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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

We would like to wish you a happy new year and hope that 1994 is a successful kite flying year.

Due to lack of interest and a mix up on the diaries the winter retreat that was planned for February has now been postponed. We hope to rearrange the retreat for November. Further details will be published as they become available.

We recently received some sad news from America. Doug Hagaman, who many of you will remember from the lecture he gave at Weymouth in 1991 and his displays at both Weymouth and Portsmouth, died after a severe bout of flu. Doug was also a keen lighthouse person and Jody, his widow, is collecting for a seat to be dedicated in his name at one of their local lighthouses. Anyone interested in donating to this should contact Dave Robinson who is co-ordinating the collection from the U.K. See contact list for his address.

Remember we always welcome articles and kite designs for inclusion in the magazine. As we now have scanning facilities we can also include photographs. Maybe a members photo page? Send all contributions to:



The Kite Society
P.O. Box 2274
Gt Horkesley
Colchester
CO6 4AY

The cover photograph shows John Eaton and Lynn Clarke "Tandem" buggying at Portsmouth. Photograph by Ron Moulton.

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 13 The Bargate Shopping Centre
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 [/ /R/F/ /O/C]
 8 Macauley Avenue
 Paulsgrove
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 124 Whittern Way
 Tupsley
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 Herefordshire
 HR1 1PF
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 Fax: 0432 354028
 Monday - Saturday 8:30 - 6:00
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 [S/ /R/ / /O/]
 3 Capuchin Yard
 Church Street
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Keltic Kites
 [/R/F/ /O/C]

72 The Walk
 Potters Bar
 Hertfordshire
 EN6 1QF
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Windy Kites
 [/ / / /M/O/C]

Hillend Farm
 Tyttenhanger Green
 St. Albans
 Hertfordshire
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 Fax: 0727 868914
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Inflight
 [/W/ / /M/ /]

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 Normanby Road
 Scunthorpe
 Humberside
 DH15 8QZ

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 [/R/ / /O/]

Rathforker
 Port Lewaigue Close
 Maughold
 Isle of Man

IM7 1AH
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 [/W/ / /M/O/C]

Jilly Pelham
 3 Bartholomew Street
 Hythe
 Kent

CT21 5BS
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 [/ / /F/ /O/]

53 Norman Road
 Tunbridge Wells
 Kent

TW1 2RP
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 [S/ /R/ / /O/C]

Gordon Road
 Canterbury
 Kent

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 Lancashire
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 Leicester
 Leicestershire
 LE2 3AN

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 [/ /R/F/ /O/C]

3 Beechwood Avenue
 Burbage
 Hinckley
 Leicestershire

LE10 2HD
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 first.

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Lincolnshire

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West View
 Sturgate
 Gainsborough
 Lincolnshire

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London

The Kite Store Ltd
 [S/W/R/ / /O/C]

48 Neal Street
 London
 WC2H 9PA

Tel: 071 836 1666
 Fax: 071 836 2908

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[/W/R/ / /O/C]
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London
NW2 4JA
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Balloon and Kite Emporium Ltd.

[S/ /R/F/ /O/C]
613 Garratt Lane
London
SW18 4SU
Tel: 081 946 5962
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138 Shepherds Bush Road
London
W6 7PB
Tel: 071 371 3342
Fax: 071 603 4772
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Kite Corner

[S/W/R/ /M/O/C]
657 Watford Way
Mill Hill
London
NW7 3JR
Tel: 081 959 5278
Fax: 081 906 2599
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[S/ /R/F/ /O/C]
153 Stoke Newington Church St.
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N16 0UH

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Go Fly a Kite

[S/W/R/F/ /O/]
25 Greenwich Church Street
London
SE10 9BJ
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Middlesex
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Fax: 0953 883900
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Norwich
Norfolk

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Cross's Yard
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BT4 2AA
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1993 was a ripping good year for our ripstop sales. In fact I've now measured off so much material (approximately 40,000 mts by the end of the year) that I've developed tennis elbow. Things are likely to change in 1994, we are now retailing and wholesaling Carrington fabric throughout Europe and it is likely that a lot of fabric will go abroad this year leaving less available for sale in Britain. We expect to buy most if not all of Carringtons seconds in '94 and are committed to keeping prices as low as possible. However it seems likely that prices will rise over the coming months and our advice is to buy now while prices are still low.

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Premium quality seconds £2.50 mtr
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 1000ft x 2201b £18.99 1000ft x 5001b £22.99

30 mtr x 8 kg twisted line on card ... 35p ea
 1kg (approx 4100mts) 8kg line twisted £18.99
 1kg (approx 2700mts) 15kg line " £22.95

DYNEEMA

300 ft x 50 lb unsleeved £11.95
 300 ft x 80 lb " £12.95
 300 ft x 150 lb " £13.50
 300 ft x 200 lb " £17.25
 300 ft x 300 lb " £18.75
 300 ft x 500 lb " £32.00

150 ft x 50 lb sleeved £7.25
 150 ft x 80 lb " £8.25
 150 ft x 150 ft " £8.25
 150 ft x 200 lb " £11.50
 150 ft x 300 lb " £12.50
 150 ft x 500 lb " £19.50

SLEEVING small, medium, large 30p mtr
 SLEEVING KITS small, medium, large £4.00

SHANTI ZIP LINE 250 ft x 80 lb £10.99
 250 ft x 150 lb £13.99
 300 ft x 150 lb £16.49
 250 ft x 250 lb £23.99

Zip line is a hybrid slippery line with only about 6% stretch. It is a good beginners line that does not need to be sleeved.

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75 ft x 80 lb sleeved £5.99
 150 ft x 80 lb " £13.99
 150 ft x 150 lb " £13.99
 150 ft x 200 lb " £18.49
 150 ft x 275 lb " £23.99
 150 ft x 500 lb " £33.99

LINE EQUALIZER £5.99

INDIAN STYLE KITE SPOOL £1.60
 as above with 500 ft x 20 lb line £2.90
 as above with 300 ft x 40 lb line £2.90
 as above with 300 ft x 60 lb line £3.90

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 1/4" x 36" 40p 10ft spar complete £39.95

BEMAN SHAFT

5.5mm £2.29 5.9mm £2.52 6.35mm £2.75
 BEMAN NOCKS all sizes as above 60p ea

note A typical 8 ft delta stunt kite will use 8 Beman shafts and 3 ferrules TOTAL COST £20.72 OR 3 budget spars TOTAL COST £16.50 Taking into account the vastly improved performance of Beman spars AND the low cost of our Carrington ripstop it makes sense to make a quality kite using materials supplied by Cannock Kites. (prices based on 5.5mm)

BUDGET CARBON

Tube		Solid	
5.5mm x 2.5mtr	£5.50	1.5mm x 2.5mtr	£2.05
6.35mm x 2.5mtr	£7.96	2mm x 2.5mtr	£2.75
8mm x 2.5mtr	£9.50	3mm x 2.5mtr	£4.30
		4mm x 2.5mtr	£5.50
		8mm x 1mtr	£8.70

FIBREGLASS

Solid		Tube	
1.5mm x 2.5mtr	£0.85	6.35mm x 2.5mtr	£2.00
2mm x 2.5mtr	£0.85	8mm x 2.5mtr	£2.50
3mm x 2.5mtr	£1.30	9.5mm x 2.5mtr	£2.70
4mm x 2.5mtr	£1.50	12.5mm x 2.5mtr	£3.50
5mm x 2.5mtr	£1.80		
6.35mm x 2.5mtr	£2.50		

Note 1.5mm & 2mm can be coiled and posted in one piece. The maximum length for posting above this size is 1.5mtr. Please therefore supply cutting sizes 1.5mtr or shorter FIBREGLASS IS NORMALLY WHITE. HOWEVER WE STOCK 2 MM FIBREGLASS IN BLACK AT A COST OF £1.25 PER 2.5 MTR LENGTH. OTHER SIZES AVAILABLE IN BLACK TO ORDER

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[S/W/R/F/ /O/C]
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Grass Market
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Scotland
EH1 1JY
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A Little Story

Doing some research for my little book on the Cody kites in the second world war I was lucky enough to come across someone who had worked as a scientist at the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE) in the period 1939 to 1942 at University College, Exeter. He went from Oxford to the RAE, Research Division, a month or so after war broke out and, luckily for us, wrote up a diary or notebook each evening. At the time the RAE were experimenting with kites for the RAF Balloon Command to fly as part of the barrage protecting Scapa Flow and were also co-operating with the Admiralty in the design of kites for barrage use on ships. Consequently, in the space of a few weeks he met both Vivian Cody and Commander J S Dove, RN.

When S F Cody worked for the War Office in 1905 he was officially employed as Chief Kite Instructor at Aldershot. What is generally forgotten is that when he worked full time for the War Office, having closed down his kite factory at Alexandra Palace, in 1906, his two sons Leon and Vivian were offered jobs by the War Office and worked with him. Subsequently Vivian met and married, in 1913, Eva Copeland, who was employed by the War Office as a female kite worker. Vivian Cody was still working there whilst the Royal Engineer's factory, training school and research centre became the Royal Aircraft Factory in 1916 and then the RAE in 1918, to avoid confusion with the newly formed RAF.

So when the scientists started work on the experimental kite barrage in 1937/8 they got Vivian Cody to make them a small batch of Cody kites in two sizes ie about 10ft and about 16ft wing span. Vivian Cody made them, probably with some help of his wife, in silk (with cotton webbing) and cane or bamboo spars. Silk was, of course, expensive and, later on, difficult to get because of the war.

According to his diary for the time, the RAE Chemistry Dept was looking into the problems of using cheaper substitutes for the silk and, at the time of his visit V Cody was making a small batch of Cody kites for weathering tests in cotton and

linen. He recorded that Cody was against using these materials as they were heavy, about 4oz a square yard and shrank badly and unevenly. Cody said that a 2oz per square yard Indian silk (called "Tussell's" silk) was what they should use. (The kites made of silk weighed 12lb in the smaller version.) Subsequent weathering tests proved the long life and strength of the silk kites. For the record, they were flown at heights of up to 12,000 ft on 12 to 18 gauge piano wire from winches. As an aside the scientist added that the way to fly a Cody was to get it up to 5,000 ft, at least, and then leave it alone.

He met Commander Dove whilst the RAE were helping the Admiralty with tests on his kite. One afternoon, for example, he recorded that he and Commander Dove looked round the shops in Exeter to find silk which was sewn into a "Dove" kite at the RAE workshops that evening. As part of the tests they mounted a hand kite winch on the back of a lorry which drove to Burnham on Sea and the kite spent a lot of time, in the off shore breeze, being hauled up and down from about 5,000 ft whilst the lorry drove around the sand in wide slow circles imitating a destroyer taking evasive action with the kite barrage up. Commander Dove kept in touch with him after the RAE and Admiralty went their own ways and often wrote to tell him when the kite barrages downed enemy aircraft.

Dedicated Cody kite makers may be interested to learn that samples of the cotton webbing used in the Cody kites are preserved in the Public Record Office (PRO) in an old, preserved, Air Ministry file together with a letter to Vivian Cody asking for comments on the three samples of webbing. Finding things like this in the PRO files can make up for a lot of the frustration caused by the PRO system.

D R Hughes

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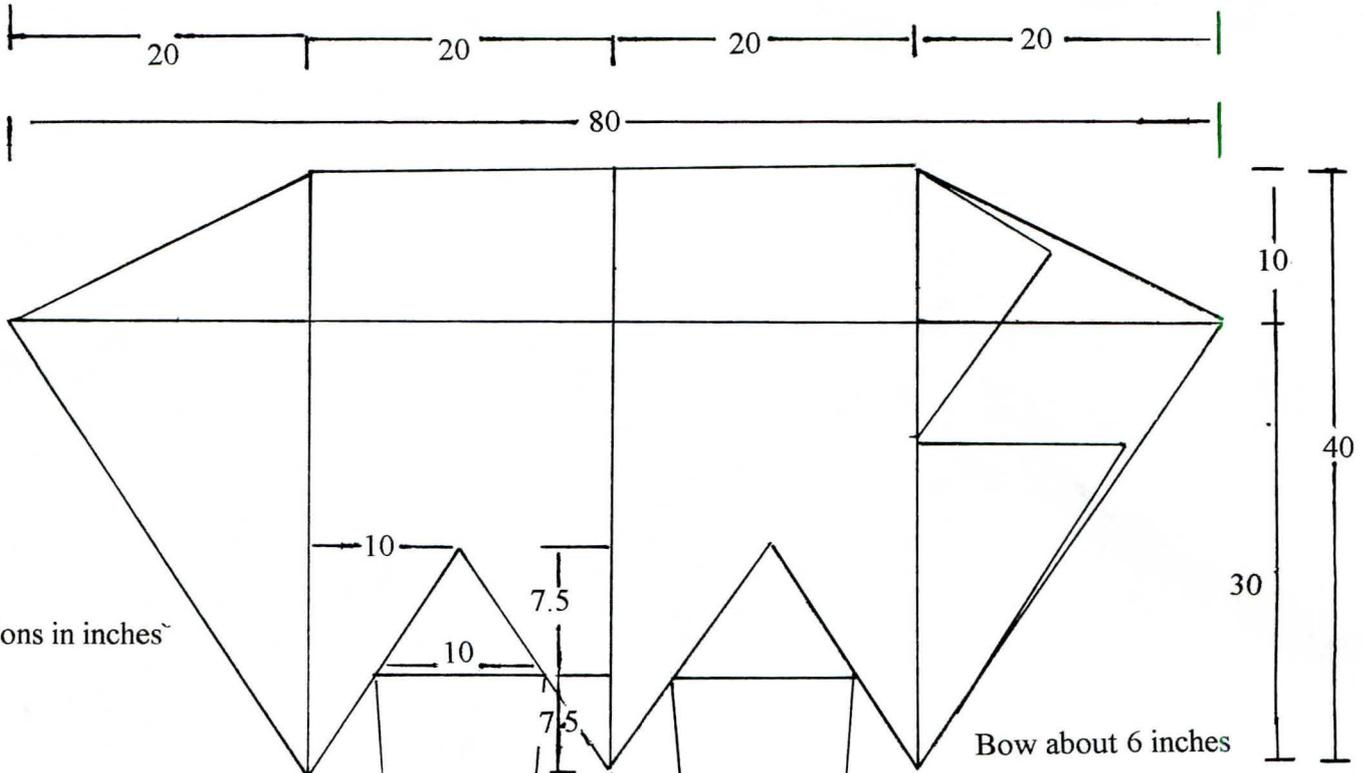
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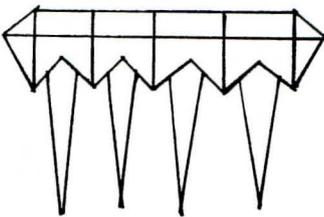
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Dimensions in inches

Bow about 6 inches

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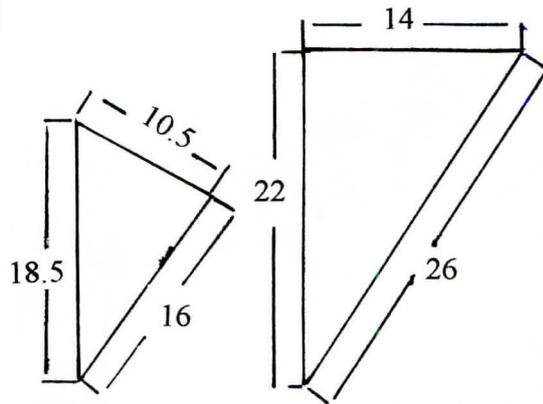


Tails could also be used like this on other kites

i.e. Sleds, Deltas, Hexagons etc.

