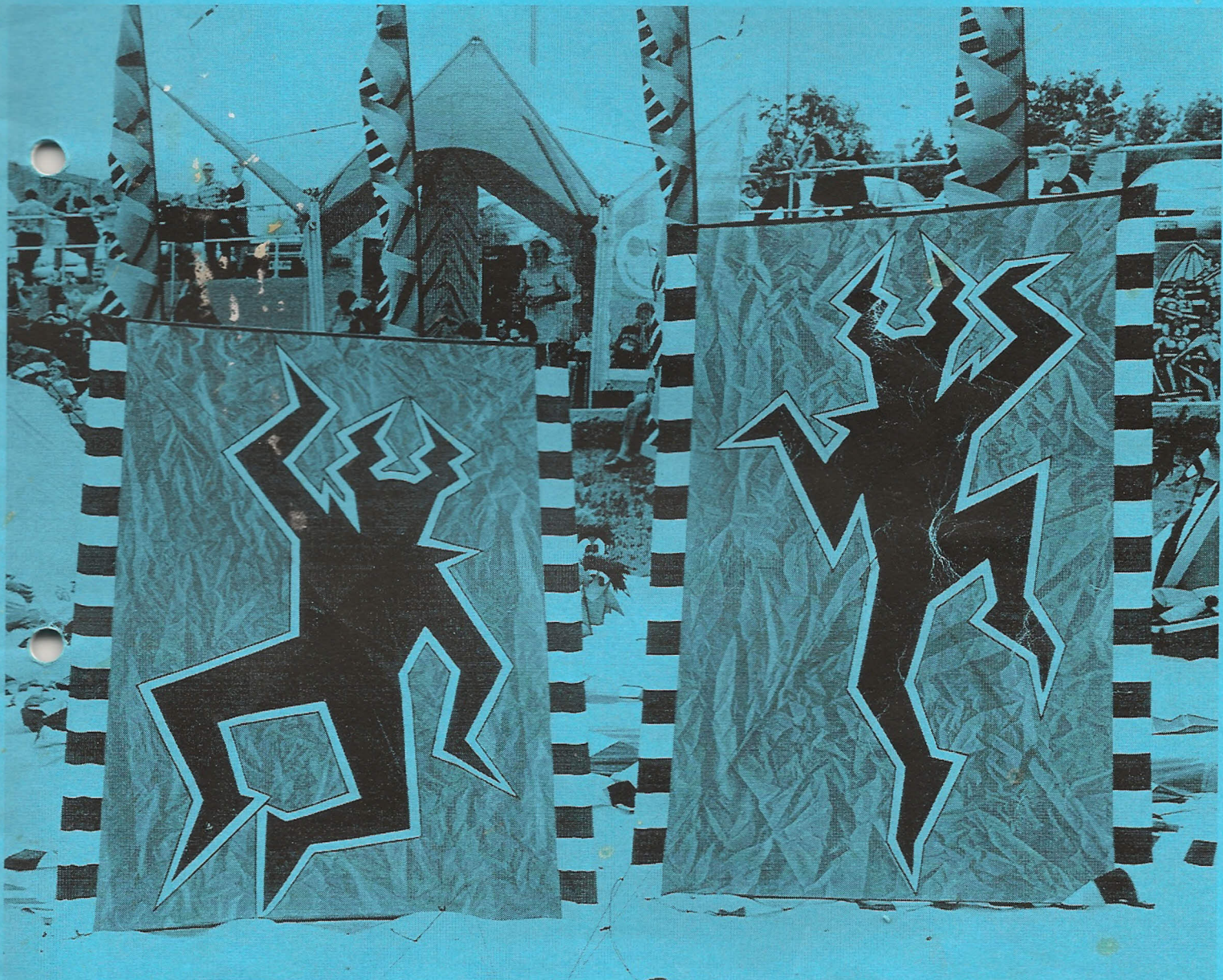


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13th -16th April.

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Second fighter kite competition.

Members choice in the NZKA Australian Travel Exchange Award.

Four days of great flying away from the beach.

Annual auction. Bring something. Silent Auction. Reverse Dutch Auction.

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Annual General meeting.

A hands on workshop about team stunt kite flying.

A problem solving workshop to help with those errant kites.

Rokkaku Challenge

Saturday Breakfast on the field.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

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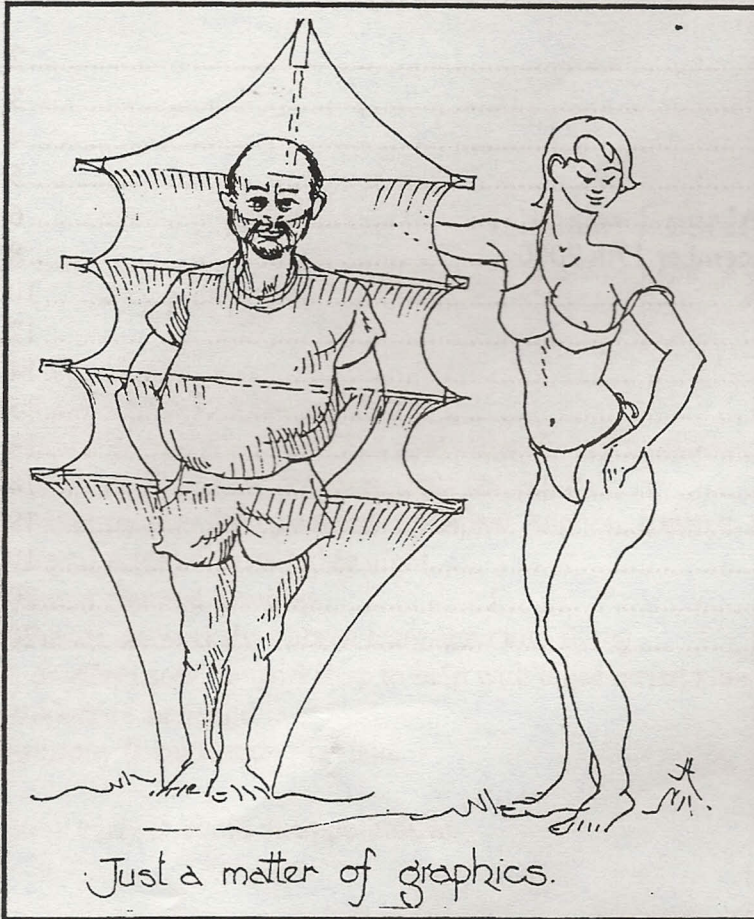
New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc will be held at The Eltham Men's Bowling Club, Kig Edward Street, Eltham, at 7.30pm on Friday 13 April 2001.

AGENDA:

- 1 Greetings
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of 16th Annual General Meeting, Nelson 21 April 2000 (As published in this issue of What's Up?)
- 4 Financial Report
- 5 Presidential 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

Whitehead's Words



Well this issue leaves the press on time so that we all have the information about the Annual General Meeting and Kite fly that will happen in Eltham. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a map of Eltham and locality to show where the kiteflying field is and the bowling club for the meal and Annual General Meeting on Friday night.

This issue has reports from lots of members of exciting overseas trips they have had, and what they have been up to at these festivals. It also includes a report on The Nelson Summertime Kite day. Another resounding success. I'll add my bit and say that the flying was getting easier, even if we did have some wind shifts. Everyone just got on and calmly coped with them. Even moving the tractors and cars as required. There is also a lot of Association business in this issue, including Financial reports, Auditors statement and notices of motion. So you can see it might be a long meeting.

Eltham is going to be a full on festival with lots of things to do. There will be some new events, and as many of the usual events as we can handle. Please remember to bring your Rokkaku, fighter kites, stunt kites and even kites that don't fly (so we can have a workshop and help to get them to fly). Eltham is going to have more workshops than ever before; Team stunt flying, Make that kite work and. Just a word about any of the competitions, the rules will be on an easel in the main marquee. You should always consult the easels for important information about times of events and locations.

