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Featuring on the cover is a photograph taken by Richard Wooton of Ray and Rosemary McCully's rather beautiful Owl. The back cover is devoted to a Mosaic of photographs from the 2005 Kite Tour submitted by Richard Wooton, Anne and Peter Whitehead, and Ray McCully.

From the Editors Desk

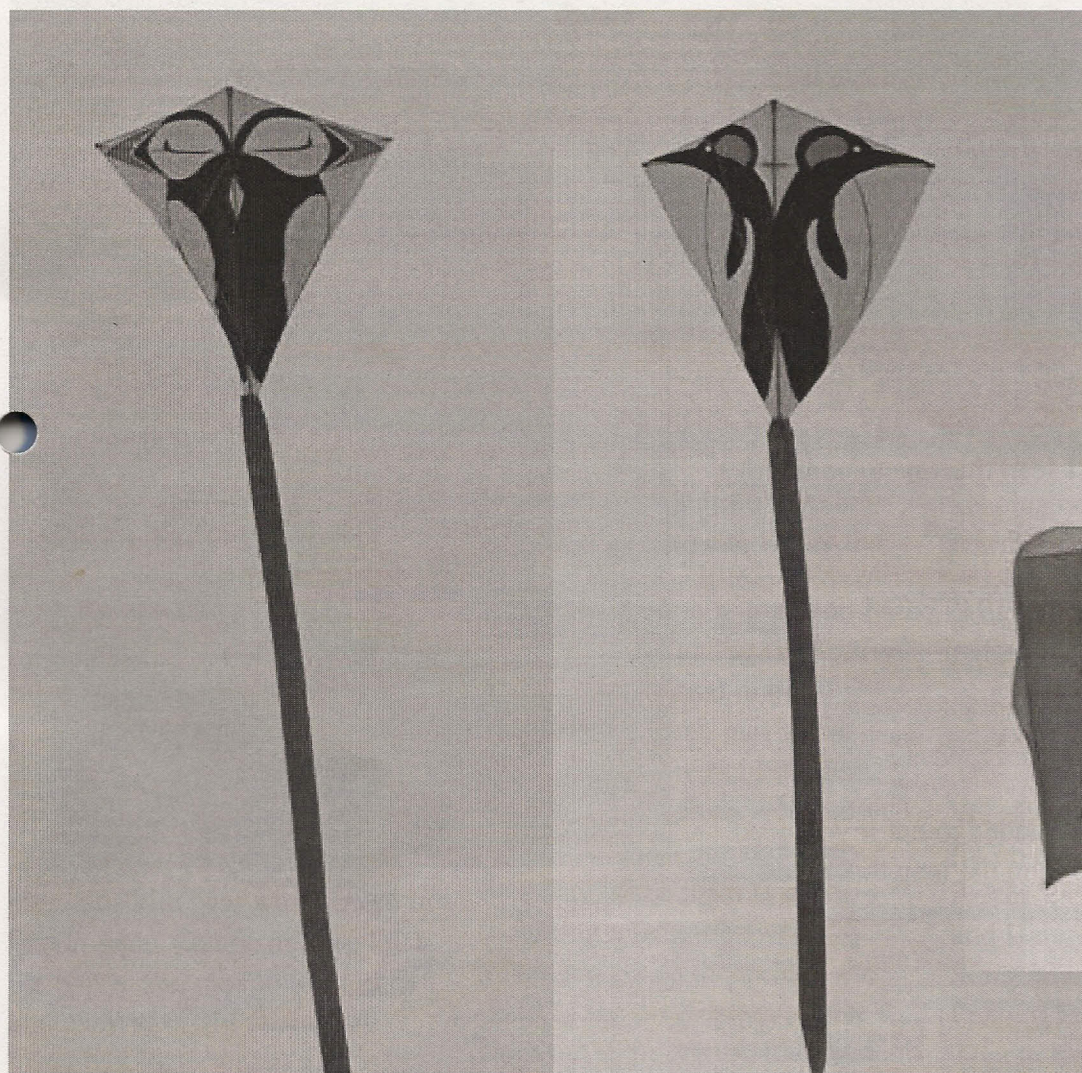
Welcome to another issue of What's Up? This quarter speaks for itself - it is largely devoted to the 2005 Kite Tour which, the reviews leave no doubt of, was a great success. Perhaps a fickle weather pattern meant that the sun screen wasn't needed every day but the opportunity to spent time with kiteflyers and their kites in so many locations was enjoyed by all that were able to be there.

Our thanks must go to the people who spent so much time and effort organising such a vast undertaking and making such an enjoyable success of it.

I am grateful for articles from: Peter Whitehead, Anne Whitehead, Ray McCully, our overseas visitors George and Jackie Penney and Robert Brasington. In this issue you will also find additional articles from: Ray McCully, Penny Robertson, Jim Ayers, Tony Fitchet, Clive Bielawski and Julie Adam.

Next up there is the traditional NZKA Easter at Eltham weekend and although it's very close, it's not too late to get there. It's another opportunity to spend time with people who celebrate life by, as Stephen Cook says, coming together to stand as far apart as possible!

Read on...



*Time constraints
have meant that the
kite tour
photographs have
not been captioned.*

*My apologies to the
photographers and
readers.*

The Editor

What's Up Next...?

FESTIVAL 2006

It is quite possible that our Festival for 2006 will be over Waitangi weekend (Feb 6 is a Monday) at Ashburton which is Peter Lynn territory. It will probably be a low cost/low key gathering of kitefliers, with an opportunity to inspect the new Lynn factory. More details at Eltham.

Tony Fitchett

Two Wellington Fly days

Next Sunday 6 March again at Elsdon Park.

In addition, another kitefly at Paraparaumu Beach on 13 March. It is Seaweed, where all sorts of beach activities are planned. We are invited to fly mid-morning onwards. (I see that high tide is at noon). Last time we had a lovely gentle breeze, so do come in hope of another similar.

