

# What's Up?

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New Zealand Kitefliers' Association

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual KITE FESTIVAL

*Elsdon Park, Porirua*

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COVER PHOTO: Mini GM Octopus mis-constructed by the McCullys at the Peter Lynn Labour Weekend Workshop. Can you spot the "Genetic Modification".



## New Member

Welcome to Clive Bielawski of New Plymouth.

Clive was introduced to the NZKA by Julie Adams as a result of some recent purchases from Skylines and Bylines. Clive has indicated in a letter accompanying his application that he would love to have other fliers join him when they are in New Plymouth.

Maybe a members fly will be arranged next year.

As our current form does not seek approval to publish contact details (this years renewal does) you will have to look him up in the phone book.

## Membership Renewal 2004

You should have received the renewal notice with this newsletter. It is a little later than usual as at the committee has changed the financial year to end on 31 December instead of 31 October. Your 2003 subs were for a 15 month period. Note that they must be paid by Feb 6th if you wish to vote at the AGM.

The committee felt that by the time they were elected at Easter half the year had gone. With today's modern devices preparing accounts in time for the auditor and the AGM is not a problem.

## Newsletter Compiler

I have compiled this newsletter the fastest way I could. That is, I've used Richard's Publisher files, edited and added new articles, printed and double side photocopied. Amazingly enough it has come out looking quite respectable. I did not have the time to sort out the requirements for publishing in the normal magazine format.

We still need a What's Up editor. If you are computer literate it need not be an onerous task.

For reasons you will see elsewhere in the newsletter I am not available to be editor for at least 18 months..

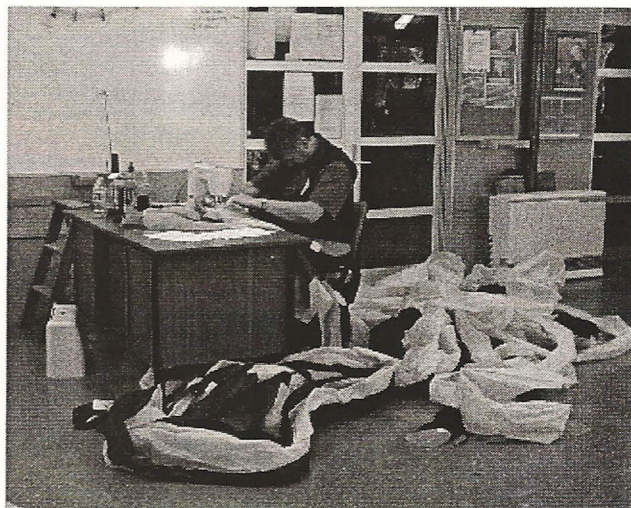
Ray McCully

Membership Secretary

# Campbell's Comments

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At the time of publication Geoff's report had not arrived. On can only assume that the Xmas rush at work and getting Gecko to fly correctly before the Chateau weekend has taken priority.



Geoff's sewing his midi Gecko when not talking to fellow workshop attendees passing by.



# 20th Annual NZKA Kite Festival 6-9th February 2004

## Elsdon Park, Porirua

### Friday 6th February

10.00am to 4.00pm This will be our public day—we will be part of Festival of the Elements which is held every year in Porirua.

6-30pm Fish and chips at the Marae complex on the south western corner of Elsdon Park

7.30pm NZKA AGM followed by a surprise event starting at about 9-15pm.

### Saturday 7th February

9-30am Members day for kite flying and Members Choice Award.

6-30pm Drinks and socialising.

7-30pm Birthday dinner

### Sunday 8th February

9-30am Members flying day. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like to stay on for a barbeque.

11.00am Group Photo

### Monday 9th February

10.00am Wings Exhibition at Te Papa. Free tour with exhibition organiser Sandy Bartle.

Lunches will be available from the kitchen at 12 noon each day.

