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Seattle Center

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Richmond, B.C.
(just S.of Vancouver)

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Pacific Science Center
Board Room 7:30pm

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and KZAM Kite Fly
Noon to 4:00
Gasworks

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Harrison Hot Springs
(contact Mrs. Sandy Lance,
604-796-2824, Box 342, Harrison
Hot Springs, B.C.)

June 13:M.S. Kite Fly at
Magnuson Park

June 27:WKA & VCKA Kite Fly
Bayview State Park
(between Mt.Vernon & Anacortes)
12 noon to ?



Jack Van Gilder invites everyone to join him at the Seattle Center to fly kites to open the Imagination Celebration Week May 8th at 11:30 AM.

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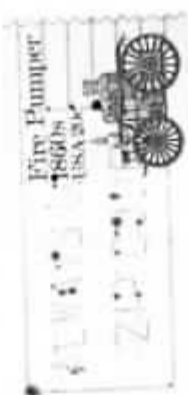
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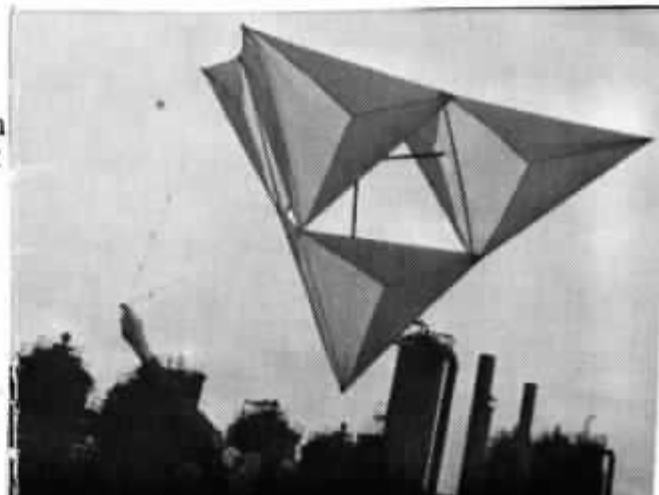


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Tetrahedron, gift to Jack V.G.
from Peter Lynn in New Zealand.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to everyone who helped at the kite fair. A special thanks was given to the kite club by Dupont Chemical Co., sponsors of the Solar Challenger, for the colorful kite display by our club. Many thanks to all who displayed their kites for the month of May. There will be a meeting May 19, 7:30pm at the Pacific Science Center to hear from the Education Committee who will have reports on setting up classes to train judges. Judges will be trained for competition kite contests and all people who attend the classes will be certified by the W.K.A. If you want to be a certified judge, please come and join the classes...time and place to be announced later. If you have anything to bring up at the meeting, please call or write me.

Tom Sisson
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Cherry Blossom Kite Fly

The 1982 Cherry Blossom Kite Contest winners were: Traditional Japanese Design, (1st) Carl Brewer with a Bunku, (2nd) Ted Jessen with a Nagasaki Hata, (3rd) Tom Sisson with an Edo.

Contemporary Design: (1st) Kevin Sanders with a 14-D Box Kite, (2nd) Louise Crowley with a winged Box Kite, and (3rd) Peter Lynn for the Tetra Kite he made for Jack Van Gilder.

CECIL AND DIPSTICK

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
KITE FLYING RULE SIX:

NEVER FLY A KITE MADE
OF CAST IRON, STAINLESS
STEEL OR CORRUGATED TIN
IN A THUNDERSTORM.



GREGER'S OWL

George Greger answered our call for pictures with this owl kite that "I sewed from ripstop nylon scraps, and made it for those 'no wind' days when most kites won't stay up. It's a delta-coyne version but also making use of some techniques used by hang gliders to get more lift surface by use of battens on the trailing edge to stiffen the fabric into a lifting surface. The frame is two 4', 3/16" dowels with a rerun slot in the leading edge for them to slide into. I also put light bamboo strips into the leading edge of the triangle body boxes to keep the wind from distorting them.

I'm enjoying this bird because he has such an interesting effect on any gulls near by. They promptly get out of sight when this big owl goes up. It is a fun kite. A good addition to my growing collection of bird kites."