Cheers Tony

Trivia

As an extra in the kite trivia department Julie Adam & I, along with Gretchen Howard started a discussion about what movies have kiteflying in them. The list so far goes something like this

Monsoon Wedding (fighter kites - India)

Young Frankenstein

Benny & Joon

Pacific Heights (haven't seen this one to confirm)

Mary Poppins

The Kite (this was filmed in 1949 based on the short story by Somerset Maugham- starring George Cole)

Obviously the list will be added to but if you need a spare line or 3 to drop in to the mag this is for those that may be interested

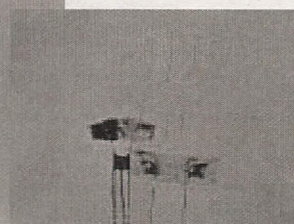
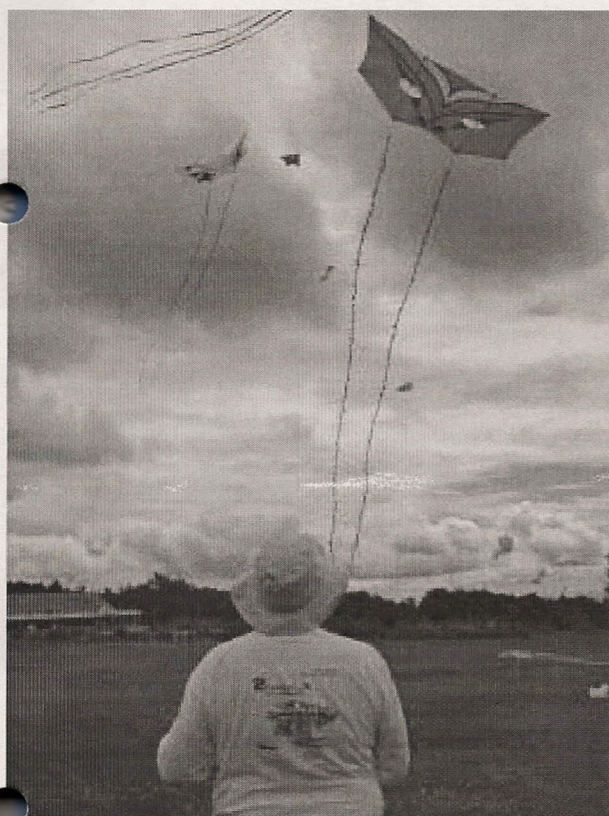
Anne Whitehead



2005 NZKA Kite tour

Christchurch

I arrived late on the Friday night to be met by Chief Sitting Bull (aka Richard Wotton) He had borrowed a blanket from the back of the Crown removal van and was claiming that it was cold. What? Cold, in sunny Nelson.



I could not believe this. Some kites were still flying and John was showing us the intricacies of his new night flying lights. The talk turned to night flying as it often does at this time of the day. (About 15 minutes before sunset) And to the availability of certain types of lighting strips used by the young lads for their cars. The kite gear was stowed in the on-sight storage and we left the happy campers to their tents and caravans. Not wishing to bring bad luck (weather wise) to

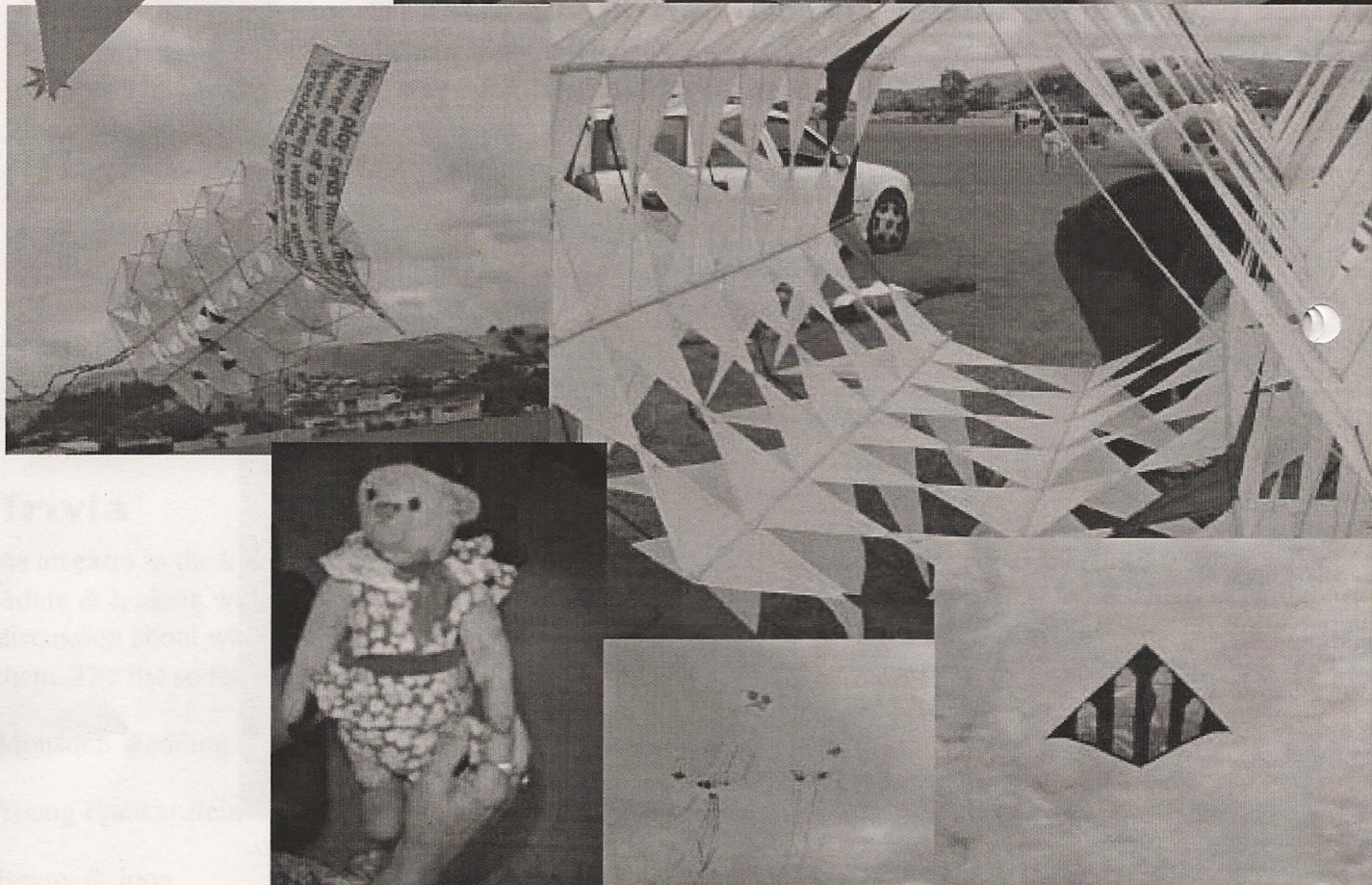
anyone we made little mention of Swindon last year, where the weather was appalling.

Saturday came and we took in the market as usual in the morning. We even met a few people who were not kitefliers who were over from Wellington as well. We had our standard Saturday lunch from Loafers including a Bow-tie sweet. When we got to the field it was good to see the Tibetan prayer flags out defining the field and

keeping out most of the public. It was also good to see the array of tractors and grass-mowers to tie our kites to. As usual we had brought far too many kites and half of them never taken out of the car.