## Accommodation Guide

### Porirua

Aotea Lodge, Whitford Brown Ave, Papakowhai.  
Ph 0800 462 683

Belmont motor lodge, 1 Mungavin Ave.  
Ph 0800 462 356 Email: belmontlodge@xtra.co.nz  
Website: www.belmontmotorlodge.co.nz

Jade Court, 44 Huanui St. Ph 04 237 5255  
Email: jadecourtotel@xtra.co.nz

Mana Motel, 41 Mana Esplanade, Paremata.  
Ph 0800 866 262 Email: mana.motel@xtra.co.nz  
Website: www.manamotel.co.nz

Marina Motor Lodge, 57-61 Mana Esplanade, Paremata Ph 0800 803 009 Email: marina@homelink.co.nz Website: www.homelink.co.nz/marina

Spinnaker Motel, Cnr Grays Rd & SH1, Plimmer-ton Ph 0800 229 592 Email: spinna-

Camp Elsdon, 18 Raiha St, Porirua. Ph 04 237 8987 Email: camp\_elsdon@xtra.co.nz

### Tawa

Aaron Court Motor Lodge, 33 Main Rd, Tawa Ph 0800 607 807 Email: aaroncml@ihug.co.nz

Bucket Tree Motor Lodge, 1 Boscobel Lane. Ph 0800 804 898 Email: bucket.tree@paradise.net.nz  
Website: www.nzmotels.co.nz/bucket-tree

### Latest News from Anne

Waitangi weekend plans are all coming together. There are a few mattresses in the marae if any members wish to stay there. The cost is \$15.00 per night for adults, children/students \$10.00. Please let Anne Whitehead know ASAP if you wish to use this facility so that it can be arranged with the school.



Festival logo colours are:  
NZKA—standard red, yellow, and black  
20—red with dark blue background.  
Background inside the circle—light blue.



## Notice of 2004 Annual General Meeting

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the NZ Kite-fliers Association will be held in the Mana College Buildings at Elsdon Park Porirua on Friday 6 February 2004 at 7.30 PM

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Greetings to visitors
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 19th AGM
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Financial Report
8. NZKA Strategic Plan
9. Formal business of which due notice has been given.
10. Festival 2005
11. Other business.
12. Election of officers.

## Minutes of 2003 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Springvale Park Stadium at 9.45 AM on Saturday April 19 2003.

1. GREETINGS: President Peter Whitehead gave a cordial greeting to the 32 members present.
2. Apologies were received from: Warren Ellery, Jim Court, Gretchen Howard, Simon Van der Sluijs, Reville Gillard, Norelly Jarvis, Yvonne de Mille, Ray Mason, Carey Campbell, Kelle Connolly, and Kate O'Halloran.
3. Confirmation of Minutes  
The Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM were confirmed.  
( Anne Whitehead/Margaret McGuire)
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Presidents Report.  
Peter Whitehead reviewed the events of the past kiting year. He congratulated Richard Wotton and Robert van Weers on their work for the Association, and thanked the Committee for their efforts.

6. Appointment of Auditor  
The meeting continued the appointment of Graham Cooper as Hon Auditor

7. Treasurer's Report.  
Stephen Cook presented his report. Expenditure such as the Bear kite meant that a book loss was coming but the overall financial situation was good. He noted that subscription income was slightly less than actual costs.  
His report was adopted. ((Stephen Cook/John Mason)  
He recommended that the subscription remain unchanged. (Stephen Cook/Anne Whitehead).

8. Kite safety and insurance.  
Stephen Cook outlined the provisions of our Public Liability policy, and Tony Fitchett reported on the legal opinion on where NZKA activities stood in relation to the Policy. Extended discussion followed, with Ray McCully outlining the requirement for Safety Officers to be appointed. Details would be in the next issue of What's Up. The meeting agreed on the need for increased care when kite flying, especially when members of the public were present.

9. Strategic plan for NZKA.  
Ray McCully spoke on the need for planning of future activities, especially on costs and subscription levels. Our financial position was strong, but there was no good basis for considering future subscription levels.  
Stephen Cook stressed that we need to keep an eye on our objective as set out in the Rules. There was a case for widening our activities in areas such as workshops, perhaps to include non-NZKA people. David Bowie noted that we had had prudent management in the past, which had put NZKA in a satisfactory position. He noted that past Treasurers had been careful of our funds.

10. Kite tour.  
Ray McCully explained how the absence of long term financial support these days had lead to the cancellation of the planned Rotorua Festival. Short term funding looks more possible and is available from various sources. In this situation we were unlikely to see big Festivals in the near future. He explained his proposal for a kite tour at various centres, to include overseas fliers. One of the tour events could be the NZKA AGM. The meeting agreed to support the proposal for 2005.

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11. Festival 2004.

Anne Whitehead noted that as NZKA had come into existence 20 years previously after a kite fly at Elsdon park, it would be appropriate for the 2004 Festival to be held over Waitangi weekend at Elsdon. Following discussion, the proposal was approved.

