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Presidents Words

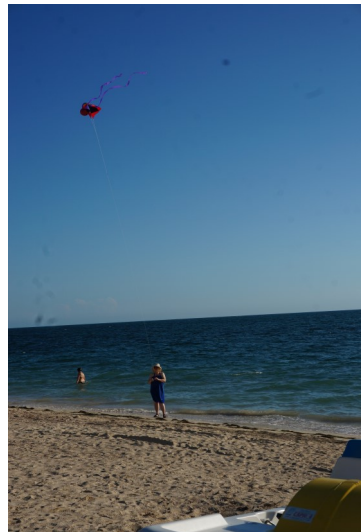
Well summer is upon us, and we have had some nice days already. Now for a bit of fun at my own expense. I had forgotten the NZKA web site address so keyed in NZKA.ORG Well that was interesting, I ended up in the National Zombie Killing Association. So you never know who we will be confused with. NZKA.ORG.NZ still gets us to the right place though.

We have just come back from an extended holiday in different climes. We even made a little time to fly a kite on Playa Ancon, Trinidad, Cuba. One of the best beaches on Southern Cuba. Cuba was an interesting place to visit but it's great to be back. Now back to kites.

Our household is looking forward to The Chateau and then some kite making directly afterwards. I am now unsure why we have not done the two events together before.

I will make this a short note so I can fill the rest of the page with an upcoming events diary

It is now time to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



Upcoming Events

1st January 2016 : Kite flying on the golf course in front of the Chateau Tongariro Hotel at Mount Ruapehu. We have accommodation booked at Ohakune in the Ruapehu Mountain Motel and Lodge at 4-6 Foyle St, Ohakune. The flying will start about 10:00am at the golf course. Till about 4 or later if the weather is good.

Not the Labour Weekend kite making retreat will be on the 2nd and 3rd of January 2016 at the Ruapehu Mountain Motel and Lodge. This will be making balls or Bols. Some people may also be working on other projects.

22nd-24th January 2016. Nelson summertime kite festival at Neale Park on North Road, Nelson City. There will be setting up with casual flying on the Friday probably with take aways on the field for Friday dinner. A warm up day on the Saturday for kite flying with a Bar-b-que at Ted's for the dinner. Then the main day on the Sunday. From 10:00am on the field till about 5:00pm. A night time meal will be at a local eatery, with entertainment provided.

30th January 2016 Saturday at New Brighton Beach - <http://summertimes.co.nz/event/22118>

Flyers: please let me know if you are wanting access to the beach or a parking spot in the carpark.

7th February 2016, Eltham at the farmers field off Neill Road from 10:00. There will be a Lions sausage sizzle on the field. Lots of good flying in a spacious field.

4th-6th March 2016. Otaki beach kiteflying. See the back cover for more information.

25th-28th March 2016 (Easter) The annual NZKA get together and AGM at Tauranga. See more information on the association website at NZKA.ORG.NZ

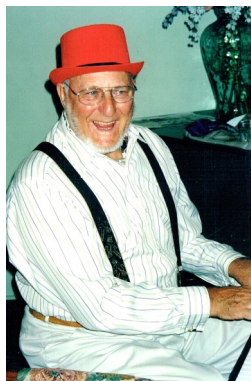
William John McLachlan: 1927 – 2015

Bill, a well known member of NZKA passed away on the 21st October at the age of 88.

His involvement in Kite flying started when he moved to Hawkes Bay in 1986. Bill attended many festivals around the country and Australia decked out in his bright clothing and top hat. In the Hawkes Bay Bill promoted kite making and flying by running classes and an annual display in the Plaza shopping centre. Bill would drive his highly decorated Suzuki van around town and into schools where he introduced many kids to the joys of kite making and flying. Many later becoming members of NZKA.

Bill's other passion was music where he was part of, or started a number of bands in Southland. Until recently Bill continued to play the piano at a number of rest homes around Hawkes Bay. He played every Sunday in the chapel at Gracelands where he lived until just a few weeks before he died. He left his piano to the chapel as he said "theirs was awful to play."

Bill the Kiteflyer



Bill the Pianist



A passion. "Promoting Kites"



Bill with his Kite Van
To be remembered
with a kite line in his
hand and a smile on his
face.



The Editor Whats Up

Dear Peter,

I am enclosing an article from the Franklin County News which shows a rather interesting Matariki Day. I was instrumental in getting this idea underway.

The local \$2 shop was selling a brightly coloured delta for \$2. I purchased one, took it home and assembled it according to instructions but it didn't fly well. The flying line was thin monofilament (too difficult for children to use). The line holder was so small to be almost useless.