We saw an array of kites from (in no particular order) Julie Adam, Geoff Campbell, Richard and Dalwyn Wotton, Geoff and Sonia Martin, George and Jackie Penney, Peter and Elwyn Lynn, Thorston Alors, Clyde and Jenny

Nelson



Cook, Ray and Rosemary McCully, John and Karen Whibley, Robert van Weers. Saturday saw Peter Lynn going off to the sea with two new kite-cats to race Chris Brent and the local wind surfers, and kite surfers. Apart from getting caught in someone's fishing line the days racing seemed to go off without a hitch.

Sunday was the public day and most of the big kites put in an appearance including,

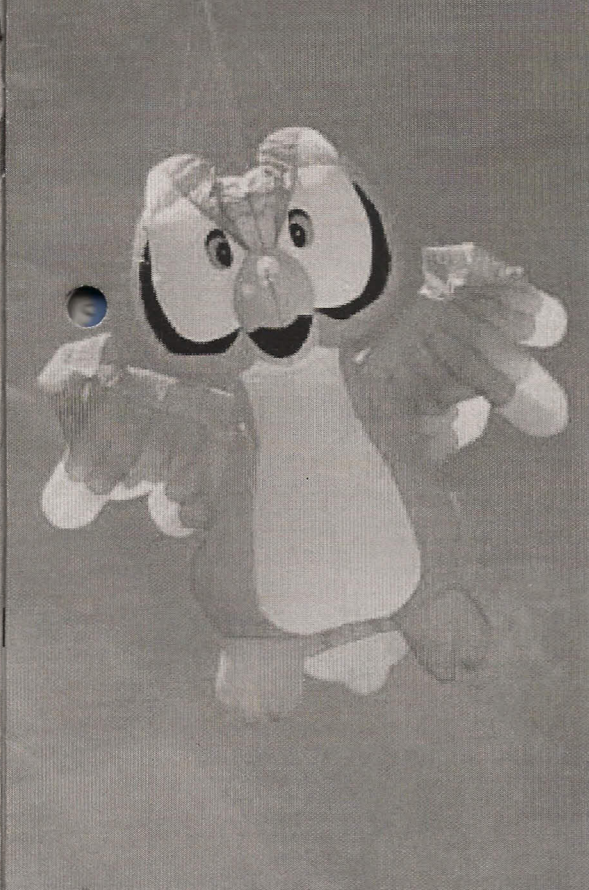
Mermaids, Tweety bird (George and Jackie Penney), Ring of Fire (Circoflex from John Whibley), Pig and Spike (Geoff Campbell), Flag kite with three Japanese actors appliqued on (Clyde and Jenny Cook) Fish kite from Peter Lynn, Historic kites from Richard Wotton, Owl and Maori theme kites (Ray and Rosemary McCully) the NZKA Bear and more. It was also good to catch up with some of our members from a few years ago, Dez and Cindy Cross.

The Sunday also had the usual altitude sprint with a lot of banter between the contestants. John Whibley has been winning this consistently for the last few years and there were more than one person determined to take his crown away. John ended up winning the title yet again, but a rematch was arranged for later in the kite tour.

The heats of a Rokkaku challenge were run, but this became a local event as most of



Wellington



Beach fly Paraparaumu

As part of the Kite Tour, Wellington area fliers gathered on the beach at Paraparaumu on 26 Jan with others who were doing the Tour. It was a beautiful day, with low tide and a gentle sea breeze. We had had one of these months earlier, and often spoke about it - a change from Wellington winds. The usual hard core of the Wellington lot were there and stuff was soon in the air. Some took vehicles down to an area of the beach which was solid underfoot in order to launch big ones. Whiteheads and Peter Lynn soon had a good display, aided by Brit visitors. Peter Lynn was able to see that Wellington does have tranquil days ...

At the end of a long happy day of flying, everyone went off to the Whibleys, where John and Karen took charge of the BBQ and organised a nice social evening. We all agreed we ought to do this again .. soon !

Tony Fitchet

the participants did not travel to further kite tour days. And then especially for the over 50's a "Rokkaku" legs event was staged in Rotorua. This will be something for me to look forward to next year.

So all in all Nelson Summer Kite festival was the event we have come to look forward to and enjoy as a relaxed family event with good flying and good company. A great way to start the year. Our many thanks to the Nelson Kite Club for organising

this event. It's great to see the way the club gets behind this event, specially the flyer who was ferrying spectators around on the tandem buggy all day.

Peter and Anne Whitehead.

A visitors impressions

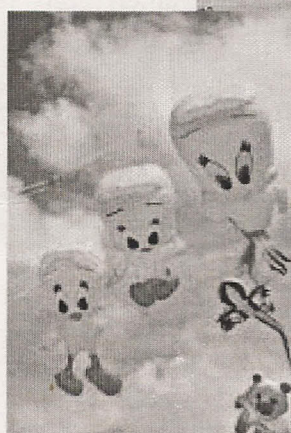
On completion of the Kite Tour and Antique shops of N.Z, we can say that we had a fantastic

time and made many new friends and Jackie collected more rings and teddy bears.!!

The tour gave us an opportunity to see the North of a country we have visited for the last five years and grown to love.

The hospitality extended to us at every location was wonderful (especially Anne and Peter Whitehead who told us about the tour at Cervia kite festival 2004). They not only invited us into their home but made all our

Napier



accommodation arrangements whilst in the North Island.

We brought some inflatable kites not seen in N.Z. before, and considering that in Europe there are hundreds of participants at most major festivals you kiwis gave displays you can be proud of. Your kites, many personally made, were on par with the European professional kite makers, and those going to Cervia will represent N.Z. with pride.

We started the Tour at Christchurch, this was memorable in that we have never seen so many people at a N.Z. beach before.

Wellington in seeing so many kites flying in light winds Napier that one person (Sharon) almost single handed arranged what was a great spectacle of colourful kites and the stomach capacity of Ian!!!

