

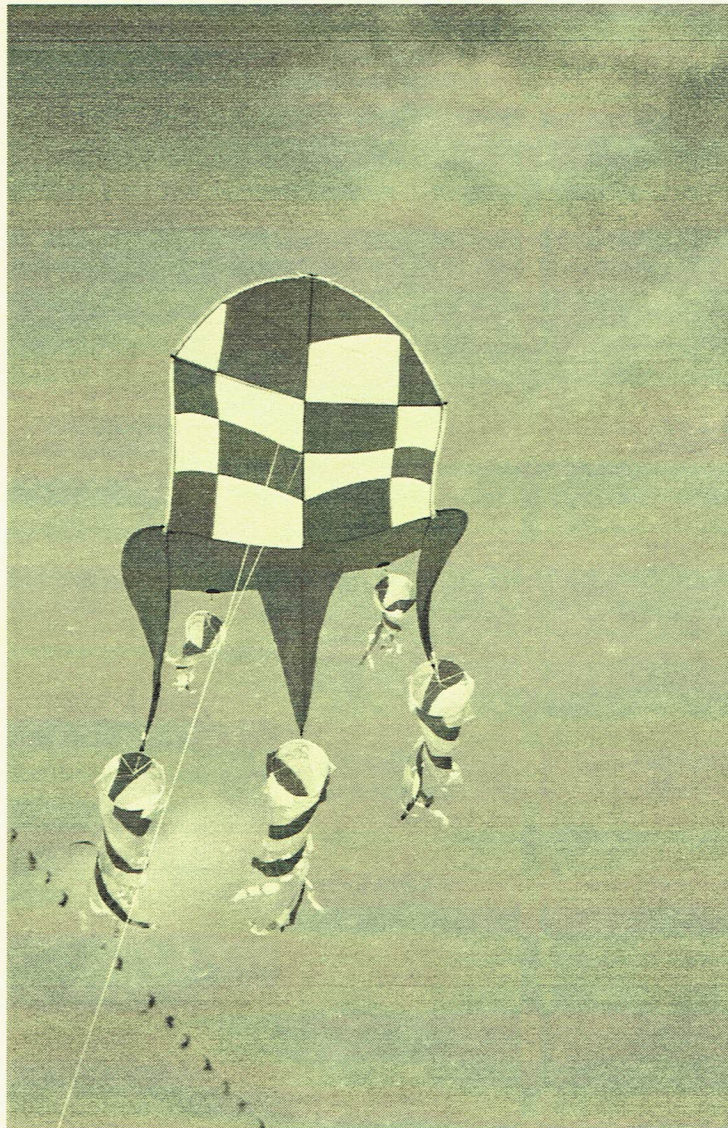
# What's Up?

March 2000

A newsletter for kitefliers

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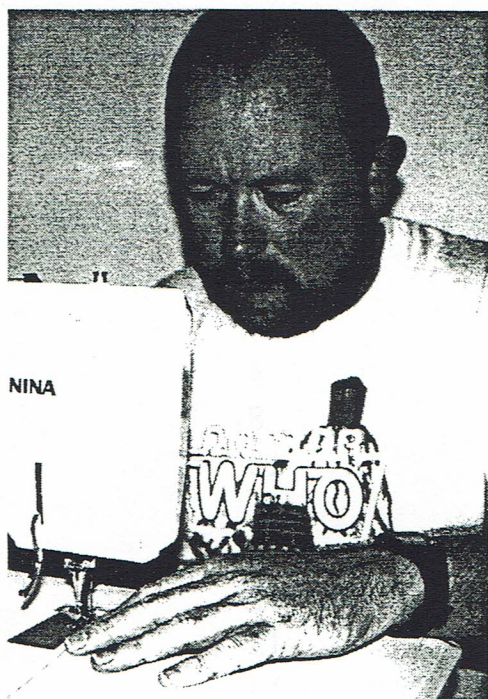
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The Rocket from TinTin  
Photo by Anne Whitehead



## Whitehead's Words



As the year rushes past we have time to think on what has happened and what is coming up. We still have some wonderful festivals to attend before winter is on us, and we have some great festivals to look back on.

I think the Nelson Summertime festival was great. As usual the wind was excellent for a lot of the time and I was especially pleased to be able to have so many kites flying off the one tractor. That just goes to prove how stable and consistent the winds were. This, I really hope bodes well for the National Festival in Nelson at Easter. Another innovation this year will be the fighter kite competition. There will be no excuse not to enter. We have a nearly inexhaustible supply of fighter kites from Indonesia.

Bring your new kites because the travel award for Bondi is still on. As we go to print the date for Bondi Festival of the Winds has been changed to 10-12 November, so book your holidays.

As usual I can recommend Eltham. Eltham has had a good record with the wind and weather over the last few years. We have always managed to do some good flying. We will be attending the kite fly again this year, as it has always been good. Anyone wanting to experience next years field and hospitality should come for the weekend this year. Please contact Peter Whitehead (04) 4767227 or Noel Boddie (06) 7647135 nearer the time for confirmation of this event.

The Association is being asked to participate locally with two groups this year. After last years successful kite fly for the Asthma Foundation, this

year will be even bigger. Please help and support where you can. We are also being asked to help and fly at Epilepsy Kite days in May, as mentioned in the December issue of What's Up?. More about this from your regional reps, and more information will be available at Nelson.

I also have to look back to Bondi last year. We might have missed a couple of days flying on the Friday and Saturday as it rained a little. Not normal Sydney weather we were all informed. (As usual, you should have been here last week was the cry.) By the time Sunday came around we were all ready to fly, and what a day it was. Great wind, great company and interesting kites. It was fascinating to meet Don Mock, a down to earth American with an interesting array of kites. And with the added interest of a stalker (well stroller really) on the beach, Bondi was a fun time. He seemed to take an interest in the large inflatable whale, and wanted to walk it all around the beach. A sight to behold.

We had a productive Labour weekend teaching people to make Rokkakus and decorate them. This year we plan to do an inflatable kite of some description. More information will be available very soon.

For people who want last minute information on festivals please contact us on [Drachen@the.net.nz](mailto:Drachen@the.net.nz) or [drachen@internet.co.nz](mailto:drachen@internet.co.nz) and we will endeavour to keep you informed. We hope to get a web site up soon.



This year Nelson Summer Time Festival kite day was earlier than in the past. This meant that some of the usual participants were not there, but there was still a strong showing of members. Because of the millenium there were also a few overseas visitors.

The Saturday and Sunday were both good days for wind. On the Saturday I was able to have three kites tied off to the one tractor and not have any problems for 2 or more hours, with lots of other kites flying in the general area. There was a small rain storm late on the Saturday. All the kites went into storage for the night a little wet. By the morning they had all dried out, so that really was not a problem.

Sunday was the public day, and as is usual in Nelson the wind was light in the morning, but consistent. By the afternoon the wind had shifted about 90 degrees across the field. During the Sunday I think we all had a good display of kites up for the public to see. There was a large variety of kites including a keel-less delta (from Fritz Jansma Holland), a representation of TinTin's rocket (Julie Adam from Christchurch) another new nearly naked lady from Peter Whitehead, and interesting kites from Jim Ayers. (You need to see them!)

David and Muriel Bowie were doing the famous bear dropping stunts. We even managed to fit in time to have three rounds of a Rokkaku challenge, with indeterminate results. There were also some large kites from Peter Lynn and Ted Howard.

