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Washington Kitefliers Association

an affiliate of the AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION
PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

NEWSLETTER -- January, 1979 --

Annual Meeting -- held at the Science Center January 9th. A dozen staunch members, tried and true, met to elect new officers and to plan towards the annual Kite exhibition at the Science Center in March. This is one of the first meetings in memory where there was no special program of slides, demonstrations, etc. The discussion was so interesting and intense that we just never did get around to looking at some slides that were there.

President: Carl Brewer. Carl has served a year already as our club secretary -- and done a very good, dependable job. He is a mathematician by trade and it is evident in his record-keeping last year.

It is also evident in his kite-making: exquisite craftsmanship is evident in all of his airplane-type kites. He talks the jargon of his former club, the Model Airplane Club of America. He loves to fly these things in the Kingdome and the Coliseum and will attempt a world's record indoor duration flight in March. "Angle of incidence". "Chord". "Angle of attack". "C.L." "C.G." All those things. Carl's lucky to have the mind to cope with those Boeing-engineer-type details which make his kites fly like 90° -- straight up.

Carl's wife, Atsuko, appears to be his intellectual equal -- a somewhat necessary ingredient to a successful marriage. Married in Japan, they moved to Seattle and she is now a public school teacher. You should have seen her put on an amazing demonstration of translating off-the-cuff during a F.I.U.T.S. reception last summer at the Univ. of Wash.

Carl loves special projects. He and our outgoing president, Ken Conrad, flew to San Francisco last fall just for the day to take in the Family Day Kite Fly. And take it, they did! We're looking forward to a fun-filled year with Carl up there at the helm.

Secretary-treasurer/President-designate: Bob McCort. Bob is the less-exacting kitemaker, a family man in the fullest sense of the word. Son Roger attends a school class for gifted children and Bob has helped them with kite-classes and demonstrations. Son Roger's class demonstrated their kites last year at our Science Center exhibition, with Bob's help.


Wife Lynn is part -- a big part -- of the McCort team, a supportive family-oriented lady, active and busy. Katherine and Sheila, the cute little twins, round out the family. Bob has taken over the reins -- and the check-book -- of his office and is already organized for his year of duty. Bob is a long-lines technician with the telephone company and works odd hours and odd days but has cleared his calendar for kite events in the near future.

Past-president, Ken Conrad, is bucked on up to the Board of Directors where he joins our founding father-figure, David Checkley, Chairman-of-the-Board; Jack Van Gilder, the second past-president and newsletter editor; John Dusenberry, our third president and active board member; and Bill Lee, fourth president and resident Board thinker-upper-of-new-kite-designs.

Valerie Govig's Reception:



What do Valerie's wondering eyes behold?

This:  Dorothea and David Checkley hosted a wonderful reception at their "house-just-made-for-hospitable-receptions" home, Dec. 10th.

Some thirty-five W.K.A. members and wives joined the Checkleys for supper-and-the-evening. As shown here, there was some show-and-tell as well as a home-movie reel.

Valerie didn't talk much business -- A.K.A. or KiteLines -- but seemed to enjoy the warm reception of our members. And they were impressed with her quiet charm.

New Years Day Fly: Tradition is a wonderful thing! We have never been blown-out, rained-out or anything, from our (about) fourth annual "Protest-The-Bowls" kitefly at Golden Gardens Park. Of course, our knuckles turned blue a little prematurely this year because of the 30° temperature. But there were about twenty-five members with kites up. Jan Kloock had a couple of newly-sewn beauties. J.C. Young has scored again -- with a gorgeous eagle. The breeze was a little light to do it justice that day but wait 'til you see it at our Science Center Show!

And did you happen to catch Dave Checkley being interviewed on KING-TV news, New Years Day evening? They came to the fly-in and he did a superb job in our estimation.

Next Event: Half-time show at the Kingdome. This will be at the Super-Sonics pro-basketball game on Feb. 1st. We have half of our

needed fliers recruited already, so if you would like to have the fun and thrill of flying kites, right down there on the floor of the Kingdome, let us know at 938 0550. **THIS WEEK!** Free tickets -- you pay for parking. We will let partakers know what time and what the plans are.

Imagine that: the Sonics contacted US! One of these days we might hear from the Seahawks - .



Julien Wolf's movie-film-editor kite reel. Unbelievable! It even has a gear-shift: two speeds.

Science Center Exhibition: do you know that, as far as we know, us W.K.Aers are the ONLY kite club in America that has a big money-maker like this? Are we ever lucky? Well, just ask any other kite club in America. Last year we turned a profit of \$1,123. But naturally, it involved a lot of hard work by a dedicated crew. We used the money to put almost 500 kite books (Brummitt's) into libraries all over the state, for subscriptions to Kitelines and to send a delegate to the first national convention.

This year we want to emphasize kids-making-kites more, so Bob McCort, Carl Brewer and Jack Van Gilder have scheduled kite-making instruction classes in about three schools each. We would like to do more but need more instructors. Please call 938 0550. We plan to have one section of wall for the display of these kid-built kites at our exhibition.

Louise Crowley has said that in addition to making beautifully-crafted kites she will head up the phoning/recruiting/scheduling committee. So when one of that group phones, agree cheerfully, PLEASE! We need you. Start making kites like mad right now - -.

We're calling it "Kite Fair, 1979", this year. The date is March 31st and April 1st. The first weekend in April - almost. Save the date, eh?

DUES DUE: It's that time of the year again, kites - boys and girls. Note enclosed coupon. Note that despite increased costs, the cost to you is the same: \$3.00. We have better things to spend money on than repeated reminders, so be prompt, please. (If there is no coupon enclosed, you joined after Sept. 31st and your dues for 1979 are paid)

Lost Membership Rosters: Carl Brewer made up some new, up-to-date rosters. Send in your request for one with your dues instead of waiting until anniversary time: April 15.

Marymoor/July 4th Heritage Festival: The King County Parks Dept. is asking us to put on a kite-making event again. Anyone willing to help, please call 938 0550.

THANK YOU ! -- Elliott and Erna Gouden -- for handling the mailing-out of some 500 kite books to libraries. They hand-delivered some of the rare, expensive foreign books.

New kites: In addition to J. C.'s new eagle kite, just wait until you see the new design Louise Crowley is coming up with: the constellation Orion (the man with the club). Half-made, it is still awe-inspiring.

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Schedule:

Every Sunday afternoon: any time after 1:30 pm; Gasworks Park. It seems to be about the most centrally-located. Until complaints are heard more loudly than Tom Sisson's one about it being a good place to bring down an airplane and therefore the whole world of officialdom around our ears, let's plan on seeing each others' new creations there. The heliport next door has been phased out by the budget-eering city council so it IS a little safer, Tom.

Feb. 1st: Kingdome Fly - Half-time of the Sonics basketball game.

March 1st, April 1st: - Science Center Exhibition -- Kite Fair, 1979 - 1

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Here's an EXTRA membership application to give another interested kite club member:

To: WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION
Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington - 98109

Please enter my name on your membership:

Name:

Street:

City:

State

ZIP code

Phone No.:

Please send
information
on American
Kite Assn. also:
Yes No

Enclosed is \$3 for mailing costs for newsletter and roster of other kite club members.

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