The sort of maneuver the fighter kites will be asked to perform will be along the lines of a square, triangle or other geometric design. It may be as simple as a low ground pass from one side to the other. There are Australians threatening to come and take our valuable trophies away from us.

For the stunt kite team flying, as well as a stunt kite, a tail for the kite would also be advantageous.

Kite Jumping

The unofficial world record kite jump took place during the RedBull SkyRide kitesurfing competition at Mangawhai Heads on Friday, December 8. The wind was too light to run the freestyle event, which included some of the best kite surfers in the world: Flash Austin, Max Bo, Greg Dexler, Dirk Hannel and New Zealand's Kane Hartill. They decided to run a fun competition in the sand dunes on the other side of the estuary. Whoever could do the longest kite jump would win a lovely bottle of vodka.

The wind was sweeping up the 200ft+ dune at about 5-6 knots. Everyone was having a fun time jumping around. I was using a 13.5m Naish kite to start with, but the jumps were nothing spectacular. Then I decided to switch to a 10.5m Peter Lynn C-Quad. As I did this a bit of a squall came through and a guy on a paraglider launched before me and started to soar the ridge.

When I started to do the jump I thought it was just going to be the same as the other jumps but shortly after take-off I hooked into some serious lift. After about 10 seconds I thought "I'm not going to come down", so I turned the kite so I was travelling along the ridge. Everyone was yelling and cheering, then I started to pick up some speed and overtook the guy on the

paraglider. He couldn't believe what was going on and estimated I was doing about 45 kph. I was airborne for approximately 35 to 40 seconds and a distance of 250 meters. I managed to flare the kite behind me to slow down for the landing, but it was still pretty scary. After I landed I grabbed my kite, ran up the hill and did it all over again.

We polished off the bottle of vodka that night. Many thanks to RedBull and Peter Lynn.

See you in the sky!

LIGHT MY FIRE

If you're having trouble keeping a match going to heatseal a line end on the windy old flying field (why can't that wind blow only when we want it to?), use the trusty old fag lighter that's sticking out of your car dash. —

Geoff Campbell



Bondi Report

Many thanks to the NZKA for the trip to "The Festival of the Winds" at Bondi Beach Sydney.

It was an impressive experience for Norelly and myself. Our introduction to Sydney was beautiful weather and easy breezes and by 10:30 am on our first day we had traveled by bus, train, Monorail and were about to do a "Harbour Cruise" cruise. Whew, that's quite a bit! Those tourist things! Well you have to do them and there is plenty to see. We topped off the day with a walk around the Opera House then back to the Bondi Beach Hotel we were stuffed! But when you are guests, hosts have other ideas. We were no sooner back at the hotel, when we were turned around and off to a BBQ in south Sydney. Thanks for the hospitality folks we enjoyed it particularly catching up on folk we had not seen in ages and the new friends that we met.

Set up day, another brilliant day. It was interesting to note that kite flying is only allowed on Bondi Beach 3 days a year. Festival days! Later in the day I could see why. There can be some PRETTY interesting hazards out there and wise not to get tangled up with them!

We sometimes complain that it takes to long to get a job done. But three days to put up the fence around the flying zone! That took planning...Well done Waverly Council!.

Squeezed in between the kite flying were evening functions, (now I do remember that one or two people flew their kites best at midnight and let's not forget those dare devils flying their kites from the hotel balcony straight above Campbell Parade....,I digress),there were the evening meals in the Bondi pavillion,a good atmosphere for recalling the days activity and drama. The Auction was one of the main draw-cards here with action thick and fast. Don't blink it could cost you heaps. The items available ranged from a Hargreave replica box kite to kite earrings, be in quick and bid hard!

Kite flyers at the FTOW came from nearly every corner of Australia and other important countries. It was a pleasure catch up with people that we had met in the past at New Zealand events and meet new friends. It was good to be 100%

kite focused for a few days, to talk with others about our successes and dare we mention them, our failures.

Innovations, new ideas and techniques were shared around and a highlight of this was the work of Scott Hampton from the USA who was the international guest. Scott uses floral aerosol paint to spray complimentary or contrasting colours over the fabric colour, which produces a gradual change in colour giving the fabric a more vibrant look. By crumpling the fabric, hanging it up ,then spraying it you can imply depth and texture. The ideas are endless if you have the time. The ground toys, flags, feathers and banners that are made using these methods are fantastic.

Festival day was huge. The Kite Festival is not the only activity drawing the crowds but a cultural extravaganza is also in progress, Sydney is a multicultural place and this is what the cultural side of the festival celebrates. The kite flyers have a large section of beach fenced off and the promenade above the beach and grass slope above that is where the cultural event and public flying area is. The sky above this area was full of small colourful locally purchased kites.

There is a diverse range of kites flown so there is always a new shape or innovation to attract the eyes. A number of competitions are available to enter both for public and registered flyers. Competition was strong and the kites excellent and with a \$2500.00 travel package up for grabs why not. Ross Leighton fresh from his win of the members' choice was a strong contender and eventually got the nod from the judging panel and took the grand prize. Well done Ross. Hope you enjoy the trip to Eltham New Zealand at Easter.

Thanks to every one that we met for making us feel so welcome particularly Godfrey and Karen for their warm hospitality extended after the event.

Keep looking up!

Stephen & Norelly Jarvis

P S Wasn't it interesting that the rain started immediately after FTOW had concluded, someone was looking after us!

Kite Tails

Jim Ayers is from Clarks Beach in the Manukau Harbour. He joined the NZKA in 1989 because he was interested in kite making and wanted to meet others with similar interests. A chance meeting with Bob Maysmor did a lot to kindle his enthusiasm.

Jim is 70+ is married has 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Jim was an art teacher at the Matamata College and kites were part of the curriculum.

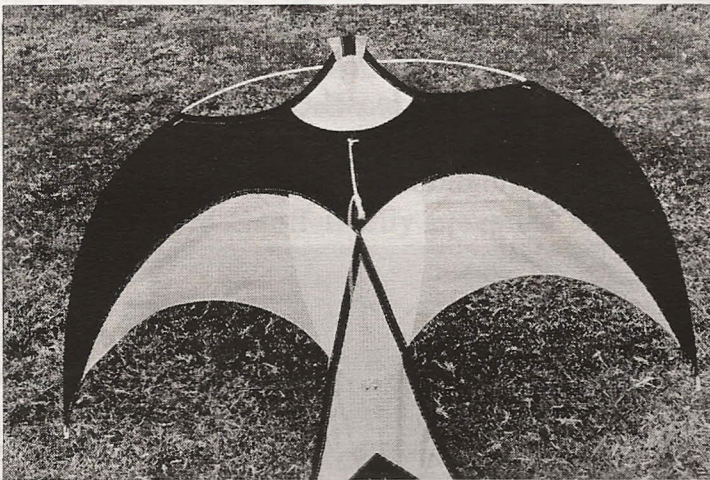
He makes and flies all his own kites of many different types, he has more than 200 in his collection, including kites from many different countries

Jim is inspired by kites that fly well, by Pacific and Maori kites that convey our heritage, especially the bird man kite in the Auckland

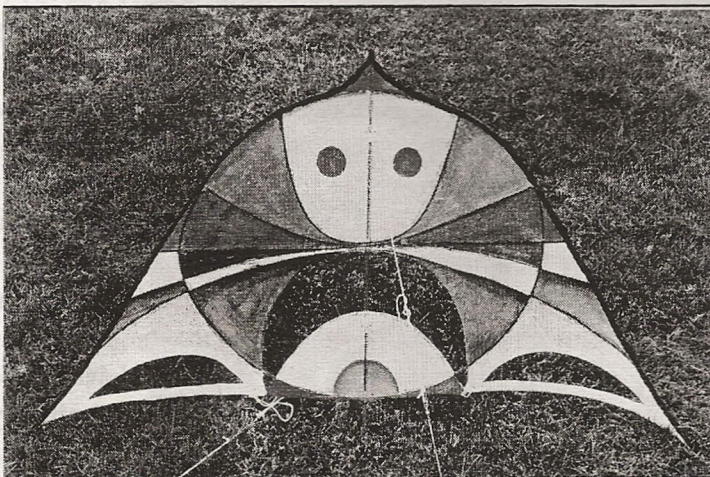
Museum, which is where he gets some of his design ideas. He also gets interesting ideas and concepts from kite festivals

Jim says, "My childhood was spent with art, making boats and sailing. My interest in kites owes a lot to my interest in sailing. Kites and graphics were part of my teaching career. Kites became a serious way of life when I retired and attended my first festival at Napier in 1990. A long association with veteran kite flier Clarry Croft of Hamilton (now Adelaide) has always been an inspiration to me and my mentor to some extent.