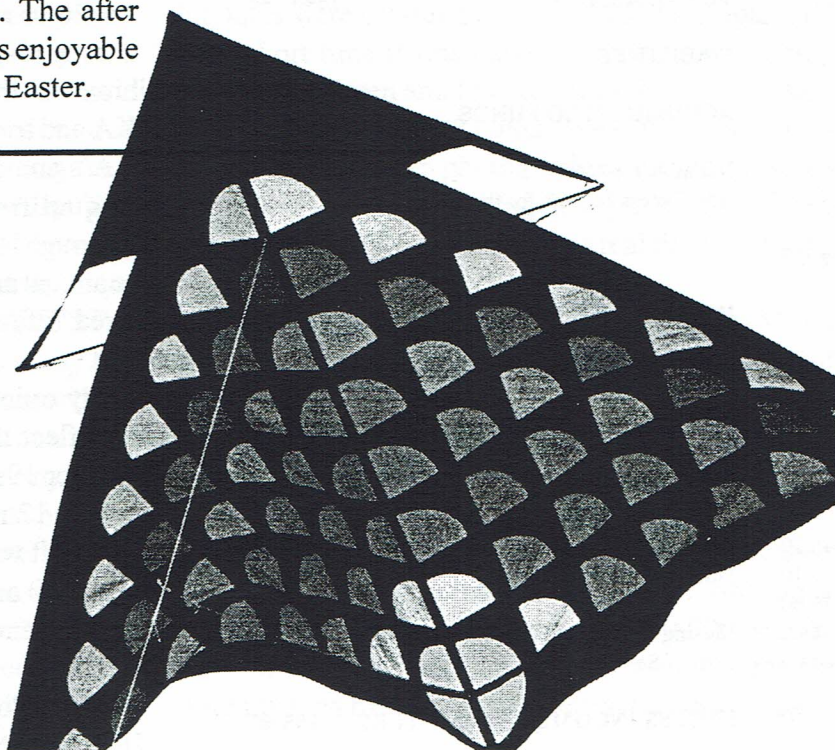
All in all though the weather was good, the wind was very good and the flying was great. The after match function in the local pizza parlor was enjoyable as well. This all bodes well for Nelson at Easter.

Registrations have started to come in for our annual festival, this year in Nelson. If you haven't done so please get yours in as soon as possible so we can co-ordinate catering etc. We will be having a commercial free festival with the usual trading amongst ourselves but kitemaking kits only, available to the public mainly on Sunday. This is to maintain a lower cost for hiring the park area (reduced rates for a non commercial event!) and means that Ted & Gretchen may get to fly some kites instead of running the kite stall!!

We think it's more fitting to have it this way at this time and we want members to volunteer their services helping with kitemaking instructions. If we want to get more members who are kitefliers AND kitemakers what better way to show how accessible it can be!

We hope you will come join us!

Fritz Jansma's keelless delta  
Photo by Anne





**NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEP 1999**

1998	INCOME	1999
3659.25	Subscriptions	3914.01
-394.10	Sales Account	-185.45
182.03	Interest	101.08
2028.51	Auction	1837.86
301.94	Interest-term deposit	474.59
5777.63	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6142.09</b>
	<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>	
	WU? Print etc	526.81
	WU? Post	571.90
1489.75	WU? Total	1098.71
502.45	Secretarial & Stationery	396.60
745.60	Travel	540.70
562.50	Insurance	562.50
206.55	Loss on Festival	57.00
121.70	Regional Reps	152.75
215.43	Bank fees	221.90
789.47	Misc & Fests	220.00
4633.45	<b>TOTAL OP'N EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3350.16</b>
1144.18	<b>Excess Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>2791.93</b>

**NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1999**

1998	ASSETS	1999
5801.94	Term Deposit	6276.53
1000.00	Napier agm festival	
7505.59	ANZ Cheque Account	11787.93
1388.00	Stock on Hand Sales	423.00
	Printer Cost 4.3.92	2868.75
.00	Less Acc Depn	2868.75
	Computer Cost 23.2.93	3037.50
.00	Less Acc Depn	3037.50
15695.53	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>18487.46</b>

**LIABILITIES**

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

15695.53	Net as at 1.10.98	15695.53
1144.18	Add Excess Income for the year	2791.93
16839.71		18487.46

**NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN  
MEMBERS SALES ACCOUNT  
for the year ended 30 September 1999**

1998		1999
2493.90	Sales	821.90
.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>821.90</b>
1645.50	Open Stock	1388.00
2631.10	Purchases	42.35
4276.60		1430.35
1388.00	Closing Stock	423.00
2888.00	Cost of Sales	1007.35
-394.10	<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-185.45</b>

**AUDIT REPORT**

1998 - 1999 New Zealand Kitefliers Association Incorporated (NZKA) Accounts.

I have audited the above annual accounts showing the financial activity of the NZKA over the period 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999, and recording its financial position at 30 September 1999.

**Basis of opinion**

Given the size of the NZKA financial transactions I have reviewed each transaction as presented, and its treatment, including the committee's judgements as to the nature of the revenue received or expenditure incurred, and whether the activities were appropriate to the NZKA's circumstances and constitution.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted standards of the IIA and note that my report is limited as follows. The nature of the organisation and its activity is such that it is not possible to have full controls over all activities and to independently verify each individual transaction. However I am satisfied that I have obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material error or mis-statement.

The information has also been presented in a manner that is clear to the readers of the report.

**NZKA Committee responsibility**

The committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts that adequately reflect the financial position of the NZKA as at 30 September 1999, and its financial operations during the year ended 30 September 1999.

**Auditors responsibility**

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial reports prepared by the NZKA and to report my opinion to the readers of the NZKA's annual accounts.

**Unqualified opinion**

Although I have not sighted the Treasurers narrative to the annual accounts I believe I have received all the required information, and any explanations I have sought.

In my opinion the attached financial statements fairly reflect the NZKA financial position as at 30 September 1999, and its financial transactions in the preceding 12 months.

My audit was unfortunately not completed until 5 March 2000 and I hope my delay has not caused too many problems. My opinion is expressed as at that date.

Stephen Cook  
Honorary Auditor.



## Phil, the kite addict.

My interest in kites started on the Labour day weekend in March 1978. What started out as just one small single line kite called a "rainbow devil" has turned into one devil of an addiction. When I first started, I read books and began having a go at making some of these here flying machines.

For birthdays and Christmas people gave me old taffeta ball gowns and assorted pieces of cotton poplin but at that stage it was rip – what?? One taffeta ball gown was made into "Orgust the Clown" 7' 6" diameter, 6' bow tie and 250' tail.

Every time I have been packing for Bondi, Orgust seems to wave his bow tie and say pick-me, pick-me, and that is one of things I find really hard, just which kites do I take?

My first stunt kite was made from offcuts of curtain material and sparred with u-beaut dowel, wow what a flying machine.

I also went through the Indian fighter stage and for quite a long time flew little else, but as new materials were discovered – rip – what?? Turned into rip stop and another stage of my kiting began.

Dowel gave way to solid fibre glass WOW!! And then the discovery of hollow fibreglass- WOW!! and then carbon rods- WOW!! And then no rods (flow forms and parafoils) WOW!! And then and then.....

Some of my fondest memories have been of my trip to Hammamatsu in Japan with Michael Alvares in May 1994. To be part of such an important cultural event was really special, the hospitality and warmth extended to us by our hosts and the Japanese people in general was a real "Gillette Moment in Life".

In July 1994 Karen O'Connor (now Gamble) David Bull and I went to Jakarta for the festival held at Monas. (The national monument). Our flying team was a little ordinary but "that's life" as they say. This was the first time I had the pleasure of meeting George Peters and marveling at his creative talent. Another kite flier who I discovered wasn't JUST in books was Tal Streeter, not that the photo in my kite book helped in the identification (but I'd know those pink socks anywhere). On returning home from Indonesia and getting back into shearing, my mind was ticking over and thought "there's got to be more to kite making than just what's in the book" and so half way on the long blow Australiana was conceived.