I use two parts for the centre panels potential for interesting design here.

Tail length is arbitrary
I use about 20 - 25 feet



Left and Centre Flares Omitted

Alternative tail shapes.

This kite is the result of me varying the shape of the flare kite in W Schimmelpfennigs book while looking for a new shape with an interesting visual effect.

In flight the tails tend to twist in opposite directions. Light dowels or drinking straws taped across the tails should stop this but crinkling the tails vertically also seems to work, though it may look a bit messy.

Construction is as for the flare, with the spines pocketed, but the spar can be fixed to the spines by using ties. I use 6mm dowel or the spines and two 8mm dowels connected with brass tube for the spar.

Robin Foley

Bits and Pieces

KITED is the trading name of a new kite making business run by Eddie Stockings based in Waltham Abbey, Essex. Eddie makes a range of stunt kites from the traditional diamond stunter to a competition quality sport kite (see ad. in this issue). In addition to making kites, Kited also offers a limited range of kite making materials and accessories at very keen prices. A home based enterprise primarily offering a mail order service, but personal callers by prior appointment will always be made welcome.

Contact Eddie on 0992 718215 for further information.

Whatever happened to Jilly Pelham. After leaving The Kite and Balloon Co in London, in 1992, Jilly joined forces with Barry James of "LOOK" Kites in Sandgate, Kent. Unfortunately Barry became very ill and had to give up the kite business.

Subsequently Jilly is now continuing to manufacture Vertical Visuals kites completely on her own.

She is now based in the Cinque Port of Hythe on the Kent Coast, where she has her Studio/Workshop in a converted warehouse.

Her range of 22 different kites, 1 and 2 line in Ripstop nylon are still made to the highest standard. She also has a range of kites suitable for the promotional market which can be screen printed with company logo's, advertising material or slogans etc.

In addition to the flying kites she has full in-house design facilities and specialises in working with architects and designers on original concepts for displays for use in Leisure and Shopping Centres. In 1993 she filled Princes Mead Centre in Farnborough with large kites including two 12ft Cody War Kites.

She would be very pleased to see any kite people if they are passing her way. Just telephone first if possible. Vertical Visuals, 3 Bartholomew Street, Hythe, Kent CT21 5BS. Telephone 0303 266328.

Steve Gibson has written to say that he has opened a shop - called Way on High Kite Workshop it is loosely related to the Hay on Wye set up, though it is in name only. A full blown retailer with all the fun that entails.

Address:- 3 Capuchin Yard, Church Street, Hereford, HR1 2LR. Telephone 0432 264206 or 359999.

Mike Johnston has written to say that both the Welsh Sport Kite Centre in Swansea and the West Cornwall Sport Kites are both now closed. He and Mick Parsons have set up "Spider" with a view to producing their modular parafoil

"Modulus" and will launch a large range of simpler parafoils in the coming months. Address - Spider, Pembury Farmhouse, Pembury, Burry Port, Dyfed, SA16 0YT. Telephone 0554 834937.

The Leading Edge Kite Company has now opened their new retail store in the heart of the city of Leeds. Situated in the magnificent Corn Exchange building, it is easily accessible from nearby car parks, bus and railway stations. In addition to the wide selection of quality kites on display, a range of new, exclusive designs are now available, with further additions being made.

A complete selection of pre-packed kite building materials are on offer, along with a whole host of air toys including, boomerangs, flying discs, juggling paraphernalia and the amazing Whitewings series of paper aeroplane kits.

A prompt mailing service is available for orders placed by fax or telephone and most major credit cards are accepted. A new illustrated catalogue will be available in early 1994.

The store is open 7 days a week: Monday - Saturday 9:30 - 5:30. Sunday 10:00 - 5:00. Address: The Leading Edge Kite Company, The Corn Exchange, Call Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 7BR. Telephone/Fax: 0532 453223.

Stewart Reid has written about a new kite flying group that has started up in Gainsborough. The meet every 2nd Sunday of the month at Rose's Sports Ground, North Warren Road. There is a clubhouse for liquid refreshment. All welcome ring for details - 0427 838414.

Following the September '93 opening of "Cunning Stunts", a kite shop in Salisbury, together with the success of the inaugural Salisbury Kite Festival that same month, there is now sufficient interest in the city to form a kite club.

Andrew Holt has taken it upon himself to establish the Salisbury Kite Club and is supported by several other enthusiasts until such time as club officials are properly elected. Membership is available to all kite fliers, with particular emphasis on families, irrespective of age or experience.

A junior section is planned with training to encourage safety and competence. They also anticipate forming a competition section, hold regular demonstrations and workshops, organise trips to kite festivals and joint meetings with other groups.

If anyone is interested contact Andrew Hot, 18 Devonshire Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NW.

Camelot Kite Fliers has been formed by a group of

Bits and Pieces

Crewkerne kite enthusiasts with the several aims which spread the interest in kite flying and making. Matters currently being pursued include endeavours to obtain a satisfactory regular flying site, production of a regular news sheet, production of a club logo and badges etc etc. For further information contact Mrs R Teague (Sec), 37 Wynyards View, Crewkerne, Somerset enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

CORRECTIONS:

The Wadsworth Spinner design in the October magazine had a few mistakes which Nicolas (the correct spelling) has written to us about. On the drawing the 0.4 units dimension refers to the distance from the leading edge of the sail to the spreader fixings, not as shown, while the 0.48 units dimension is the distance between the two dotted lines shown drawn from the ends of the spar and determines the slope of the spars. In the text "enthrall boss" should of course read "central boss", and the two boxes should be joined by eight lines in a zig-zag from corner to corner (not six).

The address listed for the Golden Valley Kite Fliers was incorrect. It should have been Peter Whitaker, 19 Lila Way, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 6WH. Telephone 0452 728521.

"Gwithian" - Following the second Gwithian Sport Kite Classic, held in September, comes the video of the event. It shows the participants and the madness as the weather, up to its usual tricks keeps them all guessing. The main focus of the film is the buggying, the growth of interest and development of skills make a contrast to the antics recorded in the "Classic" 92 video. Both videos were made by the same team on broadcast quality equipment accompanied by specially composed music. As with the festival itself the proceeds will go to the Downs Syndrome Association. Total donated to date £2,500.

Pat & Ron Dell of Kiteability write as follows to their fans:- We will be going to New Zealand with the White Horse Flyers in the spring from the 12th March to the 3rd April = 3 weeks away.

Therefore, if anyone has a need for mail order materials for their spring making, can you please send your orders by the end of February at the latest, to enable us to attend to your requirements.

Although Danny will be at home, he won't be able to attend to your needs.

Cannock Kites are considering organising coach trips from the Midlands to several of the larger festivals this year. The most likely ones being Weymouth, Portsmouth and Washington at approximately £10.00 per head plus

accommodation charges if required and to Margam Park and Monmouth, both day trips. In addition there is also the possibility of organising a trip to the World Cup at Le Touquet in September leaving on the Friday evening and returning on the Sunday night. If anyone is interested would they please contact Richard on 0543 573177.

Frits Jansma writes as follows:

Herewith I would like you to know that from March 30th until April 2nd 1994 the International Kite Festival of Israel will be organised. This will be the second time. The first time only 5 international kitefliers were participating (Peter Lynn, Silvio Maccherozzi, Francesco Milione, Raoul Fosset and myself). This time 18 kitefliers will be formally invited, among them George Peters, Peter Lynn, Peter Rieleit, Rolf Sturm and Michel Gressier.

Coinciding with the period the festival is held there will be a tour organised for members of the international kite community around the country. This way it will be possible to fly kites on the biblical sites. Details and cost will be made known as soon as possible. Participants will be able to attend the festival as well.

This is a period of important peace talks between Israel and the Arab world, therefore the theme of the festival will be PEACE. I am acting as intermediary between the organisers and the kite community. If you want more details try and use the fax.

Address: Fritz Jansma, Koningsstraat 8, 1811 LV ALKMAAR, Holland. Telephone +33 71 152901. Fax +33-72 151885.

The following was published in "On the Move", the newsletter of the International Spinal Research Trust.

"Congratulations to the lucky winners of the 1993 Kitefly raffle and sponsorship draw. The first prize of a week's holiday in Malaysia, donated by Malaysian Airlines and the Malaysian tourist board, went to Robert Tostevin, who bought his ticket only 20 minutes before it was pulled out of the hat in Guernsey.

"The sponsorship draw, in which entrants received one ticket for every £5.00 raised was won by Alan Boughtwood of Dunmow, Essex, who raised £135 in sponsorship and will be enjoying a free hot-air balloon ride. The second prize went to Pearl Bunyon of Llanelli who raised £330, winning lunch for four at the top of the BT tower".

Edwardian Kite Reel

Whilst researching a subject alien to kites in an Edwardian publication I was surprised to find a few pages in one chapter devoted to kites and in particular to flying them.

C R Ellwood.

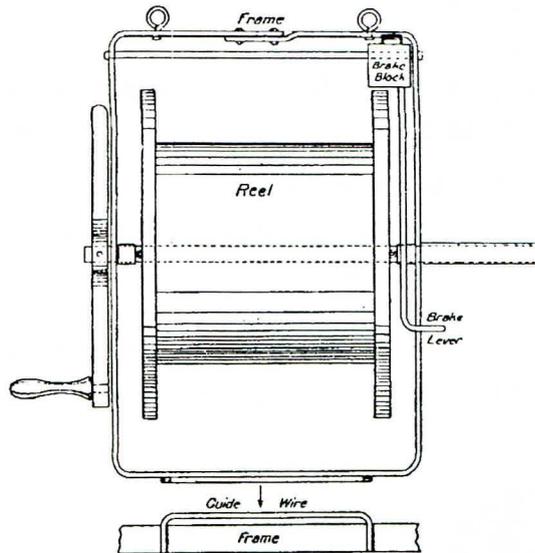


Fig. 123 - Plan of string winding drum, frame and brake.

Select a canister at least 6 inches in diameter, and not more than 6 inches long, with an overlapping lid. Get a turner to make for you a couple of wooden discs, $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick, and having a diameter 2" greater than that of the tin. Holes at least $\frac{3}{8}$ " across should be bored in the centre of each. Cut holes 1" across the centre of the lid concentrically to one disc, the canister itself to the other. Then push the lid on the tin and solder them together. This gives you a large reel. For the spindle you will require a piece of brass tubing or steel bar 1ft long and large enough to make a hard driving fit with the holes in the wood. Before driving it in, make a framework of $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip iron (Fig. 123), $\frac{8}{32}$ " or $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick, for the reel to turn in. The width of this framework is 1" greater than the length of the reel; its length is twice the diameter of the canister. Rivet or solder the ends together. Halfway along the sides bore holes to fit the spindle.

Make a mark 1" from one end of the spindle, a second $\frac{1}{8}$ " farther away from the first than the length of the reel. Drill $\frac{3}{16}$ " holes at the marks. Select two wire nails which fit the holes, and remove their heads. Next cut two $\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces off a tube which fits the spindle. The reel, spindle and framework are now assemble as follows: Push the end of the spindle which has a hole nearest to it through one of the framework holes, slip on one of the pieces of tubing, drive the spindle through the reel until half an inch projects; put on the second piece of tubing and continue driving the spindle till the hole bored in it shows. Then push the nails halfway through the holes in the spindle and fix them to the ends of the reel by small staples. A crank is made out of $\frac{1}{2}$ " wood (oak by preference) bored to fit the spindle, to which it must be pinned. A

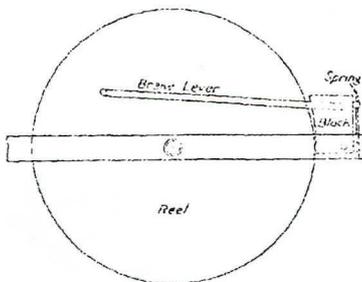
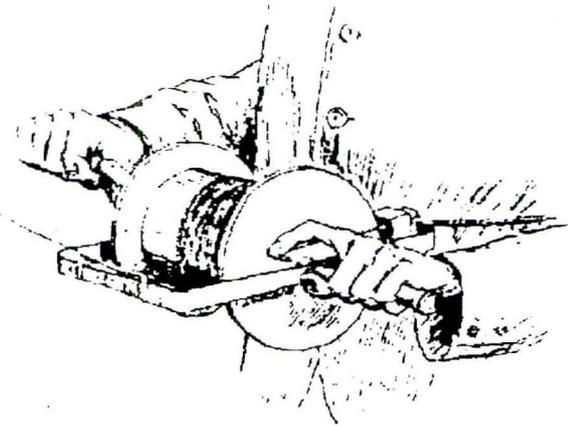


Fig. 124 - End view of string winder, showing brake and lever.

small wooden handle is attached at a suitable distance away. If there is any fear of the wood splitting near the spindle it should be bound with fine wire. An alternative method is to file the end of the spindle square and to solder to it a piece of iron strip in which a square hole has been made to fit the spindle. The crank should be as light as is consistent with sufficient strength, and be balanced so that there shall not be unpleasant vibration when the string runs out fast, and of course it must be attached very securely to the spindle.

Edwardian Kite Reel



What will be the front of the framework must be rounded off on the top edge, which has a wire guide running parallel to it (Fig. 123) to direct the string onto the reel; and into the back are riveted a couple of eyes, to which are attached the ends of a cord passing round the body, or some stationary object.

A pin should be provided to push into a hole at one end of the reel and lock the reel by striking the framework, and it will be found a great convenience to have a brake for controlling the reel when the kite

is rising. Such a brake is easily fitted to the side of the frame, to act on the left end of the reel when a lever is depressed by the fingers. There should be a spring to keep it off the reel when it is not required. The diagrams show where the brake and brake lever are situated.

Note - To obtain great elevations a fine wire (piano wire 1/32" in diameter) is generally used, but to protect the user against electric shocks the wire must be connected to an earthed terminal, on the principle of the lightning conductor.

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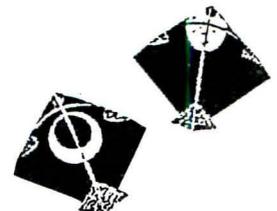
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The main vehicle of communication between members is the quarterly publication '**THE KITEFLIER**'. '**THE KITEFLIER**' is published in January, April, July and October of every year. '**THE KITEFLIER**' contains news of forthcoming kite festivals, kite retailer news, kite plans, kite group news and a comprehensive events list.

In addition the Kite Society organises an annual convention where guest speakers are invited to talk about their specialist area of kite making and flying. At the same time the Annual Dinner and Kite Auction is held giving members the opportunity to obtain rare and unusual kites.

Other benefits of membership include free, or reduced, entry into selected kite festivals in the U.K., special parking arrangements where possible, discount - from 5% to 15% - on all kite purchases from the majority of kite retailers in the U.K.

A membership 'year' runs for four issues of '**THE KITEFLIER**', plus other occasional mailings. Each member receives a membership card entitling them to free entry and discount.

If you wish to join The Kite Society please fill in the form below and send it, with your payment, to the address shown. All cheques, postal orders and money orders should be made payable to '**The Kite Society**' and, for overseas members, should be drawable in the U.K. and be in sterling.

Membership Type	Fee
Individual	£8.00
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O.A.P.	£6.00
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* This is a RENEWAL/NEW MEMBERSHIP. For renewals please give old membership number.

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Please send this form with payment to:

The Kite Society, P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY

Weymouth Kite Festival 1994

The Fourth Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival will this year be held on Sunday May 1st and Monday May 2nd.

Once again this event promises to be a good one with a number of overseas visitors, from both the U.S.A. and Europe.

The festival will run along the normal lines with displays and competitions including a round of the U.K. Rokkaku Challenge, an altitude sprint and a blind fold stunt competition. There will also be kite workshops on the beach.