Thank you Jim for sharing a small bit of your history with us, we look forward to some new creations from you in the future.



Pacific Bird II from Parka nylon and fibreglass



Circle Variant. Cover is Tyvec

10th NELSON SUMMER KITE FESTIVAL

When I first mentioned this festival to my kiting mate Geoff Campbell last December, we had an in-depth discussion lasting about two seconds before deciding to make the trek south from Wanganui.

We arrived in Nelson around midday on the Friday and after a quick bite it was out to have a look at the fabled Neale Park and get some kites in the air. Discovery: The ground was so hard I couldn't screw in a dog stake anchor. Thankfully, there were some concrete anchors available, so my flowform became quite attached to one of those in the course of the weekend, but we made sure we packed up early enough to get to a sports shop in town to buy some tent pegs, which were nice and easy to hammer in. Apart from a buggy or two, no-one else was flying on Friday so we were able to take full advantage of the vast space available and had our own mini kitefest.

Saturday began with was one of those beautiful mornings Nelson is renowned for, but we didn't have time to loaf around – that's right, there were kites to be flown. If there was one thing that defined the weekend – other than the fun of it – it must have been the variable winds. Speed and

direction were changeable, to say the least. When we arrived at the park on Saturday, even my fighter kites were reluctant to get into the air but within 30 minutes or so there was a stiff breeze which lasted until about 3pm, when it settled down into very pleasant flying conditions for the rest of the day.

It was a bit of a bonus to have the park ablutions block as an overnight kite store and not have to dismantle the sparred kites only to have to reassemble them the following morning. This enabled us to have more time to enjoy the hospitality at the barbecue at Gretchen and Ted Howard's home (which, incidentally, juuusssttt happens to back directly onto Neale Park. As the real estate folks say, "Location, location, location." I couldn't agree more.)

As Geoff and I were finishing breakfast on Sunday morning I glanced out the window to see the not very reassuring sight of Ted Howard's large Bulldog parafoil and its accompanying 30m windsock being blown all over the sky – every which way but loose! On arrival at the park, we thought it might be prudent to wait and see if it was going to calm down a little. It didn't, so I

decided the only kite I had for these conditions was the flowform. Up it went to perform well throughout the day. The only time it came down was when the wind died completely, so it's a

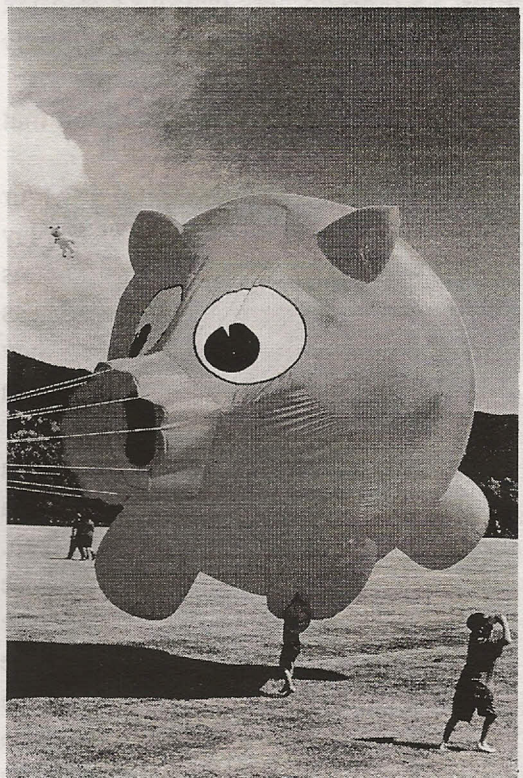
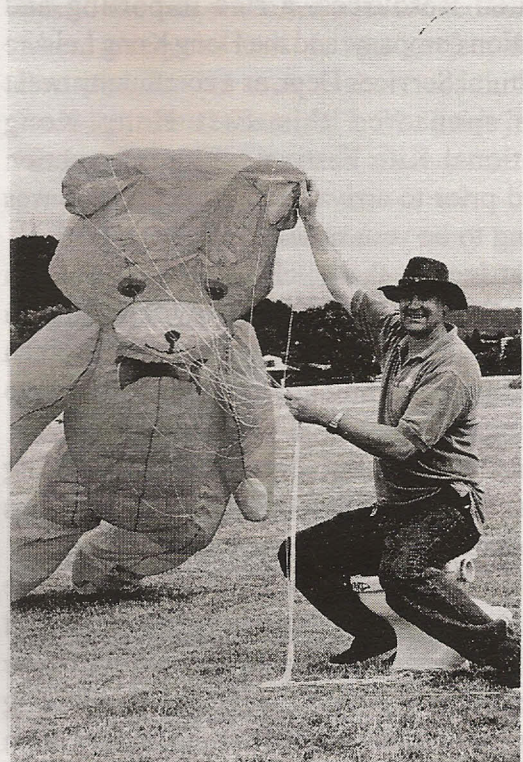


kite I could strongly recommend if you're looking for something that will handle a wide wind range.

Kitemeister Peter Lynn was in full swing at the fest, ably assisted by wife Elwyn and daughter Sarah. As always, Peter's big inflatables were real crowd-pleasers. The grey sky (which changed to brilliant sunshine as the day went on) was coloured up by a great array of single-liners, stunt-kite flyers demonstrated their skills for the crowd, and Roy Steffert, the Nelson Kite Club's Safari Officer, worked tirelessly in his buggy train, taking younger spectators for rides around the field beneath his trusty C-Quad. We also had the company of some visiting English and German flyers.

The rokkaku challenge provided plenty of entertainment. I think there was only one of the eight contestants with any prior experience, so it was pretty evenly matched – most of us didn't have a clue. Three vicious, bruising and brief heats resulted in a final line-up of Bill Fearn, John Bullock (of The Planet FM radio station, a major sponsor), Geoff Campbell and yours truly. Bill was first to be cut down, closely followed by me, then John and Geoff became locked in a titanic struggle before Geoff finally prevailed and claimed the trophy. A little later, the Wanganui flyer was surprised and delighted (!) to learn that he'd also taken the Nell Bog Award. This honour was bestowed for having a 3m teddy bear hanging upside down from the top of a 12m light pole for most of Sunday morning. Without the valiant efforts of the Nelson Fire Brigade, urged on by MC Ted Howard, poor old teddy would still be in a flap up there.

There was a good public turnout for the festival in spite of competition from the Teddy Bears' Picnic at nearby Stoke, and the principal sponsors, Meridian Energy and The Planet, were very pleased to have been associated with the event. We look forward to seeing them again next year, along with the Lions Club volunteers and also, of course, all those friendly, hard-working folks of the Nelson Kite Club. If you haven't yet been to this festival, keep the dates free for next year – it's fun.



Photos by R Wotton.

Left : Ted Howard the announcer

Above top : Geoff and Teddy Bear reunited.

Above : The Pig.

Hong Kong International Kite Festival December 17th 2000

Golden Resources, a rice importing and distribution company, and the Hong Kong Leisure and Cultural Services Dept, as a community event jointly sponsored this first Hong Kong International Kite Festival. The information received prior to arrival suggested that this was not going to be your normal kite flying festival.

We arrived at the hotel just before 11pm on the Wednesday to be met by the Golden Resources Vice President and the two PR women who had been waiting around for us, the last to arrive.

