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NEW MEMBERS

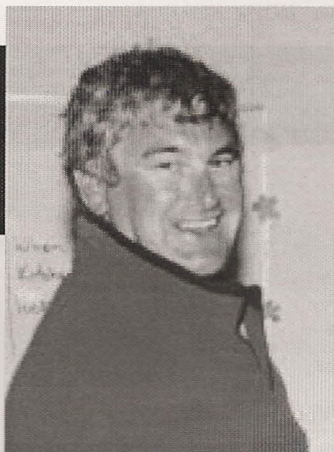
The new members' listing has missed the last couple of magazines. The NZKA welcomes these new members who have joined us during 2005.

George & Jackie Penney, UK/NZ	Debra Elga
Allen Little	Jan Mason
Diane Langman	Graham Annabell
Dana Engram	Martin Connole
Cinders Maxim	Mike Mosman, USA

Acknowledgements

A big thankyou to: Anne and Peter Whitehead, Charlie Watson, Sharon Russel, Richard Wotton, Julie Adam and the NZKA for their contributions to this edition.

The editor wishes you all, the very best for Christmas and the New Year.



Campbell's Comments

Welcome to the final news letter for the year and the first from our new home. Sadly my kite workshop went from the rumpus room (as Debra suggested the first time we looked through the house) to half of the garage by the time we shifted in.

I must say though it is great to have a country outlook, overlooking a pond with ducks, frogs and other creatures and also plenty of trees - a great view from the balcony.

There is space for our very large family, when we are all together it is a family of 8! And still we have a spare bedroom for guests, which was tested recently when Peter Lynn arrived on our door step with my new/second hand sewing machine.

I am looking forward to getting some new kites made as I haven't had a sewing machine for nearly 2 years, so once I have unpacked and found where everything is there will be no holding back!

Since our last news letter we have had 3 NZKA events. These were the labour weekend workshop, the Opiki sky party and the home made kite fly in Taupo.

The members who attended the workshop in Johnsonville will attest to the skill and artistic talent of Robert van Weers with his idol fish. This would have been one of the hardest challenges most of us would have faced with not a single straight line of sewing in the entire fish, several still requiring the finishing touches to be done.

The Opiki sky party hmmm now what can I say we weren't wanting for wind and a comment over heard says it all "Who would hold a kite day in the Manawatu, they didn't build a wind farm here for nothing".

And Taupo, unfortunately I was not able to attend, but from the feed back I understand that it was a good weekend - winds were a little light, but good company, only small kites, and good public attendance.

Well that's about all from me

So have a Merry Christmas and I'll see you at the Château over New Years weekend.

Geoff



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What's Up Next...?

Chateau Kitefly

This year we are going to be staying at the lodge at the Chateau Tongariro for two nights. Saturday 31st December and Sunday 1st January 2006. We need to know numbers for catering purposes for dinner on the Saturday and Sunday nights. Could you please advise the Whiteheads (04) 4767227

For those who have not yet been, this an excellent event to start the year, with good food, wine and hospitality in a lodge accomodation at approx \$18.00 per person per night. The lodge sleeps about 30 in rooms that have 4 - 8 people per room. Some sharing may be involved, communal showers. One should bring sleeping bags etc. A full kitchen is provided except for wine glasses.

Flying will be on the Sunday on the golf course in front of the Chateau. This is one of the most picturesque scenes in the country, which is not to be missed.





kitefliers association

The 22nd NZKA National Kite Festival and AGM Ashburton 4 - 6th February 2006

Well preparations are underway for our 22nd festival. For those of us crossing the ditch to head to the Mainland don't forget to be prepared and have a good selection of kites for all winds and occasions. There will be the annual fundraising auction, please bring your cheque books and goodies to donate. There will be our AGM and also a rokakau battle if we have sufficient participants.

There will be a group photo as well as all the regular fun; light winds - altitude sprint, and maybe delta flies and box launches, lets make it a fun time. For those looking for more excitement there will be buggies and kite cats for you to try out courtesy of Peter Lynn.

We are flying on Hallowed ground - 105 Alford Forest Road (Lynn land). If you are coming in from the north - turn right as you enter Ashburton into Racecourse Rd. Then about 2kms down (before the 100km sign) turn left into Allens Road. Take this road right to the end which brings you to a T junction which is Alford Forest Road, turn left and about 100 metres on the right is 105 and drive right down the back to the kitefield.

15th Annual Nelson Summer Kite Festival

20-22nd January 2006

Neale Park, Nelson

Plans are underway for our major event this summer. The Nelson Kite Club 'Nelson Summer Kite Festival' again invites the NZKA to come fly with us. Registration will be free.