Winning the "Best Home Made Kite" at Nedlands in 1994 gave me my first trip to Bondi and what an experience. From the moment you arrive, it's full on,

breakfast at Rogers Café (this tiny cafe bursts at the seams) with kities for 4 days, as we all try to charge up the batteries with that extra cappuccino, bacon, eggs, toast and whatever to get us through the morning until Mum!!?? (Gail Wilmer) orders me off to get some lunch from that Ian Palmeter.. look alike John Murray.

In July 1995 Karen, David and I again went to Indonesia for what could be described as a 15 day workout in a sauna, (who needs Jenny Craig?) Aussie Joke! Festival 1 was at Jakarta, a reclaimed "beach" that used to be flooded with the tide each night.

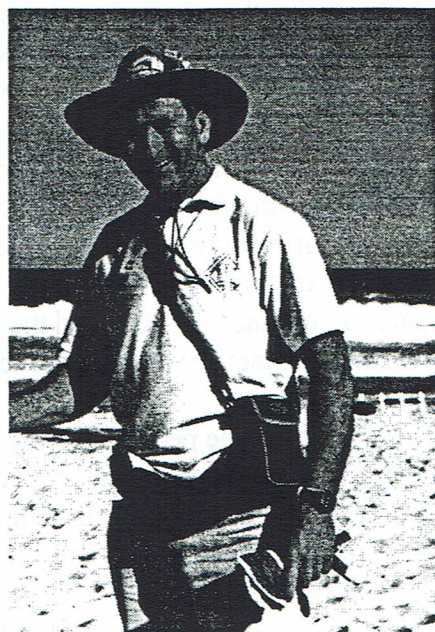
The night of the night fly, kites were up and big search lights were focusing on one then another kite while the kities had dinner in a restaurant at the end of the beach.

George Peters remarked "Gee it's nice to just sit back and watch the kites fly" when suddenly a storm hit, kites were crashing down and blowing apart and for a short time it was mayhem. The storm quickly passed and Karen and I looked at each other and said "yes little spinners with lights" We were soon roaring around the sky when photographers started sneaking in FRONT!! of us and taking flash photos from just a few meters away. (Now that was a real fun fly - flying blind)

Festival 2 was in Lampung but Karen, David and I went off to a craft school to teach how to make stunt kites, now that was a challenge, but very rewarding. A trip to the Elephant school and a morning "kite fishing" were real bonuses for us, the fish are snared by the top jaw, that was a hoot.

We caught up with the rest of the gang at Patanahan Beach, Kebumen and had a real ball flying on a postage stamp in front of a reported 150,000 people.

Festival 5 was at Yogyakarta where at night we were invaded by these stink beetles, boy did we have





## Phil, the kite addict continued

fun trying to get them out of our bags.

Festival 6 was at Mt Bromo. Hot during the day and c-c-cold at night but Mr Walker helped us to keep warm.

Then in March 1996 Karen, David and I were invited to Suwon City in Korea to attend a festival commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fortification of Suwon City. We left Perth with the temperature around 35–40 C and the first day of the festival the chill factor was –5 Boy what a shock to the system.

The warmth of the people more than made up for the temperatures and once again we had an absolute wow of a time. This was the first time I had met up with Clyde and Jenny Cook and other kites from around the world.

In 1997 while driving up to that shed at Yorksakinne where I was shearing, I saw the blades of the windmill flashing in the early morning light, and thought “I’ve never seen that flashing before”. On getting nearer I discovered it was a new head on the stand, and not just any head, it was a “Bobtail Windmill” and so another kite was conceived out there in the bush. (Bloody fertile country that)

After sewing frantically right up until I left for Bondi. Tying it all together on the Friday morning of the Festival was I suppose expecting a little too much, but eventually it flew due mainly to the positive input of John Daniell and the tireless efforts of Ken Tivey

who helped me for 2 days. Ken knows more about putting up windmills than anyone else in Australia. I had the good fortune of winning Members Choice and the trip to attend the NZKA festival at Palmerston North over Easter. What a great bunch of enthusiastic kilters were there to enjoy the festivities.

I sometimes design kites as I go along and that’s how I did “The Shed”. I had it drawn up on paper (shock, horror) and then all these funny little problems would crop up when it actually started to go together, but never say never came through and eventually it was ready for test flying nearly a week before the festival. (I was going to have it finished by June at the latest! HA HA!!)

Fortune smiled on me once again and “The Shed” was awarded the trip to Nelson for Easter 2000 and the Best Home Made Kite and the trip for 2 to Malaysia.

I’ve put in a special order for the weather at Easter, here’s hoping my order got through-.com.nz

I sometimes wonder what the future holds for us in the way of kite design, because in the time I have been into kites the development has really taken some giant leaps forward.

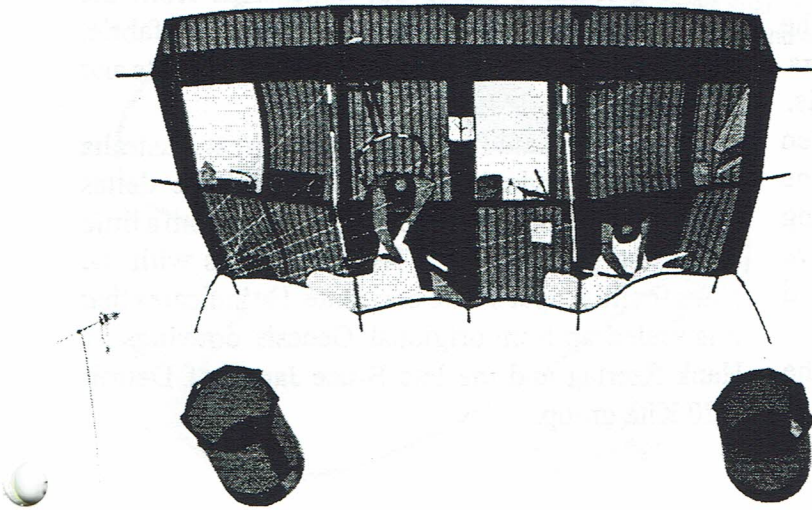
My interest at the moment is mainly in lighting systems and night flying in general. I think it’s hard to beat a night fly after a hot day, quite often I’ll head down to Hillerans Boat Harbour and fly into the wee small hours, oh what a feeling.

Keep smiling and best wishes. Phil Taylor

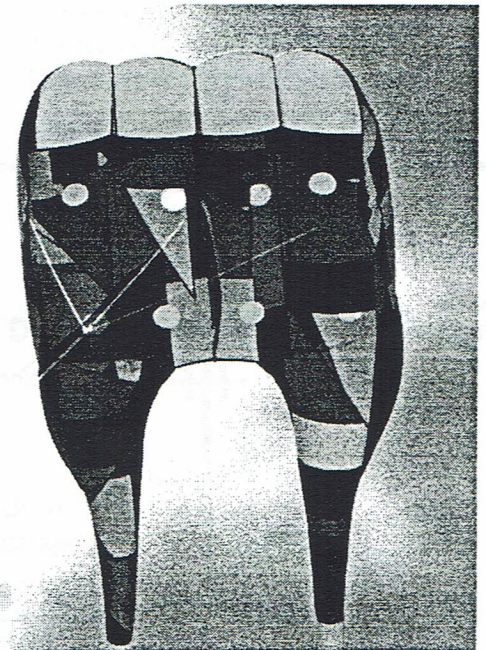




The Winning Kite



Phil's Flowform derivative



Flying the winning kite



Being of the opinion that for a good low wind kite the direction of the weave of the fabric is critical, I have drawn up the following layout. To achieve good low wind performance I have found that it is best to have the grain of the fabric parallel to the leading edge spars. This means the sail does not stretch along this axis.