12. Election of Officers.

Geoff Campbell was elected as President (Peter Whitehead/Des Pitfield).

The following were elected as the Committee:-

Secretary: Tony Fitchett

Treasurer: Des Pitfield

Members :- Stephen Cook, John Derham, Ray McCully, Ian Russell.

Margaret McGuire expressed thanks to the outgoing Committee for their work, which the meeting applauded.

13. Web site

Robert van Weers reported on development of the Web site. He asked for members to send in more ma-

terial to be included, especially announcement of kiting activities. The prizewinners of his recent competition were drawn and were Brendan Schultz and Geoff Campbell.

14. Trans Tasman Travel award

David Bowie discussed the Award, noting how it had originated. He also noted that the Australians seemed to be developing a different approach to the Award. He felt that there was now a need for a Rule change, to come into effect at the end of the current year. He felt that a flier, having won the Award, should not be eligible for future Awards. He moved that the Committee be directed to amend the Rules accordingly, to be effective from the judging in 2004. There was a long discussion, from which it seemed that the idea was not being supported. David Bowie restated his views. On a show of hands, the proposal was not approved.

15. The AGM was closed by the outgoing President Peter Whitehead at 11.30 AM. The new President Geoff Campbell thanked the previous committee.

## NELSON KITE FESTIVAL January 16-18, 2004

Don't miss one of the best festivals on the New Zealand kiting calendar!

Contact Ted and Gretchen Howard for further details: Ph. 03 548 8707 email [info@kites-](mailto:info@kites-)

### NELSON SUMMER KITE FESTIVAL 16-18 JANUARY 2004

This great provincial annual kite festival is located on Neale Park, Nelson, one of the finest urban kite fields in the world. Come play with us over a great summer weekend. This event is hosted by the Nelson Kite Club, who has arranged sponsorship so that this is a FREE event!

**TIMETABLE :** Friday 16/01/04 Setting up Marquee and the field, relaxed flying, takeaway meal on the field at sunset....magic .

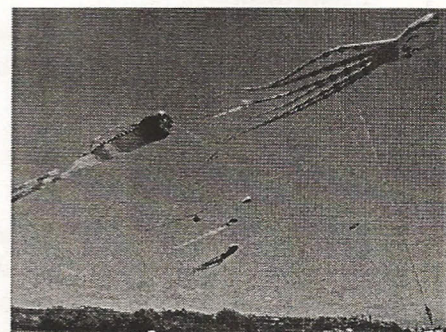
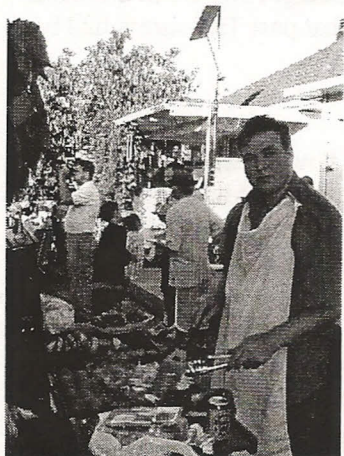
Saturday 17/01/04 Fliers day with general flying, practice for Sunday. BYO BBQ meal at Ted & Gretchen's place, off the back of Neale Park

Sunday 18/01/04 Public Day, 12 noon start. Show case of best in NZ, plus any international guest fliers. Cruise into town afterwards for a relaxed meal at one of Nelsons restaurants.

Monday 19/01/04 Pack up. For those enjoying the Wellington Anniversary day, come hang out and enjoy a low pressure day.

**FREE REGISTRATION!** For those who want to, contact us for billeting or information about motels and free camping on the field next to the ablution block (water, toilets, hot showers, power).

Ted & Gretchen Howard c/o Rainbow Flight phone/ fax (03)548-8707  
or email : [info@kites-rainbowflight.co.nz](mailto:info@kites-rainbowflight.co.nz)





# WANGANUI REGIONAL REPORT—NOVEMBER

by Richard Wotton

It's probably been much the same New Zealand-wide over the last couple of months – more kite making than kite flying. While the equinoctial gales have been howling around Wanganui, the sewing machines have been whirring, and a good number of new kites have been completed, ready for the summer season.

The star of the show is undoubtedly President Geoff's new midi Peter Lynn gecko. Now that Geoff's knees have almost healed after some serious over-use during the cutting-out phase of the operation, he reckons it's all been very worthwhile. Already there's been feedback from the public, excited about the big yellow and black "lizard" they've seen at the park.