Ruapehu the scenery and great meal at the lodge (thanks

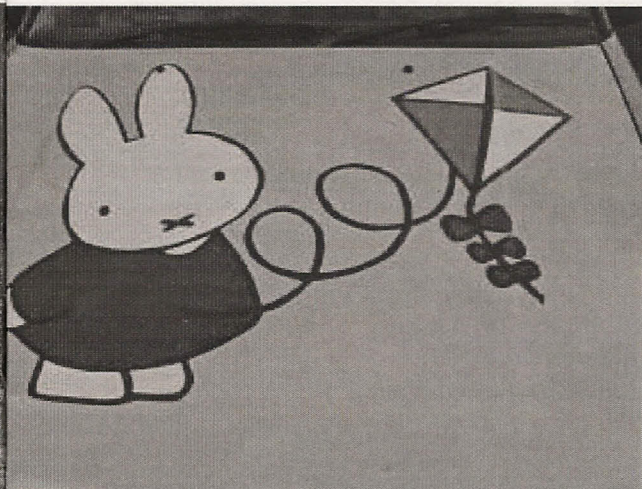
again to Anne and Peter)

Lake Taupo no wind no fly relaxing under the shady old tree talking eating and sleeping

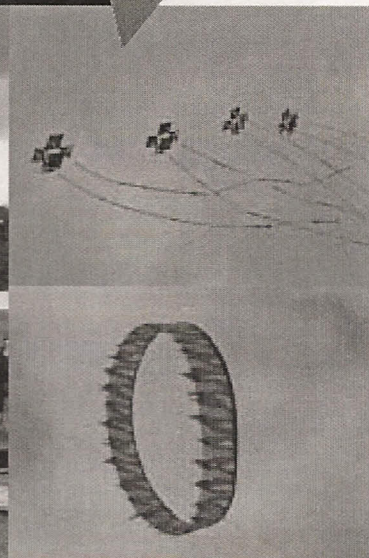
Rotorua lost our sense of smell by Sunday!! Saturday good flying till the rain came Sunday same.

Ray and Rosemary's hospitality

In conclusion we are now on a diet after being introduced to Thai and Indian takeaways!!



The Chateau



A memorable trip for us and would we do it again - you bet!!

George and Jackie Penney

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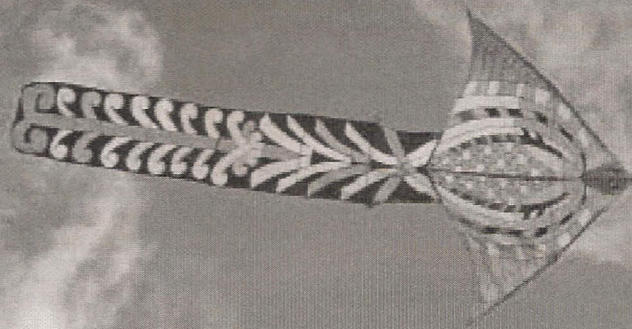
The long awaited Thursday morning came around for the short hop over the ditch to the land of the Long White Cloud. It had been 7 years since Tracey and I visited New Zealand with kite bags in tow, but this time it

was to the North Island to join the month long kite tour. We arrived in Wellington half way through the event and picked it up, as the merry band of kite flyers made their way north. Some hardy souls had started in Christchurch and participated at Brighton, Blenheim and Nelson.

Napier was the next on the calendar and that was a two day event. It was a normally a three and a half hour drive along the south of the island to get to the

now famous Art deco City. (the city was totally destroyed in the early 30's and totally rebuild in the deco style, must see town). Tracey and I considered we were on holidays so unusually we took about 8 hours to make the journey. There were way too many stops and way too many cool things to check out. Unknown at the time this was going to be the pace for the next 10 days. The kite event was windy and bumpy, inland, but kites flew all day, more or less.

Rotorua



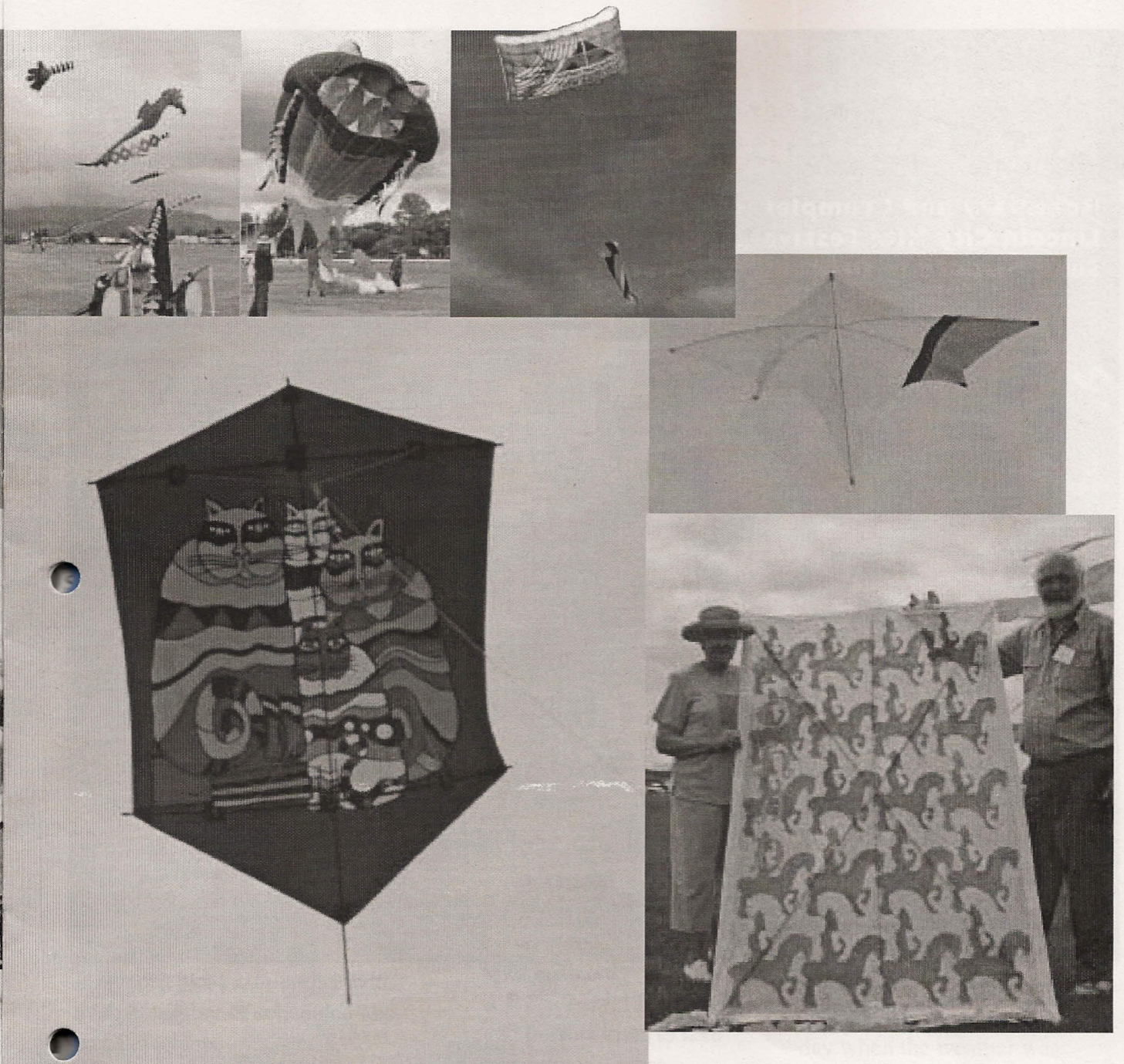
The weather held out as rain was forecast on both days, but didn't eventuate. New Zealand kite makers showed off their talents and there is certainly some talent there. A big thankyou must be passed on to Sharon and Ian Russell who spent heaps of time and effort in organising the Napier Fly.