We are organising for :-

- Set up field, marquees, tents on Friday 20th. General flying.
- A BYO take-away meal on the field Friday evening.
- Warm-up day on Saturday 21st.
- A BYO BBQ on the field Saturday evening (Ted & Gretchen's backyard is too small!)
- Public day on Sunday 22nd.
- A self catered meal in town on Sunday evening.
- Wind-up, pack-up, general flying on Monday 23rd.

Following on the "NZ Kite Tour" idea of last year, come to Nelson as the first leg of the "Mainland Kite Tour": Nelson, Christchurch, Ashburton over 3 consecutive weekends!

Please contact us as soon as possible to register your interest if attending this event.

Accommodation is likely to be booked out closer to the time, so book in now. For visiting kitefliers, we can offer limited camping on the field (you will be field security around the gear overnight : that's our excuse to the city council!).

Once you have registered your interest, further updates will come out to you as we get closer to the event.

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Kite event in Christchurch

After the success of last year's Summertimes Kite Day in Christchurch, the City Council have scheduled another for:

Sunday 29th January 2006. The event to be held at New Brighton Beach south of the pier, is scheduled from 10 am to 2.30 pm. Low tide is 10.46 and high tide 16.47 – so we will have plenty of beach for the whole day.

There will be a BBQ afterwards, so if you are planning to come along, let me know so that I can order in the right number of sausages!

This is the weekend between the Nelson Kite Festival on 21 and 22 January, and the NZKA Annual Festival on 4 – 6 February in Ashburton. So come along for a Mainland Kite Safari and have three weekends of great weather, fabulous flying, spectacular scenery and excellent kiting company!

If visitors are around Christchurch during the weeks before or after, there are lots of places to see and things to do and we can arrange for other, not necessarily kite related, activities. Any visitors looking for accommodation, transport, finding their way around or any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Onwards and upwards ...

Julie Adam

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NOTICE OF AGM



The 22th Annual General Meeting of the NZ Kitefliers Association will be

held at the National Festival in Ashburton on Sunday 5 February 2006 at 10-00am.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Greetings to visitors**
- 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 21st AGM**
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President's Report**
- 6. Appointment of Auditor**
- 7. Financial Report**

It was moved that the committee recommend that the AGM raises subscriptions to \$35 for ordinary members and \$40 for overseas members effective 2007.

- 8. Formal business of which due notice has been given.**
- 10. Festival 2007 and 2008**
- 11. Other business.**
- 12. Election of officers.**



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Kapiti Coast Marvelous Marine Day Celebration

This year's event will be on Sunday 5 March
at Maclean Park near the Kapiti Boating
Club by the Paraparaumu Beach Village.

Your group has come the last two years and it has been absolutely wonderful. Your kites on the beach make the atmosphere so colourful and festive. Your group has always been very kind to the public and showed them how to fly the kites.

The event starts with a fun run from 9:30 to 10:30.

I have not finalized the exact times yet but I think the day will look something like

10:30 - 11:00 sausage sizzle and marine information and quizzes

11:00 - 11:45 brass band

12:00 beach games

1:00 Big Dig

Flying on the beach from 10.30am to 4pm.

New Zealand Kitefliers Association

Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of the NZ Kitefliers Association held in the Bowling Club at Eltham on 25 March 2005.

Present: Geoff Campbell (in the Chair), and 12 members.

Apologies were received from Ian/Sharon Russell, Des Pitfield, Yvonne de Mille, Stephen Cook, Norelly Jarvis, John Mason and Diane Hough, Phil/Shirley Whitehead. The Minutes of the 20th AGM held in February 2004 were confirmed (Ray McCully, Tony Fitchett)

President's Report.

Geoff Campbell presented his report, outlining the developments of the past year. The report was accepted. (Geoff Campbell/Rosemary McCully)

Treasurers Report

Statements were presented from Des Pitfield and Stephen Cook explaining why the accounts were not finalised.

There was an extensive discussion on NZKA accounts, including guidelines for the Treasurer on subscription payments. It was agreed that work should proceed to get the accounts in good order, and that they should be signed off pro tem and finally ratified by the committee. The meeting discussed the cost of the credit card machine, which was used only during the auction. It appeared that NZKA was charged for the credit card facility whether the machine was used or not. It was agreed that the incoming Treasurer should investigate this, with a view to eliminating the monthly fee or canceling the facility all together.

(Geoff Campbell/Peter Whitehead)

The meeting approved Graham Cooper be reappointed as Auditor. (Tony Fitchett/Stephen Jarvis)

Membership.

Ray McCully reported that subs payments were somewhat late, with only 63 so far. Later in the meeting, he noted that new members tend to appear in areas where there is regular kite flying.

Kite Tour

Ray McCully reported on the 2005 Kite Tour. There had been little interest from overseas fliers, most of whom had expected to be paid for their attendance.

