidently original and innovative.

It was also nice to see how many new members had come to their first fly-in, as well as the regulars.

The good wind allowed a very impressive Flexi-stack to delight the onlookers, and the other stunts took their turn in amazing and amusing in quick succession. I noticed that single and multiple-line fliers, left to themselves, can be accommodating to each other without demarkation of the flying field.

As for me, well, I flew my Revolution some more. And if anyone is fed up with me going on about it, just have a go with it at the next meeting.

Derek Kuhn

Secretary, Midlands Kite Fliers

March, 1990.

WORKSHOP REPORT

Saturday 3rd March 1990

Sutton Park visitor's centre proved to be an ideal venue for a workshop. It is circular in layout, with alcoves which normally feature aspects of Natural History and displays of local interest. We set up the tables in each alcove, and the kids (mainly) went from table to table, each ending up with a Sled Kite with a loop tail, and a little red handle with about 100ft. of yellow line.

We did three sessions and made about 200 kites in all. Sutton Park Young Friends, who took over the morning session, made 84 kites very enthusiastically and provided us with a delightful scene of totally random motion on the grassy area surrounding the visitor's centre.

By the time we collapsed in several untidy heaps at 5.30, the nearby trees had been very tastefully decorated with a superb array of brightly-coloured sleds. We may have to think about re-designing the bridling, or use stickier tape

Many thanks to Sutton Park for the venue, to the Art-Beat organisers for sponsoring the workshop, and of course to the members who gave their time and effort so that so many young people had the opportunity to make and fly kites.

Derek Kuhn

Secretary, Midlands Kite Fliers

March, 1990.



MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS EVENT REPORT

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MKF Fly-In Sutton Park

Sunday 4th February, 1990.

'Twas morning, windows rattling, sun shining, two questions crossed my mind - shall I fix that window or fly my kites? And so it was, my best day of kiting ever began.

Speeding to Sutton Park, wind behind the van, trees and flags pointing the way to go, I arrive on site 9:15 am. The mega-winds and a clear site determine a stunt kite session, so with headphones turned up I launched my rainbow flexi. It roared into the clear blue sky faster than I've ever had it go before! Can flying a kite really be this good? Just magic....

As the morning progressed so did the length of my arms. Fellow kites arrived, a 10ft. flexi, a handful of 6ft. flexis, a Peter Powell stack, a couple of attempts with Spin-Offs and the sky was soon filling up. With an abundance of flexis about, a stack was inevitable.

Bob Ansell's son, James, insists on a fly which is just what he got! After temporary assistance from Bob, James goes through a manoeuvre and launches himself, Bob's too late to hold him coming to a halt on his stomach with James still rising! "Well ask for a fly, and a fly you get" "Me next!"

Derek Catley and myself attempted skimming a pool of water with his Sky Dart with about as much finesse as a pelican, ending up with a wet kite!

Don Eccleston and Derek Kuhn launched a couple of parafoils for the star of the day - Teddy 'Armstrong'. After a premature ejaculation (of the parachute), a siezed safety pin and various other jams and cock-ups, Ted Armstrong floated down out of the sky like a good 'un. Nice one, Don.

Was it Norman Parker who flew his super fast purple box and spinning drogues? And did I see Bill Hanks disappearing off the flying field attached to that yellow 10ft. Flexifoil? Did he ever come back?

Best stunt kite of the day was for me Bob Ansell's Bantam Phantom - fast or what? Too fast for Bob, he decided to dig Sutton Park up with it, fortunately a spare rod for a quick repair was available.

As the wind dropped a little I spent my last hour flying a Spin-Off. Then we all spent the last half hour removing it from a holly bush that I'd neatly parked it on! Thanks, everyone.

Dusk finally halted proceedings and so back home I go - "Christ John, you look knackered" says Val. "Yeah...it was that good, Babe. Oh, by the way, did you fix that window?"

John Eaton (Still High!)
Midlands Kite Fliers

February 1990.