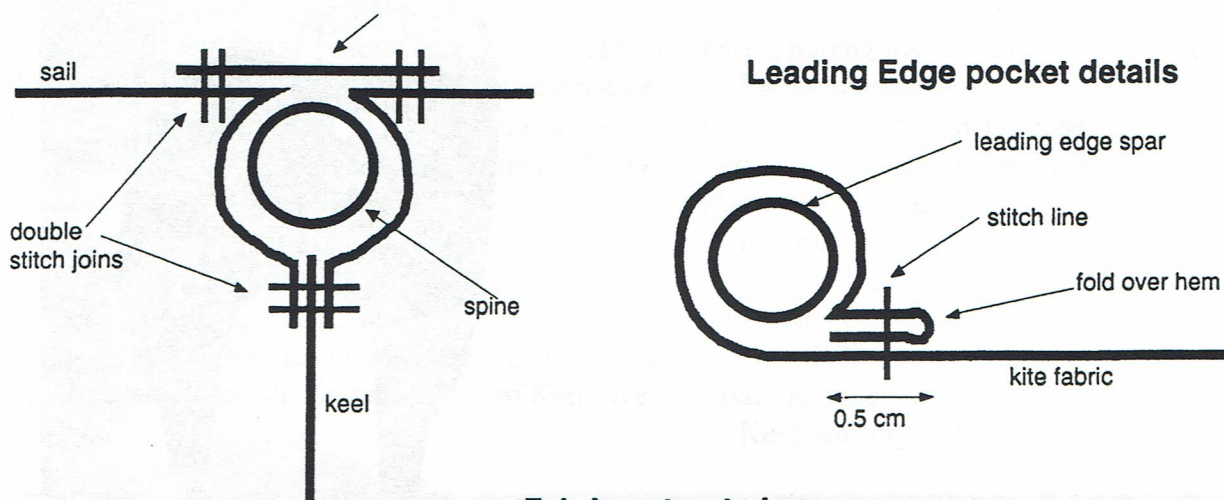
Stretch occurs along the spine, which can be taken up by fitting the spine tightly and forcing some stretch. Some stretch will also occur across the trailing edge. The trailing edge stretch allows the sail to curve to follow the desired camber for good low wind performance of the delta.

In order to achieve this you need to lay the dimensions out on the fabric with the leading edge along one of the sides of the fabric. Measuring out the

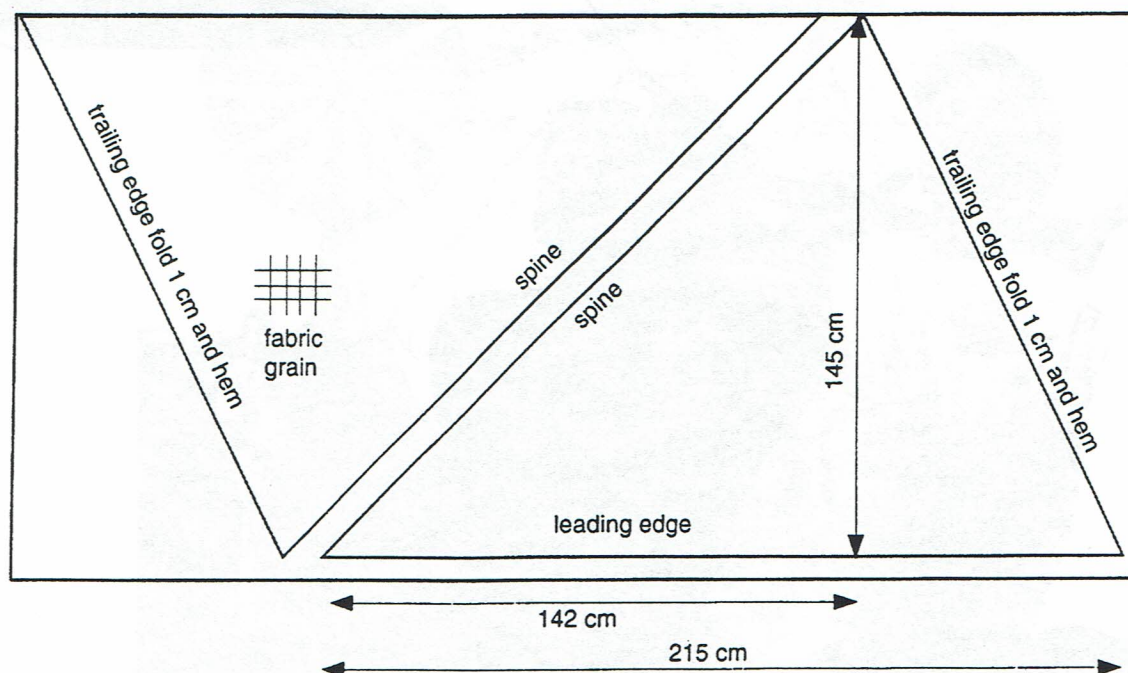
other dimensions then is difficult when working from the original measurement scheme given in the plan. With a bit of trigonometry and the help of a spreadsheet I have calculated the layout dimensions from the leading edge so that it is easier to lay out on the fabric.

I've also added in allowances for spar pockets and hems on the fabric layout diagrams.

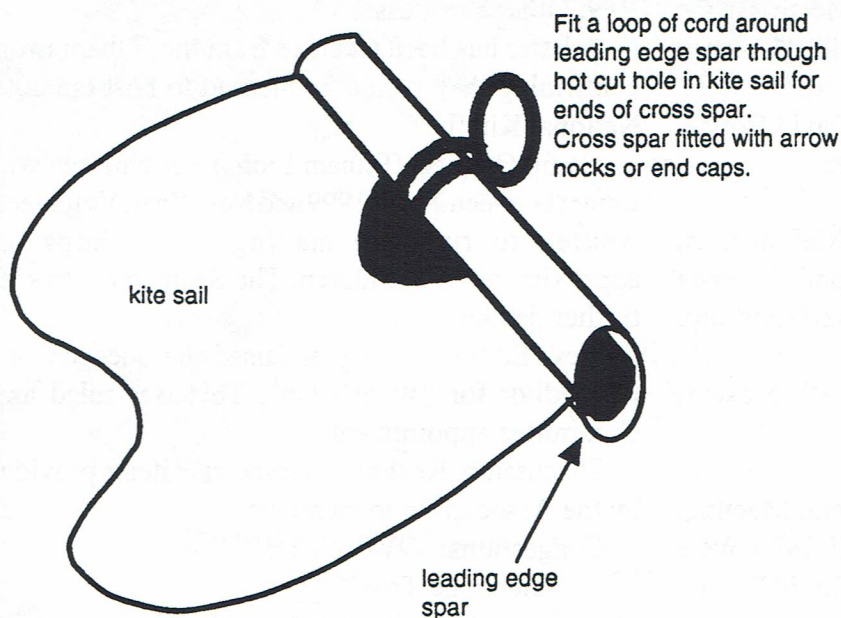
In New Zealand David Bull, from West Australia impressed everybody with his super stable deltas known affectionately as a 'Block of Flats'. With a little arm twisting Neil Taylor has supplied us with the plans for this super stable basic kite. He indicates that it is scaled up from original 'Genesis' drawings by Hank Szerlag and the late Bruce Jarvie of Detroit 5/20 Kite group.