Thursday morning started with a briefing session and the handing out of jackets and caps to all participants.

Thursday afternoon was a media conference and display your competition kites for judging at a large indoor stadium in Kowloon. It was there that we first noticed that the large banner being used as the backdrop at all events had a kite in each corner. The top corners had our Circoflex and Maui Della Porta featured - NZ definitely had a presence at this festival.

The night markets received our attention that evening.

On Friday we were taken on a sightseeing tour but told to bring one kite for a media flying display in the Hong Kong Stadium (HK Rugby Sevens Venue). Most people recognised that wind was going to be in short supply in a stadium, so they took light wind kites rather than the competition kite.

The morning tour took in Stanley Market, a jewellery manufacturer, and ended up for lunch on the Jumbo Floating Restaurant in Aberdeen. We then moved to the Hong Kong Stadium where we got to run off our lunch. The kite fliers were the first group other than rugby or soccer to be allowed on to the grassed area - albeit after a shoe inspection which meant bare feet for those who had heels on their shoes. It was awesome to see the kites soaring inside the stadium, for as long as you could keep moving backwards.

From the stadium it was off to the heights and lower temperatures of Victoria Peak. It was not the first visit for all of us, as the Australians had

been up there the previous night illegally flying their kites. The evening meal followed at a very expensive restaurant that specialised in Peking Duck.

Saturday held great promise as we were going to get a practice fly at the field while they were getting things set up for Sunday. Did I say field? The field was the solid concrete tarmac in front of the terminal building of the old Kai Tak Airport. At 10am we were taken there by bus - a half hour journey when a 5 minute walk across the skyway between the terminal and the hotel would have seen us there much sooner. The tarmac had nowhere to tie down kites but that did not matter, as there was no wind. Just as the wind arrived from the harbour we were shepherded back on to the buses. It was obvious that Sunday was to be a big day as we could see a stage being set up, stalls and other entertainment arriving, and metres of colourful bunting being hung from all the fences.

The afternoon was harbours cruise on the Hong Kong Tourist Association junk. You boarded the junk at a wharf that formed one side of a Vee. Now Hong Kong harbour is very busy and the resulting wakes were all accumulating in this Vee and bouncing back and forth. This made boarding the junk an unforgettable experience. The cruise was great and Don Brownridge from Canada managed to fly a sled from the back of the junk.

Rosemary made new friends with some ladies from Beijing without a word in common between them.

By Sunday everyone, was suffering withdrawal symptoms from not being able to fly kites, so it was great to head off for the flying day.

Well who was everyone? The countries represented by teams of between 1 and 4 fliers were: Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Korea, Canada, United States, England, France, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, and New Zealand.

Of course at 9am there was no wind so doing the judging for the flying component of the

competition was interesting. The official opening speeches and parade of participants on to the stage was at 10am. At about 11am we struggled to get anything to fly in nil to very light winds. Cameras with obscenely long lenses were everywhere and they slowly but surely caused the crowd to move from behind the barriers to join the fliers and the cameras.

Well you all know what happens under those circumstances - the kites came down and the fliers retired to have lunch and look at 10,000 people on a kite "field".

By some means or other the organisers cleared the field over lunch. A lot of people behind barriers looking at an empty field were just the invitation we all needed to try and fly some more kites. The wind started to arrive from the harbour and up went the kites. Art Ross's huge Disney parafoil, Peter Rieleit's big mermaid parafoil, and the squid of David Gomborg joined the smaller kites of everyone else. As each new kite went up the oohs and aahs of the crowd were joined by the clicks of the cameras. As the only circoflex at the festival we attracted a lot of attention and a few people introduced themselves as having been in New Zealand. Without somewhere to tie a kite it was a case of flying them one at a time for 20 minutes or so and then make a change. We were provided with school boys and girls to act as gofer's and anchors and they were very useful to the big kite fliers.

The winds were blowing nicely and the kites were all up and, of course, at 3-30pm our time was up. It was back on the buses, back to the hotel to freshen up, and on to another bus to go to another very expensive restaurant in downtown Hong Kong for our farewell banquet and party. Some had a bigger party than others as our bus refused to start and it was one hour later before we got to the restaurant. We had a great meal, a few speeches, and a lot of exchanging of gifts. A Karaoke created some singing stars, and all had a great time.

Our bus guide waited around to take us back to the bus at about 11pm. I was talking with him as we were walking across the courtyards on our

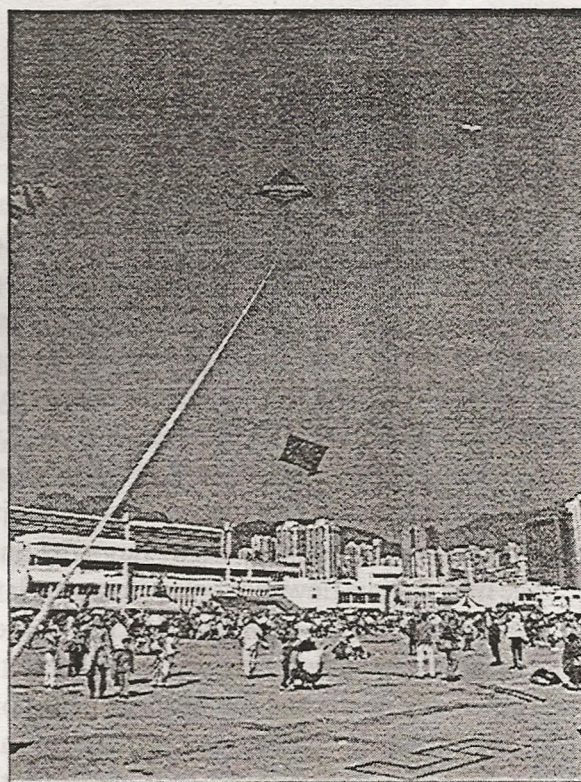
trek to the bus when we both looked back to see where everyone was. It was perfect timing as Bertrand Rosier took a short cut through the fountain instead of around it. The guide just shook his head and said there is always one in every group!

The organisers were blown away by the size of the kites, the colour and graphics, and the antics of some of the fliers. Probably the most lasting impression for the organisers was the fact that they had brought 60 people together from all around the world with different languages and cultures, and they all mixed, co-operated, and partied as though they were all long time friends.

By the last night they were talking about doing it all again - at 11-30pm after the banquet we got a call from the Hong Kong fliers to make sure they had our address etc for the next festival.

Will we go back? Yes. The people and the hospitality were great and I am sure the organisers will take on board the suggestions for improving the flying so it can only be better next time.

Rotorua delta flying high.



Malaysia

I was honored to be offered a trip to Malaysia to the festival in Pasir Gudang. I was in two minds because I kept remembering the trips to Thailand, and the very exhausting heat. I decided to go, and was then concerned that the lady kites would not be welcome. In the end I did not take the lady kites but took other large kites instead.

On returning all my work mates asked "Did I have a good holiday?". My reply was "not in the accepted sense of the word. I was not lazing on a sunny Fiji beach." As my job entails a lot of sitting and typing, I did more physical work in the few days I was away, than I ever have at work. And we were out on the field from about 9.15 till at least 6.00.

The first day was light wind and cloud cover, so not too hot. I was able to get the gecko, trilobite and mermaid out to fly. Flying the gecko and trilobite with lifter kites has made this very easy and a lot less nerve wracking. The mermaid only flew for short bursts as the wind was light. At the same time we put together some of the large Wau Burat and Wau Bulan that Peter Lynn had made for the festival. This day was a slow break in day as they took us back to the hotel for a longish lunch.