Braden Schultz and I went down to Marton on the Sunday of Labour Weekend to put on a kite demo at a Rotary Club gala to celebrate the National Day of the Child. The wind was a bit up and down but all in all it was a pretty good flying day, except for one wild gust which came out of nowhere and caused a bit of excitement for a few moments.

There was a steady stream of kids wanting to have a go at flying our smaller kites. I forgot that one of my reels of 30lb line had about 300m wound onto it, and while doing a visual sweep of the sky I was a bit surprised to see one of Dalwyne's Della Portas w-a-a-y up there. I think the proud young flyer was a bit disappointed when he was asked to reel it back into the earth's atmosphere!

In mid-November, the Wottons had the pleasure of hosting Renate Trettin and Rainer Grafmanns, German fliers we met at Fano when they were staying a couple of apartments away from us. These folks know how to prioritise: after arriving in Christchurch to start their tour, the first port of call was Peter Lynn's Ashburton HQ, where they ordered a penguin and a gecko. The completed kites were duly delivered to the Wotton residence to await their new owners' arrival. Now, I can report that they were chuffed with their new kites, but not as chuffed as Elizabeth, our old cat, who quickly discovered that the discarded wrapping paper made a very comfy little cat nest! After a week's use it's getting a bit



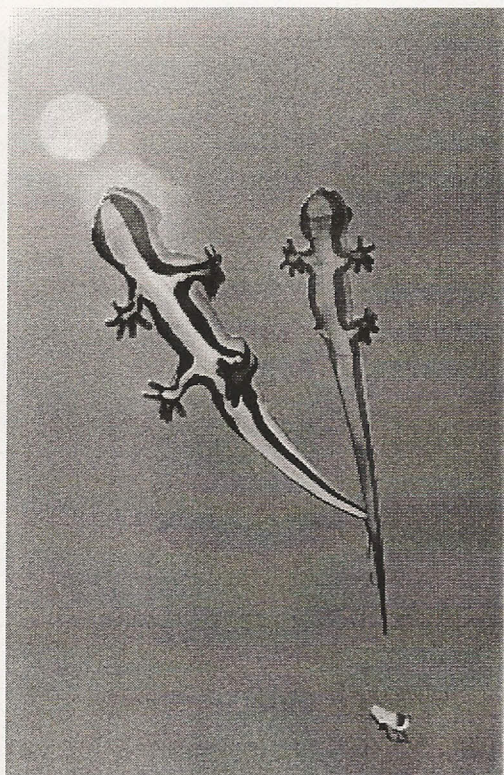
ABOVE:: Rainer Grafmanns and Renate Trettin with their mini Penguin

tatty around the edges, but Lizzie says it's still very cosy.

In the middle of a somewhat indifferent weekend's weather, we were very lucky to get a few hours on Sunday morning which were near perfect flying conditions. Renate and Rainer didn't have to have their arms twisted to go to the park, so they were able to give their new toys an airing without any major delays. (Don't you hate it when you have a new kite that you can't fly for weeks because of the weather?)

With the summer flying season upon us we'll all have a chance to see what's been put together over the winter, as we get around to some of the out-of-town events. Don't forget the annual Nelson festival on January 16-18, and the National rolling around early in February, in Porirua. Be there or be square!





LEFT: Geoff's midi Gecko (gold & black) flying with the mini Gecko of Rainer Grafmann.s

ABOVE:: Jim Maiden and his aircraft kite. The drogue confirms it as a kite.

## Strategy Review

Steady progress is being made and a draft might be available for Wellington.

However, while reviewing the information prepared by the sub-committee there was one issue that the committee felt should be mentioned prior to our National Festival.

The NZKA does not have a lot of active young members—the ones who like to fly sport kites, power kites, and do some buggying. One day, they may broaden their interest to include single liners.

As a group these active young members are often consigned to distant paddocks at kite festivals.

It does not help them to feel part of the NZKA kiting community.

## Suggestion for the National Festival

Sport kites, at least, can fly under single liners provided they have not scattered on to little flying islands all over the field. The committee asks that we all try and make the sport kiting members part of the flying community by giving them some space. There will be some mishaps but then isn't that kiting.

## Situation Vacant

### What's Up Magazine Editor

The NZKA are in need of an editor for the quarterly magazine.

This is an important role as the magazine is the organisations main means of communication, keeping everyone around the country informed and keeps us together as a community. There are four issues a year and you will have the support of the committee and can tap into the experience of past editors if required.