Fabric cut out plan







Why is it called the "Block of Flats"? - Neil Taylor writes. "Back in '87 or so I used to fly Spin-Offs with Tony Wolfenden (!!!!!) and another friend called Dennis Dunnell at Elwood in Melbourne. Dennis made a delta, I can only assume it came from Bruce Jarvie's drawings but I'm not sure how. Along the nearby Beach Rd are numerous blocks of flats. Dennis' new kite was all black. Late one Sunday afternoon, Tony, with his normal sense of humour, commented how the kite when low on the horizon strongly resembled a block of flats. I'm sure Tony was hinting at Dennis' lack of graphic ability but would never admit to it. Dennis is still a good mate of mine."

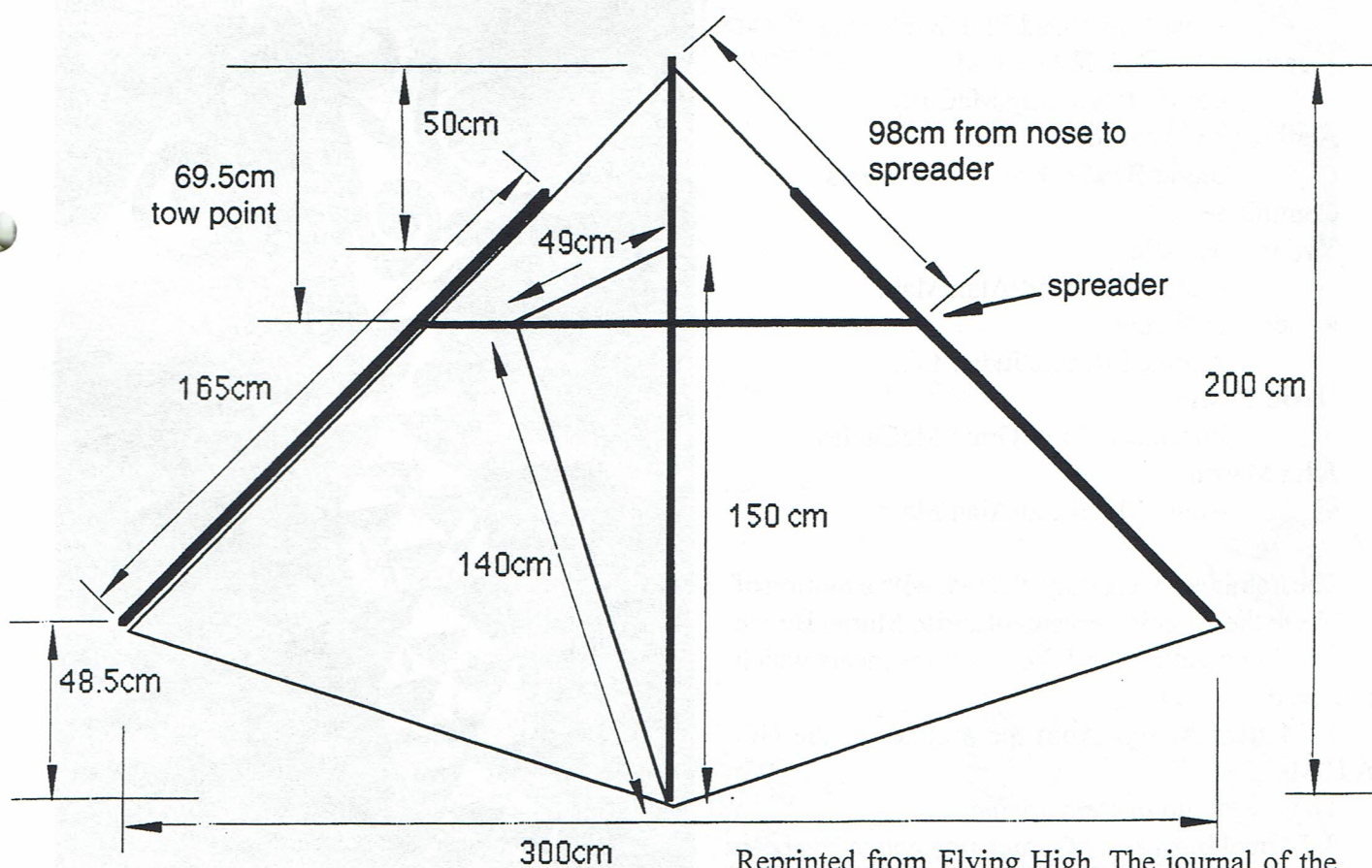
#### Spars.

Spine  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x K75's or equiv.

Leading edge 2 x K75's each side.

Cross spar 1 x FL370 cut to 1.37 mt.

#### Finished Dimensions of the BOF Delta



Reprinted from Flying High. The journal of the Australian Kitefliers Society. See photo overleaf.



Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting at the New Zealand Kitefliers' Association held at Colenso College, Napier, at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 April 1999.

Present: In the chair the President, David Bowie. 31 members of the Association attended.

I. Apologies:

Apologies were sustained from Bill McLauchlan, Steven and Norelly Jarvis, Graham and Gwenda Galbraith, Bruce and Joyce Comfort, Owen Guildford, Rosie Kitching and Noel Body.

2. Greetings: were extended to all present, especially our Australian colleagues.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting, held at Palmerston North on 10 April 1998 were approved as a true and accurate record. David Bowie/ Alan Main

4. Financial Report:

The treasurers' report was adopted.

S. Presidents' Review of the Year:

Tony Fitchett/John Derham

6. Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected:

President: Peter Whitehead

David Bowie/Rosemary Cook

Secretary: John Derham

Anne Whitehead/Phil Whitehead

Treasurer Phil. Whitehead

David Bowie/Ray McCully

Auditor: Stephen Cook

David Bowie/ Robert van Weers

Committee:

Yvonne DeMille

Anne Whitehead/Alan Main

Robert van Weers

Pauline Fitchett/Judy Main

David Bowie

Rosemary Cook/Grant McCauley

John Mason

Anne Whitehead/Alan Main

The nominees were duly elected, with a motion of thanks to the outgoing President and to Muriel Bowie for hosting meetings and the delicious meals which followed.

7. Matters Arising from the minutes of the 14th A.G.M.

There were no matters arising.

8. Formal business: of which due notice has been given under Rule I7.

There were no matters arising.

9. Other Business:

A letter has been received from the Eltham Lions confirming they would be pleased to host the 2001 National Kitefly.

Camp Quality: (Eltham Lions) For children with cancer between Xmas 1999 and New Year. Volunteers wanted to run kite making work shops for approximately 50 children. The Secretary is to seek further details.

New Editor: Jim Ayres raised the question of a new editor for "What's Up". This was ruled as a Committee appointment.

Discussion: Re the most important items provided by the Association to members:

Suggestions: "What's Up?"