The festival activities start on the Saturday evening when kitefliers have the use of The Ocean Room in the Weymouth Pavilion where there is a social evening proposed at which kitefliers can gather to chat and talk about kites. Hopefully there will also be slide shows and/or videos during the evening. Basket meals will be available from the bar which will remain open until 12.30am.

During the Sunday evening there will be an entertainment show in the Pavilion Theatre. The act will be the same as last year - Mr Hugh Lenon and his hypnotist show. This is being offered free of charge to interested kitefliers. After the show there will be a fireworks display and illuminated night kite flying.

Accommodation

This year accommodation in Weymouth will be available from the tourist information on 0305 785747. Reservations can be made on this number and includes all classes of accommodation, caravan, camping, hotels and B&B's etc.

Car Parking

Again there is a kitefliers car park but places are limited. So please book early. PLEASE ALSO NOTE - one car pass will cover both days of the kite Festival so please don't ask for two!

Entertainment

This year a voucher system will be used. You apply for a voucher from us and on the day (i.e. Sunday) you exchange these vouchers for the tickets. After 5.00 if the tickets have not been collected they will be sold to the public.

Traders

Kite traders will once again be welcome. The charge will be £85.00 for both days. If you wish to trade in the Pavilion during Saturday (whilst kite workshops are taking place) it will cost an additional £25.00. Please make cheques payable to The Kite Society.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE KITE SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 2274, GT. HORQUESLEY, COLCHESTER CO6 4AY BEFORE 15TH APRIL.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Car Passes Required _____ (One pass required per vehicle for the two days).

Theatre Ticket Vouchers Required _____

Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope for the return of the pass and/or theatre vouchers.

Event News

3rd - 4th April Blackheath Easter Event, Blackheath Common London. This event is on the Sunday and Monday of the Easter weekend. The first round of the Kite Society's U.K. Rokkaku Challenge (team and individual) will be held together with Teddy Bear drops, sweet drops, stunt and static displays. However in the tradition of Blackheath they will be running two new competitions.

SKY SOUNDS: The theme is to link kites with sounds. Ideas:- Kite with Whale design, walkman with speakers fitted to kite playing Whalesong; Storm clouds with rain sound track. You could also just have wind chimes, bells etc. attached to the kite or those Far Eastern Wind driven mechanical instrument drums, bells etc. Although there are no rules on what you do, it would be preferred that the sound is coming from the kite and/or the line. However if a good concept is presented which will require the use of the PA it might be considered.

MYSTERY MUSIC: Based on individual stunt ballet competition but flown to a cued tape of music drawn from a hat but submitted by another flier. Rules: Music minimum time 2 minutes, maximum 3.5 minutes. A flyer cannot fly to his/her music if drawn, it will have to be put back. Competition has a limit of ten fliers (first to contact Tony Cartwright at home or on the day). Entry FREE. For more information contact Tony at 78 Dongola Road, London, N17 6EE.

1st - 4th April Alcester Kite Fliers Fly-in, Worcester Countryside Centre. The

Alcester Kite Fliers are holding the above event at the centre, Spetchly Road, Worcester at Easter. Easy to get to - just off M5 junction 7, a good flying area, good camping, toilets, plenty of parking, hot & cold home made food. Those who wish to camp - camping is available from Thursday onwards. There is a car boot sale on Sunday Morning so there is no flying until 2pm that day. Contact Fred Taplin 0789 762350 or the Countryside Centre 0905 766492.

29th - 30th May 1994 Conquer The Wind. At the Banham Zoo Show Ground, Norfolk, Organised by Thorpe Kite Flyers of Norwich. Join Thorpe Kite Flyers at our third festival and be assured of a warm and friendly welcome at our new venue. Banham is situated close to the Norfolk/Suffolk border. The festival site is adjacent to Banham Zoo and very modern and highly recommended complex (separate fee payable for visitors to the zoo).

An extensive programme will be arranged throughout the weekend to include:- Team Flying, Flexifoil displays, altitude sprints, teddy bear/sweet drops, fighting kites, individual and team Rokkaku battles (including a round of the K.S.G.B. U.K. Championships), Limbo competition and much more. Separate defined areas will be provided to single and multi line flyers. Invited guest flyers will include Stafford Wallace, Jim Rowlands, Team Art in Air, The Sky Divers and Team Cascade.

Other on site attractions will include, a traders market, antique and craft stalls,

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childrens rides and attractions and a full range of food stalls.

In the adjacent complex are a range of attractions including Banham Cidery, Craft Barn, Restaurant, Banham Zoo and the largest bouncy castle in the U.K. East Anglias biggest weekend market adjoins the festival site.

An evening meal in a nearby hotel is being arranged at a cost of £12.75 per adult and £6.50 per child. Camping is available on the festival site at a charge of \$4.00 per night.

For further details and all enquiries please contact Kevin Appleton, Thorpe Kite Flyers, 37 Eastern Avenue, Thorpe-St-Andrew, Norwich NR7 0UQ. Telephone 0603 31964 (evenings/weekends). A large S.A.E. would be appreciated.

26th August - 28th August Kite Society of Great Britain Annual Convention and the Portsmouth International Kite Festival. The convention will be based at the Hospitality Inn, South Parade, Portsmouth PO4 0RN. Telephone 0705 731281 and ask for Lisa on reservations quoting the Portsmouth Kite Festival. A special rate has been negotiated for the hotel which is applicable from the Thursday night through to the Sunday night. At £25.00 per person per night (sharing) inclusive of full English Breakfast. A supplement of £10.00 per night is payable for single occupancy.

We have also organised a finger buffet for lunch on the convention day (26th) - this

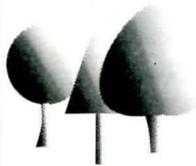
will cost £4.00 per person. For the evening we have a fork buffet organised for £7.00 per person. Bookings for these, together with the auction evening bookings will be taken from the April issue.

The Kite Society Auction will take place during the evening of 27th August (following the first day of the Portsmouth Kite Festival). Details for the venue, menu and cost have yet to be determined.

If you are a trader and wish to trade at either the convention itself or the Portsmouth festival the costs are £25.00 for the convention day and £85.00 for the two kite festival days.

25th September Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade. This is change of date from that previously published. The original date of 2nd October has been booked by the Shuttleworth Collection as a flying day (of the aircraft) and therefore the kite event cannot take place as intended. This new date replaces it.

9th October Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Kite Flying Spectacular. The second Kite Flying Spectacular will be held on Sunday 9th October at Parham Airfield, near Framlingham, Suffolk, between 10:00 and 4:00. In addition to the kite flying they hope to have various displays such as micro-lights, hang gliders and a hot air balloon. Anyone interested in trading or taking part should contact Liz Hammond, Shingle Bungalow, Benhall Low Street, Sweffling, Saxmundham, Suffolk.



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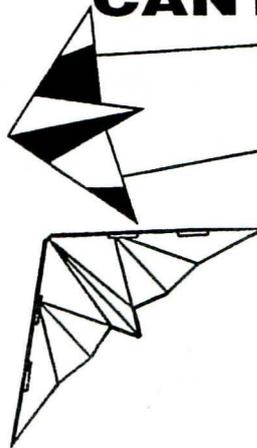
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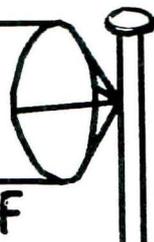
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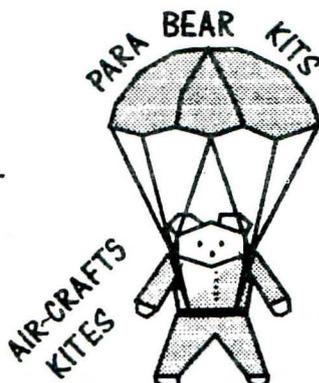
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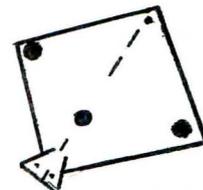
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U.K. KITE EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
April 3rd & 4th	Blackheath Easter Kite Festival, Blackheath, London.	Andy King
April 17th	Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.	Ron Moulton
May 1st & 2nd	Weymouth International Beach Kite Festival, Weymouth, Dorset.	The Kite Society
May 7th & 8th	Swindon Kite Festival, Lydiard Country Park, Swindon, Wiltshire.	David Robinson
May 21st & 22nd	Brighton Kite Festival, Shoreham Airport, West Sussex..	Ray Oakhill
May 21st & 22nd	Isle of Wight Kite Festival.	Andy King
May 22nd	Milton Keynes Kite Festival, Bedfordshire.	David Robinson
May 29th & 30th	Bath International Kite Festival, Lansdown Playing Fields, Bath. Including round 1 of the British National Sport Kite Championships - Team only.	Olly Cromwell
May 29th & 30th	Banham Kite Festival, Banham Zoo, Norfolk.	Kevin Appleton
June 4th & 5th	Basingstoke Kite Festival, Down Grange, Basingstoke. 1st round British Pairs.	Neil Robinson
June 11th & 12th	Margam Park Festival, Bridgend, South Wales.	Steve Gibson
June 11th & 12th	British National Sport Kite Championship, Round 2, Weston-Super-Mare. Teams and Pairs.	Avril Baker
June 18th & 19th	East London Kite Festival, Hackney Marshes, London. Including Round 3 of the National Sport Kite Championship. Team only.	Jeremy Boyce
July 2nd & 3rd	11th Shrewsbury Kite & Boomerang Festival, Sundorne Playing Fields, Shrewsbury.	Tony Slater
July 2nd & 3rd	Washington Festival of the Air, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, Tyne & Wear. (P)	Malcolm Goodman
July 9th & 10th	3rd Wales International Kite Festival, Monmouth.	Andy King
July 16th & 17th	British National Individual Championships, Stanmer Park, Lewes Road, Falmer, Brighton.	Estelle Barton
July 31st	Blackheath Summer Festival, Blackheath, London.	Andy King
August 6th & 7th	Museum of Army Flying Kite Festival, Middle Wallop, Andover, Hampshire.	Ron Moulton

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U.K. KITE EVENTS (Contd.)

August 26th	Kite Society of Great Britain Annual Convention, Portsmouth, Hampshire.	The Kite Society
August 27th & 28th	Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common, Portsmouth, Hampshire.	The Kite Society
September 3rd & 4th	Bristol International Kite Festival, Ashton Court, Bristol.	Avril Baker
September 25th	Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. (P)	Ron Moulton
October 9th	Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Parham Airfield, Framlingham, Suffolk.	Liz Hammond

OVERSEAS KITE EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
March 30th - April 2nd	International Kite Festival, Israel.	Frits Jansma
June 18th & 19th	Fano International Kitefliers Meeting, Denmark.	010 49 40 213848
June 25th & 26th	Scheveningen International Kite Festival, Holland	010 31 70 385 8586
September 9th, 10th & 11th	World Cup, Le Touquet, France.	010 33 21405040
September 10th - 18th	Dieppe International Kite Festival, France.	
September 24th & 25th	Berlin International Kite Festival, Germany.	010 49 30 788 1992/3

STACK EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
March 26th & 27th	Benelux Cup, First Leg. Team and Individual.	G Blitgen
April 23rd & 24th	Le Touquet Open, France. Team only.	J C Minot
April 30th & May 1st	Trasimeno Cup, Castiglione del Lago, Italy.	G Festuccia
May 14th & 15th	2nd Picardie Cup, Quend Plage, France.	J Wolfe-Patrick
June 25th & 26th	North Sea Cup, Scheveningen, Holland	NSC Organisation Committee
July 9th & 10th	Benelux Cup, Third Leg, Oostende, Belgium	J P Leclercq

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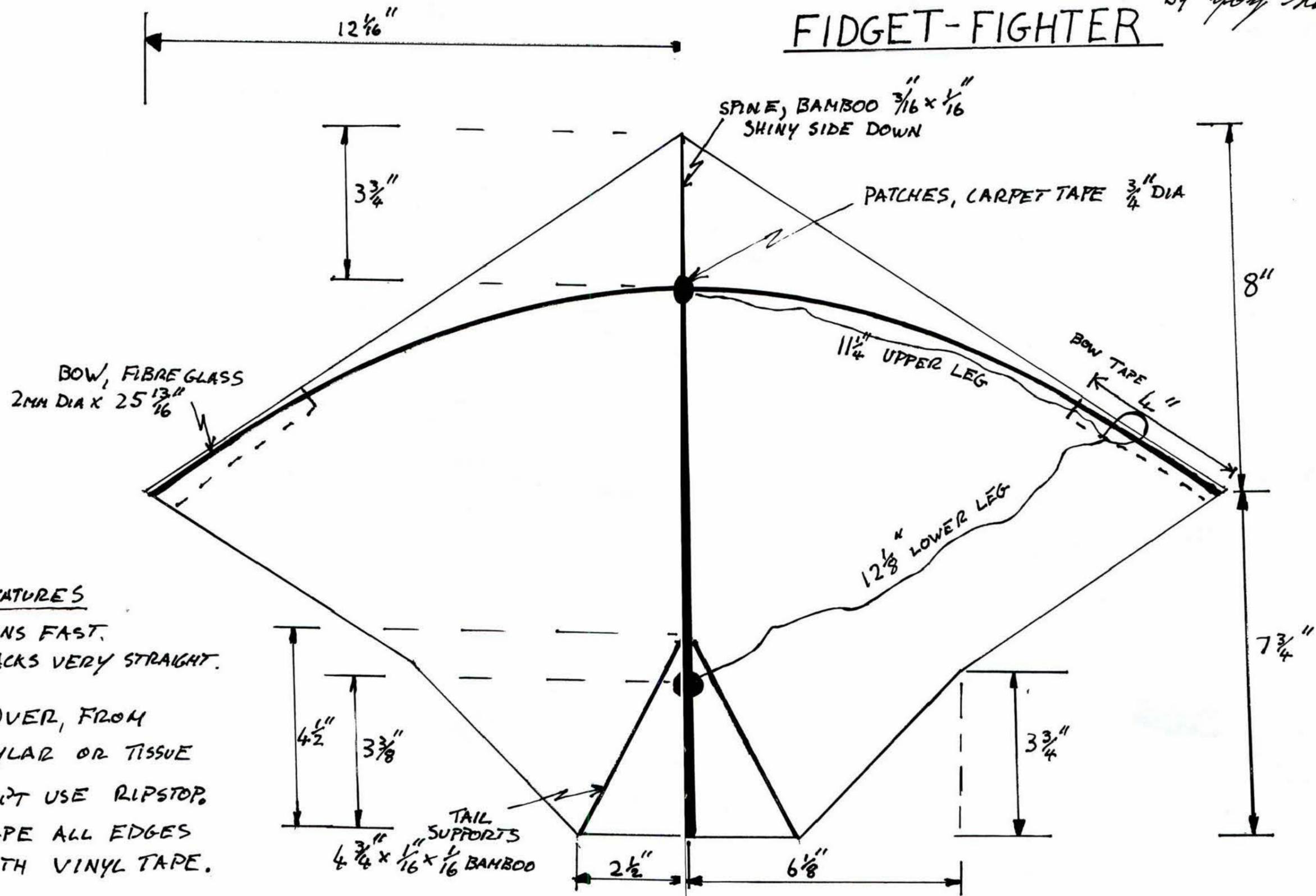
The Kite Society	P.O. Box 2274, Gt Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AY.
Andy King	The Kite Store, 48 Neal Street, London WC2H 9PA. 071 836 1666
Ron Moulton	2 Avenue Rise, Bushey, Watford, Herts WD2 3AS.
David Robinson	61 Bridge End Road, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon SN3 4PD.
Ray Oakhill	6 Hartfield Road, Saltdean, Sussex BN2 8RE. 0273 306842.
Olly Cromwell	74 Marshfield Way, Fairfield Park, Bath BA1 6HQ. 0225 313504.
Kevin Appleton	37 Eastern Avenue, Thorpe-St-Andrew, Norwich NR7 0UQ.
Neil Robinson	0256 51426.
Steve Gibson	91 Baysham Street, Hereford HA4 0EJ. 0432 359999
Jeremy Boyce	153 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 0UH. 071 275 8799.
Tony Slater	128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury SY1 4JY. 0743 235068.
Malcolm Goodman	134 Thames Road, Billingham, Cleveland TS22 5EX. 0642 550827.
Estelle Barton	Airborn Kites, 97 Trafalgar Stret, Brighton, Sussex BN1 4ER. 0273 676740.
Avril Baker	Saville Court, Saville Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4EJ. 0272 466852.
Liz Hammond	Shingle Bungalow, Benhall Low Street, Sweffling, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
Frits Jansma	Koningsstraat 8, 1811 LV ALKMAAR, Holland. +31 72 152901. Fax +31 72 151885
G Blitzen	17 Rue Dr. Fr. Baclesse, L-3215, Bettembourg, Luxemburg.
J C Minot	19 Rue de l'Herrengrie, 59700 Marcq en Barreuil, France.
J Wolfe Patrick	30 Rue des Castaings, 33470 Le Teich, France.
NSC Organisation Committee	Telephone 70 385 8586.

