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 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

NEWSLETTER OF DECEMBER, 1979 - - -

Last newsletter, we filled you up with the happenings of "The Orient Expressed" when the Shirone kite team visited us. To continue with the story: they had a bit of a tragedy on the way home; three of their rolls of film were lost so they don't have many pictures. Please, anybody with pictures, would you send them to us, address above? We'll forward them to Japan for you. They have a very nice kite museum in Shirone and NEED pictures.

One prize-winner at the "Sports Day" went unrecognized: Louise Crowley. The world-famous Japanese bird-kiteman, Shuhei Goto, made this \$800 sky sculpture

One of WKA's truly superlative crafts- persons won this crane kite in the drawing. Louise is showing that it really flies, here.

Below is shown another aftermath of Orient Expressed; they left their giant 161 by 26 ft. kite behind. The Bon made a gift of it to the Pacific Science Center, the way we understand it -- and you can just guess who the Science Center has selected to be resident curators: US!



Can you imagine anyone cutting 48 bridle lines to this giant kite? Well, they did. Can you imagine anyone crazy enough to attempt put them back together again? Well, we are!



Here's Jack and Harold lining things up and tying them off. Photo by Checkley.

Checkley had a nice letter from one of the leaders of the Shirone' team, KAZUO TAMURA, curator of the Shirone' Kite Museum:

" - I clearly remember the wonderful experience of thirteen-day visit to Seattle. I was fascinated by the beautiful scenery with a lot of green trees and beautiful lakes. The night view was also really good. I will never forget them all.

Since I saw you for the first time in 1976 by Prof. Hiroi's introduction, you have made great efforts to let us fly our big kites in Seattle. We are very glad that our dream has come true. Thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality. There seems to be no barrier in flying kites. Thanks to the teru-teru bozu, the weather was good." Please give our best regards to the members of the WKA. I am looking forward to seeing you again."

Dave seems to be dominating the subject of this newsletter. Well he might. He

has been working his "retired" head off for us kite club members -- nationally as well as locally. He was our delegate to the national A.K.A. convention in October, remember. This was held in Manassas, VA.

Dave reports that things went very well back there -- well, a couple of debates were held on the convention floor on resolutions having to do with the A.K.A. and the magazine, Kite Lines. You will get the official news on that from the A.K.A. Mostly, it was very friendly, a very-well-run show and -- ta-DAH -- part of the kite contest will be on national television!

Time: 7:30 pm
Date: Dec. 14th - a Friday
Place: CBS- KIRO - Ch. 7
Show: "PM Magazine" - a 6½ min. segment.

Here's Pete Ianuzzi, buyer of 10-ft. maki-dako hexagonal Shirone' kite, donated to A.K.A. auction by Checkley in behalf of Shirone' Kite Assn. Pete bid up to \$270, the highest item.



Mel Govig, of the Kitelines magazine-producing Govigs, was auctioneer and did usual superlative job, we hear. At 1½ hr he verbally wrenched \$2,700 from the crowd!

The Maryland Kite Society supplied most of the people to organize and run the convention. Thank you from all of us, MKS!

Here's Pete Ianuzzi again, flying his nylon butterfly kite at the Grand National fly-in at Manassas Battleground National Park, Oct. 6, 1979.

Pete is wearing his Japan Kite Assn. hapi coat, a gift of the late Shingo Modegi, then head of J.K.A., when Pete was in Tokyo a couple years ago.



One last thing on the A.K.A. convention: Wood Ellis (next column), who helps edit the A.K.A. (by the way, that's the "American Kitefliers Association") newsletter, phoned all the way from Virginia last Sunday morning. He was looking for events we might have scheduled in the Seattle area next season. He reported that their people were enthralled by the keynote speech Dave Checkley made there. Dave had told us board members that he "had made a little talk". Yeah, Dave is now on the board of directors, replacing Jack Van Gilder for Region 10. The rest of the officers are about the same - Great! Red Braswell, president; Ted Manekin, 1st Vice Pres., 2nd Vice; Philip Cline, 3rd; Wood Ellis, Sectr.; Margo Brown, and Helene Sacha, Treas.; Reggie Morris -- all from around Baltimore. Good work, People!

They are certainly thorough back there at Headquarters; here's Wood Ellis and his Inclinator, for measuring the best



angle-of-flight event in the Grand National Fly-in. Out here in the west, we tend to just eye-ball things like that.

Coming events:

January 1st: 6th annual "Protest the Bowls" Fly-in -- New Years Day. Traditionally this has been at Golden Gardens Park so lets leave it there this year also. Our luck with the weather has been superb there, even if the field has been a bit muddy. Any time after 1:00 PM.

Club meeting: our annual meeting will be in January for elections, etc. but we'll have to get another letter out telling the time and place.

Patches: Has anyone seen Van Gilder with his kite patch jacket? He now is the proud possessor of SEVEN, worn up and down the sleeves and breast. The last and most impressive, is the "BKFA" patch: British Kite Flying Association. Anyone interested in trading patches with our British cousins, write (get this) Clive C. O. Rawlinson, Hon. Secretary, The Croft,

Parsonage Lane,
Howe Street,

(more --)

Great Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex,
England. !

Wow, can't you just picture a beautiful small cottage with no number, but a NAME, on a cul-de-sac off a quiet street in a section of a small town out from London? Wonderful.

Anyway, he assures me that there are others in England who would like to trade patches; Cost: one of yours.

New members:

Mr & Mrs Carl Krafft - 323 1734
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Keith Fuller, Box 1499, Anchorage, AK
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of Japan next spring. (206) 284 5350

Shirone Kites for sale: Great Winds Kite
Shop. Small, hand-painted, hand-made,
excellent fliers - (206) 624 6886 \$35

Pat Hammond is coming to town! She
was the cover-girl on Kite Tales,
Summer, 1972. Feb. 7th.
Big party!

Condolences to J.C. Young
all W.K.A. members, remember
his family on death of mother.

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