Telephone Tree

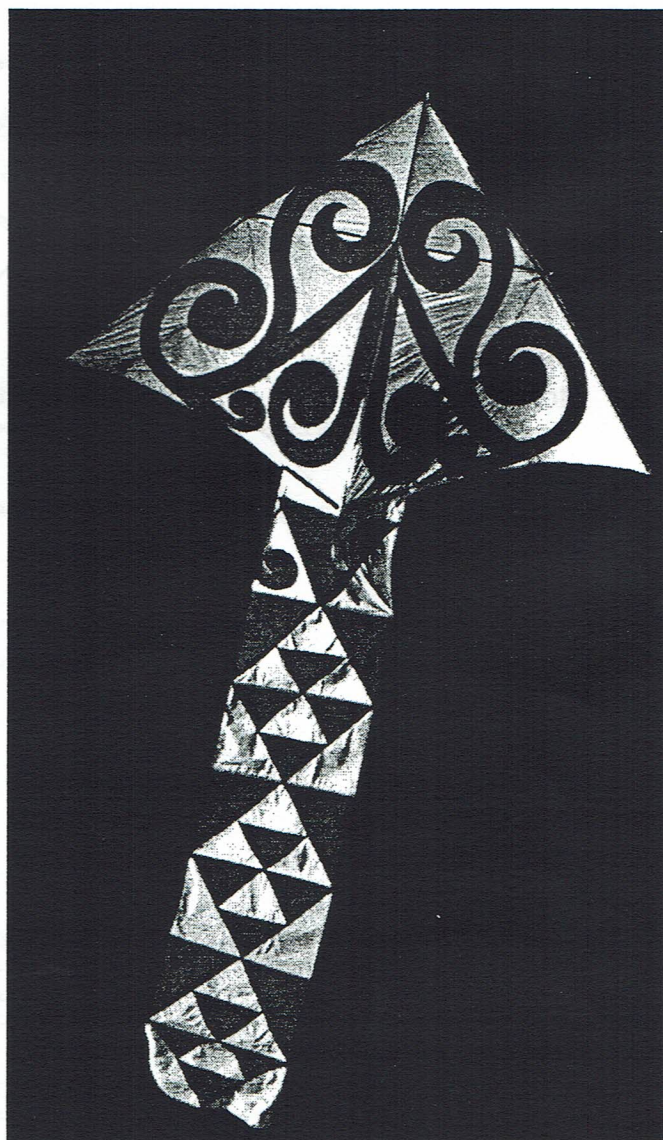
Promoting kite making skills

Internet Information

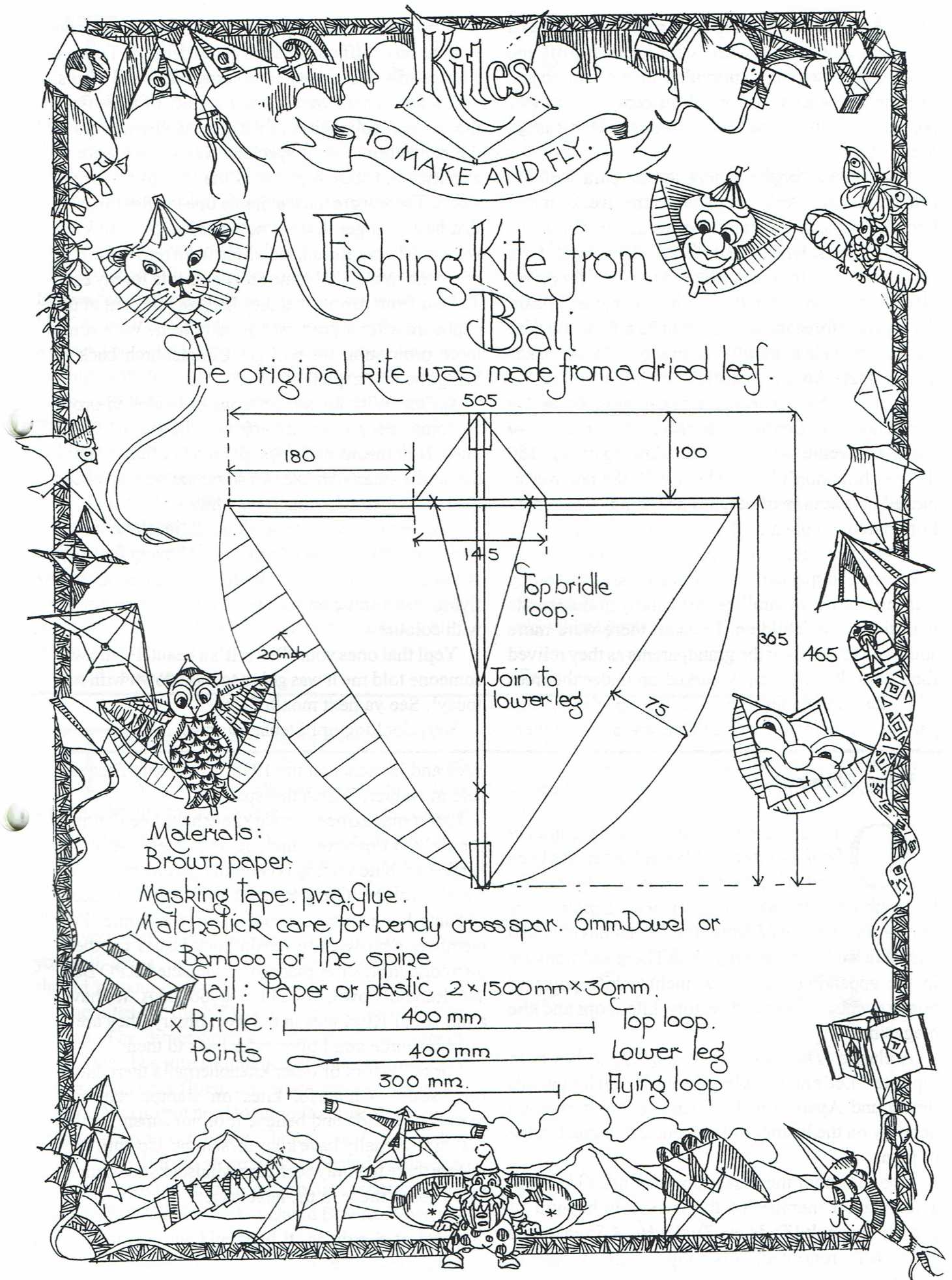
Members' contributions to "What's Up"

Generating new membership

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.





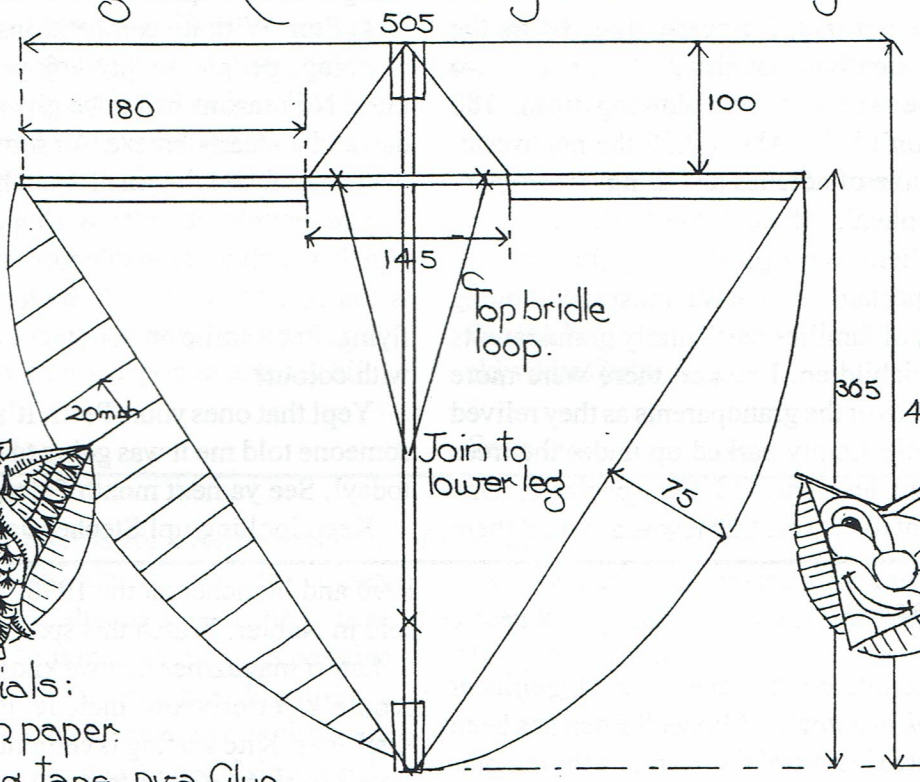


# Kites

TO MAKE AND FLY.