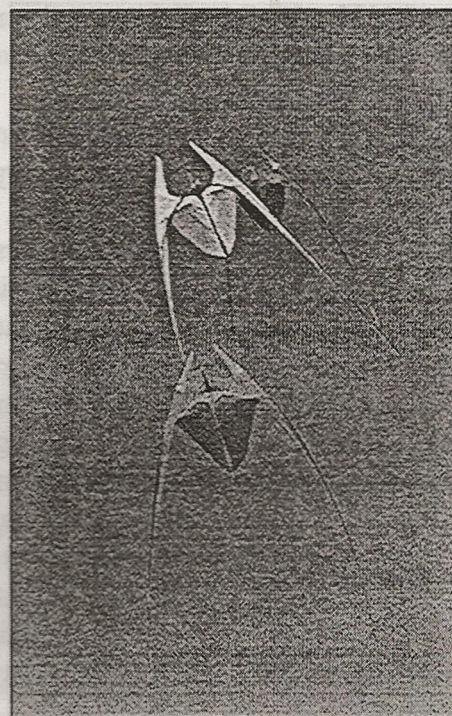
The next day we sorted out the Mega-Ray, flew the trilobite, gecko, octopus, teddy bear and large gecko. During the afternoon a rainsquall came through and all the kites slowly came down. The trilobite did very well to remain flying for nearly the whole time. During the drying off period afterwards I was able to demonstrate unerring accuracy and dropped a lifter kite into the large wooden structure at on end of the field. (More of this later) I decided that it was easier to pay someone to climb the 50 feet to retrieve the kite than try being heroic. Peter Lynn had already been climbing in a roadside tree to recover a lifter kite, and was describing being bitten by large fire ants.

The next day we flew the same kites, plus later in the day the Mega-Ray (The World's largest kite). The winds were kind to us for most of the day, especially as we had the opening ceremony from the Sultan in the afternoon. It was "fun" flying the Mega-Ray as it was still wet from the

rain the previous day. There must have been at least 200 liters still in the kite when it flew, and that water really flowed out fast.

The last day was flying more of the same kites.

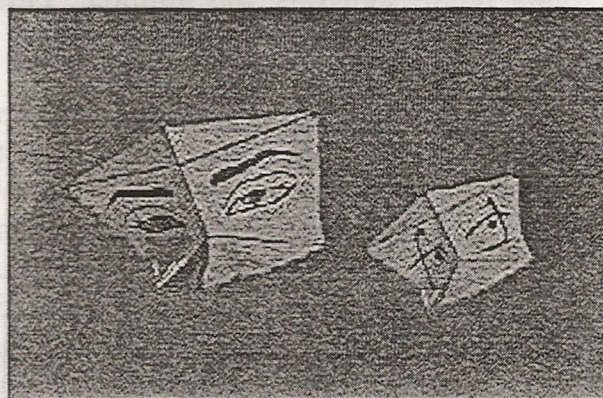
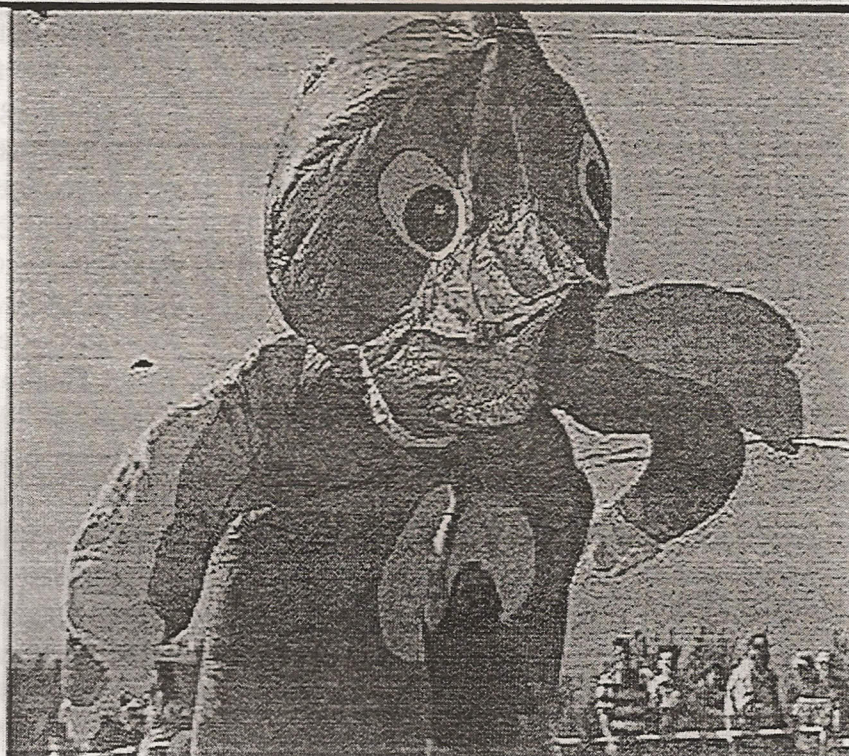
While we were doing our thing there were some other notable kites flying and things happening. The Malaysians were running (I think) 3 different competitions. One was for stunt kite flying (singles and teams). This was judged by Ocean Breeze (from Australia.) Ocean Breeze also flew demonstrations of what the competitors were supposed to do and some of their own team events. The second competition was a series of competitions for best kite of different categories. Some of these categories were for local kites, some for Western designs. And the third was a corporate Rokkaku battle, which needed two separate heats because of the number of entrants. The Rokkaku competition was a little different to what we have seen here. The kites were quite stable but there was plenty of action on the ground. Some Rokkakus were taken out because there were so many lines crossed that in a wind lull they would not be able to run to get any lift and were left hanging from the tangle. Our team of helpers had found a Rokkaku in my bags and decided that it would fly well. It did, it flew proud and high, and they managed to get a prize of 100



ringit for their flying efforts.

On the Saturday and Sunday we had the Trilobite and Gecko up at one side of the field. A team from China was able to fly a nice dragon with about 70 cells between our two kites for most of the day. On the other side of the field Mr Ohashi (from Japan) had a train of about 1200-1500 kites flying. Malcolm Goodman (from England) was flying creations from Martin Lester; large legs, a scuba diver type and more. The German team of Rolf Sturm, Juergen Ebbinghouse and Gerd Klaus put on a great display of Rolf's twin line inflatable snoopy kites, Juergen's Frog etc and a new design shown overleaf (the eyes) which has been specifically designed to waste no fabric and very little cutting of spars. Micheal Alvares (from Australia) frequently did lolly drops from his kites. Ramlal Tien from France was there flying a collection of kites ranging from birds to depictions of insects. There was a team of two from Holland with a Cody man lifting system. The wind was not kind for them, so we did not see much of their kites in the air. There were also participants from USA, Canada, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Guatemala.

The large wooden structure at the end of the field was used to hold up the largest Wau Barat (local kite) being about 57 feet high and 52 feet wide. This was recognised in the Malaysian Book of Records.



Photos. Above

The Mascot of a local German TV Station

The Eye kites Both kites from Rolf and Juergen

Photos by Juergen

Left

Creatures from Ramlal Tien

Photo by R Tien

2000 NZKA AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the NZKA held at Nelson at 7.30pm on Friday 21st April 2000.

Present In the chair the President Peter Whitehead and 31 members of the association. (A list is on file with the secretary)

1. Apologies: There was apologies received from 21 members (Names on file with the secretary)
2. Greetings: These were extended to all members and to the Australian contingent in particular to Phil Taylor the winner of the Trans Tasman travel award.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting held at Napier on Friday 2nd April 1999 were approved as a true and accurate record. Stephen Cook/Godfrey Gamble.
4. Financial Report: Phil Whitehead presented the report and this was adopted. Phil Whitehead/Robert van Weers.
5. Presidents review of the year.
Greetings to all. Note the passing of Colin Douthwaite. The committee has had a quiet year but proposals regarding events/promotion etc are being worked on. In particular the web site for the association. This is being done to promote the NZKA and cover last minute notice of flying events. There was an instance quoted where the AKÅ web site (American Kite Association) forward on to the NZKA President an email from a NZer wanting to know more about kites. Offering classes is one of the ways the NZKA can help its members and for the past 2 years Peter & Anne Whitehead have been running kite making classes in Wellington over Labour weekend. These are to be continued and the committee will pay the cost of the venue to keep costs down for members. If interest comes in from other areas of the country more classes will be looked at. Night flying is still illegal but the association has been in discussion with civil aviation. In 3 years the laws will be reviewed and at that stage we will review this. At this stage it

would be too costly to challenge the rewrite. Newsletter articles and information of what's happening in your area need to be sent via any way you can to the 'What's Up?' editor – Anne Whitehead. We don't know if you don't tell us.