GROUP FLY-INS

Group	Flying Location	When	Contact
Aberdeen Kiteflyers	Bridge of Don, East of the Queens Links.	Second Sunday	Gary Clarke, 3 Eastside Avenue, Westhill, Aberdeen, AB32 6QQ.
Alcester Kite Fliers	Alcester Rugby Ground.	Third Sunday	Fred Taplin, 20 Henley Street, Alcester, Warwickshire.
Avon Kite Flyers	Ashton Court, Bristol.	First Sunday	Martin Baker, The Bristol Kitestore, 1b Pitville Place, Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6JY. 0272 745010.
Blackheath Kite Association	Blackheath, London.	Second Sunday	Len Patten, 303 Lincoln Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 1SY. 081 804 2089.
Brighton Kite Fliers.	Hollingbury Telscombe Tye	First Sunday Third Sunday	Ray Oakhill, Spindrif, 6 Hartfield Road, Saltdean, Sussex BN2 8RE. 0273 306842.
Chiltern Kite Group.	Various	Various	Roger Lawton, Karensa, 3 The Dell, Stockenchurch, Buks HP14 3SD. 0494 482743.
Devon Kite Friends	Pork Hill April to September	Second Sunday Fourth Sunday	John Skinner, 12 Oak Road, Bishopsmead, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9EZ. 0822 616196.
Eastbourne Kite Solety	Various	Second Sunday	Tom Gunter, 40 Peppercombe Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 8JN. 0323 725064.
Essex Kite Group	Various	Various	Kathleen Pike, 34 Mortimer Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9NX. 0268 780516.
Gainsborough Kite Group	Rose's Sports Ground, North Warren Road.	Second Sunday	Stewart Reid 0427 838414
Golden Valley Kite Fliers	Beufort Sports Centre, Tuffley, Gloucester.	Fourth Sunday	Peter Whitaker, 19 Lilac Drive, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 6WH. 0452 728521.
Great Ouse Kite Flyers	Various	Various	Diane Butler, 511 Fulbridge Road, Warrington, Peterborough, Cambs PE4 6SB. 0733 571958.
Guernsey Kitefliers	L'Anresse Common.	Most Sundays	Eric Ferbrache, Greensleeves, Ruelle des Cherfs, Castel, Guernsey.
Hereford Kite Group	Hereord Leisure Centre.	Second Sunday	Steve Gibson, 91 Baysham Street, Hereord HR4 0ET. 0432 359999.
Kent Kite Klub	Various	Third Sunday	Fiona Elsworth, 95 Seagull Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 2QJ. 0634 727238.
Kite Club of Scotland	Strathclyde Park, St. Andrews, Irvine	Alternate every fortnight.	Windthings, 3&5 Gibson Street, Glasgow G12 8NU. 041 334 3336.
Kites North	Various	First Sunday	Adam Sutherland, 20 Durham Place, Barley Mow, Chester-le-street, Co Durham DH3 2AY. 091 410 4723.
Loddon Valley Kite Fliers	White Hill (Watership Down), Kingsclere.	Second Sunday Last Sunday	Peter Hillman, 119 Porter Road, Brighton Hill, Basingstoke, Hants RG22 4JT. 0256 51836.
Midland Kite Fliers	Various Sites around the Midlands	First Sunday	Julie White, 4 Hermitage Court, Oakwood, Derby DE21 2LG. 0332 669203
Nomansland Kite Fliers	Nomansland Common, Wheathampstead.	Fourth Sunday	Geoff Adams, 6 Pembridge Close, Bovington, Herts HP3 0QH. 0442 833736.
Northampton Kite Fliers	The Race Course, St Georges Avenue.	First Sunday	Ian Brett, 12 Willow Close, Spratton, Northampton NN6 8JH. 0604 843374.
Northern Kite Group	VARious	Third Sunday	Ron Ogden, 41 Ashfield Drive, Clayton Bridge, Manchester M10 6WJ. 061 682 9308.
North East Kite Fliers	Various	Second Sunday	Harry Peart, 92 Beaconsfield Street, Darlington, Co Durham DL3 6ER. 0325 284077.
Portsmouth Power Flyers	Port Solent Marina	First Sunday	Chris Brown, 8 Macauley Avenuw, Porstmouth, Hants PO6 4NZ. 0705 642891
Red Dragon Flyers	Cowbridge Common	Various	Greg Eynon, Cardiff Kitestore, 15 High Street Arcade, Cardiff CF1 2BB. 0222 666485.
South Hams Kite Club	Blackdown Goat Farm, Rings Lane, Loddiswell, Kingsbridge.	First Sunday Third Sunday	N E Parker, 43 Coombe MEadows, Chillington, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 2JL.
Suffok Kite Flyers	The Grove, Felixstowe, Suffolk.	Second Sunday Fourth Sunday	Ken Higgs, 24 Melford Way, Felixstowe IP11 8UF. 0394 272394.
Thorpe Kite Flyers	Thorpe Recreation Ground, Laundry Lane, Thorpe	Every Sunday	Nigel Goodswen, 68 Lark Rise, Mulbarton, Norfolk NR14 8EG.
Vectis Flyers	Yaverland, Sandown, Isle of Wight	Most Sundays	Vivien Ellis, Charisma, 14 Sandown Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9JP. 0983 402871.
Wessex Kite Group	Various	Various	David Webster, 16 Brackley Way, Hammonds Green, Totton, Southampton SO4 3HN. 0703 860255.
White Horse Kite Fliers	Barbury Castle Country PArk, Wroughton.	Second Sunday	David Robinson, 61 Bridge End Road, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, Wilts SN3 4PD. 0793 824208.
York Kite Flyers	York Racecourse (Knavesmire)	First Sunday	

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Certainly the kites look impressive. The new mouldings exhibit the same innovative

design skills shown by the 'Stronghold' kite handle, also from Air~Crafts. The fittings stand out as functional, high quality components which look good. Lots of design effort has gone into them with plenty of attention to detail.

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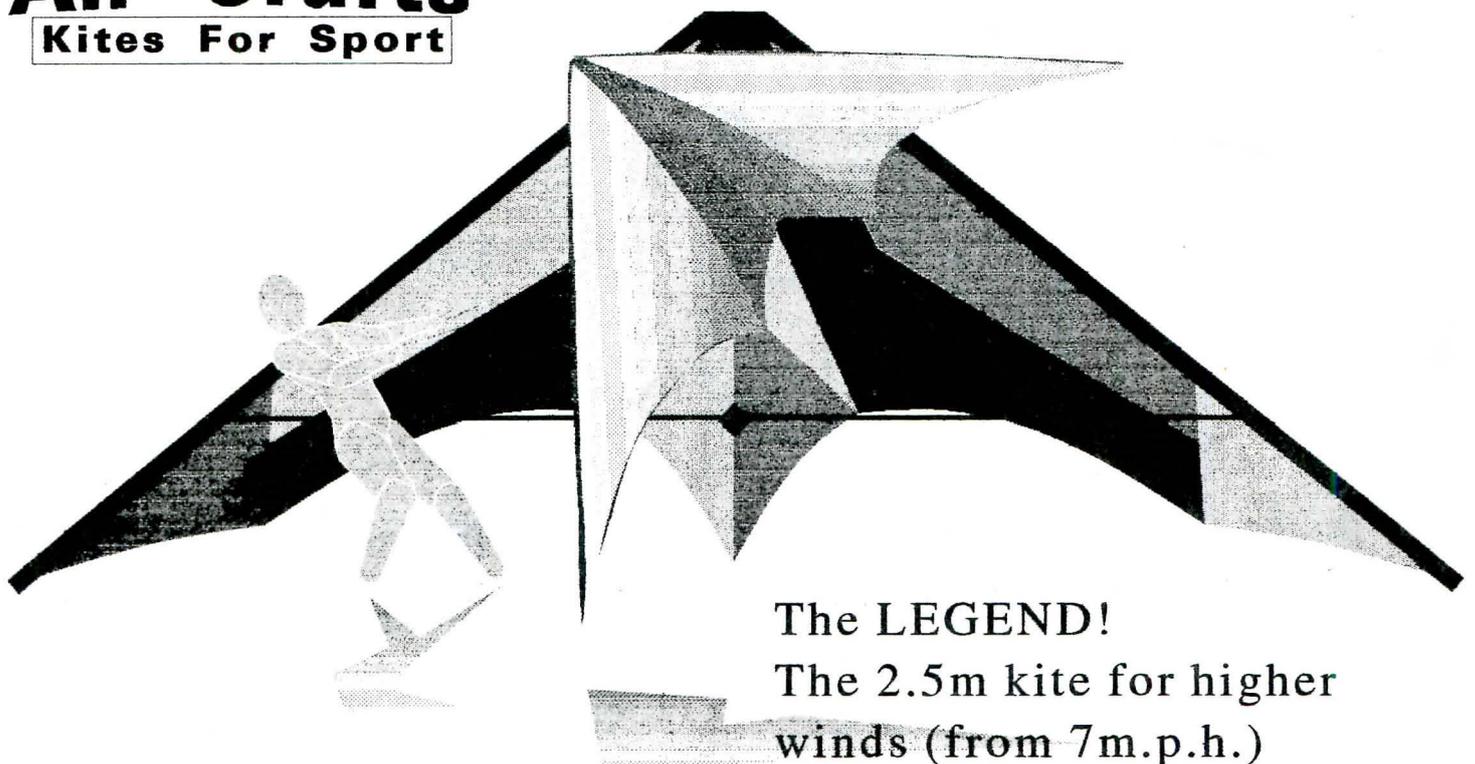
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The Pin Pratt

1993 has been a good year for pin collectors with most of the larger kite groups (and some of the smaller ones) producing pins. So what's new since October?

The Midland Kite Fliers pin has finally arrived. I do not have details of the number produced or the price but contact Julie White, 4 Hermitage Court, Oakwood, Derby DE21 2LG.

Avon Kite Fliers have their pin. Colin Barefoot writes - Those who are familiar with the A.K.F. sweatshirts and T-shirts will recognise it as the lozenge shaped logo displayed on these. It has a black background, with green, yellow and red kite symbols and the letters AKF in gold. It measures 32mm x 9mm and there are 200 in total. Pins are available @ £4.00 from Colin Barefoot, 41 Balmoral Way, Worle, Western-Super-Mare, Avon BS22 ODA. Please enclose a suitable stamped and addressed envelope. Otherwise they are obtainable from Tony Baker who will be trading at most festivals.

The Great Ouse Kite Fliers will be producing new colours of their pin. There will be 150 with a blue background and 100 limited edition with a black background. These will not be ready until February - cost for the Blue £2.50 members £3.00 non members Black £3.00 members £3.50 non members available from Colin Jackson tel 0480 212435.

Viv Walters of the Kite Store produced a World Cup Judges pin for the 1993 World Cup in America. He still has some left and they are available from the Kite Store, London for £4.00. (As an aside this is a lot cheaper than Gomberg is selling them!). There was also a different colour produced of this pin but only 10-12 of these were produced.

The Northern Kite Group are producing a metal badge for club members only, so I guess you would have to join the N.K.G. for this one.

The Shropshire Kite Group also have a new pin. A

rather nice box kite on a blue background. There were only 100 of these produced and they cost £3.00. Available from Tony Slater, 128 Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 4JY. Cheques made payable to Tony Slater. Tony also mentioned the company that produced his badge were very good. The company is The Great British Badge Company, 37 Kepwick, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, MK8 0HE. Tel 0908 260858 and ask for Ian Mander.

The Guernsey Kitefliers now have a pin available in gold (limited edition of 50) at £4.40 or silver at £3.90. The design is a multicolored kite on a green emblem of Guernsey with a blue surround of the sea. Orders should be sent to Alan Best, Les Mauxmarquis, St Andrew Guernsey.

News from Champion Pinhead Manfred Kluge:-

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However the largest competition of the year was in Lunen, Germany where there were over 10,000 pins displayed by 26 contestants. Christian Trepper-Schultheis was the big winner with 1,102 pins. Based on these results there are now 6 verified collections of over 1000 pieces in the world - so pin pratters start collecting like mad! As a final note the Cloisonne God (David Gomberg) will be in attendance at all three big Pin Competitions, K.S.G.B., A.K.A. and Lunen in 1994.

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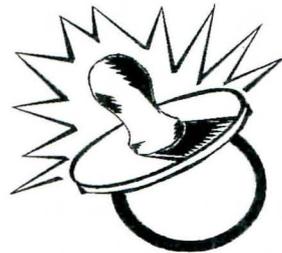
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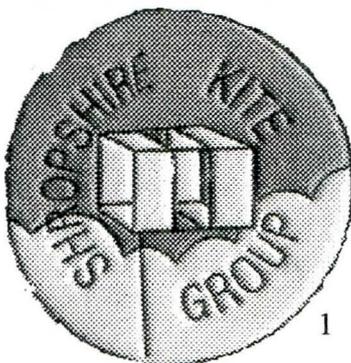
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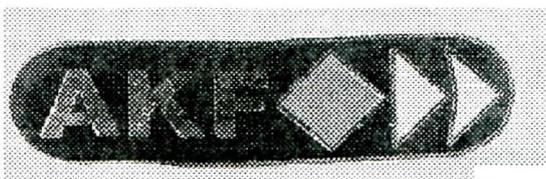
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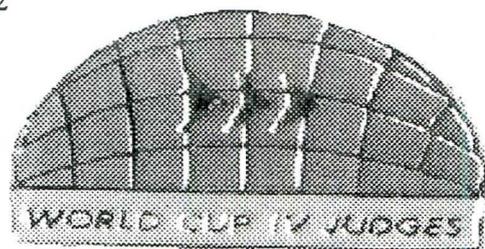


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1. Shropshire Kite Group Pin.
2. Midland Kite Fliers Pin.
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4. World Cup IV Judges Pin



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Be A Safer Buggier

Bugging is now into its third year on this side of the water. 1993 saw the proliferation of buggies throughout the UK and has become so popular that clones are popping up from all around the world. To a lot of people a buggy is an exhilarating extension to their kite flying hobby but to others a menace. In certain cases an unskilled buggier can cause problems for other kiteflyers and indeed other people who happen to be in the near vicinity (sounds just like when Stunt kiting started to gain popularity). But DANGEROUS?