George Greger's 6' Owl

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Ken Conrad, Alice and Joseph Lee in front of Diana Aurigemma's Mountain Delta at Kite Show set-up.

9th Annual W.K.A. Kite Show

The W.K.A. Kite Show was a great success with lots of helpers to bring and put up kites. We received a lovely letter from Lisa Tranquada at the Science Center thanking us for the show and donating \$275 to the W.K.A. It is not too soon to begin thinking about the TENTH annual show next Spring.

W.K.A. Outreach:

Larry Chinn and David Checkley have been advising a class at Seattle Country Day School on making a centipede kite that they will hopefully be able to take with them to China in May.

Jack Van Gilder has gone to Stevens school and Brighton school to teach kite making classes...says he is a real sucker for those beautiful thank you letters the children write!

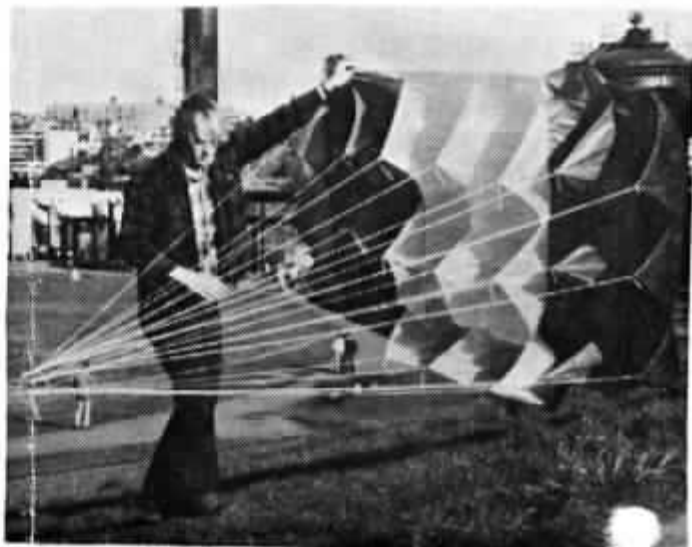
Tom Sisson has been teaching kite classes for the Y.M.C.A. using the new educator's package and highly recommends it for new teachers. Tom will also be going to a school to teach kite making for "boy's day".

Julian Wolf has contacted David Grant at King T.V. (Ch.5) concerning how to anticipate good kite flying weather. One result is occasional mention on the Friday weather projection as to the anticipated kiting conditions. Julian found David very interesting and informative and even a kite flier!

Come Fly A Kite For Sight

The turnout was good for both days of the Fly a Kite for Sight contests with 100 to 200 onlookers at each location. Mitch Polling won the "high Flyer" event at Gasworks and Carl Brewer did at Marymoor. Both used airplane type kites in the very light breezes of both days.

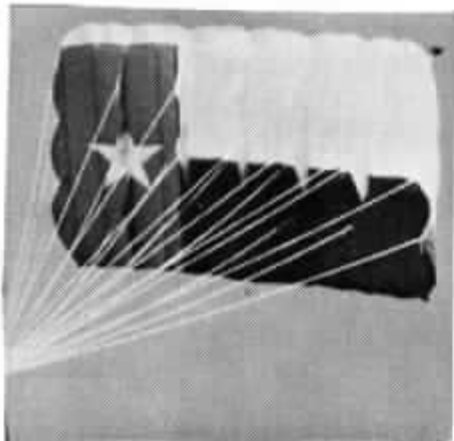
This was a good example of how the W.K.A. can help organizations get publicity during their off season while we have a good time flying kites and even winning prizes. In this case The Society To Prevent Blindness made a little money selling food and kites as well as getting the publicity.