A computer and printer will be supplied for the successful applicant. An honorarium of \$300 per annum (\$75 per issue) will be paid in acknowledgement of the effort required.

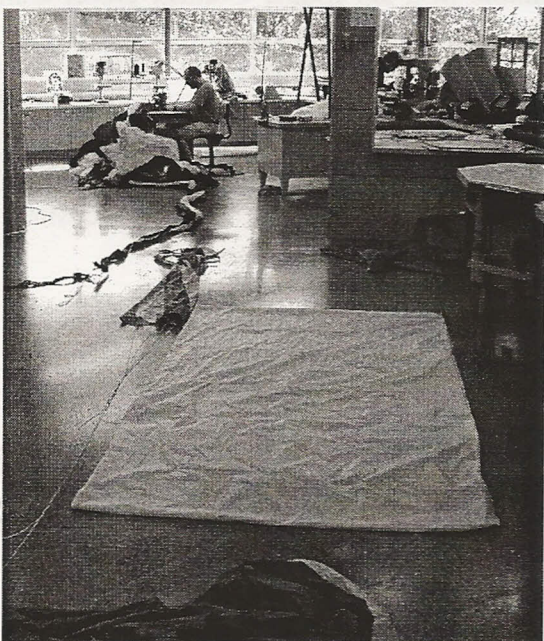
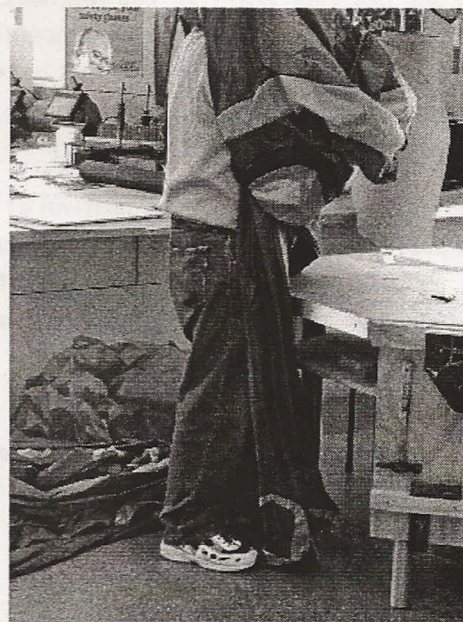
If you would like to take on this opportunity to be involved with the Association and feel you have the skills and enthusiasm to produce the quarterly magazine then please get in touch with any of the committee members.



# Labour Weekend Workshop



LEFT: Yes! Peter Lynn was there improving and modifying the designs while we all got buried in fabric and cord.  
BELOW: Its important to get into your work. But a good idea to hide the camera before you do it.



The highlight of the weekend for me was listening to Peter Lynn's explanations on kite stability and in particular how that is applied to soft kite design. My only regret is that I did not have paper handy so I failed to make notes.  
Ray McCully

LEFT: In the background Peter Whitehead sews cords on to Geoff's Gecko. On the floor is Philip Dean's "flag" kite.  
BELOW: A group photo on the Monday. Don't miss Sharon inside the brown mini bear. To the left we have Bill Farber—all the way from Oz.





# WEBMASTER'S SCRIPT

*Extracted from the emailed website newsletter,*

## Christmas Competition

I have put the new Christmas website competition up. It has been made very easy to enter this time around so go and get your entry in. You will have to go to the website to see what the prize is. Once all the entries have been compiled and a winner has been found I will notify the winner via email.

## NZKA National Festival

Watch for information on this festival at the website. I will post an update as soon as I have more news to hand. Get your own planning underway to take part in this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival. You don't want to miss this one!!

## Kite Links

Some new links have been added as requested from some overseas interests. These can be found on our links page.

## Kite Hangman Game

I have developed a new kite game. It is similar to the all familiar "Hangman" game. It has some kite trivia and is great for when it is raining outside and of course for when you have just ran out of fabric to make new kites.

Go to: Fun Stuff/Kite Puzzles/hangman game.

## Line Junk

I am still working on a page to show pictures of NZKA members line-junk. If you are a NZKA member and would like to help out, send some of your images, or any other images you might have of other members line-junk to me and I will upload them on to the web-page.

## Whakapapa kiteflying event at New Year 2004

Each year, beginning on Boxing Day and running for about three weeks, the Tongariro Natural History Society and Department of Conservation present a programme of activities within Tongariro National Park.