## A Fishing Kite from Bali

The original kite was made from a dried leaf.



Materials:  
 Brown paper.  
 Masking tape. p.v.a. Glue.  
 Matchstick cane for bendy cross spar. 6mm Dowel or  
 Bamboo for the spine  
 Tail: Paper or plastic 2 x 1500mm x 30mm.

x Bridle: 400 mm Top loop.  
 Points 400 mm Lower leg  
 300 mm. Flying loop



## Christchurch Kite day January 30.

As the NZKA rep in Christchurch I felt that the monthly kite days needed a lift and Peter Dixon provided the motivation and direction. It's easy he said. You contact the news papers, I'll contact the Radio stations. That easy?.. YEP!.. Ok.

Photo shoot for the papers. At the park 9:30 am Friday. In the weekly papers in the week before Phew!. People will certainly know about it now !.

At 9:30am January 30, 2000 Centennial Park Christchurch a sunny morning, not a cloud for miles, nice wind, steady from the south. No I haven't heard the weather forecast. It's going to be a fantastic day! Peter Dixon! He knew all the time so....,"What makes a family kite day successful Peter?"

1. Wind. We got that, for nearly three hours the wind blew consistently although it did take nearly two hours to decide where it was blowing from. 180 degree shifts don't help. About 2.30 the nor'wester picked up a couple of notches and things went snap. Fortunately Stephen's whale doesn't drift far.

2. People. There was a good steady flow of both kite flyers and spectators. What was most encouraging was the number of families particularly grandparents with their grandchildren. I reckon there were more smiles on the faces of the grandparents as they relived fond days. People simply parked up under the trees with their lunch and enjoyed the spectacle. One parents comment to me was that it was neat that there

were no drink or hot dog sales. Their children always want to buy stuff and outings get expensive. To have a fun family event that cost nothing was a real bonus.

3. Kites. There were a good variety of kites from the larger display kites of the serious kite makers to the small home built specials. Stunt kites were in evidence but they kept out of the way of the single liners. There were the inevitable line tangles but isn't that how you get to meet new people. Several kites were cut down, fortunately these were retrieved from down the road. (I'll blame Stephen's kite for my cut). To hear from people that they had got kites out of the cupboard after 4 years was good to hear. With some more promotion we will get Christchurch back to being the kite capital of NZ.

4. Fun. With no competitions or having to prove anything, people simply enjoyed the fun of flying kites. No reasons had to be given other than a sunny day and a steady breeze. As someone who has been out of the festival scene for a while

you bought it from a shop. It is about being together with a group of people and having fun. Life is too serious as it is, to be too serious about kite flying. Put a smile on your face and watch the sky fill with colour!

Yep! that ones yours Peter, It's a beaut. By the way someone told me it was going to hose down with rain today!. See ya next month Peter.

Keep looking up! Stephen Jarvis

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### Wind Whispers

On the kite book scene. *'The Magnificent Book of Kites'* by Maxwell Eden has been spotted in several shops around the regions. First published in 1989 as *'Kiteworks: Explorations in Kite Building and Flying'* the format has changed and there has been some revision. These additions are in the appendices and now include kite powered buggy events, resources directory, kite shops and kite magazines.

A classic *'The Penguin Book of Kites'* has been reprinted. Let's hope the binding lasts a bit longer this time round. Apart from that it has a lot of information not only on the history of kites but also a great range of plans.

Bob Maysmor the first editor of *What's Up?* And a foundation member of the NZKA is hopeful of getting his book *'Te Manu Tukutuku: A Study of the Maori Kite'* reprinted. This book was first written in

1990 and launched at the 1990 World Kite Festival held in Napier. Watch this space.

Latest magazines that we know have been hitting people's letterboxes include the latest issue of *KiteLines*. Kite surfing is certainly getting more and more coverage. Great to see it still being produced and lets hope there are more issues to come. For members who wish to obtain back issues for their own collection *KiteLines* can be contacted at PO Box 466, Randallstown, MD 21133-0466, USA. We have a full set of *KiteLines* in our own library, they are a great resource and I often refer back to them.

For collectors of other kiteaphernalia there have been some wonderful kites on stamps released recently. Canada and believe it or not Japan for the first time actually have kites on stamps. Up until this release there has only been carp windsocks on stamps. More about these in the next issue.



## Hello fellow kite fliers

## The Waikato Scene by C Watson

**T**ime to put pen to paper and let you know about the Auckland scene. We won the CUP!! Yeah baby yeah!! Kite flying is starting to go through a few changes in Auckland. Gone are the days of the Auckland Domain Kite days. Fully surrounded by trees – it's not the best place for flying. Bastion Point still seems to be the best place for a local fly. Good in most wind directions – no power lines, great views. West Coast beaches – Piha and Muriwai offer ideal buggying and kite surfing spots. We have also discovered Shakespear Bay on the end of the Whangaporoa Peninsula. (The NZKA festival was held there back in 1988 and it's a great spot –Ed) This is the ideal place for kite surfing, which is just about taking over all of our other activities – it's ruling our lives – we are powerless against it – we must go kite surfing now – right now! Sorry for raving but I can't help it. But the other day a brown coloured fin pierced the water only meters in front of me!! I pushed the big red panic button and gunned it for the beach – phew close call.

Perrin and myself (Kent) are still operating the kite shop Kiteworks located at 111 Symonds Street, Auckland City. We have a large range of kites and spare bits – so if you're in town, pop in and say hi!. Bring your kite.

Steady breezes Kent.

**W**ell the Waikato scene has been pretty thin lately. We had some non event kite days before Christmas and got sick of being in a hot park all by our selves so we stopped ringing people up. Eventually a couple of people rang us so I guess there is some interest out there.

We will have another go at getting people motivated soon so expect monthly flies over the autumn and winter.

No Raglan summer Festival this year but we will have our annual mid winter fest somewhere on the coast.

A few guys are buggying and there is a phantom kite surfer in raglan. An American named Gregg turned up fresh from California and lost his kite board to the ocean gods after his leg rope snapped. Shame really but he had a spare and he carried on.

So a pretty boring summer but maybe it will be better.

If you have seen a wooden peel trophy please return it to

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Raglan NZ  
akiwikite@xtra.co.nz

Gotta Go

**T**he members arch is for every member to make at least one kite. It can be any colour, any pattern but should follow the outline shown. The kite should be as individualistic as possible expressing something of the member. It can be a design you like or have used on one of your kites, you might be a pale blue person and a kite of simply pale blue may be just your thing.

If you don't feel confident making the kite by yourself enlist the help of another member but it should be your design.

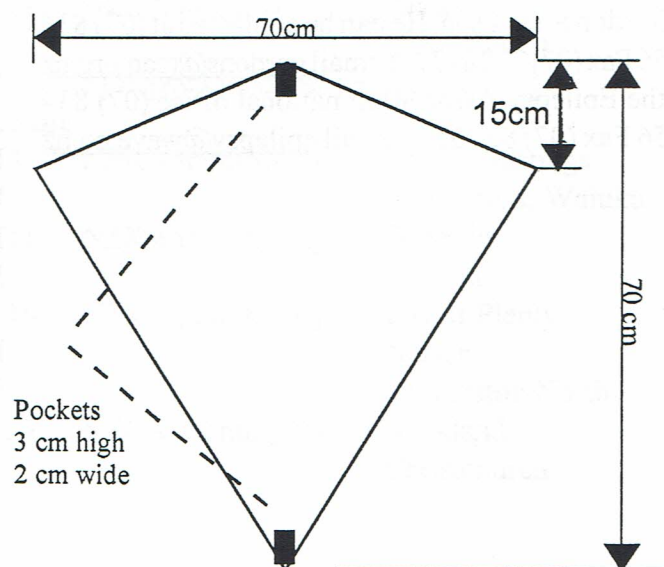
The kites for the NZKA arch are made from  $\frac{3}{4}$ oz ripstop. The dimensions are shown in the diagram along side. The kite should be hemmed all round and two pockets only fitted, one at the top and one at the bottom. You do not need to provide a spar or any bridle points. Just simply the skin. The kites will be joined on a single line to form an arch by dedicated volunteers.