From there on in, something had to be done. An adjustable 3 point bridle and a longer tail. The tail was made by chain knotting paper strips glued with double sided tape. This type of tail has the advantage of giving more resistance than a strip and provides enough drag to make the kite fly beautifully. The tail can also be made with multi coloured strips which looks beautiful.

Each tail has about 20 links with a little spinner at end. The spinner is made from light card with top folded over and divided into two legs. The spinner is attached to the end of the tail with a small swivel clip which allow it to turn like a propeller.

The whole scheme was easy for kids and parents to produce a kite and get it ready to fly.

Yours

Jim Ayers

PS Still making and flying kites, mainly on a small scale. Was recently given two old parachutes in ripstop nylon so won't run out of first class nylon.

Port sky fills for Matariki

High above Port Waikato's Sunset Beach dozens of brightly coloured kites soared and swooped, climbed and cartwheeled, while their owners clutched tightly to the strings.

To celebrate Matariki, Art @ the Port ran a free kite day funded by Waikato District Council and held at the community hall on Saturday June 27.

After a welcoming powhiri from local kaumatua Bob Koia, the fun began.

More than 100 people, young and old, were keen to learn how to make a kite that was guaranteed to fly.

Art @ the Port's Glennis Paton said the hall was set up in six stages and as one kite section was assembled, people then moved to the next part of the assembly.

"Everyone decorated their brightly coloured kites with Matariki designs, reflecting the stars, moon and koru patterns.

"The last stage was joining the kite to the container of string – 50 metres of it – ensuring that the kites did indeed fly high."

And fly they did – every single one.

"A little 3-year-old boy saw his kite fly the highest of all, 50 metres above him. He stood there for ages, never taking his eye off it, fascinated by its ducking and diving," Paton said.

"And it wasn't just the kids. Many adults had never flown a kite before."

Paton said members of Art @ the Port had been to a kite-making workshop run by master kite maker, Jim Ayers, where they learnt the aerodynamics of kite flying.

A simple \$2 shop kite with a bit of tweaking was what made the difference.



Symmon Holland gathers her kite string together, ready to take it soaring.



From left, Konner, Katelyn and James Brasell get to work on their kite creations.



Trivina Holland creates a kite with her daughter Symmon Holland.



Jakob Lewis shows off his work.

Franklin County News
July 9th 2015



Linda Brasell helps Gypsy Poland and Kinta Brown with their kite creations.

Agenda for 32nd Annual General Meeting of NZ Kitefliers Association

The meeting will be held at Sports Club facilities on Fergusson Park on Saturday 26th March 2016 at 7pm. (Quorum is 20% of 50 = 10)

Note: AGM will be preceded by BYO takeaways from 6pm at the same venue.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Greetings to visitors
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 31st AGM
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Financial Report
7. Appointment of reviewer for end of year accounts
8. Formal business of which due notice has been given.

Rule change as requested at 2015 AGM.

13. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The entire management of the Association (except as otherwise provided for by these Rules) shall be deputised to a committee consisting of the President, ~~Immediate Past President~~, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and ~~three~~ four other elected committee members. The Secretary and Treasurer may be a combined position in which case the elected committee positions will increase to ~~four~~ five. If nominated, preference should be given to the Immediate Past President for a committee position. Appointed members shall continue to hold office until they vacate their office or are replaced by the Association at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

9. Festival 2017 (Eltham) and 2018
10. Other business.
11. Election of officers.
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary/Treasurer
 - c. Committee x4(5 if above rule approved)
12. Close meeting

Easter Festival & AGM at Fergusson Park, Matua, Tauranga March 25th to 28th

Friday March 25th – Join members for a free fly after you arrive in Tauranga. Traditional BYO “fish & chips” about 6pm at the park. If wet we will have access to the sports club building.

Saturday March 26th – flying at park within roped off area all day. BYO takeaways at sports club building between 5-30pm and 7pm. NZKA AGM at 7pm.

Sunday March 27th - flying at park within roped off area until about 4-30pm. Buffet dinner at Oak Tree Restaurant in Greerton from about 6-30pm.

You can see menu at:

[www://oaktreerestaurant.co.nz/menu-buffet-restaurant-tauranga/dinner-menu-buffet-restaurant/](http://www.oaktreerestaurant.co.nz/menu-buffet-restaurant-tauranga/dinner-menu-buffet-restaurant/)

As we will **need to book** for any restaurant in Tauranga over Easter, **please advise Ray McCully if you wish to go to the Sunday dinner at the Oak Tree Restaurant.**

raymccully@gmail.com or phone 07 3483828

Monday March 28th – free fly at park until it is time for you to head home.