We had two days to spend looking at the town and the more time I spent there the more I loved it.

On to the next event, a mid week sojourn into the centre of the Island to "go to some mountain to fly kites, they said". Nothing could have prepared me for the treats that lay in wait. We arrived at Mt. Ruapehu, one of the many active volcanoes. At the base of the slopes is a huge French style Chateau, ironic but strangely appropriate. As we flew kites the snow capped summit showed it's self every so often and was then quickly shrouded again in mist and

cloud. This would have to have been the most dramatic flying field I have ever experienced. The next day a trip to the upper slopes revealed it was the location for the filming "The Lord of the Rings".

The next day's trip was a drive around Lake Taupo to the city of Taupo. We were planning a fly at a park over looking the mountains and lake, but, alas, no wind so we had to be contented with just the stunning scenery.



Hard to take, but as they say,
"Somebody has to do it!"

On to Rotorua. Sulphur city. It's true, it does smell like sulphur (or something similar) but one gets used to it, or that is what I kept telling myself. Flying for the two days was a blast, wind all day, contrary to local forecasts. More locals came along and displayed some lovely creative work. A dinner and auction was held on the Saturday night. Thanks must go

out to Rosemary and Ray McCully for all their hard work that started over 4 years ago to get the festival to a reality. Well done, Folks. This event wound up a month long trek taking in both the north and south Islands.

So, what did I make of the trip? The New Zealand hospitality is second to none, and the scenery is just spectacular. The New Zealand tourist industry have made travelling about so easy, it is now an art form. Nothing is

too much trouble, and it must be the envy of many countries, courting the tourist dollar. If this event is replayed- Don't Miss It! It is a fabulous way to fly kites, or not to fly, with friends, just chill out, and take travelling at your own pace and see sights you will see nowhere else on the planet.

Robert Brasington.

Observations from Lincoln City Festival and AKA Convention at Seaside, Oregon

Rosemary and I completed our European holiday with a visit to the Lincoln City Kite Festival followed by the AKA Annual Convention at Seaside, both in Oregon.



The beach.

Photo: Ray McCully

Rather than give a blow by blow of our time in Oregon I'll present a few observations and mini stories.

Lincoln City Festivals are held on an area of beach in front of a carpark. The beach is normally divided into 2 or 3 flying areas, to allow for exhibitions by guest fliers. The right hand boundary is formed by the D River (smallest in the world). Unfortunately, recent storms had tripled the rivers length by sending it along the beach and cutting all the flying areas in half.

However, with steady winds from the sea on the second day, a great display was still achieved. Hospitality and atmosphere was special.

On the beach we met up with Barry Poulter (Bazzar) who was currently making these beautiful ribbon graphics on Rokkakus and noodle kites.

The one we liked was his least favourite but he was flying it at every opportunity (2nd place in Rokkaku making competition

at AKA convention), as it was going in the AKA auction.

The kite was one of a series of kites made at the Oregon Kitemakers Retreat by invited kite makers using a limited range of colours that were supplied by the AKA. Barry said if it goes above US\$X then don't bid as he could make one for us.

At the AKA auction the kite went for 2.5 times Barry's price. We have ordered a replica of the auction kite at the quoted price –

Observations from Lincoln City Festival and AKA Convention at Seaside, Oregon



Looking towards the city
Photo: Ray McCully

an excellent souvenir of our trip to the AKA Convention.

The AKA convention is not a kite festival, as we know them. It is more like a conference with a large number of scheduled and parallel events:

- ◆ Workshops – in most cases Rosemary and I split up to attend parallel sessions.
- ◆ Dual, quad line competitions
- ◆ Fighter kite and Rokkaku competitions
- ◆ Kite making competitions – Paul Fieber who visited NZ earlier this year got third place in the bowed category with a NZ inspired Genki. Bill Farber was third in both the soft and the delta categories.
- ◆ Indoor flying competitions
- ◆ Mass ascensions – 5 of them for pins which when combine make an Eddy kite. With only a kite for the soft category, I had to beg and borrow kites to take part in these events.
- ◆ Auction night and finally awards night. The highlight of the awards was watching a couple, fly Revolutions in a limited space to music and perform gymnastics at the same time. Prior to the auction we put Tour cards on each table and had a few minutes at the microphone.
- ◆ Free flying was a minority activity dominated by Peter Lynn big kites outside the roped off areas. We

managed to fly the Tour kite three times.

For fun and something to do in the afternoon I decided to enter the Della Porta stack in the relevant category – the last one for the day. A bad move!

About 1pm we noticed a sea fog moving around the headland at the end of the beach and within an hour it was everywhere. The wind had gone; it was damp and getting cooler by the minute.