If you require further information contact Tony Fitchett, Peter Whitehead or David Bowie. When you have finished your kite send it, or give it to David Bowie or Peter Whitehead or PO Box 56 Wellington,

for joining to the line.

The Association has ripstop scraps available which has been kindly donated by Peter Lynn Limited.

Happy kite building.





## New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc will be held at St John's Church Hall, 320 Hardy St, Nelson, at 7.30pm on Friday 21 April 2000.

### AGENDA:

1. Apologies
2. Greetings
3. Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Napier 2 April 1999 (As published in this issue of What's Up?)
4. Financial Report
5. President review of the year
6. Election of Officers
7. Matters arising from the minutes
8. Formal business of which due notice has been given
9. Other business

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## Kite Flying and Epilepsy

**A**s mentioned in Issue 62 of What's Up? The Lions Club and Epilepsy New Zealand are combining forces to conduct local kite days around the country. The date has been set for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

The NZKA are happy to support and assist these groups. They are working in with primary and intermediate schools conducting their own Kite Day during lunchtime on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. These events will involve children making, decorating and flying their own creations. If any local members would like to help in any of the activities they have planned please contact them. The Kite Day 2000 coordinator is Gordon Stevenson. He can be contacted at (07) 834 3556 Fax (07) 378 8471 or email [gordons@reap.org.nz](mailto:gordons@reap.org.nz) or the Epilepsy Association national office (07) 834 3556 Fax (07) 834 3553 email [epilepsy@wave.co.nz](mailto:epilepsy@wave.co.nz)

## Asthma Foundation National kite days Sunday 2 April

Northland Waitangi Marae grounds. Family kite day. Contact Asthma Society Northland (09) 438-5205

Waikato Innes Common, Hamilton. Contact Waikato Asthma Society (07) 839-6222

Tauranga Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Behind the Palm Beach Plaza shopping centre, Papamoa. The day is being promoted in association with the local Health Promotion team through local schools, and all children flying a kite showing the Asthma logo will receive a free gift. Contact Tauranga Asthma Society (07) 577-6738

Hawkes Bay Anderson Park, Napier. 10.00am. Contact Hawke's Bay Asthma Society (06) 835-0018

Wellington Ngatitua Domain. Contact Wellington Asthma Society (04) 237-4520

Dunedin The Oval, 1.00pm. Contact Otago Asthma Society (03) 477-4983

Invercargill Race Course. Start time to be confirmed but after lunch. Lots of prizes, plus (weather permitting) a hot air balloon at the event. Contact Jenny Lemin (03) 218-1949 ext 8891.

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## New Members

Paul Ewart  
James Vidler  
Richard & Dalwyne Wotton  
Martin Connole  
Lise & John Archbold  
Brian & Valerie Watson

Hamilton  
Christchurch  
Wanganui  
Christchurch  
Tawa  
Waikanae

Rejoined:  
Steve Brorens

Christchurch



# NZKA Flying Sites

Auckland  
Bastion Point (every Saturday)  
Contact: Perrin at Kiteworks

Bay of Plenty  
Fergusson Park. Tauranga  
Contact: Jim Court 07 865 9693

Christchurch  
Centennial Park  
Contact: Stephen and Norelly Jarvis 03 338 7326

Dunedin  
Kettle Park. Moanaru Beach  
Contact: Bill and Jacqui Gee 03 454 3860

Napier / Hastings  
Anderson Park. Green Meadows  
Contact: Bill McLachlan 06 870 0205

Nelson  
Neale Park. Nelson  
Contact: Ted Howard 03 548 8707

Palmerston North  
Ongley Park  
Contact Alan and Judi Main 06 353 1953

Waikato  
Innes Common, Hamilton  
Contact: Lorraine Watson 07 825 7290

Waiuku  
Rugby Club Grounds, Waiuku  
Contact: Jim Ayers 09 232 0251

Wellington  
Fraser Park. Lower Hutt.  
Ngatitoa Domain, Plimmerton  
Contact: Tony Fitchett 04 478 5575

## Kite Days

### March

5	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
12	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
19	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
26	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch

### April

2	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
	Asthma kite days, see previous page.	
9	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
	Eltham Kite day	Eltham see Whitehead's words
16	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
21-25	NZKA Easter Nelson	see elsewhere
30	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch

### May

7	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
14	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
21	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
28	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch

Epilepsy kite days, see previous page.

### June

4	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
11	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
18	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
25	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch



## Kite Trade Directory

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

**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 & 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, 111 Symonds St, **Auckland**. Ph/Fax (09) 358 0991

Services offered- Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka Re, W.

Skylines and Bylines, 27 Browning St, **Christchurch**. Ph/Fax (03) 337 2669 Mobile (025) 317 716. email- syvan@xtra.co.nz

Services offered-Sl, Dl, C, F, Ka, Re, Bm, W, G, O.

Sky's Unlimited, Wiroa Rd, R.D.3 **Kerikeri**, B.O.I. Ph/Fax(09) 407 7270

Services offered Power kites and kites sourced from Germany

Rainbow Flight, 117H Hardy St, **Nelson**. Ph/Fax (03) 548 8707

Services offered-Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, Kw, D, Bm, W, G, O, Mo.

Hyasa kites, 29 Ticehurst Rd **Lyttelton** Christchurch (03) 328 9934

Services offered Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, Kw, D, Mo, Kk.

A Kiwi Kite, 6 Long Street, **Raglan**. Ph (07) 825 7290

Services offered- Sl, Dl, C, Bu, Re, Kw, D, Ex, Rl.

Coastal Kites, 36 Manson St, **Tauranga**. Ph/Fax (07) 578 4250

Services offered-Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, W.

## YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU

**O**K dudes listen up, Your Newsletter needs you, we need all your news, every little snippet, no item too small. From now on there will be a regional roundup section for which we need news from the regions, funny that! So please send us details about what you've been up to even if rain stopped play we'd still like to know what you've been doing and organizing.

Let us know in plenty of time what is coming up and we can print the details in the newsletter.

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went fast) I  
now realize  
how much  
work goes

into getting the Newsletter to print and the effort of trying to track down something new and interesting to put in it. We are all so busy with our lives we tend not to think about the effort that has gone into getting the newsletter to the point where it just miraculously appears in our letterboxes. So this is a plea for help to make the job a bit more rewarding. Could we please have MORE ARTICLES and items of interest. You don't have to be an International traveller, or world-renowned kite artist to contribute. Send us a picture of your latest kite, don't be shy. Any plans that you have tried and had success with, maybe even a plan of your latest kite. Any little bits of news you gleaned from the Internet that you think might be of interest to all those luddites out there who don't yet have the means to surf.

Many thanks to those who do contribute you are doing a fantastic job, please keep it up. A huge thank you to Anne and Pete and all those who are and have been instrumental in bringing the newsletter to fruition.

Must fly

Yvonne de Mille

All submissions gratefully received, handwritten, or typed on paper (that old fashioned stuff) but preferably where possible on computer disc or emailed as an attachment.