Like ALL aspects of kiting there are inherent problems if the buggier takes a blinkered view to what is going on around them and for bugging to continue to be accepted as a different way of using kites then people must have the confidence in the buggiers and not see them as a disaster waiting to happen.

During 1993, Mad John and I attempted to demonstrate bugging at every available festival and to illustrate the FUN and safety of such a sport. Some festival sites catered for the buggier by providing an arena on a time share basis with stunt fliers and also allowing slotted times in the main arena for public demonstrations. Others gave main arena time to demonstrations whilst the odd one or two scratched their heads and pointed to a bit of field that buggiers could use.

Hopefully in 1994, we shall see more bugging throughout the year and festivals using the publicity that bugging attracts to their advantage. However, I have already heard of one festival that has a complete ban on any buggys although I am not sure why!

It is up to buggiers themselves to (dare I say it) POLICE themselves and prevent any incidents before they arise. Below I have outlined some areas where this can be looked at in the hope that people will see that buggiers are not the reckless idiots that some people assume us to be.

A Simple Guide To Safer Bugging At Festivals

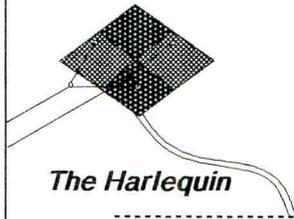
1. Never buggy in an area where members of the public have unrestricted access.
2. Check with the festival organisers before you buggy as they may have an area available for bugging .
3. When giving an arena display NEVER buggy within 20 ft of the public unless the wind is blowing away from them.
4. Use soft kites where possible.
In certain instances a kite may have to be released and will inevitably fall into the public area at some point. A soft kite in these circumstances will be virtually harmless.
5. Where possible use Safety handles.
A loose kite drifting along may be OK on its own, but if the handle or strap that follows the kite gets caught or trapped the kite may power up and cause further problems. Using the above system, the line is unattached from the handle and this sort of incident is virtually prevented.
6. Festivals are not a place to LEARN how to buggy.
7. Make sure that you are fully competent before you buggy in an arena.
Beaches and fields are excellent places and do not cause too much concern, but a 300ft arena is a different ball game. Before you attempt to do any of this make sure that you can: Buggy in all directions independent of wind direction. Buggy backwards under full control. Be able to buggy on two wheels. Be able to stop in a short distance from high speed.
9. ALWAYS wear a crash helmet when bugging at a festival.
No crash helmet should mean NO bugging!
10. NEVER EVER cross through arena tapes.
Arenas are marked out so that people know the limits from where they can safely watch. Do not break through these as it can be dangerous and stupid.
11. If event organiser do not want any bugging to take place ACCEPT it. It is their event not yours!

Hopefully these simple guidelines will help towards buggiers and other kitfliers participating in a safer environment. It is up to you!

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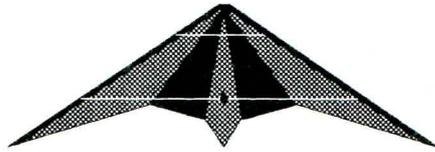
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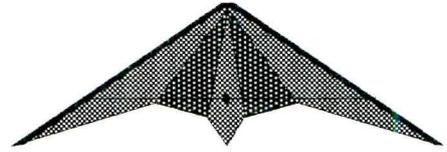
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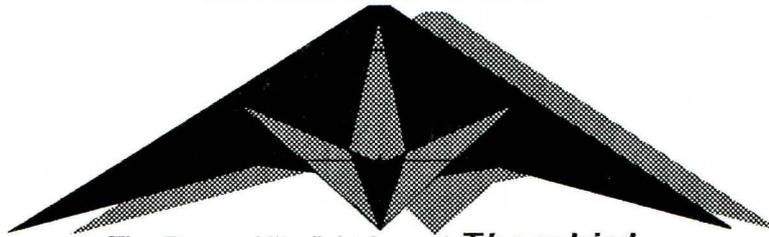
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Wind and Wheels

Over the last few years kite buggying has move on rapidly in terms of development and popularity. It is an exciting and viable new sport. The '94 season will see more and more flyers "crossing over" and becoming mobile. As with all new sports new problems will grow with it. This winter has seen several accidents and bans. Without a coherent direction the sport can easily flounder. Kite buggying has an identity crisis which must be resolved quickly before the doors lose.

As an ex-windsurfer I crossed over to kite flying, upon discovering kite buggying I crossed back! For me there has been no question as to where the sport will go and grow. For some time now I have been negotiating and co-operating with the Speedsailing Association (windsurfers on wheels) and the Landyacht Federation with exciting results.

These guys have been established for years and control the best sites in the U.K. and Europe. They have invited us to their events to demonstrate our sport and we have been well received. Their attitude is:- Anything on wheels which is wind powered is a Landyacht and are willing to accept us within their organisations (with certain reservations).

Insurance For the past year I have searched for suitable insurance for buggies with no (affordable) over available. In fact probably all the kite events last year had no cover for buggies!! This is a worry and could mark the end of any buggy events at kite festivals in the future. If there is anyone out there who has secured any suitable policies covering buggies please get in touch. Gwithian was covered by the Landyacht Federation as an event held by the Perrenporth Landyacht Club Gwithian being a designated site. Gwithian is also a designated speedsailing site and as affiliated members we could have gained insurance that way (the games people play). As members of the Landyacht Federation our insurance covers us to buggy on all its sites in the U.K. and Europe and extensions can also be obtained for special events on recognised sites. Basically we have in one stroke gained access to all the best venues as long as we play by their rules. To cut a long story short here is a list of the state of play at the moment.

- 1 Speedsailors are to be class 7 landyachts.
- 2 Buggies to be class 8.
- 3 It is proposed that speedsailors, landyachts and buggies form one organisation called Wind and

Wheels with the magazine Landsailor to be the central publication.

- 4 Kite powered buggies to be renamed parakarts to avoid misinterpretation and more importantly insurance complications.
- 5 The establishment of basic codes of practice for parakarting.
- 6 The establishment of a written and practical test to gain pilots licences accepted worldwide (essential for insurance).
- 7 The training of individual club instructors for the purpose of assessing parakarters for pilots licences.
- 8 The establishment of an open U.K. national parakarting championship in '94. (This is well on its way - anyone interested in competing please get in touch).
- 9 The establishment of a British parakarting association to co-ordinate and develop our sport.
- 10 To use the combined strength of the three sports to make an attractive package for future sponsorship.

As you can see a lot has been happening on the sidelines, there has also been communication with the European Landyacht Federation and their feelings are in parallel with ours, unfortunately they have proposed parakarting as class 7! They will be introducing pilots licences in two years time and are suggesting that we do the same. Also they will require all pilots to have numbers on their kites! The British federation has suggested the same.

Safety I have been concerned of late by the use of captive harnesses. This is potentially disastrous and will be banned at all U.K., European and U.S.A. Buggy events. Windsurfing harnesses are acceptable as long as they allow easy release, also quick release handles are acceptable. On personal note if I see any more promotional photos of buggy riders without helmets and protective clothing I will scream. Come on guys grow up.

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Buggy Rules - A contribution

This is, in writing the thoughts I have expressed on the subject to various people and groups around the World during the last 3 years reflecting the experience we have had in New Zealand since 1990 in organising buggy competitions (maybe up to 500 races by now) and is partly a response to the recently circulated "Rules for Buggy Racing" from "The Kiteflier", page 28 October 1993.

Firstly it is absolutely true that we must get an internationally recognised rule framework organise. Secondly, we must have a positive approach to the various problems we are encountering in rule creation as ultimately we must find some rules that work.

I believe that every attempt to set up "right of way" and set rules for buggying have as their prime objective the creation of a level playing field on which competitors compete with relative safety and can be assessed on the basis of their skill and strategy. The "lottery" of a winner selected by the mainly blind luck of being the only competitor to avoid all entanglements and crashes is not a satisfactory state of affairs but is so often the way buggy races are decided.

Most proposed buggy racing rules have been derived from yachting rules in some way and herein lies their problem. With buggies there is the added dimension of line and kite to consider. While the buggy and pilot may be on a particular tack, their kite and line are often on the opposite tack. It is actually more logical to determine right of way by the heading of the kite rather than of the buggy as the kite/line system is far more likely to be involved in a collision than the buggy is.

Unfortunately I can't see how we can set rules on the basis of kite direction because kites can change direction so quickly, can even "windmill" - who could afterwards judge which kite has the right of way in any typical "incident". Ultimately though, we won't be able to get consistent, worthwhile rules until we do find a way to take into account what the kite line is doing as well as buggy direction.

The Golden Rules are a laudable effort but from our experience are mainly unworkable in practise. Going through them in order with our comments:

1 The starboard rule - always pass to the right (opposing buggies).

This is fundamentally unworkable because it can so easily be used to disadvantage an opponent - when we used this rule 2 or so years ago we found that keen competitors were very soon using this to intimidate the approaching buggy onto a very unhelpful "line". At this point we tried to introduce a "judge" whose job it was to decide whether the advantaged buggy had done it on purpose and so be subject to a penalty. This is a real an of worms because for example, competitors then contrive the appearance of having been "disadvantaged" as a means of getting their opponent disqualified.

2 Upwind buggies must keep clear when overtaking.

Can, therefore, the downwind buggy "luff up" forcing the overtaking buggy into a collision earning their disqualification? As soon as any rule makes one party to a potential incident responsible for keeping clear hen the pre-defined "innocent" buggy is encouraged to "firm up" the incident with a minor apparently unintentional collision to "protest" their rival out.

3 Always look before you gybe.

This gets heartfelt endorsement from Phillip McConnachie and I remembering a spectacular and violent downwind "coming together" we had during the 193 NI vs SI New Zealand Champs. It was a total surprise to both of us and allowed Ian Meredith to burgle through for a (well deserved) win. However, this "rule" would be better placed in a list of similar suggestions intended as an introductory guide for the uninitiated and as a reminder to us forgetful oldies.

Buggy Rules - A Contribution

4 **When passing or crossing the upwind kite must be lowered.**

We guess the intended purpose of this is to prevent the kite from being flown high upwind so as to purposefully hinder the more down wind kite. Presumably then if there is a kite collision the more upwind kite will have the onus of proving that they did not hinder. We think of the common situation of intersecting buggies each beating hard into the wind each with their kites almost wing tip dragging. Until the buggies meet it is often quite impossible to predict which will be to windward, buggy courses being as they are, far from extrapolating straight lines. In this circumstance the downwind kite must lift to allow the upwind kite under, the reverse of rule 4.

We suggest from much experience that this type of crossing incident doesn't need regulating to stop "team racing" because crossing buggies generally accommodate each other in this situation anyway, otherwise they both lose! When the more upwind buggy holds or brings their kite up to purposefully hinder we deal with it by tacking away or try to bluff through i.e. we allow this, as what is sauce or the goose etc.

Using your lines as a "fence" to manipulate other buggies or avoiding buggies trying to catch you out this way is in many circumstances very much an enjoyable part of the wider strategy of buggy racing. Maybe you think that it shouldn't be allowed though and we would have agreed with you a year or two ago except that we have been quite unable to make a rule for intersections that is enforceable and that cannot be used by clever sneaky competitors to cause exactly the opposite result to that intended. Having raced under the resulting anarchy for a year or more now we're getting to like it!

5 **Buggies "on the run" have right of way over reaching buggies.**

Perhaps with the additional clause that "run" and "reach" apply to the appropriate leg of the course

and not the instantaneous situation this rule could work provided we can create some enforceable prohibition on "hunting". We have seen running buggies even laps behind hunt down and foul out their reaching or upwind opponents on the theory that if you're going to lose anyway then even the odds of a 50/50 collision with whoever's ahead can improve your chances. Having a rule automatically giving the running buggy right of way is an invitation to endless often disguised skulduggery.

6 **Never underfly the lines of an opposing buggy.**

We don't really understand what this means, isn't this covered in 4 and couldn't it equally be said "Never overfly the lines of an opposing buggy"? Presumably the intent of this is to avoid line wraps when buggies cross. Couldn't we say "Buggies should always avoid line wraps" but then we don't have to say that as in multi buggy competition neither buggy gets an advantage from a wrap anyway, in fact both get a big disadvantage relative to everyone else.

7 **"Air at the mark" etc**

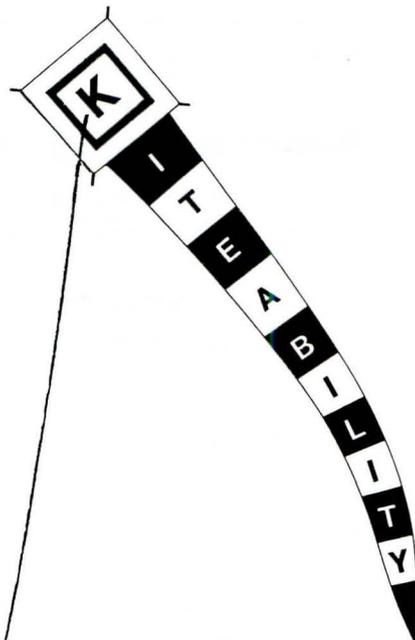
There are so many reasons why requiring the first buggy to turn their kite under when in close formation at a mark is impracticable. One is that especially in light winds with big kites (a fair proportion of all racing we do) there is often not nearly enough sky to turn under without hitting the ground. Requiring such a rule would just be mandating a kite crash for the leading buggy at each close gybe. In a stronger wind situation it can be sudden (more than) doubling of kite pull makes it "hit the fence" time. However requiring this manoeuvre rather than leaving the kite control and its consequences to buggy's individual judgement would be an interesting test of testicularity!

8 **Never touch a mark.**

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"Never move the mark by contact" - penalty equals replacing it then rounding correctly.

9 Never relaunch a kite in such a way as to cause obstruction to other buggiers.

Yes but also remember that not relaunching can sometimes also be an obstruction and that buggiers should also not obstruct others attempting to relaunch - with their buggies, lines or kites.

10 "Avoid contact with other buggiers and kites at all times".

Obviously! - why would anyone ever want to have kite, line or buggy contact. This "rule" could also go into the general admonitions as for 3.

Maybe you think I am being picky, negative and legalistic but rules such as have been proposed will be exploited in the ways I have suggested and no doubt in many ways we haven't thought of. At the beginning of a new sport, such as now, we have the chance to either get it right or foul things up with unworkable detail for years.

So what rules should we use? Our proposal is that ideally rules should be:

- a. Simple
- b. Enforceable
- c. Unable to be used manipulatively
- d. Only about things that need to be regulated - many things don't require specific rules - e.g. why say "avoid kite/line entanglement" it's like saying [as far as buggy racing is concerned] remember to continue breathing!

A further principle we think should be adopted is:

That we are a spectator sport, implying that our rules should promote visually exciting events with the first to finish equalling the winner - no after the race protest hearings and any handicapping being done at starting times.

Specifically

- 1 For multi buggy races we propose to outlaw obstruction as a general thing except for deliberate blatant obstruction, and base our judgement of what is deliberate obstruction on whether the alleged obstructor could reasonably have had some other credible reason for doing whatever it was anyway - e.g. had no choice, was just incompetent, tacked expecting a wind shift etc.
- 2 That we appoint a race judge before each meeting whose judgement is agreed to be impartial and nonpartisan and that the judge be given the power to black flag competitors out for blatant obstruction, unsafe behaviour, "hunting", incompetence to the point where it is generally preventing the fair conduct of the race and team racing - any more offenses?
- * Team racing, which has already reared its unacceptable head, is where a generally less able buggier fouls out another competitor (and usually himself) in order to advantage some associated competitor.
- 3 That for multi buggy events, starts should be so that each buggy has at least 15m clear laterally to each adjacent buggy and that the first leg should be from a line set at the most upwind part of the course directly to the most downwind mark without requirement to round other marks on the way. We have found that this effectively spreads the field by the first mark which is, from very long experience where most entanglements occur.