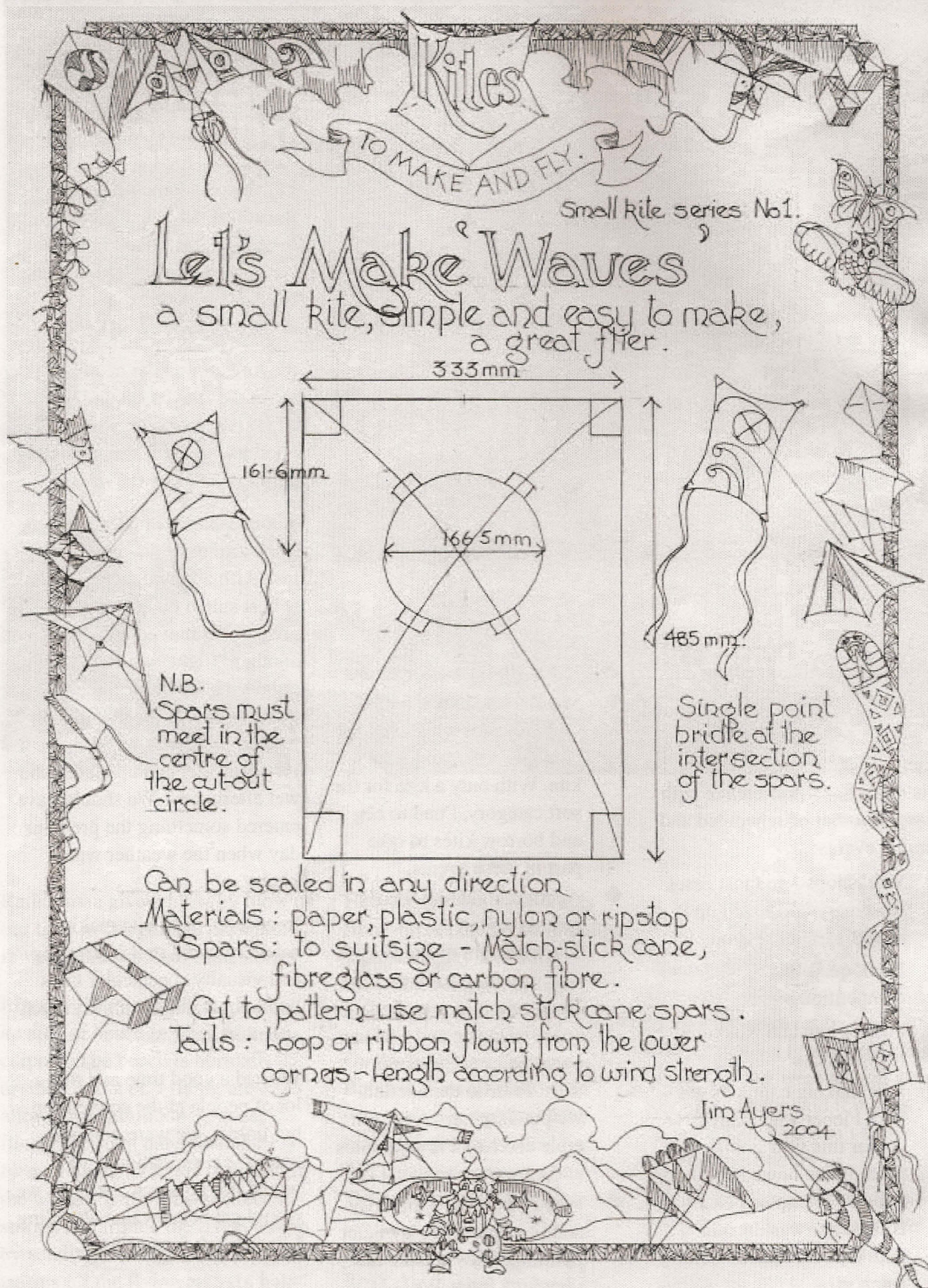
About 3-30pm I fast walked the stack into the sky – not an easy task with a very damp kite that is best suited by a good sea breeze. We moved it back for another “flight” which the judges decided to forego. We then waited for the 2 teams of judges. What was meant to be a bit of fun etc, end up a cold and wet afternoon. We should have entered something the previous day when the weather was kinder.

In general, each kite making category had 2 or 3 interesting and visually spectacular kites but the rest did not attract much attention in the sky.

We had a good time and met a lot of people at the convention but unless, we were going to enter the competitions, we would not go again. As fliers we would get better value attending Long Beach for 6 days.

Ray McCully

Another wonderful Jim Ayers Kite to make





Chinese New Year Wellington

There was a strong turn out of kitefliers and huge interest from the public at the February festival held at Alex Moore Park, despite the playful Wellington gale.



Above: The event tent contained a huge Rokkaku with an impressive rooster graphic. Julie Adams' stall can be seen in the background doing brisk business.

Above right: The crowds of children loved the spikey balls.

Left: The flying penguin really flew in the windy conditions. Photos: Lise Archbold

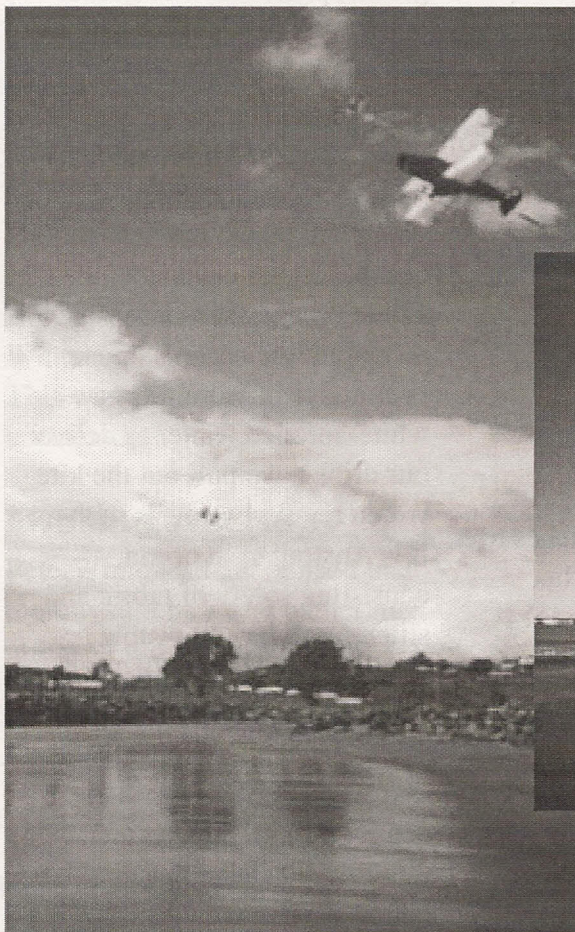
ΚΙΤΕΣ ΙΝ ΝΕΩ ΠΛΨΜΟΥΤΗ

As your one and only member from New Plymouth I would like to remind other members that 'my patch' has good flying areas at Ngamotu Beach at low tide and Corrbett Park, Oakura. Corrbet Park is about ten minutes out of the city on Surf Highway 45, the prevailing wind is Westerly and kite surfers like it here.

If the wind isn't strong enough a stroll along the Coastal Walkway is a good idea.

I thought it would be one idea for members to check out.

Clive Bielawski



Ngamotu Beach at low tide and Corrbett Park, Oakura are ideal flying sites.

Photos: Clive Bielawski



BALINESE KITE FLYING

When the Balinese fly kites they say they are conversing with the gods. They do so daily. Each afternoon the sky over the sea-side village resort of Sanur on the Java Sea fills with butterflies, owls, dragons, eagles, and a whole host more.

Lying back in the warm clear water of the hotel pool, walking along the golden sand beach, or wandering along the hot dusty footpath, one counts anywhere between sixty and one hundred and sixty colourful creations floating in the soft air.

Some kites are light and small enough for children to throw into the air on a calm day.

Others are vast, so huge it takes several people or even a motor vehicle to launch them. In the lane beyond our hotel, a massive blue and gold owl leans upside down against the palms, waiting for a suitable festival or competition to give it an opportunity to float above the earth. Opposite is a gigantic frame waiting for cladding. Its curved bamboo frame reaches to the power lines. It is not the largest we have seen.

Several streets away lies a frame which looks as if it needs a trailer to carry it and a car to launch it. Balinese contacts speak of kite flying contests and massive kites requiring thirty or more people to launch them.



Evening on the Beach.