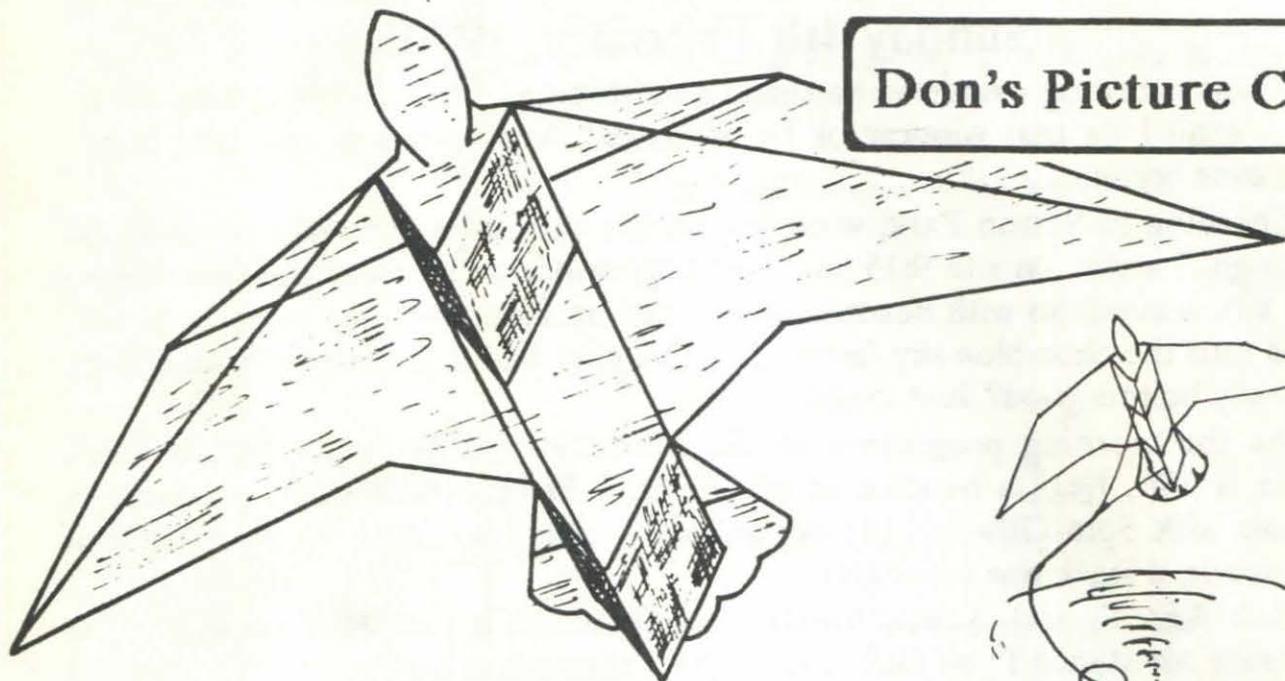
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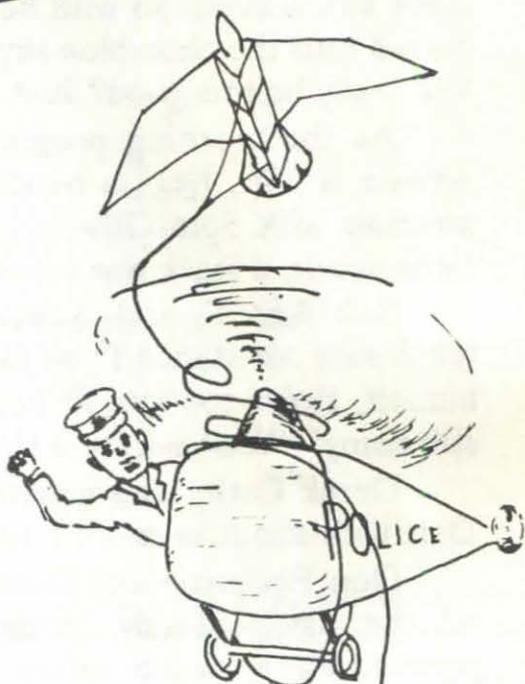
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Don's Picture Corner



This illustration is a perspective view of Don Eccleston's Bird Kite which appeared in "The Kiteflier" issue 41 October 1989.



200 ft. regulation!
Now you're for the high jump!

Midlands Sky Fauna

This is a group of people who are interested in Parachuting Teddy Bears.

Watch this space.....





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Midlands Kite Fliers Radio Station.

On 12th December 1901, Guglielmo Marconi made his first successful Transatlantic wireless reception tests from Poldhu in Cornwall to St. John's, Newfoundland. The receiving aerial was raised 122 metres or so by means of the Baden-Powell Levitor kite.

Since that day, kites have been used to support wire aerials for radio communications. During the 1st Great War, submarines on the surface used kites to support wireless aerials and in the 2nd war, each aircraft survival rubber dinghy carried a box kite to support a fine wire aerial acting as a beacon capable of transmitting a distress signal. The kite was called a "Gibson Girl" Kite.

During the Birmingham Centenary Festival of Kites at Cofton Park last year, members of the Solihull Amateur Radio Society provided an amateur radio station using the call sign "GB4 BFK". "GB" is for "Great Britain" and "BFK" for "Birmingham Festival of Kites". This call sign was issued by the Radio Society of Great Britain and was free of charge and lasted for 28 days. The call sign was issued as a variation to a fully licensed Radio Amateur.