Doug Hagaman

Pacific Rim Kite Festival

This year's Pacific Rim Kite Festival in Vancouver was a blast - literally: 30+ m.p.h. winds kept people chasing runaway kites and rewinding broken lines and fed all the trees in the vicinity of Vancouver Park. Doug Hagamon won trophies for Best Handmade Kite and Best Kite Overall with his Texas Star Parafoil. Julian Wolf had the most frustrating day, loosing his beautiful Marshall-coyne kite to the winds and while chasing that, lost the Oldest Kiter award to Les Varley who is actually a bit younger than Julian. After the Kite Fly all the frustration and tension was soaked out in Hugh and Marge Harrison's hot tub and exquisite hospitality.



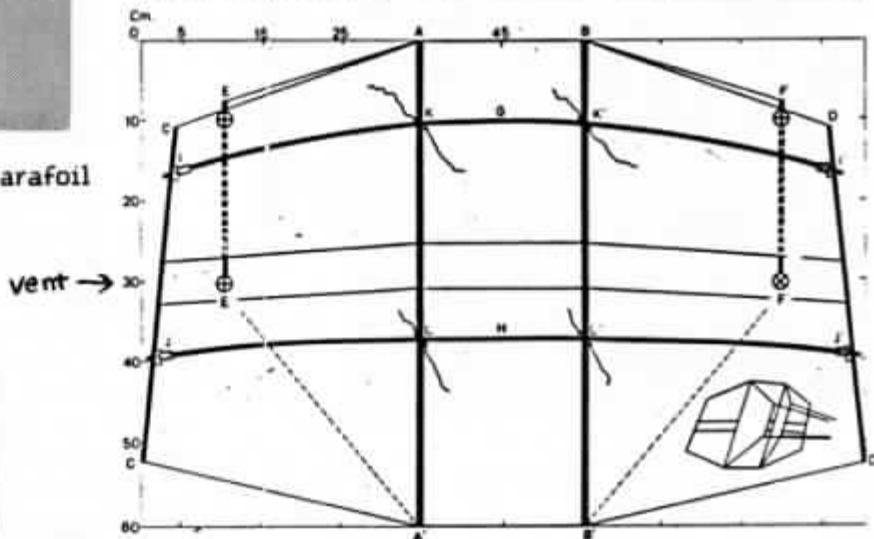
Doug Hagaman's Texas Star parafoil



Julian Wolf

T. NISHIBAYASHI'S

Translated by A. Brandt
 DOUBLE WING KITE



Material Cedar, pine, spruce AA' & BB' 2mm x 5mm x 60cm.
 Bamboo CC' & DD' 2mm x 42cm.
 Bamboo EE' & FF' 2mm x 23cm.
 Bamboo or fiberglass G 3mm x 84cm.
 Bamboo or fiberglass H 3mm x 87cm.

Spreader bar fittings Spreader bars are fitted into corresponding holes at J,J',I,I'. These holes are reinforced with taped down cloth patches made of either teflon or of nylon, 1cm x 3cm. Holes are made through these areas as fittings for the stoppered spreader bars.

Fittings for K,K',L,L' Cut four lengths of string 15cm long. Make two diagonally oriented holes on either side of A & B at K,K',L,L' in order to tie these stick intersections as indicated on the plan.

Covering The kite may be covered with either ripstop nylon or with high density polyethylene.



Bob Sconce, organizer of the Tacoma Kite Fly

Tacoma Kite Fly

The first annual Tacoma kite fly in conjunction with the Daffodil Parade was a very well planned event. Attendance by kite fliers was sparse but those who did attend were able to put on an impressive show for the 2500 young people who participated in the parade.

Bob Sconce made the lovely stained glass kite he is holding in the picture for one of the prizes. J.C. Young won the most beautiful kite award, Keven Saunders the highest flier, Carl Brewer and Bill Lee tied for the smallest kite, and Jack Van Gilder won for his kite train.

Recognizing faces at Gasworks:



Jim Greeno, W.K.A. member for 10 years, is particularly interested in oriental kites and experimenting with high angle kites. He builds reels and plans to share a plan for his Twin Keeled Delta Sled with all of you in a future issue of this newsletter. Jim is also an auto mechanic and is starting a small business selling plants from his green house.



Bud Krafft, W.K.A. member for 3 years, is an airplane enthusiast and supporter of the Red Barn project. Bud is presently Sec./Tres. of the W.K.A.