Starting on the reach has the disadvantage of always having some advantaged /disadvantaged starting position - downwind starts don't have this problem to anything like the same extent.

Buggy Rules

- 4 That, unless the site is very large, seeding classes or preliminary heats should be used to help reduce fields to less than 10 buggies per race.
- 5 That where races are relatively short, say less than 30 minutes, competitors shall drop their worst score when points are totalled. Say for a 5 race program count the best 4 for each competitor. This helps reduce the effect of occasional bad luck on eventual outcomes.

We have found that, over enough races (say 5 or more) and especially if at least one race is a double point endurance event which lasts either until one competitor has lapped every other or until a predetermined time limit of at least 1.5 hours, the most competent competitor will certainly prevail even over a buggier who plays obstructive games. In multi race events the winning strategy is absolutely to play lean, keep out of trouble, avoid troublemakers (even when this means holding back until a really clear opportunity for passing comes along) and to concentrate on turning in perfect laps.

Lastly I would say that I and others here are very receptive to ideas for new rules and look forward to the debate this contribution will hopefully provoke but rules must work or we are better off without them.

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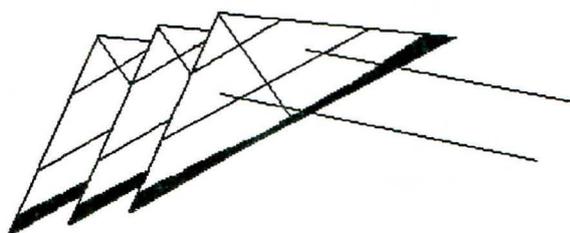
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MKF Extra



MKF AGM 93

Well, the AGM came and went and so did the members. It was a chilly day with snow in great abundance (well, a few flakes here and there) and we still had an excellent turn out.

Our previous treasurer and secretary Allan and Lesley Gilbert stood down from their posts and as a consequence we now have two new people at the helm (little do they know!). **Andy Smith** takes over the role of treasurer and **Julie White** of the famous MKF News "Jim and Julie White Page" takes over the prestigious role of Secretary. It is a good thing that relatively new members from a different neck of the woods can dedicate some of their time towards running the club rather than leaving it to the old fuddy duddies. Speaking of which Don Eccleston retains his Chairmanship and yep! I am still taking the blame for Publicity and News Editor!!!!

Due to the fact that our club covers a large area, we experimented by changing the flying site between four or five locations spread around the area

in the hope of accommodating our full membership. This has proved to be very popular and will be continued throughout 94 and may even have an additional site or two. So, if you happen to be passing please drop in for a fly we will be more than happy to see you.

BADGESBADGESBADGES

At last!!!!!!!

The MKF now have badges available despite all efforts by an UNSCRUPULOUS badge maker come ripperofferer. We still haven't received the money from him and we are now wondering whether we will ever see it at all!

Still, on a better note. The badges that we have are of the small discreet variety and are different to most other badges and if you are lucky there may be a few left. I purchased a few as giveaways so if you smile nicely I might give you one (no phone calls please).

See at the next festival!

The Mad Buggier

New Year

On behalf of the Midlands Kite Fliers, may I take this opportunity to wish all readers

a

Very Happy New Year.

Club Contact

If you want to join us at one of our Fly-Ins then to avoid disappointment telephone 0332 669203 and speak to Julie White for the latest and greatest up to date information.

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FLY A KITE- AND YOU MAY BE IN COURT

People in Droitwich and nearby villages face being dragged before courts... for flying a kite in the area.

The Advertiser can sensationally reveal that kite-flying is banned within five kilometres of a new microlight club at Hadzor, near the Spa.

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said flying a kite in Droitwich would now be contrary to the Air Navigation Order 1989 and warned local people: "This law is enforced."

The order states that "a kite shall not be flown within five kilometres of an aerodrome" and describes an aerodrome as "any area used for the landing or departure of aircraft."

The spokesman confirmed "This includes microlight airstrips." He added that the order applies to all kites being flown at any height, even as low as two metres.

Kite enthusiast John Parsons claims the ruling and formation of the microlight club will together severely curtail the enjoyment of many youngsters in the town.

He said: "Kite-flying has become very popular since the staging of workshops and an exhibition at the heritage centre. Many children enjoy flying them in the parks."

Brian McWilliams has been

granted a temporary one-year planning permission to create a microlight club on farmland owned by his father at Court Farm, near Hadzor.

The two planned airstrips will be created within five kilometres of Himbleton, Tibberton, Martin Hussingtree, Ladywood, Wychbold, Hanbury and all parts of Droitwich.

Richard Alexander, a senior planning officer, said councillors were not aware of the law when forming a decision on the club, but doubted there would be a problem.

He said the two activities are "mutually exclusive" because microlights are not normally flown on windy days, and added that a review would take place after 12 months.

A spokesman for the microlight club said: "We certainly don't anticipate any problems and will not object to anyone flying kites in the area."

He said the club would be concerned with kites being flown both very high and close to the airstrips.

Bill Souten, of Droitwich, the honorary president of the Midlands Kite Fliers, was unavailable for comment.

**The Advertiser & Messenger,
October 29, 1993**

By Adrian Caffery

This article was passed to me by Bill Souten. Many of you will know Bill, an active kite enthusiast who teaches and also involves himself in many aspects of kiting. He moved to Droitwich some months ago and has held workshops and exhibitions in the town promoting kiting to all levels of people. It now appears that all this hard work may go a little to waste.

I think it sets a bit of a dangerous precedence and despite some councillor or other saying that "kite and microlights are mutually exclusive" and someone else say that it would be alright to fly kites just points to their level of ignorance.

Kites can be flown in virtually any conditions due to the modern materials and I also get the impression that people still think of a kite as a diamond shape with little bow tails!

So, Bill has lost his flying site and a whole area will lose out on the 'joys' of kite flying. Or will they.....?

Have you got any views on this or has it happened to you?

Why didn't kite flying even get considered when giving planning permission?

Your views please!



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Well that was the summer... (did we have one? - I must have blinked and missed it!)... one long festival with many a mile covered and many a luke warm tinnie shared all in the pursuit of kite flying?!

On the Committee front thanks to Estelle Barton for all the hard work she has put in during her stint as Membership Secretary. Membership forms are still available from 'Air Born Kites', Brighton - please now address all enquiries to Ray Oakhill (Tel: 0273 306842).

1993 WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

The WSKIF at Long Beach lasts for seven days in August. The venue is a sandy beach twenty eight miles long on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is organised by Kay Buesing of Long Beach Kites with the help of the Association of Oregon Kiteflyers, the Washington Kitefliers Association and the American Kite Association.

We arrived the day before the Festival and drove along the main street of the town inspecting the three kite shops on the way before driving down Bolstad Road which terminated on the beach with a short hardstanding for cars. Car passes were required to park on this area during the festival. Although vehicles were allowed on certain areas of the beach, four wheel drives were essential and you would be wise not to forget about your car as the tide rose very quickly as someone found to their cost! There were stalls lining the Bolstad Road, but only two kite stalls, all the rest selling food, jewellery, souvenirs, etc.

Monday 16th August: An early start from the RV (Recreational Vehicle) Park to the festival site with parking in the sand dunes 100yds behind the boardwalk. Already many kites in the air at 8.30am with a warm clean breeze off the Pacific, but an overcast sky. We met Kay Buesing, who was delighted to see us there and told us where to get tickets for the banquet and auction at the end of the week (so that's where the idea came from)! We were also invited to the kiteflyers reception at the Lighthouse Bar. This appeared to be organised by the local brewery company Rainier Beer, who supplied free food and drink. We were introduced to so many kiteflyers by

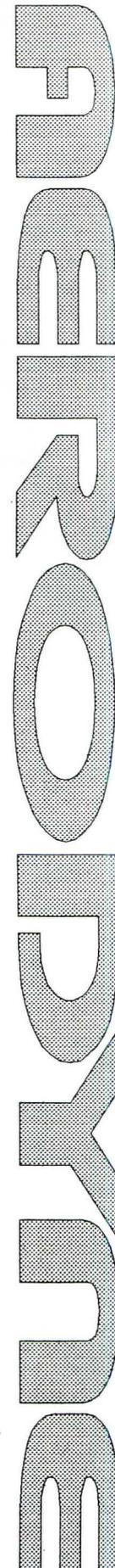


Creeda Axton of the AOK that it was impossible to remember all the names, but we met them all again during the week so names stuck eventually. As soon as we were introduced as kiteflyers from England, everyone said immediately "Hey, do you know the Robinsons!" as though England was the size of a peanut and everyone knew everyone else. As it happened we *did* know Dave and Janet Robinson of The White Horse Kite Flyers, who had been to Westport and Long Beach in previous years and who helped us with planning the trip. Dave Gomberg came over with Steve Brockett thinking that we must know each other as we both came from England! I had spoken briefly with him at Weymouth once! Someone also thought that we should know Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig as he only lived in Hamburg; merely a stones throw away!

Terrific Tuesday: Another early start to get prime position in the car park. Clear skies and sunshine with the wind picking up all the time to about 12mph at midday. The mornings activities began with a Pioneer Kite and Costume competition, followed by an incredible display of kite trains and arches, multiple line trains and a Pretty Kite competition. In the afternoon there were several single line games, which I entered and won a few trophies.

Everyone is so friendly and they all want to know where we come from. "You mean to say you came 6,000 miles to this festival?" "Well yes we did, and my wife suggested it and she is not even a kite flyer!" "WHAT.....!"

I met Greg and Sue Clark of Kaleidacody fame, who visited Weymouth earlier in the year, and Rick Brown, who sent his regards to the



"BOF" and mentioned the Cody Society. While on the subject of Cody, everyone was appalled to learn that Cody's house was to be demolished for a new road in England. I felt somewhat responsible, even though I heard it from the Americans.

Wednesday: The day began with two simultaneous events: Children's Kite Games and an event called Best Senior Kite Flyer. Guess which one I entered? Anyway, I took part in the latter as I am now just over 50 years old, and that is the qualifier. The event took two hours and involved making a Boka Boka kite (anyone heard of it?) and a polythene delta, both excellent for workshops by the way, they then had to be flown in competitions and points were scored. I was delighted to be awarded first place.

The afternoon event was the Big Band Ballet, which I decided to enter, but without the big band music. Phil Collins was the best I could muster from the four tapes that I brought with me. Having chosen the music first thing in the morning, I hoped to get some flying practice in with the music, but with other competitions getting in the way it became impossible, and the next event was it! So having never flown a stunt kite to music before, there I was in the arena with music I was familiar with, but no ballet routine. By this time the wind was blowing about force 5/6, so there was no chance of fancy landings. Compliments from the head judge and a second place made my day.

Corey Jensen showed up in the afternoon amid cheers and enormous hugs from most of the women. He was to share the PA system with David Gomberg for the rest of the week.

We were invited to a barbecue in the evening by members of the AOK. Everyone was delighted that Don Mock showed up, myself included, as he had helped me with some arrangements before leaving the UK. International guests were given a medal to commemorate their visit to Long Beach.

Thursday: A very foggy start with a cold wind blowing, although it warmed up and dispersed the fog later. We thought that the weather was very English in character on this side of the USA.

Competitions were for Handcrafted Kites and there were a lot of serious entries from people like Randy Tom, Jose Sainz, Don Mock, Art Ross, to name but a few of the appliqué experts. I entered

a much battle scarred Rokkaku, which did not stand a chance of any placing. I was told afterwards that kites are not even considered for a place if they have been flown for any length of time.

Later in the day I spotted a family of four with 'Avon Kite Kitefliers' printed on the backs of their sweaters. They were Martin and Stevie Parsons and their two children from Bristol. I think it was as much of a surprise for them as it was for me to meet 6,000 miles from home.

Another interesting event that took place was a wedding on the beach between two members of the San Diego Kite Club, with the bride in white, the groom in best suit, wedding cake and champagne. All the guests were asked to sign their kite as a memento of the occasion. I managed to kiss the bride as well as sign the kite!

A little later we were invited to a pizza feed in the Super 8 Motel. As we went in to the hall numbered tickets were issued and later the numbers were drawn from a hat and prizes were won, ranging from kites to pins. All the prizes were donations from so many generous people.

I had been in the USA and Canada now for nearly four weeks and had been drinking the typical American style canned beer, you know, thin, watery, no flavour, etc. Today I was introduced to something else by Don Mock. It is brewed and bottled by a micro brewery and is called 'Grants Scottish Ale'. If you enjoy English bitter look out for it if you go to the States.

Friday: We woke to really miserable weather this morning. A heavy sea mist with zero wind. I signed up for the stunt kite racing, which is flying against the clock around pylons, with electronic clock start and finish. It looked interesting but unfortunately it was not to be because of the lack of wind. At about 3pm the weather improved until it became really hot and the wind picked up. Various stunt kite demonstrations took place in the arenas, one by Ray Bethell flying three stunters at once, and Roger Maddy who flies three four line deltas at once. His most spectacular trick is to place the three kites nose to nose in the sky so that they form a star formation. Some trick!

Saturday: Warm, sunny and windy. Ideal! Having just learned how to fly a fighter kite I decided to enter the fighter kite competition. Read Stafford

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Wallace's account of how they do it in the States and you will understand how long it takes! I was knocked out very early on, otherwise I would have still been there three hours later.

The record number of Cody kites in the sky was the next event, organised by Rick and Judy Brown of the Cody Society. I was fortunate to be able to take part as Don Mock asked me to hold his Cody while he flew another one, so I got a badge just for holding the line!

The Team Rokkaku Challenge was next, but I neglected to bring mine, so it looked impossible to take part until I mentioned it to Steve Brockett who said he had brought his 2 metre version. With line supplied by Mike Eason we formed a team called "The Brits". How's that for originality!

In the first two rounds we won hands down, cutting Dave Gomberg's team twice at the end of each heat. In the final heat we came well down the list with an early pull down (were they ganging up on us?) but we had enough points to make us champions of the day. The tactics were all down to Steve as he led the team. Well it was his kite after all!

What we found amazing is the amount of cheering and support that came from the spectators. They went wild. Somewhat different to here, eh!

In the evening we went to the banquet and auction with Corey Jensen in charge pushing the prices up to support the World Kite Museum. There were some minute and enormous kites on offer as well as Corey's shorts, and an amazingly garish patchwork type of three piece suit bought by George Peters for \$200, which he had to wear for a whole year until the next auction.

Sunday: The day for flying as many kites as you can, with a good wind and plenty of sun. The object was to beat last years record of 3,990 kites in the sky at once. However this was not to be and the final count was 2,900.

At lunchtime the wind blew up to about force 6 and it started to rain heavily. It was like a natural end to the festival because the beach was cleared in the space of an hour, except, of course, by the stunt fanatics, who had the beach to themselves for the first time in a week!

You will understand by now that we had the most amazing time at Long Beach. Everyone was so friendly, helpful and generous and we were treated just like the other International Guests. If anyone

out there is thinking of going just ask me for information. I will be only too willing to help. Failing that, consult "The Robinsons."

Ray Oakhill

THE UK INDIVIDUAL STUNT KITE CHAMPIONSHIPS: 21 & 22/08/1993

The weekend at Stanmer Park, Brighton, started with a hot sunny day resulting in a no wind situation and a wind recess until 1pm. The only flying done on Saturday, apart from demonstrations, was the Masters Precision. This left a full flying day for Sunday. Well done to the Novices who attempted their precision in no wind on Saturday.