Due to very light wind conditions on the Saturday, we could not maintain the 132 feet wire aerial supported by various kites for very long. We did contact other U.K. stations, but decided to erect an aerial between a large tree and a 30ft. radio mast. Some 300 stations were contacted during the two days, and the Lord Mayor of Birmingham spoke "on air" to a station in Oxford. All stations were very interested in what was going on at Cofton Park, including French, German and other European stations. Each contact was sent a card confirming the contact via the "RSGB QSL" bureau (a sort of free postal service to members of the RSGB), and all contact recorded in the station log book.

This is a very good way to promote Kite Flying and the Midlands Kite Fliers in particular. As discussed at the A.G.M. last November, the MKF could establish a radio station at selected events using the call sign "GB4 MKF". This would be issued to me as a variation of my call sign "G4 VMP", and would not be issued to any other station for a period of 2 years. We would have to apply each time the station was set up as the address of the locality has to be given. Using my portable equipment and support from the Radio Club, this would be a wonderful way to promote Kiting, an interest to the visitors, and also promote amateur radio. Who knows, we might be able to interest other Kite Flying clubs in joining in on radio contacts by kite-borne aerials.

I trust that this article will be of interest. If you would like more information, or if you have a large lifting kite, I would be pleased to hear from you. Tel. 021 - 707 3376.

Norman Parker
Midlands Kite Fliers

G4 VMP
March 1990.

ROMAN BUNDLE 16



The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad, The International Brotherhood of Parachuting Fauna, and Reasonable Facsimiles Thereof.

Ho, Hum, thats another Official Winter Kip Period over and done with, and once again we can find out just what has been going on whilst we were Hibernating. The most Important thing is as follows, namely Rules and Regulations to be observed, whilst Engaging in Attempts on BMISS/IBFF/BMILOLKWKR Recognised World Records.

The Following Rules and Regs were being Formulated For some considerable Time Prior to ALOHA 89, The Kite Festival in Hawaii, where the Current BMISS Record for most Fauna Dropped from a single Kite was well and truly Shattered.

On Saturday 7th of Oct. 89, 57 Parachuting Fauna were Dropped by a Team of Dropniks led by Colin McKay of Auckland N.Z. Whilst we wish to Take nothing away from Colin and his Team, it became apparent later via Confirmatory Pics that the Fauna and their Parachutes were very Minimal. In fact the '57' were placed in a Single Bag, then Dumped.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PARACHUTING FAUNA

by
John Barker, Fred Bear and other Officials
of

THE BEARLY-MADE-IT SKYDIVE SQUAD

and
THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF PARACHUTING FAUNA

CATEGORY I (the "classic" method):

1. Fauna must be of the soft-cuddly-type. (If it walks like a teddy bear and talks like a teddy bear....)
2. Real parachutes (minimum eight gores) must be used.
3. Each parachute must be in a separate pack, attached individually to each fauna.
4. Minimum weight of each fauna, ready to drop, must be eight ounces (250 grams).
5. Each fauna must be attached separately to the dropping mechanism(s).
6. No bagging, batching or multi-packing allowed.

CATEGORY II (the "open" method):

1. Fauna may be of the soft-cuddly-type or a reasonable-facsimile-thereof.
2. Parachutes may be of minimal sophistication and/or material (single sheet of tissue, plastic, etc.).
3. Each fauna must have his/her own parachute.
4. There is no minimum weight or size requirement.
5. A separate pack for each parachute is not required.
6. Bagging, batching or multi-packing is permitted.

For both categories, only those fauna whose parachutes fully deploy will be counted as part of the total drop. For neither category is recovery of dropped fauna a requirement, since some are sure to be "nicked" or "souven:red" by the crowd.

CATEGORY III ("novelty"):

1. Anything goes, including -- but not limited to -- fauna dropped without parachutes, fauna dropped on bungee cords, fauna lifted but not dropped, multiple fauna dropped under one parachute, most female fauna, most fauna of a particular ethnic persuasion (Russian bears? Chinese pandas? New Zealand kiwis? American eagles? French frogs? Irish potatoes?), etc., etc., etc.

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The '57' Do not compare Logist-icwise to Greg Lockes 1987 Record of 39 Fauna, each of which were Equipped with a Seperate Parachute and Pack, and each of which were Hung Separately from Multidroppers.

However in Formulating these Rules and Regs (left) BMISS / IBFF / BMILOLKWKR will be able to Recognise and Salute any Parachuting Fauna Records Made Using these Rules and Regs, which also will enable Teams of Dropniks to choose which Route they Fancy to a Para Fauna World Record.