6. Election of Officers: The following officers were elected:

President – Peter Whitehead. Godfrey Gamble/Bruce Thompson.

Treasurer: Phil Whitehead. David Bowie/Rosemary McCully.

Secretary; John Derham. Anne Whitehead/Godfrey Gamble.

Committee: David Bowie, Yvonne de Mille, Robert van Weers, John Mason. Stephen Cook/Philip Dean

7. Matter arising from the minutes of the 15th AGM. There were no matters arising.

8. Formal business of which due notice has been given under rule 17. There was no matters arising.

9. Other business:

The Internet. Any ideas from the members? Costs are being looked into. A site in NZ is already on the net (power kites in Wellington). Godfrey Gamble (President of the AKS) and member of NZKA has a chat site (as part of the AKS site) headed NZKA on their web page. Full details to follow in the next What's Up? AKS willing to help NZKA get a site up and running.

Ray McCully raised discussion regarding the use of conference calls by the committee as a way of communication. Note that all current committee has an email address. Also discussion regarding the Internet and the changing technology.

It was then asked that all members send into the President/Editor their email addresses so that any last minute events can be passed onto members ASAP. Further talk regarding the web site was raised by members with the mention that the 3 members who appeared to be most knowledgeable be co-opted by the

committee for further discussion. Steve Brorens, Ray McCully and Graeme Jonas.

Night flying was raised by Stephen Cook. He proposed that we still keep pushing and spend money if necessary. Cost is \$1000.00 plus but civil aviation can't provide the manpower to do the work. Committee was asked to keep an eye on it.

Discussion was then raised regarding the bringing in of kite fliers from other countries. The association has money in the bank and we should be seen to using it to benefit members. Godfrey Gamble indicated that since the AKS have been bringing in invited guests to the FOTW each year the influence has been noticeable. A proposal was put that the auction money should go towards bring an invited guest to our annual festival. Should we co-ordinate with the AKS to share costs? Several points were raised by members regarding festivals/-invited guests and discussion ranged far and wide on these topics. The final discussion was that the committee should deal with this as soon as possible so that plan could be put in place to have an invited guest attend the next festival. The members approved the expenditure for a full colour spread covering each year's festival in the What's Up?

The NZKA National festival is to be held in Eltham in 2001 and Wellington put forward a bid for 2002.

Members then raised points regarding the NZKA travel award. They felt that there should be recognition of 2nd and 3rd. Perhaps sponsored prizes. Giving encouragement. Jim Ayers raised the point of NZKA certificates of merit. Committee to discuss. Also a proposal that there be a second and third place recognition for future festivals.

There being no further general business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm (21.25)

Notices of Motion for the 2001 NZKA AGM at Eltham

1. That Rule 16 be amended as follows:

"The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than April 30th in each year upon a date and at a time fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:-" The rest being unchanged.

Moved:

Seconded:

Date:

Statement of Case

Firstly, the rule is unnecessarily complex and this simplifies it.

Secondly, it allows for the possibility of an International Festival being held after Easter and that Festival being the venue for the AGM.

2. That a new rule be added to the Rules of the New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc. as follows:

" 16.1 RESOLUTIONS AT AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There are three classes of resolutions acceptable at an Annual General Meeting:

(i) Special Resolutions as governed by Rule 17 and 23.

(ii) General Business Resolutions that have had due notice as per Rule 17 and if passed by a two thirds majority become binding on the committee to implement, except under exceptional circumstances which must be reported back to the members.

(iii) Recommendations that can be introduced during General Business and if passed by a simple majority require the committee to investigate and either implement or report back on why it could not be acted upon."

Moved:

Seconded:

Date:

Statement of Case

One of the biggest grizzles over recent years at AGMs has been the inability of members to effect change. The Rules (13) say that the committee is entirely responsible for managing the Association and that is how it should be given that most members only meet once per year. However, the fact that the members really only get one opportunity to be heard, means it is very important that the opportunity is effective and not wasted. The above

Rotorua Festival of Kites

new rule ensures that great ideas, well thought out and circulated to members for prior comment, can be passed as a binding resolution on the committee. Ideas raised from the floor at an AGM can also be passed to the committee for action but due to the smaller numbers of members involved in the debate it is only a non-binding recommendation.

3. It is strongly recommended that the committee change the end of the financial year from September 30th to December 31st.

Moved:
Date:

Seconded:

Statement of Case

Firstly, it does not seem sensible that a new committee is elected at Easter and possibly charged with new initiatives, inherits a budget that is half spent. Secondly, in the computer age it does not take nearly as long to assemble an end of year set of accounts, so publication of an unaudited set in the February Whats Up prior to the AGM is achievable.

4. It is strongly recommended that the committee:

- conduct a contest to design an NZKA feather banner.
- purchase at least 4 banners that can be made available for kite events or to NZKA members attending overseas festivals.

Moved:
Date:

Seconded:

Statement of Case

It is the sort of useful activity the committee should be doing for its members.

Sunday 22nd April 2001 - last day of school holidays.

10am to 3-30pm

Location :- Rotorua Racecourse next to Fenton St.

NZKA fliers who register their intention to attend before Thursday 19th will be provided with a boxed lunch & drink on the field.

Entrance to the racecourse for registered fliers will be by the gate next to Rydges Hotel. Most fliers will be parked close to the crossing into the racecourse central. A very limited number will be allowed in the centre with their cars and they will be there for the day.

The roped off area will be large 200X180m for single lines and 200x150m for buggies and dual line.

The large area is to allow each flier to fly multiple kites and make a big show even if the number of fliers is small.

We have arranged a number of guest fliers to ensure the Rotorua public gets a great show, as there has never been a kitefliers organised display in Rotorua.