On January 3 and 4, 2004, they will be hosting kite flying on the golf course in front of the Chateau. This is to encourage people to consider other recreational activities in the park. Event organiser Sarah Gibb worked in England for a few years and enjoyed organising kite days in conjunction with the North-east Flyers.

The prevailing winds up at Whakapapa are westerly, and the Chateau is north facing, so the kites would probably be up with Mount Ngauruhoe as an impressive backdrop.

There will probably be some low-cost accommodation available in a ski lodge. Contact Geoff Campbell for further information about the event.

This will be a great opportunity for all flyers to see their kites in an unusual setting, so start planning now and mark it on your 2004 kite calendar.

If you'd like to know more about the Tongariro Natural History Society, their website is [www.tongariro.org.nz](http://www.tongariro.org.nz).

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*The above is repeated from Issue #77.*

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### A Useful Website—[www.deltakites.com](http://www.deltakites.com) By Richard Wotton

If you really want to impress your fellow kites and amaze the general public, take a look at [www.deltakites.com](http://www.deltakites.com), Dan Leigh's delta kite website. There's some excellent information on knots and it's accompanied by very clear illustrations. In fact, it's all so easy to follow that even I was able to manage a couple of the less complicated ones.

As a rule, one of the problems with tying a knot in your line is that the line is weakened. Dan gives details of each knot indicating the resulting degree of weakness, enabling you to choose the correct knot for the job at hand. Check it out.



I found these on the web sometime ago and on checking recently the page is no longer available. To the person who assembled these thanks. NZKA members enjoy!

## You know your a kite freak if...

- you own any clothing made out of ripstop.
- you have ever ordered spars by the tonne.
- you have ever forgotten about sleeping while watching kite videos..
- you bought your car specifically because of how well your kite bag fits in it.
- you have an outfit that matches your kite bag.
- you spend more hours flying in one day than you do cleaning your house in a year.
- you own more kites than you do kitchen utensils.
- you have bought kite line by the kilometre.
- you have ever picked your vacation spot by how good the flying fields are.
- you have ever tried to fly while going to the bathroom.
- you've ever tried flying while sitting inside, with your lines out the window, because the weather sucked.
- you have a wind meter hooked to your car.
- you have your kites insured but not your car.
- you carry pictures of your kites in your wallet instead of your wife.
- you use a kite-mate for a key ring.
- you have a bumper sticker that says "Tailgate me and I will tip stab you in your forehead".
- you have ever considering flying nude to be in better touch with the wind.
- you bought a VCR just to be able to watch your kite videos.
- you have intentionally hit your neighbors dog with your car for barking at your Air FX.
- you look out the window... past the twister that just swept your neighbor's car away... and say "I can still fly in that using heavier lines"
- you own a line cauterizer.
- you own a pair of pants that you sewed spare spar pockets onto.
- kite catalogs replace all other magazines in your bathroom.
- you check the wind condition on TV shows you are watching.
- you majored in meteorology so you could predict kite winds better.
- you have a wind tunnel in your basement for test flying on low wind days.
- you have ever bought 4 colour of the same kite, just so you have one for each season.
- you go to the local kite shop more often than the supermarket.
- you cry when you break a spar and apologize to the kite for hurting it.
- all your t-shirts have kite logo's on them.
- you buy a motor home to store your kites in.
- you stop buying kites because you have too many.
- you started buying kites again because you felt you had too few.
- your house is shaped like a big kite.
- you dream you are flying and wake up right before your kite hits the ground.
- you built a house just to have a place to fly indoors and to store all the kites that don't fit in your car.
- you picked your partner by how well they fly.
- you picked your partner by what kind of kites they fly.
- you have ever got in a fist fight with someone who laughed when you told them you like to fly kites.
- you know the Weather Report lies.. and you watch anyways..
- you can tell what type a spar is just from feel.
- you think The Beatles wrote a song about a certain flat, quad lined kite...
- you use old kites as decoration for your house.
- instead of hearing voices in your head you hear kites and line noise.
- you have at least one kite that you have never flown.
- you have more than one kite bag!
- you like the smell of Icarex.

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## You know your a kite freak if... continues

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- you have flown every kite in the local store.
- you have more kites than the local kite shop!
- you have more spare kite parts in your bag than the kite shop stocks
- the kite store calls you for parts
- when nothing good is on TV you watch kite videos.
- you use sleeving to replace broken sneaker laces
- you have two of the same kite, not even different wind ranges or colors.

