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NEW WKA PATCHES 1982.1

To order, send \$2.00 to WKA c/o Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109. These patches are a little different from last year's but are really nicely done!

IMPORTANT WKA MEETING

February 17th 1982, 7pm, in the Board Room of the Pacific Science Center, there will be a general membership meeting to elect officers, make plans for the kite show, have "show and tell" and organize a committee system. Suzanne Sadow will lead a discussion on how to use the committee system. Be prepared to volunteer on the committee of your choice. We would like to get more people involved and get to know more people through these committees. **IF YOU CANNOT BE AT THE MEETING, BUT WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CALL TOM SISSON 725-3615.** The outcome of this will be that everyone will receive a committee roster and have the opportunity to call someone to get answers to any questions they may have on kites, kite flying, making kites, contests, shows, kite hanging, kite classes etc. We are all interested in making ours a bigger and better club, so please think about suggestions to help accomplish this.

Tom Sisson, President Elect



Tom Sisson and egg cartons

THE FIRST OF THE YEAR IS DUES TIME, LET'S ALL MAKE IT EASY ON THE SECRETARY TREASURER BY SENDING IN OUR DUES [\$5.00] NOW! THANK YOU!

CECIL AND DIPSTICK



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Those who attended the New Year's Eve "Inaugural Gathering" at the Conrad pad know what a delightful gathering it was. Those who didn't should be told that they missed the best party in the city - nay, the county! - that night. Once the five flights of stairs were conquered, there was the warmth of Ken's newly installed wood-burning stove and Suzanne's hot spiced wine. There was relaxed conversation and a variety of activities, ranging from trying to solve the Rubik cube to playing computer games. And there was food to cause a dieter to weep tears of frustration! In short, it was one beautiful party.

Inauguration and Kite Fly

Golden Gardens blossomed with kites of every description on New Year's Day morning as WKA'ers and guests awaited the ceremony to which they had been invited, and what elegant invitations they were, by the way, very formal, and complete with gold seal and WKA President Sisson's signature.

Hugh and Marge Harrison, BCKA, were there, putting up a spectacular BC version of a Japanese rokkaku, his famous flags flying from the kiteline.

Called to the bunting adorned stand, Jack Van Gilder was installed by Dave Checkley as President of the American Kitefliers Association. Applause from the gloved hands of the chilled on-lookers was muffled but enthusiastic as Tom Sisson presented Jack with his badge of office: a stained glass replica of a diamond kite, to be worn, pendant style, whenever he acts in an official capacity.

Following the ceremony, the ungentle breeze which had been blowing, moderated and died, and kites were soon drifting to the ground, one by one. One of the last to come down was Tom Sisson's remarkable egg carton creation, a sort of airplane kite, best seen rather than described.

The Eighth Annual New Year's Day Kitefly, while perhaps not the most exciting ever, was not a total loss. We did get the Honorable Jack Van Gilder inaugurated as President of AKA. And we did get home in time to see the Huskies win.

Margaret Holzbauer



Our fearless Leader!

Some people think
that kites are for kids.
We can assure you
that this is not true.
But if you will,
consider this:
Kites are for the kid in you.

David Pinner

Additions to WKA membership list:

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Seattle, WA 98118

"TANGRAM" A Mini kite by Carl Brewer

1. Take a piece of candle and wax the plans. Then pin the plans very flat. Glue onto a flat surface if necessary.

2. Cut some 3" lengths of 1/32" square from a sheet of quarter grain balsa.

3. Tack each piece in place. Each piece can be carefully fitted by cutting one end and glueing to adjacent structure and tacking the piece to the plans by using an additional tiny amount of glue on the plan outline. After construction, the frames can be separated from the waxed plans easily with a razor blade. Use model airplane cement.

4. Covering: (1) Use cigarette paper. Pre-shrink by spraying with water. Let dry, then carefully iron. Brush a solution (50-50) of thin model airplane dope on the frame as adhesive. Cover keel on one side only. Trim with sharp razor. Or (2) Use condenser paper or microlite to cover. Anyone interested may obtain a small amount of ultra-lite condenser paper for the project by sending 50 cents to WKA with a self-addressed envelope.