Festival 2006

The meeting discussed possible arrangements for the 2006 Festival. The Committee at its last meeting had agreed that Waitangi weekend (3 days) would be suitable for Ashburton. There was some discussion on the need for 4 days at Easter to allow for travel time. There seemed to be general support for the idea of going to Ashburton over Waitangi weekend and it was so moved. (Geoff Campbell/Stephen Jarvis)

Webmaster.

Tony Fitchett presented comments from the Webmaster, who asked for more input from members on items for the Web page. The hosting for the Web page had changed and the cost was now \$2 per month from Jan 2005. The Webmaster has been paying this and asked that NZKA settle with him on an annual basis. Approved (Tony Fitchett/Geoff Campbell)

Trans Tasman Award.

It was noted that Kevin Sanders had not been able to come to NZ through work commitments. It was agreed that NZKA should encourage the AKS to find a way to get him here at a suitable time.

Election of officers.

President

(Peter Whitehead took the Chair)

Geoff Campbell was elected President

(Tony Fitchett/Ray McCully)

Secretary

Ray McCully was elected.

(Geoff Campbell/Muriel Bowie)

Treasurer

Debra Elgar was elected.

(Geoff Campbell/Ray McCully)

Members

Peter Whitehead, Ian Russell, Anne Whitehead, Stephen Jarvis, Gwenda Galbraith

(Geoff Campbell, Rosemary McCully)

The meeting closed at 8.45 PM.



2006 DRAFT BUDGET

		1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Total
Promo & Web			65.00			65.00
Print		400.00	400.00	450.00	450.00	1700.00
Post		140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	560.00
Secy / Stny		125.00	100.00	50.00		275.00
Travel/Meetings		150.00	325.00			475.00
Insurance				900.00		900.00
Reg/Fests						0.00
workshop			120.00			120.00
Bank Fees						0.00
Goods						0.00
Other						0.00
Subs		1770.00	420.00			2190.00
Auction		900.00				900.00
Donate/raffles					300.00	300.00
Sales						0.00
Interest/Invest		250.00		250.00		500.00
Festival Other						0.00
Withdrawals		815.00	1150.00	1540.00	590.00	4095.00
Deposits		2920.00	420.00	250.00	300.00	3890.00
BANK BALANCE	477.00	2582.00	1852.00	562.00	272.00	
Loss						-205.00

Bare bones budget for 2006 shows a small loss. It is likely to increase during the year.

New subscription fees do not apply until 2007 by which time the loss will have increased.

The proposed fees increase helps to stem the losses while more radical proposals are considered and discussed during 2006.

Proposed rule change

NZKA Rule 13

Reason for the following motion: Smaller membership and lower numbers located in any one area is making it harder to form a committee of members living in close proximity to each other. With the greater geographic spread meeting frequency and duration tend to be restricted or incur high meeting costs. Smaller committee would reduce the impact.

In 2005 we started out with a treasurer in Wanganui and a secretary in Rotorua with the mail being forwarded to the secretary by Stephen Cook (thanks Stephen).

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New Zealand Kitefliers Association: Proposed rule change continued...

It quickly became obvious that except for when subs are due the treasurers duties are small and invariably also involved actions by the secretary. The committee decided to combine the role of secretary and treasurer (with the secretary's approval). This action, has streamlined the operation of the association. Assuming that not everyone will want to do both roles, the following rule change recognises the option of having a combined secretary/treasurer.

With computerisation and reduced membership, both roles are not as onerous as in the past as templates make routine and repetitive tasks very easy.

Notice of motion to the 2006 NZKA AGM

That Rule 13 be replaced by:

13. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The entire management of the Association (except as otherwise provided for by these Rules) shall be deputised to a committee consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and *three* other elected committee members. *The Secretary and Treasurer maybe a combined position in which case the elected committee positions will increase to four.* 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.

Ray McCully/Anne Whitehead

A brief note on

Opiki

More FM Party in the Sky

We had all been looking forward to Opiki with anticipation. The flying field had been changed and checked out as a potentially really good place to fly. After some minor organisational changes we decided to make a weekend of it and fly at Waitarere on the Saturday and then on to Opiki on the Sunday. Waitarere was a great fly for about three hours and then the wind really arrived. It was very hard to bring the kites down. We then retreated to a local café for coffee and sweets.

Sunday was bright enough but typical Manawatu weather of lots of wind. We all went to the flying site and were able to fly about one kite each. It was windy. David had a kite get away from him, so he went travelling across country trying to look for it. Apart from that the flying was hard, and the best thing about it was the sausages. It still amazes me that the general public has no conception of how hard the flying is, and that the sole aim of any kite flyer should be to fly as high as they can. As I explained to one of them, if you want to pull the kite in, I'll fly it a little higher. After testing the line they decided that perhaps it was not such a bad idea to be flying at the height we were at.