Therefore as of the First of March 1990 In Catagory 1. (One) "CLASSIC", BMISS Recognises the '39' Fauna Dropped by G.N.Locke 30th-31st May 1987, at York, U.K.

Catagory 2. (Two) "OPEN", BMISS is Pleased to Ratify and Recognise the '57' Fauna Dropped by Colin McKay and Team on the 7th of Oct 1989 in Hawaii, U.S.A.

The above Two Records are there for the Breaking, so there you are Fauna and Dropniks.....
GO FOR IT.....

You may be thinking by now, HEY, what about Catagory 3 (Three) The Catchall One. Hmm, as its Designed to cover just about

any Eventuality Re Parachuting / Bungeeing / Kamikaziling from Kites, by its very Nature this Catagory will be Really Way Out, and First into the Ring is Dave Meder of N.Z. who on the same Date as Colin McKay, and at the same Venue, Successfully, Lifted and Bungeed Three Teddy Bears, from an 8ft Rokkaku... Wots Dat, yoo got a 56lb Bag o Spuds?

Okay, Okay, I know, not all of our Readers are Familiar with Terms such as 56lbs, or the name Spuds, but what it all boils down to really is that if your Metricated 24 Kilo Bag of Pommesde Terre,sss (Yoo wot) is Fully equipped with with Individual Basic Parachutes, Mes Amis, Haw Hee, Haw Haw, then, Jaques, my Boy, The World Record is yours for the Taking..... meanwhile we'll still call 'em SPUDS.

No sooner than we were awake, when through the Cardboard Cutouts Letterbox, came a Disertation on Basic Parachute Design via Hugh Andrews, Chief Para Fauna Loony in Bristol. Ye Gods, Hugh, are you Raving Barmy Boy? Fancy sending the C.C. something as Technical as that. One glance at such things as Porosity Factors, Kilogram Newtons, Slugs/ft³(whatever they are) Drag Coefficients, Critical Squids and the like, and the Boring Old Farts Brain (or what passes for a Brain) goes into China Syndrome.

Me?, I'd rather make a Parachute Jump.

MAXIMUM DECHUTE, MINIMUM DE DOSH!

Hey! Do you Fancy Dropping Fauna, but think that Making a Chute is a No, No? Has your Granny had her XR3i Chipped and are her Anchors a Bit under Par? Are you thinking of ending it all, but you want to be on the Safe Side? Or possibly your Pussy Cat is a bit of a Goer and needs Slowing Down a Touch? If the answer to these questions is Yes, then maybe Vic Walker has the Remedy. Right(Whisper, Whisper) heres the Griff. Vic has laid his Sstickies on some real smart Cargo Chutes. They are about 8ft in Dia, with 11ft Shrouds. They are really well made and wait for it ,they're Packed Two to a Canvas Container and have never been Deployed. If you Fancy one of the Containers, they are going for Three Blue Drinking Vouchers each alright have it your way £15 plus £3.50 post+pack Not bad eh? Eight Foot Chutes for £7.50, yes you do get two Chutes. Vic cant Split them. Pro Cheapskates out there can avoid the P.P. by seeing Vic at O.W., Bournemouth and Bristol Fests and various others or send your Cheque with Card No. to Vic Walker, 42. Grovelands Rd, Risinghurst, Headington, Oxford OX3.8HZ. 0865 66183.

OK Vic, we give yer the Plug so its Two Crates of Honey under a Plain Wrapper to Yoo know where, Oh and to keep Rastachats Gob shut, you'd better chuck in a Tin of Condensed Milk, a Dented one will do.

Security Bear was first brought to our attention by Theodore E O'Bear back last Year so we guessed that it would'nt be long before he arrived in the UK. In the Jolly old States he was priced at 80 Bucks and as you can see in this Ad via Dropnik Slater that the Comedians have stuck a One'er on Him, Cor, Rasta says that if we Hit Leroy on the Bonce with a Mallet he'd scream a lot Louder than 110 Decibels and he'd be a Bleeding sight Cheaper. Oi, Rasta put it Down.

STOP PRESS, STOP PRESS. GREENS of BURNLEY Produce Worlds First Commercial Parachuting Bear Outfit. Hopefully we'll have a Full Road Test (Yoo Wot) in our next Issue, Dont missit.....

B.M.I.S.S. Teddytorial Address. Fred Bear. 48. Laurel Lane, W/Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. Your News, Views Urgently Required, Anything the Law and Common Sense Allows.