Note: We have the same vehicle on the park restrictions as in 2013. Parking around the boundary was no problem for the majority of attendees. 3 or 4 cars to tie off large kites can go on to the grounds. See Ray for access key and access route.

Taupo Sunday 22nd November 2015

Started out cloudy but improved to a fine sunny day with strong 30+km/hr all day.

Given the challenging conditions, Perrin Melchior, Ray McCully, Warren Ellery, Sharon Russell and Ian Russell were able to put on a display that kept the spectators moving through all day. One of the best attendances in recent years.

Peter Carman from Victoria, Australia also called in for a brief fly of his new pan flute.



Flying Sites/Regional Reps

Auckland

Bastion Point
Contact : Perrin at Kiteworks
Ph 09 358 0991
kiteworks@xtra.co.nz

Bay of Plenty

Lake front by Sound Shell, Rotorua
(only when the wind is off the lake)
Taharepa Reserve on the lake front
at Taupo
Contact : Ray McCully,
Ph 07 348 3828
raymccully@gmail.com

Kite Flying every 4th Sunday at Island View Reserve, Waihi Beach –
from 10.30am. Contact John Russell: 07 549 4209

afactor@xtra.co.nz

Christchurch

Hansen's Park, Opawa
Contact : Julie Adam,
Ph 03 365 3907
julie@kites.co.nz

Napier/Hastings (2nd Sunday)
Anderson Park, Greenmeadows
Contact : Sharon Russell,
Ph 06 844 0689
unigirl@slingshot.co.nz

Nelson (3rd Sunday) Neale Park
Contact : Ted Howard
Ph 03 548 8707
kitesfun@ihug.co.nz

Wellington (1st Sunday)
Elsdon Park, Porirua
Contact : Anne and Peter Whitehead
Ph 04 476 7227

When Things Go Wrong!

This year, the Wanganui/Ohakea weekend had strong and blustery winds so the opportunity for things to go wrong was ever present.



Flying on sports fields at Springvale Park was guaranteed to bring a goal post into play.

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The NZKA welcomes two new members:

Ken Woolley from Te Awamutu

Jim Nichols from Christchurch
(www.jimskites.co.nz)

Trade Directory

Below is a key list of what kite retailers around the country are offering.

Key: SL-Single line, DL-Dual line, C-Custom made kites, Bu-Buggies, F-Fabric, Ka-Kite making accessories, Re-Repairs, Kw-Kite making workshops, D-Demonstrations, BM-Books and Magazines, W-Wind related articles, G-Gift items, O-Other recreational items, MO-Mail order catalogue, KK-Kite kits, Ex-Exhibitions, RL-Reference library.

Kiteworks

181 Symonds St. Auckland.

Phone/Fax (09) 358 0991

Services offered: SL, DL, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re and W.

Rainbow Flight Kites

19 North Road, Nelson.

Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707

E-mail: info@kites-rainbowflight.co.nz

Website:

www.kites-rainbowflight.co.nz

SL, DL, C, Bu, F, Kw, D, W, O, KK and Ex.

Skylines and Bylines

2 Opawa Road – corner of Opawa, Wilsons and Shakespeare Roads.

P.O. Box 2194, Christchurch.

Phone (03) 365 3907, Fax (03) 337 2669

Mobile (027) 431 7716

E-mail: julie@kites.co.nz

Services offered: SL, DL, C, F, Ka, Re, BM, W, G, O, Mo, KK, Ex and RL.

When Things Go Wrong!

However, the best “When Things Go Wrong” had nothing to do with the weather. At Ohakea, a brand new Monkey made by Robert Van Weers was pulled from the bag for its first public flight, only to discover – **a leg sewn on backwards!!!** Even the designer of a kite can get it wrong.





ŌTAKI KITE FESTIVAL

5-6 March 2016

The Ōtaki Promotions Group is again looking forward to seeing all our NZKA friends at the annual Ōtaki Kite Festival on the beach. Every year it just gets better, as the flyers bring their latest creations and the appreciative crowds grow. While we're delighted as always to have our talented New Zealand flyers, we're also pleased to announce that we have been able to entice master Japanese kite-maker and artist Mikio Toki to Ōtaki in 2016. He and Tony Rice, who returns again from Australia, will join our own Yvonne de Mille in running workshops in the week running up to the festival. Get to a workshop if you can!

For more information, see Ōtaki Kite Festival on Facebook
– website coming soon!