## 2005 Kite Festivals Holiday in NZ

- Nelson Kite Festival — January 21st –23rd, Neale Park, Nelson
- Hawkes Bay Kite Festival — January 29th and 30th, Tareha Park, Napier
- Rotorua Art in the Sky 2005 (NZKA AGM) — February 5th and 6th, Arawa Park Racecourse, Rotorua

### Background

In 2002 a proposed International Festival was derailed by the uncertainty that followed Sept 11th. A subsequent attempt to get sponsorship for a festival in 2004 failed. The costs to bring high profile fliers to NZ are high as airline sponsorship is not available outside of their current commitments. Currently there is not enough corporate sponsorship available for anything that is not a mainstream sport or big TV exposure event. Smaller events can get funding through pub charities with some restrictions.

New Zealand is currently one of the most popular tourist destinations and as most keen kitefliers link their holidays to kite festivals, why not capitalise on it.

### Objectives and Principles

- To run a series of back to back kite festivals at or near popular tourist venues and attract the world kiting community to have a kiting holiday in NZ.
- There will be no sponsorship of any flier.
- For insurance and numbers management registration will be required for each festival but no fee.
- Other features such as evening function, clothing, badges etc are user pays.

### 8th Thailand International Kite Festival 2004

Sawaddee from Thailand!!

I would like to inform you about the 8th Thailand International Kite Festival 2004 which will be held during 13-14 March 2004 at the 16th Infantry Division (the same place as 2002), Hua Hin, Prachuab Khiri Khan.

TAT Hospitality: will cover 4 members per team including:

1. Internal transport (airport-hotel-venue) during 11-16 March 2004 (it means, you have to pay for your airfare ticket from your home to Thailand)
2. meals and farewell party
3. Post Tour on 15 March 2004

### Current Status

We have strong interest from a group in France and some individuals in the USA and Japan. We have a long list of emails of potentially interested fliers from Europe, Canada, England, United States.

### Next Steps

- The priority is to get the basic information out to the international kiting community so they can decide whether to visit NZ.
- Confirm details of the tour:
  - Possible midweek Wellington evening event.
  - Possible midweek Taupo evening event.
  - Rokkaku challenge over the 3 festivals for a trophy donated by Peter Lynn.
- Etc

### International Visitors Co-ordinator

Ray McCully will co-ordinate the promotion to overseas fliers and act as the liaison with each of the festivals. This ensures a consistent message goes to all fliers.

**More information will be given in the next issues of Whats Up. In the meantime, plan your holidays and accommodation for a great 2 weeks of kite flying with overseas visitors in 2005.**

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis before 29 February, 2004

By the way, I will send the letter of invitation to you later, could you please confirm your postal address?

Hope to hear from you soon and look forward to welcoming you all in March 2004. If I have any further information, I will update to you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Siwaporn (Nooh)

Events Promotion Division.

PS. If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact me anytime at Yahoo Messenger: noohyai@yahoo.com MSN: eventsdiv@hotmail.com or <http://www.tat.or.th>



## TRADE DIRECTORY

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

Key: Sl-single line, Dl-dual line, C-custom made kites, Bu- buggies, F-fabric, Ka-kite making accessories, Re-repairs, Kw- kite making workshops, D-demonstrations, Bm-books and magazines, W-wind related articles, G-gift items, O-other recreational items, Mo- mail order catalogue, Kk-kite kits, Ex- exhibitions, Rl-reference library.

**Kiteworks**, 111 Symonds St, Auckland. Phone/Fax (09) 358 0991

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

**Skylines and Bylines**, The Kiteshop at The Arts Centre, P.O. Box 2194, Christchurch. Phone (03) 365 3907, Fax (03) 337 2669, mobile (027) 431 7716. E-mail: [julie@kites.co.nz](mailto:julie@kites.co.nz)

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

**Rainbow Flight**, 5 Montgomery Square, Nelson. Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707

Services offered: All services provided

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**Raven Kites**, 1 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