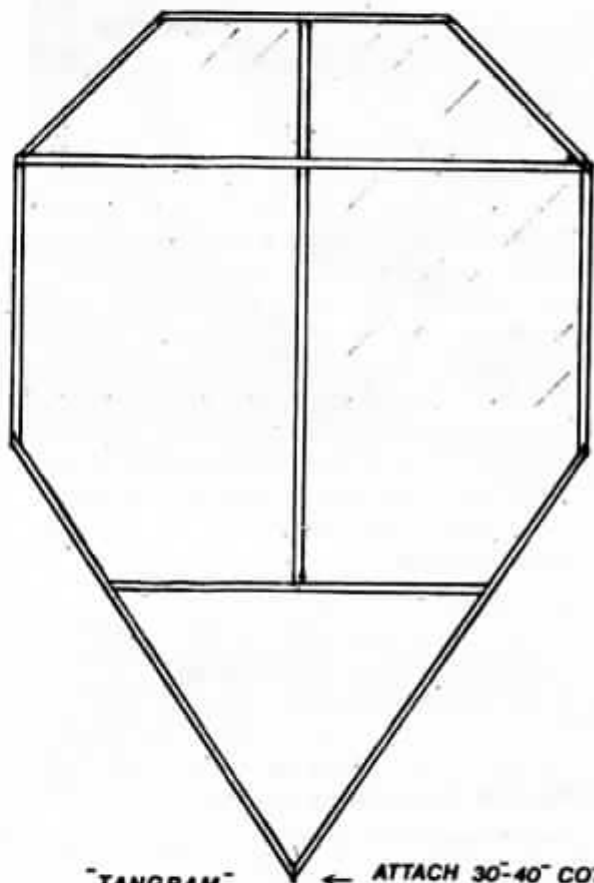
5. Silk thread is preferred for line. It is very much lighter than regular thread. Or, take cotton or polyester thread and separate one or two strands out. Requires much work to get a pliant, non-twisting line.

Note: If the plans are flat, the kite will be flat and you will have a trouble free structure. These small airframes have one design criterion: uniformity.

Performance: Very stable. Easily reaches 100'-200' with proper line. Should not "dart" if warp-free.

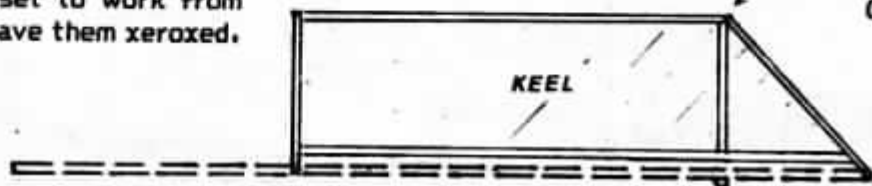
These plans are FULL SIZE as printed, but to get a set to work from you'd probably better have them xeroxed.

TOP



ATTACH 30-40" COTTON
THREAD

BRIDLE POINT
(GLUE)



CALENDAR

January: W.K.A. Dues!

February 15:

Valentines Kite Fly

Gassworks 1:30pm

February 17:

W.K.A. Meeting

VERY IMPORTANT!

7:00pm Pacific Science

Center Board Room

March 14:

City Kites Kite Fly

Gassworks 12:00 noon

Milly and I are trying to print at least one set of plans for a kite or kite accessory, or instructions for some specific technique of flying or construction, in each issue of this newsletter. We're off to a good start, with Carl's "Tangram" for this month's and Les's high-flying Ram for the next. Thanks, and keep them coming.

Also: if there's any particular thing in that category you'd like to see here, let us know and we'll try to get it.
Louise Crowley

Valentines Day Kite Fly

On Sunday February 14th at 1:30 at Gassworks Park, W.K.A. will have a kite fly around the theme of Valentines. So bring your Sweetheart and join the fun!!

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!
SECOND ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL
SPONSORED BY "CITY KITES"
GASWORKS PARK
SUNDAY MARCH 14TH
12:00 NOON
BRING PICNIC LUNCH
COFFEE AND CAKE PROVIDED

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