Security Bear – the revolutionary car alarm

This new anti-theft alarm has been taking America by storm. Security Bear is not a toy, but a highly sophisticated car alarm operated by remote control. Hidden inside the Bear is sensitive infrasonic detection circuitry, a CMOS microprocessor and an amplification system totally out of proportion to his size. The moment a car window is broken or a door opened, the incredibly loud 110db siren is activated – a wall of sound so powerful that it is virtually impossible for a human to enter. Best of all, Security Bear needs no costly wiring, he is simply placed on a seat or the floor and secured with his own cable. Just lock up and press the key-ring transmitter... "Chirp!" Your car is armed and secure. **F DONT BANK ON IT**
Security Bear £99.95 EE446



Para-pooch hits storm

PUB landlord Mike Nimmo was in the doghouse last night over plans to take his pet mongrel Ragsy on a parachute jump.

Mike, 52, hopes the 2,000ft leap will raise £10,000 for the Children in Need charity.

But the RSPCA slammed the stunt, saying the dog could

be crushed. Defiant Mike, licensee of the Selbourne pub in Dudley, West Midlands, said: "I would not put Ragsy at risk."

A former Para pal will jump alongside Mike and carry Ragsy strapped to his chest

NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS WAS NICKED FROM THE SUN

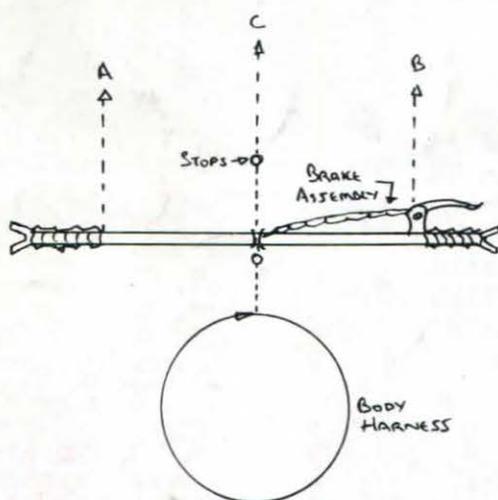
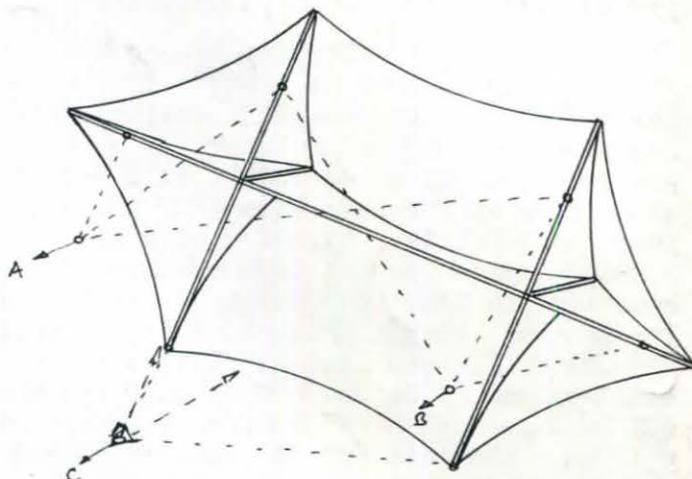
Advance Preview

Two lines too boring ?, Quad line too much ! Have we a kite for you !!!!!

Trevor Solution Tri-Line Kite

A new, totally integrated way of flying kites, the Trevor Solution Triline kite is the first stunt kite to offer full pitch and roll control on only three lines. By retaining the normal left/right control movements used in everyday stunt flying and moving the pitch control onto the third line pilots find it easy to convert to the Trevor Solution Triline without the hassles of other pitch controllable stunters.

The kite itself is a sophisticated, reflex cambered, formed wing, framed in graphite with the unique Trevor Solution pitch demultiplexing bridle system. Folding to a compact 82cm the Trevor Solution Triline kite will be available soon from the Old Tom Kite Co, a name well respected amongst the cognoscenti for their innovative and imaginative kite concepts and products.



At the ground end the Trevor Solution Triline kite is flown from the ingenious control mixing Triline control bar. By pushing or pulling on the bar while manipulating the pitch release trigger it is possible to change the pitch position of the kite. By twisting the bar side to side (a la Flexifoil) it is possible to steer the kite.

A further advantage of this system is that in strong winds your entire body weight is communicated directly to the kite thus allowing you to rest your arms. It is also possible to use the Trevor Solution Triline control bar with normal two line stunters and use the third line to release Teddy Bears, flour bombs, take photos or whatever other function you can devise for the third line.

This, and other ghostly apparitions, unavailable from
The Kite Store Ltd, 48 Neal Street, London WC2H 9PA Tel; 01-836 1666 (071 soon).