*Photo:
Penny Robinson*

quiet time of day, when tourists are resting, or freshening up for an evening out, he accepts our offer. With some instruction from the

We find a shop devoted solely to selling kites, gaily painted birds, and the aforementioned butterflies, dragons and even sharks. They are strung from the ceiling and packed in bins, hundreds and hundreds of them, all hand-made. Reds, yellows, and blues vie with fluorescent greens, pinks and oranges for our attention.

After careful explanations about how to put the kites together we purchase a blue eagle, add a string and take it down to the beach. It takes eagerly to the gentle breeze. At a beachside restaurant we order Balinese beer and tea. Waiting for a white-aproned waiter to deliver our drinks, we pull out the kite which regularly travels with us. It is Australian in origin, consisting solely of fabric and stitching. It has no visible support, no struts, no bamboo poles.

Our waiter is fascinated. He cannot fathom how it can possibly fly. We offer him the chance to launch it. Since it is a

family kite-flyer, he launches it successfully. For the next half-hour he smiles broadly, plays the kite and introduces the tourist kite to a friend. Together they keep the kite aloft; while our ineptitude with the Balinese eagle sees it crashing, head first, into the sand.

In Bali kites are a community thing uniting tourist and local. A small boy comes to our rescue, and tosses it in the air where it joins its mates. Finally, the sun sets flaming the skies beyond. Darkness descends in the sudden curtain of the tropics. We reel our kites in, exchange addresses with the kite flying waiter and promise to send photos. It has been a magic day in a magic place.

The delicate bamboo and paper structures resist the strong Aotearoa New Zealand winds, demanding the gentle, steady breezes of their homeland. One day we will fly kites in Bali again.

Penny Robinson

NZ Kiteflyers Association

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held at Elsdon Park Porirua on 6 Feb 2004.

Present : President Geoff Campbell (in the Chair) and 43 members.

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Ayres, Rae Connolly, Jim Court, Phil Dean, Ted and Gretchen Howard, Neville Pitfield, Simon van der Sluijs, and Dalwynne Wotton.

Geoff Campbell presented his President's Report and discussed the events for NZKA during the year. Membership was static and it was hoped that progress could be made in this area.

Appointment of Auditor.

Graham Cooper was appointed as Honorary Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

Des Pitfield presented his report and outlined the state of NZKA finances. He presented the NZKA accounts. These were adopted (Des Pitfield/ Anne Whitehead.)

Des Pitfield recommended that the annual subscription remain unchanged at \$30. Approved (Des Pitfield/Margaret McGuire).

Amendment to Rules of NZKA.

Stephen Cook outlined a recommended change to the Rules, involving a wording change to the Object of the Association. Seconded Des Pitfield.

In extended discussion the proposal was supported by Ray McCully and Peter Lynn.

It was put to the meeting and carried.

Festival 2005.

This was to be at Rotorua at Easter.

Life memberships.

Ray McCully spoke about several members who had given long service to the NZKA, including two foundation members. He recommended Life memberships for David Bowie, Peter and Anne Whitehead, and Tony Fitchett. This was carried with acclamation.

Eltham gathering

Peter Whitehead announced that there would be a kite gathering at Easter at Eltham.

Palmerston North.

Geoff Campbell advised that there would be a kite gathering at Palmerston North on Sunday 21 March at Coronation Park. Details would follow.

Kite Tour 2005.

Ray McCully gave details of the kite tour he was planning for 2005.

Election of officers.

The following were elected to the Committee for the ensuing year.

President Geoff Campbell
(Des Pitfield/ Anne Whitehead)

Secretary Tony Fitchett
(Geoff Campbell/Anne Whitehead)

Treasurer Des Pitfield
(Geoff Campbell/Anne Whitehead)

Members Stephen Cook, Yvonne de Mille, Ray McCully, Ian Russell.

The meeting closed at 8.25 PM



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Rules of the New Zealand Kiteflyers Association Inc.

1. The name of the Association shall be "The New Zealand Kiteflyers Association Incorporated".

2. REGISTERED OFFICE. The registered office of the Association shall be at the residence of the Honorary Secretary of the Association serving at the time.

3. OBJECTS. The object of the Association shall be :-

3.1 - to encourage and develop kitemaking and kiteflying, and

3.2 - promote contact and involvement among and between members of the Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP. Association membership shall be open to people of all ages.

5. THE Association may consist of Life Members, Ordinary Members, and Honorary Members. An Ordinary Member shall be an individual who has completed an application form and for whom a current subscription has been paid. If they are nominated, the partner or spouse of a subscription paying member and any other members of the family household under eighteen years of age may also be Ordinary Members.

6. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS. Membership of the Association shall be by completing an approved application form and by payment of current membership fees.

7. MEMBERS may be admitted as Life Members of the Association for meritorious service in the interest of kite flying. Candidates for Life Membership shall be recommended by the Committee to the members for admission at an Annual General Meeting of the Association and their admission shall be by vote of the members.

8. ADMISSION of Honorary Members shall be by vote of the Committee. Honorary Members shall take no part in the management of the Association but may attend its outings and meetings. They may not vote at such meetings.

9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP Any member may resign his or her membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect. Termination of membership will follow after six months of the new financial year if due subscription is not paid, following a second demand notice.

10. THE Committee may, at any time, by letter invite any member to retire from membership for any form of misconduct detrimental to the Association and in default of such retirement, expel a member by resolution of the Committee.

11. EVERY person shall upon ceasing to be a member of the Association forfeit all right to and claim upon the Association and its property.

12. SUBSCRIPTION. The Annual Subscription shall be such sums as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting in each year and paid at the time of making application for membership and thereafter paid annually by a date fixed by the Committee.

13. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The entire management of the Association (except as otherwise provided for by these Rules) shall be deputed to a committee consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four other elected committee members. Appointed members shall continue to hold office until they vacate their office or are replaced by the Association at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

13A. Meetings of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall meet at least four times in each financial year. Meetings of the Management Committee may be held in person, by telephone conference, or by way of simultaneous internet (electronic) connection, except that at least three meetings shall be held in person.

14. COMMON SEAL The Committee shall provide a Common Seal for the Association and they shall have power from time to time to destroy the same and substitute a new seal in lieu thereof. The Common Seal shall be in the custody of and under the control of the Secretary, who shall affix the same to all instruments requiring the same, but only in pursuance of a resolution of the Committee to that effect.

15. BY-LAWS. The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal and amend all such-by-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well being of the Association.

16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than March 31st or Easter observance whichever may be the later, in each year upon a date and at a time fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:-

(a) To receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

(b) To elect the Officers and the Committee and to appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.

(c) To decide on any motion which may be duly submitted to the meeting.

(d) To determine the annual subscription for the forthcoming year.

Rules of the New Zealand Kiteflyers Association Inc.