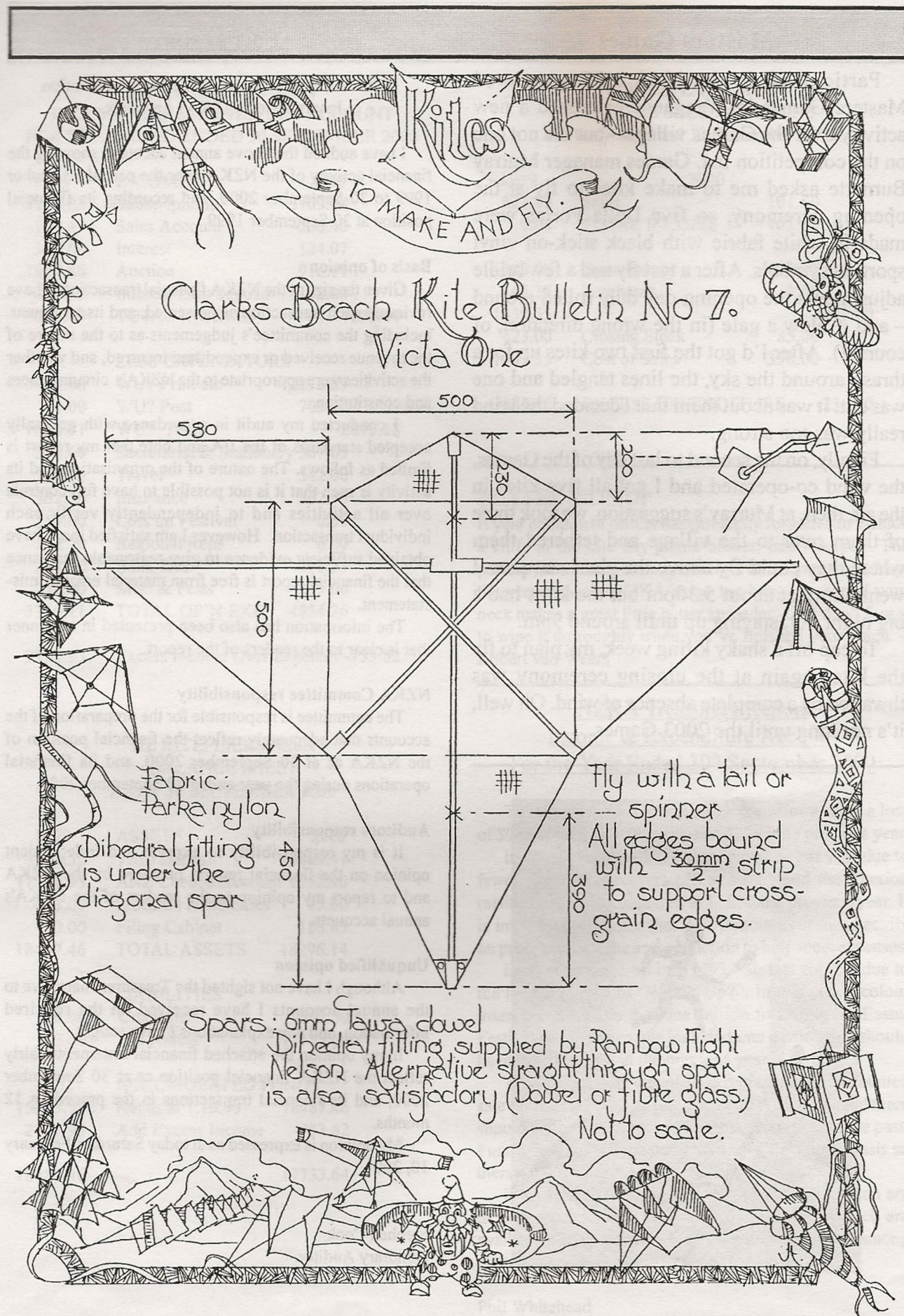
Fighter Kite Competition

At our last AGM Festival in Nelson we held our inaugural Fighter Kite Competition. Five or six members participated and enjoyed the challenge. Steve Brorons came out the winner so we have some one to challenge this year. I hope there has been plenty of practice going on this year and that more fliers will enter the competition this year. It is good fun and a real challenge to make fighter kites do what you want with only one line.

Here are a few tips that may be helpful.

1. Fly kites on a long line (75 - 100 meters). This gives the kite more window of wind to manoeuvre in.
2. When doing circles clock or anticlockwise do them left then right of the window of wind. Each side favours the opposite rotation. I'm not sure which is which. Try it, you will soon find out.
3. Fly on a light line that doesn't stretch, it gives more instant command of the kite. I use carpet thread.

I look forward to meeting you all on the field at Eltham this Easter.



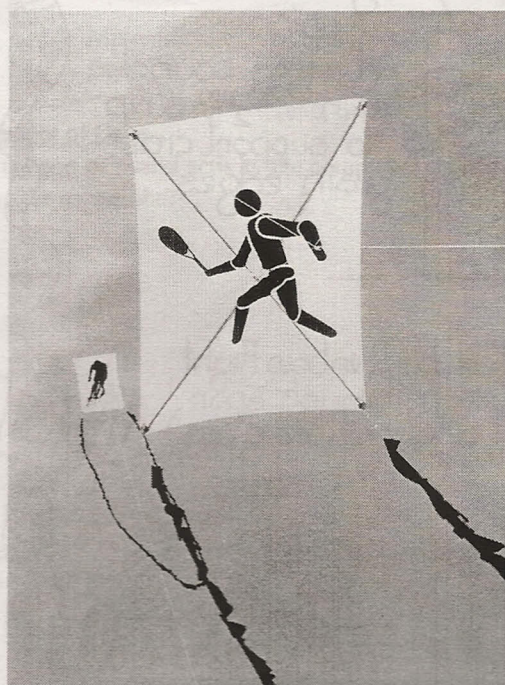
Masters Games

AUDIT REPORT

Participants in the 2001 ACC-sponsored Masters Games in Wanganui witnessed a new activity over the Games village – but it's not one on the competition list. Games manager Murray Burnette asked me to make kites to fly at the opening ceremony, so five Della Portas were made in white fabric with black stick-on vinyl sporting symbols. After a test fly and a few bridle adjustments the opening day duly rolled around – and it blew a gale (in the wrong direction, of course!). After I'd got the first two kites up for a thrash around the sky, the lines tangled and one was cut. It was about them that I decided the wind really was too strong.

Finally, on the second to last day of the Games, the wind co-operated and I got all five kites in the air, then, at Murray's suggestion, we took three of them over to the village and tethered them where they could fly above the giant marquee. I went home at about 5.30pm but the kites had a big night out, staying up until around 9pm.

To cap off a shaky kiting week, my plan to fly the kites again at the closing ceremony was thwarted by a complete absence of wind. Oh well, it's not long until the 2003 Games.



1999 - 2000 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 1999 to 30 September 2000, 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 misstatement.

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 2000, and its financial operations during the year ended 30 September 2000.

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 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 2000, and its financial transactions in the preceding 12 months.

My opinion is expressed as at today Saturday, February 10, 2001

Stephen Cook
Honorary Auditor.

NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

1999	INCOME	2000
3914.01	Subscriptions	3103.08
-185.45	Sales Account	-236.40
101.08	Interest	124.07
1837.86	Auction	916.81
474.59	Interest-term deposit	192.88
6142.09	TOTAL INCOME	4100.44
	LESS EXPENDITURE	
0.00	WU? Print etc	2175.89
0.00	WU? Post	703.29
1098.71	WU? Total	2879.18
396.60	Secretarial & Stationery	367.05
540.70	Travel	542.00
562.50	Insurance	562.50
157.00	Loss on Festival	0.00
152.70	Regional Reps	0.00
221.90	Bank fees	268.53
220.00	Misc & Fests	235.00
3350.11	TOTAL OP'N EXP.	4854.26
2791.93	Excess Income Over Expendit	-753.82

NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

1999	ASSETS	2000
6276.53	Term Deposit	16469.41
11787.93	ANZ Cheque Account	1552.90
423.00	Stock on Hand Sales	85.00
0.00	Filing Cabinet	188.83
18487.46	TOTAL ASSETS	18296.14
	LIABILITIES	
0.00	Creditors	-562.50
0.00	Net Assets	17733.64
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
15695.53	Net as at 1.10.99	18487.46
2791.93	Add Excess Income	-753.82
18487.46		17733.64

NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN
MEMBERS SALES ACCOUNT
for the year ended 30 September 2000

1999		2000
821.90	Sales	101.60
0.00	TOTAL INCOME	101.60
1388.00	Open Stock	423.00
42.35	Purchases	0.00
1430.35		423.00
423.00	Closing Stock	85.00
1007.35	Cost of Sales	338.00
-185.45	EXCESS EXPENDITURE	-236.40

BUTTER SIDE UP

If your equipment officer has carelessly forgotten to include a knife in the kite day picnic basket, don't despair. The perfect substitute is to be found right under your nose. Yep, the very versatile NZKA name tag hanging around your neck makes a great little butter spreader – but don't forget to wipe it thoroughly when you've finished your lunch. – Robert van Weers

NZKA Treasurers Report
Income & Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 30th September 2000

The accounts for Income and Expenditure show a loss of \$942 compared to a surplus of \$2791 the previous year.

Income was down \$2041 compared to last year due to fewer financial members (25 approx.) and the Auction raising only \$916 compared to \$1836 the previous year. It is important to realize that the Association relies heavily on proceeds from the annual auction to help meet expenses.

Expenditure was up by \$1693 - almost entirely due to the increased cost of "What's Up?". In this year a colour insert was added to the June edition following the Easter Festival and the accounts included one edition that should have been charged in the previous year.