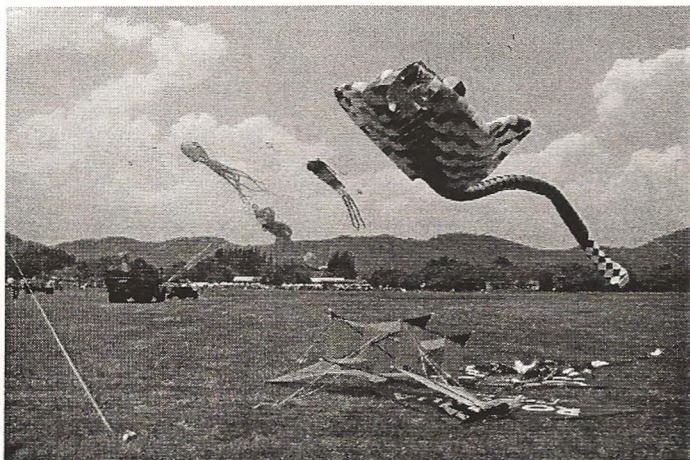
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Services offered: Sl, Dl, Bu, C, power kites.

### Corporate Goods

We have new peelable NZKA car stickers available - these stick to the glass on the inside and can be transferred \$2.50. Also NZKA pins at \$5.00 and NZKA patches at \$7.50.

Flying field at Hua Hin for the **8th Thailand International Kite Festival 2004**. Photo from 7th festival in 2002.



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Vacancy—Are you interested?



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Fergusson Park, Tauranga

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Ongley Park

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Reserve over looking the lakefront

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## Wellington

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## NZKA FLYING DAYS — All NZKA monthly fly unless stated otherwise.

### December 2003

- 7 Wellington  
Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd Park
- 14 Dunedin  
Napier/Hastings
- 21 Bay of Plenty  
Nelson  
Palmerston North
- 28 Auckland  
Taupo  
Wanganui  
Christchurch

### January 2004

- 3-4 Chateau—see elsewhere in newsletter
- 11 Dunedin  
Napier/Hastings
- 16-18 Nelson Kite Festival—see elsewhere in newsletter
- 18 Bay of Plenty  
Nelson  
Palmerston North
- 25 Auckland  
Taupo  
Wanganui  
Christchurch

### February 2004

- 1 Wellington  
Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd Park
- 6-8 20th Annual National Festival—  
Wellington- see elsewhere in newsletter
- 8 Dunedin  
Napier Hastings
- 15 Bay of Plenty  
Nelson  
Palmerston North
- 22 Auckland  
Taupo  
Wanganui
- 29 Christchurch

### March 2004

- 7 Wellington  
Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd Park
- 14 Dunedin  
Napier/Hastings
- 21 Bay of Plenty  
Nelson  
Palmerston North
- 28 Auckland  
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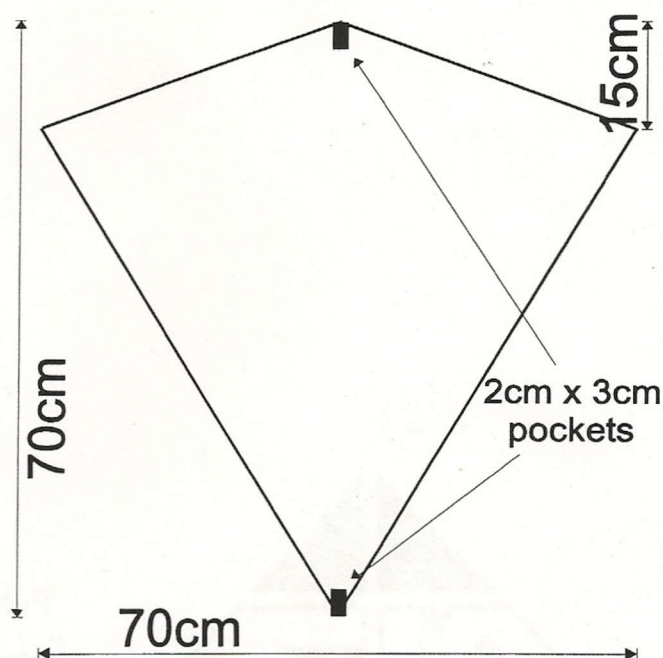
## THE NZKA KITE ARCH PROJECT

The members' arch is for every member to make at least one kite. It can be any colour or 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 – for example, 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 alongside. The kite should be hemmed all around 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 the skin. The kites will be joined onto a single line by dedicated volunteers to form an arch.

If you require further information, contact Tony Fitchett, Peter Whitehead or David Bowie. When you have finished your kite send or give it to David Bowie or Peter Whitehead, or send to P.O. Box 56, Wellington, for joining to the line.



The Association has available ripstop scraps which have been kindly donated by Peter Lynn Ltd.  
Happy kite building!



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