(e) To discuss any matters of general business.

17. ANY member desirous of submitting any motion in terms of Rule 23 at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than four weeks before the date of such meeting.

18. FOURTEEN DAYS' NOTICE TO BE GIVEN OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

Fourteen days at least before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting, a notice of such meeting and of the business of which notice has been given shall be delivered to each member.

19. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS. At all General Meetings of the Association the President or in the President's absence, a member of the Committee, shall take the chair. Every Ordinary or Life Member present shall be entitled to one vote upon every motion and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second, or casting vote. The Committee shall be empowered, if it thinks fit, to make regulations for enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or in writing. For the purposes of voting, Ordinary Members must be over the age of twelve years.

20. QUORUMS. The quorum at all meetings of the Association shall be ten and at all meetings of the Committee, four.

21. VOTING. The voting at all meetings, including meetings of the Committee, shall be in the first instance by voice PROVIDED that if not fewer than two members so demand, voting shall be by show of hands and PROVIDED ALSO that if not fewer than two members so demand, voting shall be by secret ballot.

21A. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VOTING.

Notwithstanding the voting requirements in Rule 21, where a meeting of the management Committee is held by telephone conference call voting shall be by voice, and each vote is to be confirmed and recorded by the meeting secretary. Also notwithstanding Rule 21, where a meeting of the management Committee is held by simultaneous internet (electronic) connection voting shall be by way of electronic message from each Committee member present at the meeting, and recorded by the secretary.

22. INTERPRETATION OF RULES. The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and of the By-Laws and Regulations made there under and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the

Association and not provided for by these Rules or by the By-Laws and Regulations made hereunder, shall be final and binding on the members.

23. ALTERATION TO RULES. These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution of which notice has been given in terms of Rule 17, at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it be carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting thereon.

24. CONTROL OF FUNDS. The control and investment of the funds of the Association shall be with the Committee. Banking operations on the Association's account shall be carried on by the Honorary Treasurer and all cheques drawn on or withdrawals from Association funds shall be operated upon under the signature of the Hon. Treasurer countersigned by one other member of the Committee.

25. INDEMNITY. The Association shall not be liable to any person for injuries or damage resulting from activities or neglect of the Association or of any of its members.

26 WINDING UP.

(a) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or body having objects similar to the objects of the Association, or to some other charitable organisation or purpose, within New Zealand.

(b) No addition to or alteration or recession of the Rules shall be approved if it affects the non-profit aims, or the winding-up clause. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

(Amended at AGM February 2004)



Regional lines

News from the regions

Canterbury

The first couple of months have been full on with kites:

The Summertimes kite day at New Brighton on 16th January brought thousands of people along to see a fantastic display of kites of all shapes and sizes. It was a fantastic day with perfect easterly winds. There were big kites, little kites, sport kites, trick kites, kite surfing and kite boarding.

I then headed north for the NZ Kite Tour, where we flew kites at Nelson, Paraparaumu Beach, Napier, Mt Ruapehu, Taupo and Rotorua. Three weeks of kites, kite people, kite fields, kite making, eating, drinking, being a tourist – such a great way to live!

After the tour it was off to Wellington to work in schools for the Chinese New Year festival – 13 schools in 5 days making kites with 1585 kids – it's a doddle when you keep it simple! The festival finished with a kite day at Johnsonville on Sunday 13th where the wind was very strong and very gusty – Wellington, after all.

Back in the Mainland on 19 February it was off to Aquafest at Lake Hood near Ashburton for lying about in the sun until the wind kicked in at 2 o'clock, when the kites went up and the smiles came out.

I called in to the Kite Surfing Nationals at the Christchurch Estuary on Sunday 20th and was wowed by around 50 kite surfers out strutting their stuff. They had had a fantastic weekend of competitions and good winds.

Now that I've landed back in Christchurch there is lots of work to get back in to: kite workshops in schools, tidying up the KiteShop and

reorganising the workshop after the busy holiday period and getting organised for another year. I will also spend a bit of time changing the website and putting up some photographs from the kite tour and other events. I'll keep you posted.

Lots of repairs have come in to the KiteShop while I was away. If you have been crashing your kites into the ground – and you know who you are – please stop. Kites are made to fly, not crash into the ground. If your kite looks like it might crash, lunge towards it to let the lines go slack. This will take the pressure out of the impact and greatly reduce the damage. Pulling on the lines will only add to the pressure of the impact and the resulting damage. Please don't growl at me if your kite has broken when it smacked in to the ground – this is not what it has been designed to do and you, as the flier, need to take more care and responsibility. A good tip to remember is that the top of the kite should face upwards – then the kite will move in that direction as the wind catches it. This is especially true with single line kites, but also relates to dual or quad line sport kites.

So, this Sunday is the NZKA monthly kite day at Hansen Park in Opawa from 1–3 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and fly your kites or enjoy watching the display. If you want to know more about joining the NZ Kitefliers Association and what it has to offer check out www.nzka.org.nz.

Onwards and upwards ...

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Stevenson Road Park
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Flying days

Full details of regional flying days will be published when they come to hand.

NZKA Regalia

The NZKA has a range of smart looking badges, stickers and embroidered patches for sale.

Embroidered patch \$7.50

Lapel pin \$5.00

Windscreen sticker \$4.50

**20th Anniversary
embroidered patch \$ 7.50**

**20th Anniversary
enamel badge**

\$7.85

Eltham 2001

embroidered patch \$7.50

Eltham 2001 lapel badge \$7.50

Available from: Anne Whitehead, telephone: 04 04 476 7227

Photographs

If you want copies of any of the photographs in What's Up, prints credited to Richard Wotton can be obtained from him, for just \$12.00 per print.

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'What's Up' thanks Richard for the huge contribution he makes to the magazine.

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.

Rainbow Flight

5 Montgomery Square, Nelson.

Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707

Services offered: All services provided

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

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

A Kiwi Kite

1a Sunshine Rise, Raglan.

Phone (07) 825 7290.

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

Raven Kites

1 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Phone 06 348 5805, fax 348 5806.

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

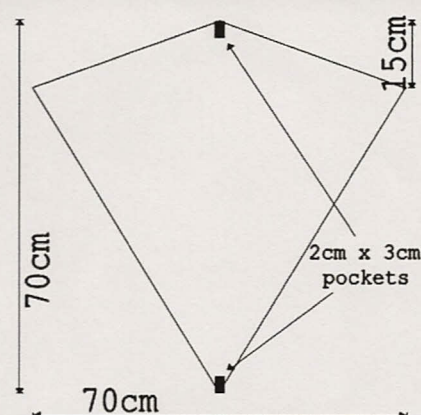
The NZKA Kite arch project

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 three quarter ounce 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!