Sunday morning was a storm with a kicking wind. The day started with the Novices and Experienced Precision. We had TV coverage for Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime but unfortunately this did not draw the expected crowds due to the very wet weather.

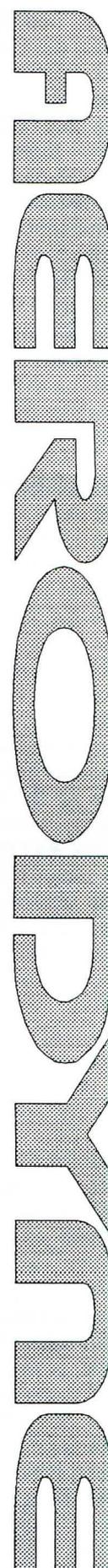
The Masters Ballet was at 2pm - the highlight of the day and fortunately the weather turned out well in the end. Finally the Experienced took place followed by the presentation of certificates and trophies by Paul Jobin to the first, second and third place flyers. **The results were: Novice: 1st: Robin Smith / 2nd: Nick Lipton / 3rd: Nick Webb Experienced: 1st: James Robertshaw / 2nd: Damien Quin-Livan / 3rd: Estelle Barton Masters: 1st: Carl Robertshaw / 2nd: Andy Preston / 3rd: Nick Boothby**

Thanks to Paul Jobin - Head Judge, also to our other Judges; Jake, Romney Johnstone (The Decorators), Jeremy Boyce and Geoff Adams our Field Director. The Field Team worked really hard and definitely clocked up more working hours over the event than most of us, it was really appreciated. Best sound system ever - well done. Also thanks to all Members who helped us and to Tony Cartwright and Mandy for the scoring.

Hopefully a good time was had by all and it's looking good for July '94 same venue (details to follow).

The event was sponsored by Brighton Borough Council, Air Born Kites and Flexifoil International.

Paul Thody and Estelle Barton (Event Co-ordinators) Air Born Kites



PORTSMOUTH INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL 28&29/08/1993

Having installed ourselves in a local hostelry for B&B for the weekend and trustfully been given the front door key to the pub (that could've been a nasty mistake!) we headed off into town to find some sustenance.

I can't quite remember who's bright idea it was to go via the Hospitality Inn, just in case there might be a few fellow kities there as last year, but having bumped into Peter and Kirri Lynn, Kiteability and some of the White Horse Mob... needless to say, the only sustenance we got on Friday night was in liquid form! Ian Meredith even managed to get the bar re-opened on his arrival at some unearthly hour (what's the secret Ian?)!

Saturday produced clear blue skies filled with a fantastic array of International kites from a large European contingent, George Peters, Stretch Tucker, Martin Lester and Peter Lynn displaying his magnificent giant inflatable 'Gecko' and new 'Puffer Fish' (or 'Fugu').

A very light South Westerly wind was just enough for some bear bombing, so we positioned ourselves hopefully to enable a bear plant straight into the mouth of the weekends' over loud local radio DJ! However, despite valiant efforts, aided by Janet and Barry Poulter (with 'HB' of course), I'm sorry to have to report that we came close... but sadly not close enough!

The unexpected arrival of Doreen and Ray 'Oakie 1' Oakhill (just returned from the Long Beach festival, USA) swelled the ranks of the BKF, and Saturday was rounded off by a 'do' in the 'Pyramid Centre' with hot tales from the States. Just for the record this was the fatal occasion at which, having purchased his very first pin in the auction, and sworn (in front of witnesses, no less) that it would be his 'one and only'... Neil Robinson began his slide down the long and slippery slope of the 'Pin Pratt'!

Well it wasn't *quite* rounded off as some night flying seemed in order, so together with Chris, the hard core of the Loddon Valley Kitefliers (Neil, Nick, Roger aka 'Local Hero' or 'Top Spreader') and Linda, Steve and Michael of 'Force Nine' (thanks for the fluoro' night lights guys) we flew on well into the early hours of the morning at the festival site.

A bleary eyed start to Sunday morning and my sad efforts in the solo Rok'

competition must have in some way reflected the quantity of alcohol imbibed on the previous evening! 'Top Marx' did, however, turn in a slightly better performance in the Team Rok' - aided by the 'Support Team' and Tom Gunter of the Eastbourne Kite Club. Oakie 1 was volunteered to stumble about bravely as team leader in the blindfold battle in which our complete lack of achievement isn't even worth commenting on. It could perhaps have had something to do with me being his eyes?!!

Pa and I made a pretty wicked duo in the 'three legged' team fight, coming second to John Ogden and the 'Tiggers' who were quite frighteningly energetic. 'Top Marx' took much (deserved) stick during the fight via Andy King on PA, as I think we must have been the least mobile team on the field. I did try to persuade Oakie to do a 'flu-brush' but he wasn't having any of it - something to do with not wanting a broken leg for Bristol! It was a pity we weren't allowed to tie the whole team together - but I don't think Gill had enough ties for that!

After receiving awards for second place in the Team Open and winning the Individual Open Rok' (Mik Jennison) we retired to the single line arena together with the BOF and members of the WHKF to bomb some fauna. This turned out to be history in the making - I'll let Dave Bear (of the WHKF) tell his story...

Toody Oakhill

LETTERS 21

Dear All - I have just about recovered from my ordeal at the Portsmouth/Southsea Kitefly. I can only say that I've always been a sucker for a pretty face and when a young lady (from the Top Marx Support Team no less!) offered to take me off for a walk - like a fool - I went. Little did I know I would be dangling at the end of a parachute 'er long! As you all know I fought back and clung on for dear life the first time, but I could see you were all determined that I should jump, so I decided to take it like a bear - a magnificent jump don't you think! I now have to admit there's nothing like a parachute jump to sober you up and I should know - it took me a couple of four-packs to get over it! However I have to tell you I have now got the bug - that BMISS lot had better look out (I haven't forgotten John

TOODY
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Barker's part in this little plot!!) I am now equipped with a rather snazzy harness and am ready for anything! Of course you lot are now World famous - how does it feel to have done something the WHKF have never managed - to parachute their mascot!! I hope to see you at Bristol - maybe we can split a four-pack (one of yours preferably!)

Yours - Thirstily - Dave Bear

PS That Suzy Bear - nice bit of stuff - does she believe in Polygamy?

HAPPY COUPLE UPDATE NO 2 ♥

We are proud to report that 'Suzy' and 'Biggles' are expecting a new arrival sometime over the Winter months - and by the size of her it looks like it could be twins! Despite her current predicament Suzy has made several jumps lately; insisting that regular exercise is crucial for a healthy pregnancy.

We would be grateful if the BOF could please let us know the gestation period for teddies and if we should be worried by Suzy's recent and expensive craving for jellied eels smothered with hot chilli chocolate custard, topped with raw quails eggs and served on a bed of cold mushy peas?!

BEAR GONE AWOL ☹ ☺ ☻

For those of you who have been in mourning for the loss of the bear at Hangleton (as reported in the October Issue) - you need fret no longer and can remove the black armbands. With the fortunate safe return of both bear (presumably still in a severe state of shock!) and 'chute the BKF's spotless 'Bear Bombing' reputation is once again restored to its former glory... Phew!

It wasn't me... it was the others, and even if it was; I wasn't there at the time!

**'ONE SKY ONE WORLD DAY'
10/10/1993 OR 'NOW I KNOW
WHY IT'S CALLED 'COWPAT
HILL!''**

Well it's a good job I don't take any notice of the weather forecast these days, or I would have stayed tucked up under the duvet and missed what turned out to be an excellent day with the White Horse Kite Flyers.

Oakies 1(Ray) and 2(me) arrived shortly before Janet and Barry Poulter at

Barbury Castle, near Swindon, to be greeted by the WHKF, Top Marx Support Team, some of the Loddon Valley Kite Fliers, clear blue skies and a truly fantastic view... what a spectacular flying site!

Oakie 1 strode off to launch the dreaded Lawn-mower while the rest of us BKFies decided it was probably safer to pretend that we didn't know him - at least until the infamous Strat' had done it's obligatory trashing of the surrounding kites and countryside and settled down. This kite has serious megalomania problems... it certainly doesn't seem to believe in 'One Sky One World!!'

Despite fairly light winds there was an excellent selection of sky decoration, soon joined by 'Groucho' who, on his first outing since retirement, managed to keep my entire collection of 'sky garbage' (including two Whirlthings/'Catherine Wheels') aloft throughout the day. As, inevitably, most of the time was spent gazing skywards I soon gave up worrying about the growingly familiar 'squelching' sounds underfoot - not wanting to spend the entire day gazing groundwards! Now I know why most of the WHKF were sporting wellies! Still, the benefits of such a beautiful site far outweighed having to do a little boot scrubbing later on.

As fauna bombing was put on hold (retrieval from the bottom of the hill looking far too much like hard work even for the keenest of us humes!) Fiver was let off to spend the day relaxing with Dave Bear in his deckchair. He was, however, a bit cheesed to discover that Dave had quaffed his entire supply of beer before Fiver got a look in. That'll teach him not to take his own supplies!

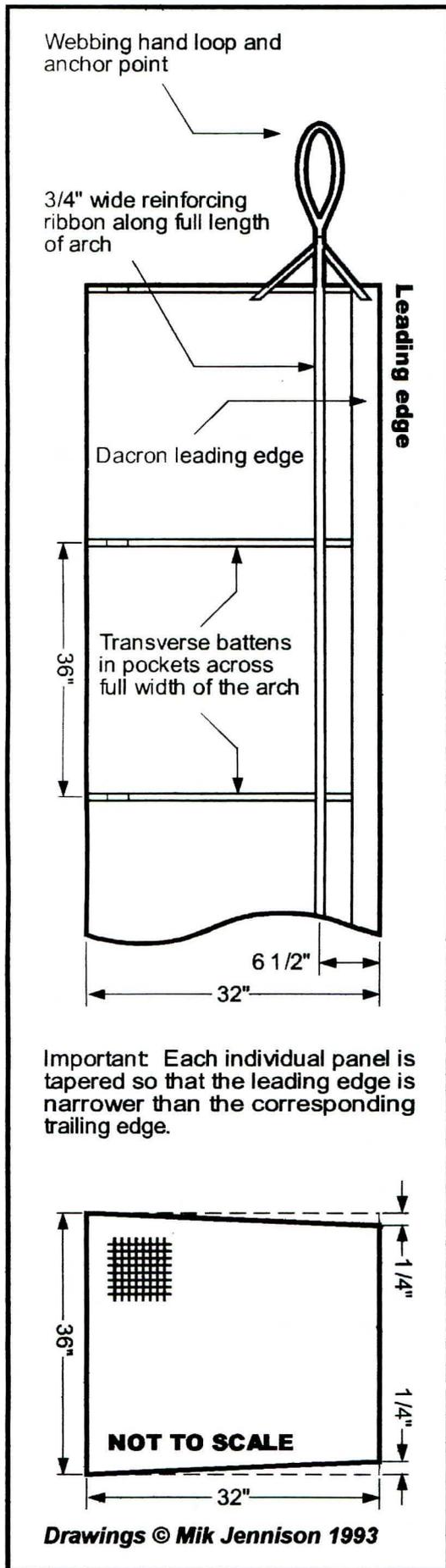
Meanwhile, in between much gassing, us humes managed to squeeze in some two and four line flying, as well as Ray flying his Indian Fighters, and before we knew it it was sadly time to head homewards. Thanks to all of the WHKF for a marvellous day... cowpats n'all!

Toody Oakhill

BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL 1994

Please note the change of both date and venue of this year's festival which will be held on 21/22 May at Shoreham Airport, - full details will be in the April Issue.

DAVE BEAR'S
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RIBBON ARCHES & WINDBOWS

One of the seminars at the KSGB Convention in Bristol was given by George Peters (supposedly!) on making 'feathers' and 'ribbon arches'. I say 'supposedly' because while these particular items were covered, George with Hugh 'Stretch' Tucker acting as his 'straight' man entertained us hugely with subjects ranging from paper-cut/fold kites assembled using self-adhesive dots (try saying 'sticky darts' and you'll get the idea) to his pet cat!

George's ribbon arches are a development of an original design by Etienne Veyres. The slight curve in the leading edge results in an arch which flies higher overhead and is more stable than a straight ribbon. The drawings opposite are from notes and sketches made at the time by Ray Oakhill and reproduced with the kind permission of George Peters. Any errors or omissions are ours and not his!

Mik Jennison

BKF HANDY HINTS NO 7

I don't know if it's just carrying my kite bag around whilst living by the sea... but this is for all those of you who are fed up with similar comments. It's 'own back' time: ask the next fisherman you see "if he's flown any good kites today?!"

THE CULTURAL BIT

'The extension of oneself on the end of a piece of string could well reduce the intake of Valium.'

Don Dunford 1986

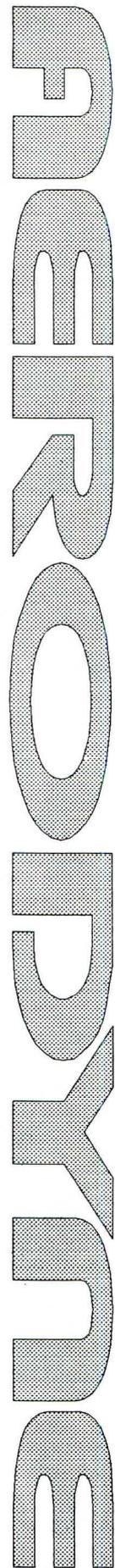
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As ever the Big Wheel keeps on turning and we now have another Season of Mayhem to look forward to, however dont discard your Winter Woolies just yet as you could have more than the cold Wind of recession blowing up yer Khyber.

Funny old world aint it, just when we heard that the marriage of the Year between Suzy and Biggles was already going down the Pan P.D.Q. We've now heard from Dropnik Oak-hill that the Shaky union is shortly to be blessed with the Patter of tiny Paws. Yep, a Sprog is on the way, and although R.C. is not in the business of casting Nasturtiums, its a safe bet that the poor little bleeder will come into the world, clutching a Can of Kes - tral Lager and singing "I'm the Froth off the Beer"

More on Cliff the Dragon. We received a postcard from Cliffs Mum Blodwyn Dragon bemoaning the fact that she had'nt heard a word from Will Kipper Lands most notorious drunk since he dun a runner to the Smoke. Cliffs mum also hopes Cliff aint been up to no good since he left (fat chance) and she tells us that Cliffs little brother Tiny is out looking for him. Well, we hate to tell you this Mrs Y DDRAIG GOCH, but we think that you and little Tiny have completely lost the Plot.

Things you did'nt know you did'nt know. 387 in a series. Most accidents in the home involving Teddy Bears are caused by people falling over the Bears and not as the Po Faced Kitiers would have you believe, by Bears falling over people.

A very nice enamel Teddy Bear Badge Came through our letterbox recently, It depicts a Ted in Red overalls with a white cross on his chest. He has a safety Helmet on, has a scarf akimbo and is holding a case. This little badge is sold in aid of the Shropshire Helicopter Air Ambulance and those of you who collect Ted Badges may care to drop Tony Slater a line, not forgetting an S.A.E. at 128, Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, SY1.4JY and no doubt Tony will tell you how to aquire one of these nice little badges. Thanks Tony, well 'ard.



"The courts ruled that we had to open it up to all stuffed animals."