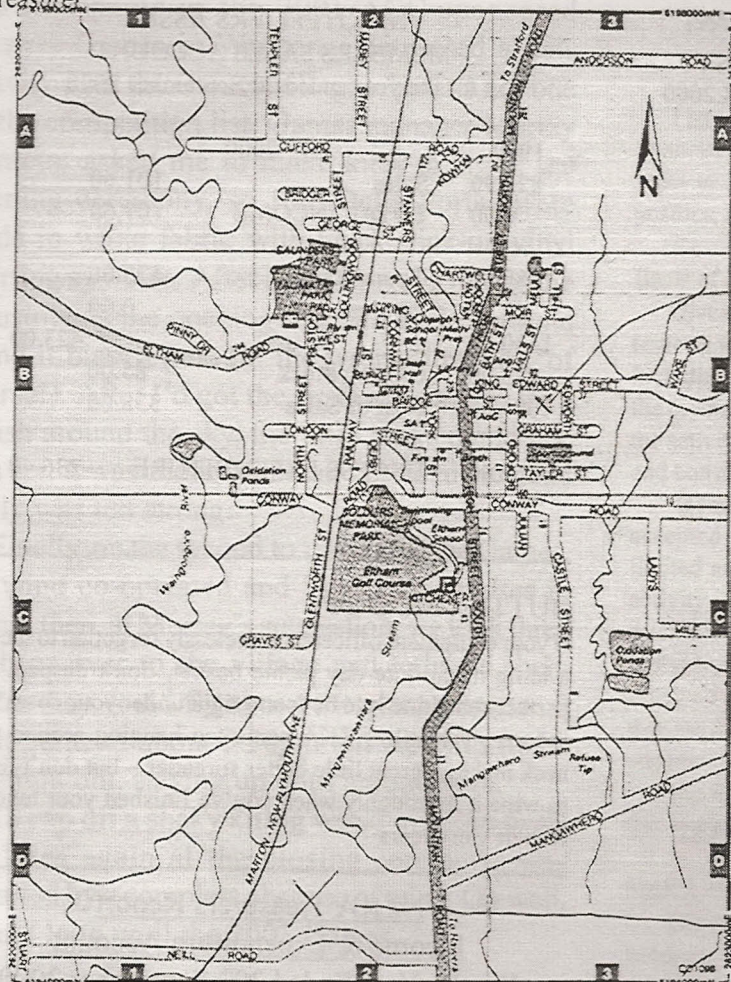
The sales account loss of \$236 represents the discounted sale of dated stock. The stock on hand is now low and there should not be the same losses in this account as in the past. Future supplies will be purchased on a firm order basis so there should be no garment stock in the future.

In spite of the loss the finances of the Association are in a sound state with substantial cash reserves which are available to use prudently for developing kite making among members and promoting kiting in the community.

Phil Whitehead

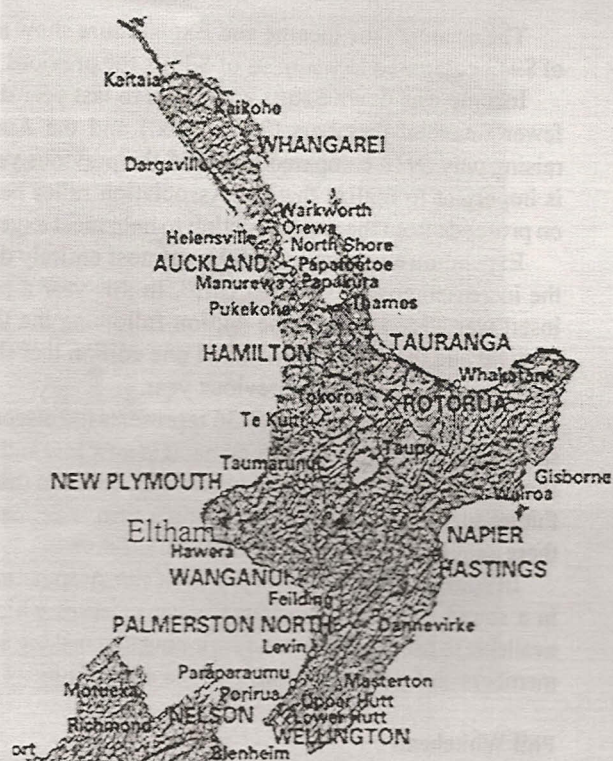
Eltham and AGM Information

Treasurer



AGM Meeting Here This is the "Eltham Men's Bowling Club" and is in King Edward Street. This venue is also for the Friday night fish and chips evening.

Flying Field. The "Neil Road Kite Festival Site" is situated on the Tuner Homestead Farm. The site is 2km south of town and presents an outstanding panorama of Egmont and the ring plains. It is here that the real action will take place.



New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Kitefliers Association Inc will be held at The Eltham Bowling Club, King Edward Street, Eltham, at 7.30pm on Friday 13 April 2001.

AGENDA:

- 1 Greetings
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of 16th Annual General Meeting, Nelson 21 April 2000 (As published in this issue of What's Up?)
- 4 Financial Report
- 5 Presidential 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

NZKA Kite Flying Sites

Auckland

Bastion Point (every Saturday)
Contact: Perrin at Kiteworks

Bay of Plenty

Fergusson Park. Tauranga
Contact:

Christchurch

Centennial Park
Contact: Steve Brorens 03 329 9449

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

Wanganui

Springvale Park (every Sunday)
Contact Richard Wotton 06 343 2770

Wellington

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

NZKA Arch Project

The 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.

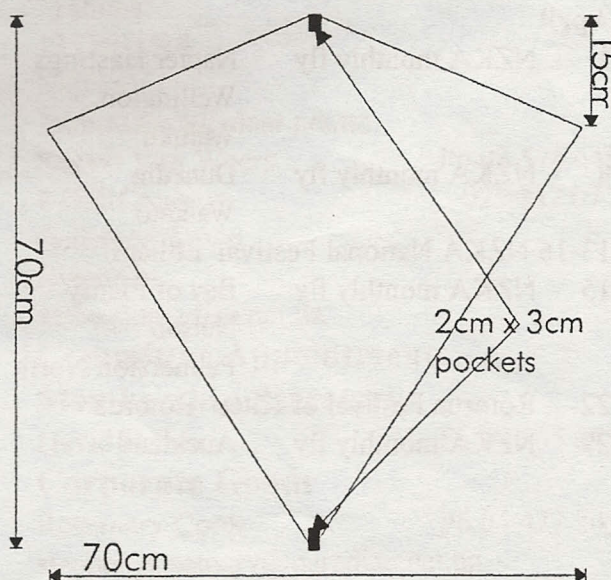
The kites for the NZKA arch are made from $\frac{3}{4}$ oz ripstop. The dimensions are shown in the diagram along side. The kite should be hemmed all round and two pockets only fitted, one at the top and one at the bottom. You do not need to provide a spar or any bridle points. Just simply the skin.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



Kite Shop Directory

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

Sl-single line, **DI**-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, DI, C, Bu, F, Ka Re, W.

Skylines and Bylines, at The Arts Centre, P O Box 845, **Christchurch**. Ph/Fax (03) 337 2669 Mobile (025) 317 716. email-skylinesandbylines@yahoo.com

Services offered-Sl, DI, C, F, Ka, Re, Bm, W, G, O, Mo, Kk, Ex, Rl.

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-All services provided

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

Services offered- Sl, DI, C, Bu, Re, Kw, D, Ex, Rl. Coastal Kites, 22 Pooles Rd, **Tauranga**. Ph/Fax (07) 541 0519

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

Kite Days

March

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

April

1	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
8	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
13-16	NZKA National Festival	Eltham
15	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
22	Rotorua Festival of Kites	Rotorua
29	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland

Christchurch

May

6	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
13	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
20	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
27	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch

June

3	NZKA monthly fly	Napier Hastings Wellington, Waiuku
10	NZKA monthly fly	Dunedin Waikato
17	NZKA monthly fly	Bay of Plenty Nelson Palmerston North
24	NZKA monthly fly	Auckland Christchurch

October

Epilepsy Kite Day Nation-wide More Info next issue.

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