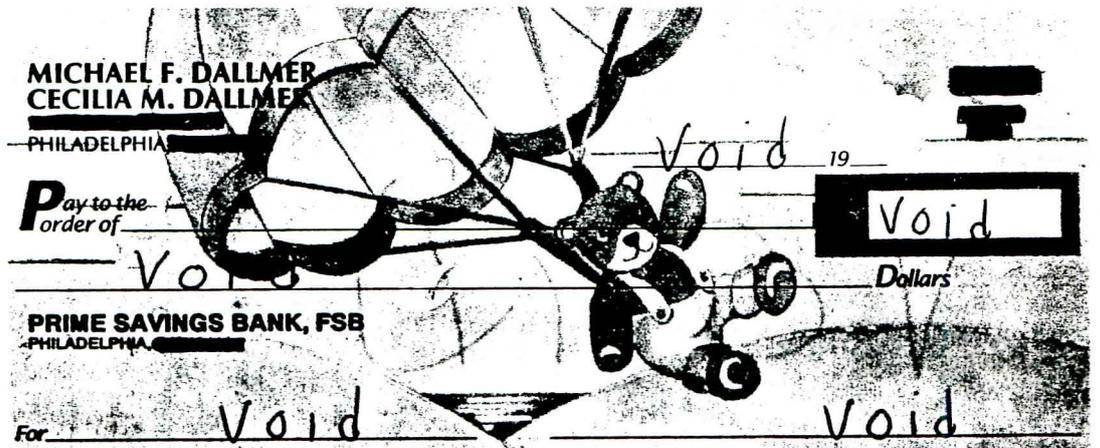
Most members of the H.Q. Mob tend to stick around for ever and ever, but poor old Schnoz the hefalump was in and out so quick, he did'nt know if it was Shrove Tuesday or Sheffield Wednesday. 'twould seem th- at the Blushing person who gave us Schnoz, made a boo-boo. He was'nt supposed to give Schnoz away, cos the person who gave Schnoz to the blusher really got the hump and gave him some severe G.B.H. of the lugholes.

However, alls well that ends well. in return for a Duck named Jaundice, Schnoz has been returned to the blusher, who is now out of the Doghouse.

Cartoon at left
via Mike Dallmer

Capt. Dick, self styled Glorious Leader, or as we would say Can carryer of the Rain-bear Skydive Corps has finally run into Sods Law, as regards Bear Bombing. The bolshie member of the Corps, one Bearnard decided to give the Capt. some of that good old arbor-eal magic, by diving into a tree. Some lads nearby playing football tried to knock Bearnard out of the tree by throwing the Ball at him, whereupon, you've guessed it, the ball ended up inside the Chute. Trees Two, Humes Nil. Then the Capt. had a brainwave. He tied a Hammer to a line and tried to hammer Bearnard out of the tree. Guess what, the hammer twirled around a branch and ended up inside the Chute. Tree Three, Humes Nil. Just as the Capt. was resigning himself to the loss of a Bear, aFootball and a Hammer, someone appeared with an eighteen foot sapling, with which they managed to extricate the menage a trois. Rumour has it that Three L.G.M's in a nearby Flying Saucer were so bemused at all the recovery antics, that they have now given up all hope of contacting sentient life on Planet Earth.

In our last issue we commented on the fact that Mike Dallmer, Dropnik of the First Pennsylvania Bear Force, did his Bombing the hard way, i.e. Mike makes his Bears himself, so we were pleased to receive some photos from Mike showing himself in action, in the process of creating some new Bears. Mike also se-photos of his Bear Force, including some nice pics of the Female Members of the Force. Scarlet and Paula are two good looking Girls who are dressed so pretty, that it is hard to believe that they do the bizzo Bombingwise.

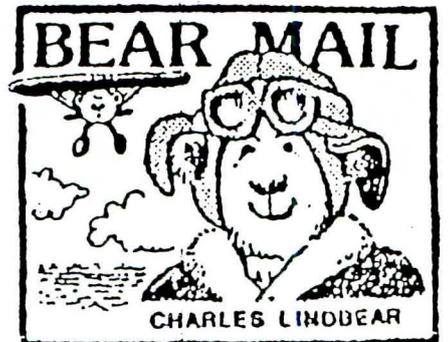


Mike also sent the Cheque shown right. Never in our wildest dreams could we imagine Binkleys Bonk or Nat Wet doing Cheques with Farabears on them.

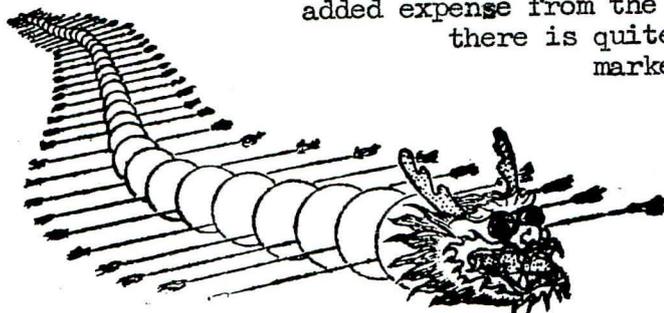
We were able to examine the results of Mikes Bearmaking endeavors at first hand recently as one of his Bears turnadup in the Mail. Complaining loudly about Cheapskate Airways lack of inflight facilities, Mike Columbus as this Bear is called, said that he had left the States in order to see how the other half live. Mike is very nattily togged and equipped and his jump suit is tastefully decorated with what we assume is computer derived embroidery sewing. He was a bit homesick at first, but since he's discovered the delights of Newcastle Brown and Rastachats Condensed Milk Sarnies he seems to have settled down to being a member of the Crazy Gang aka the H.Q. Mob.

Scattered throughout this issue you may notice the impressions of various Kite and Bear Rubber Stamps. Most of them originate Stateside and the majority of them were sent on letters from Dropnik Dallmer.

As you are no doubt aware Rubber Stamps of this type are as rare as Hens Teeth in the U.K. Of course it is possible to obtain them via our friends Stateside, but this usually puts them to no little trouble and there is always the threat of added expense from the Customs. Surely there is quite a large potential market out there for these Stamps, so



why doesn't some enterprising soul have a go at Importing a selection, with the vast amount of different subjects that appear to be featured on these Stamps the market could be far larger than just appealing to Kite and Bear Fans.





Don Newing and his Mini Skydivers seem to be having a go at defeating the current Recession as from the start of 94, they will be available for all manner of Gigs where the organisers will be unwittingly laying themselves open to Mayhem along the lines of Bear Bombing, Bunjee Jumping Bears, Kite and or Chute making workshops, Sweet Drops and Novelty Drops(that cov- a multitude of sins) could be Ideal for Fund Raising, Fetes worse than Death, and Charity Events.

So, if anyone fancies a good time at their do, just contact Don on 081 573 7538, evenings only, Yoo Wot.



Recession? what Recession. The Auction at Christies certainly raised a few eyebrows as Elliot, mentioned right, went for, wait for it, £49,500, yep, we kid you not, would you Adam and Eve it, Fortynine an Arf grand for a Motheaten Blue Ted(we saw him on the box and he was a bit of a scruff.)

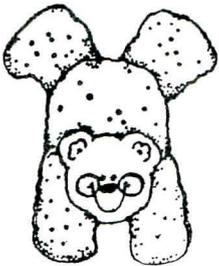
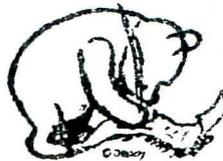
O.K. we know that Elliot was made by Steiff in 1908 but it does make you wonder if someone out there is Raving Mad, Pal.

Blue-chip Elliot bear

● FRAYED and battered teddy bear Elliot is about to become a world record breaker. For the cuddly toy is expected to fetch £20,000 at an auction.

● Cute Elliot, who has blue fur, was made 85 years ago for top people's store Harrods. But the new owner may have trouble prising Elliot away from his new-found pal, Leyla Maniera of London auctioneers Christie's.

Picture: DOUG DOIG



Elsewhere in this issue we made mention of a Bear stuck up a Tree, this occurred recently to H.Q. Mob member Wooten Bassett at the Teston Fest

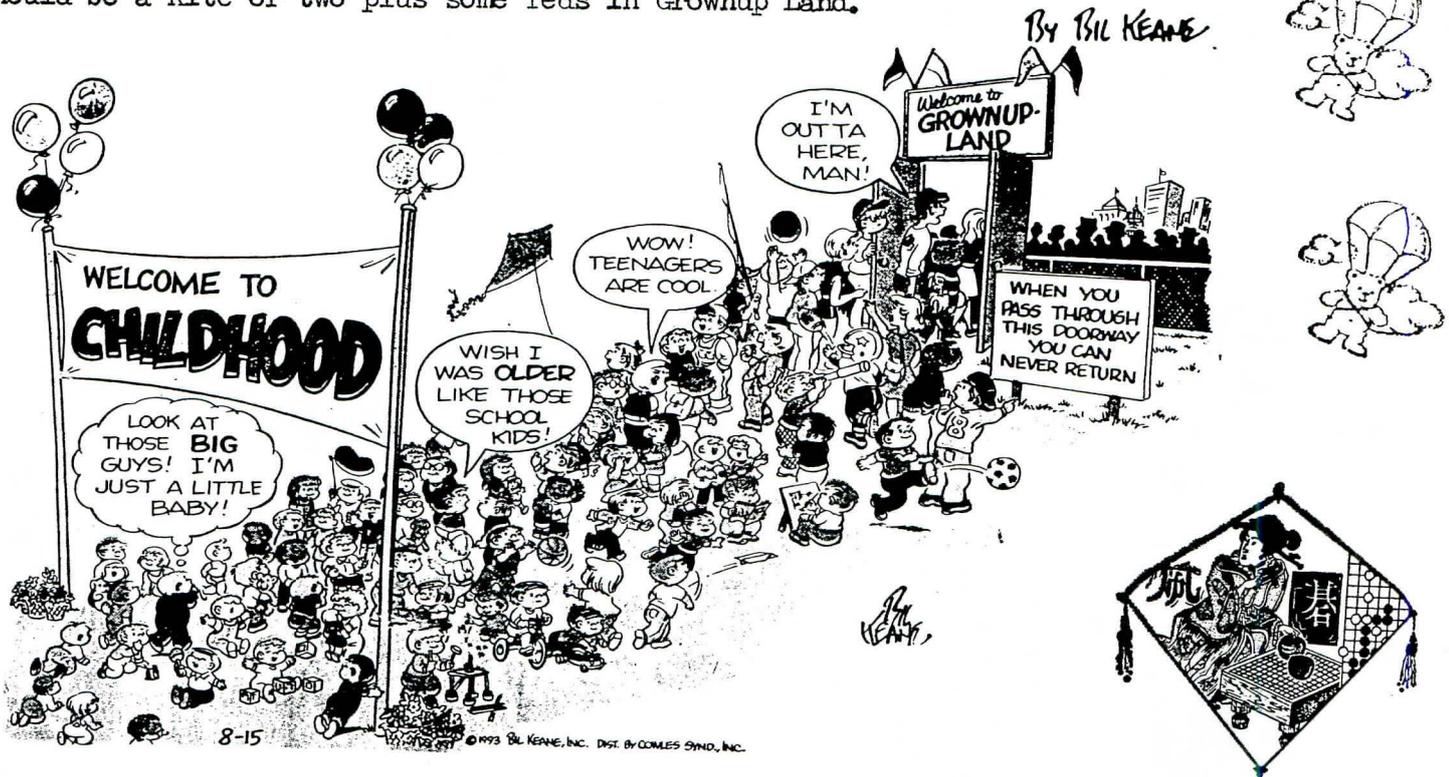
W.B. as is a Parabears wont, got himself stuck about 60 ft(20metres) up an Oak Tree and at firstthe BOF thought he was up there for good, However the BOF had a brainwave,a grapnel might be just the job for ripping W.B.from the tree. Quickley purloining a piece of stiff wire from a handy Fence, the BOF cobbled up a quite natty grapnel. As the lifter Kite was a Two Metre Rok on 400lb line and there was a fair breeze the grapnel was larksheaded to the line and the line was paid out so that the line went up into the tree, the kite that was O.K.

After a couple of snags onto twigs, W.B's chute was caught and we settled down to a good old Yo, Ho,Heave Ho as W.B. started to fly the Rok. Well, the end result was inevitable, to the sounds of a large Cheer from the crowd W.B. suddenly accelarated Skywards like a furry missile due to lots of slack line below him. The basis of a recovery like this is, Sod the Chute, just get the Bear. Funnily enough, there was little damage to either W.B. or his chute. The Bof was so chuffed with the grapnel, that He decided, that as well as the Mk 1 he would do a Mk2 from stronger metal Its shown here full size and is made from 2mm Stainless Rod however any stiff wire will suffice. The Three pieces are just bound together, epoxied for easy consruction and is just the thing for any Tree rescue.



FULL SIZE

Perhaps we ought to thank Mike Dallmer for most of this issue, but isn't that what mutual Para Ted Fans are for? Mike sent this cartoon which we thought was pretty good. O.K., the Kite is easy to spot, but have you spotted the Ted. Have we got a crib?, but of course, there should be a Kite or two plus some Teds in Grownup Land.



There's not many issues of R.C. that go by without acknowledgement to the one and only Theodore Edward O'Bear, erstwhile President of the International Conglomerate Publishers Dirt Cheap Press, Leading Light of North American Bearbombing, and Chief Cook and Bottle Washer of the Greater Delaware Valley Kite Society. (we have to butter him up, cos as usual, we've nicked something from his Newsletter 'TIGHTLINES') the something being the Pic, left, of an Eye Popping Rok. Entitled Parrot Eyes, or Paradise (geddit?)

Legend has it that the design for this Rok came from a Beachtowel, whilst another legend has it that Cecelia D.....r actually posed for the Rok.

Whatever legend you choose to believe, we'll leave up to you, suffice it to say that wherever the design came from, it's Hot Stuff.

If you were wondering who made the Rok, all we can say that it was made by Mike Colubuses Dad.



Once again by our now usual Huffing and Puffing, Phew, we've managed to stretch this issue to another four pages. How do we do it Stanley? only with your help. Thankyou. So it's the usual to the usual, Ho, Hum. The Teddytorial, c/o The Boring Old Fart, 48, Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7. 7 TY. U.K.----- Cheers.



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The Scene. Saturday afternoon at 5.25pm (& we close at 5.30pm), you look up from the counter and

....." I've been flying Sport kites for nearly six months now and what I know about Sport kites you could write on the back of a postage stamp if you had the inclination to do so although I should point out that I have flown practically every Sport kite there is including a good many that have never made it onto the general market for one reason or another but then again practically all commercial sport kites are rubbish compared to the ones I make (sell you one for fifty quid, cash) using the very light & cheap war surplus ripstop you can now buy and those hyper light weight two wrap super stiff ski pole carbon fibre shafts that are available if you know where to look cos these materials are far better than any currently used by any of the major manufacturers in this country and give a kite that will fly in winds from 1mph to 35 mph measured on my skywatch wind speed meter which I carry around my neck all times in case I see someone flying a sport kite I haven't tried so I can evaluate how well the unknown design will compare with the

light pull, razor sharp turns and the good trick capability inherent in one of my designs enhanced as they are by such features as deep cambered sails, moving point bridles, swinging wing spars, reflex camber battens and variable venting which all combine to give a kite which I can make do any trick you've ever seen plus several I invented myself and which are going to blow the narrow minds of several of the judges at the next competition I fly in early next year when I shall bring out my latest creation and put many another flier to shame although I suspect that the judges will indulge in the usual "you can't do that" & "that isn't allowed" pettiness that always seems to pervade these events and which makes me so angry and spoils the day for the competitors since I feel competitions are really only for the competitors, not the judges or spectators who just get in the way or distract you when you're going for a really difficult flip which could make all the difference to your final placing & the future freebies you can extract from all those rich sport kite manufacturers out there ".....

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