Peter Whitehead

TAUPO HOME BUILT WEEKEND

Taharepa Reserve 19-20 November 2005

With the Waikato Kite fliers in a dormant period we rarely get to flies and festivals anymore. Normally a couple of Buggy meets and the NZKA fest every second year with maybe a lions kite day in Hamilton in a crap flying site.

2005 has been a boomer year so far with Rotorua, Eltham, Bondi, Murawai and Taupo all on the calendar. Unfortunately I had to work Saturday so we were limited to one day. Lucky for us that one day dawned clear and bright. There was no wind on the drive down and we were so pleased when we entered Taupo to see a breeze blowing off the lake. There were several kites up to guide us to the site which was nice as we had no idea where the park was. The kite site was spectacular. A nice square grassy park across from the lake with a view south to the mountains. This was a small kite fest which is cool as I really like small kites. Not so much miniature kites but kites smaller than my arm span are my favourites. Often these do not have any impact at a kite festival but at a small kite festival they were perfect.

On arrival we were greeted by familiar faces of the Wottons the McCullys the Courts and the Russels. There was a great display of single line kites and laundry with a few sport kites blasting around. After a short period of wind shifts the wind settled in to that perfect flying wind that can only be described as paradise. Everything flew really nicely and many kites sat side by side with no problems.

Stunters and single liners all found a space, Local Fliers mingled with NZKA and many children gleefully ran around checking out the action.

Congratulations to The Courts for a fantastic wee fest.

Charlie Watson



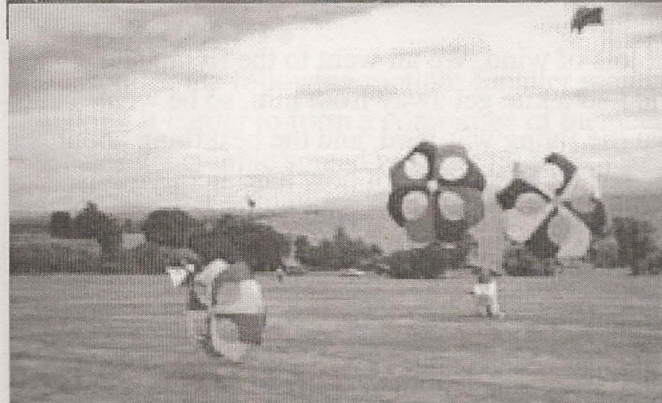
Top left: NZ banner by Rosemary McCully

Above: Richard Wotton with extended wing cody.

Left: Lorraine Watson with matching set of Umbrella Bols.

Lake Taupo and mountains behind

All photographs by Charlie Watson



TAUPO HOME BUILT WEEKEND

A really good weekend was held in Taupo on the 19th, 20th November. Saturday saw Delwyn & Richard, Ray & Rosemary, Ian & Sharon, Warren and Jim & Julian enjoying the bright blue sky and light breezes. This saw all our light wind kites go up which gave the public a taste of what was about.

Sunday saw gray clouds and a good breeze come in over the lake. By lunchtime the clouds were gone and we were treated to blue sky's and good wind, what more could we ask for. Sunday saw a wider variety in the sky and it was good to see Charlie, Lorraine and the family joining us.

Families who came Saturday came back Sunday and joined it with borrowed kites. The Peter Lynn octopus's (also renamed by kids as jellyfish) were out in force, a popular choice with families.

Many thanks to Jim and crew for an excellent weekend that allowed the public to see kites that are within their budgets & skills and to join in. Well done!!

Sharon Russell

Words from Workers Weekend Workshop in Wellington 2005

**Quote for the Saturday/Sunday -
"Never have I done so much to
achieve so little and taken so
long". (RM)**

**Monday's instalment - "With aid
progress was made, yet at this
pace the end is a far off place"
(RM)**

Robert's good he holds no grudge!

Considering the times he said to fudge

He didn't even have a tiff

When he said we had to miff. (SC)

Fish

Miff it

"Make it fit"

Changing cottons, black, white

"Can I have your dots"?

Attempts at genetic modifications, immediately halted

A multi talented, calm, patient, encouraging tutor.

Read more on page 14...

NZKA Regalia

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

Embroidered patch	\$7.50	20th Anniversary	
Lapel pin	\$5.00	enamel badge	\$7.85
Windscreen sticker	\$4.50	Eltham 2001	
20th Anniversary		embroidered patch	\$7.50
embroidered patch	\$ 7.50	Eltham 2001 lapel badge	\$7.50

Available from: Rosemary Cook, telephone: 04 477 2036

A Fishy Tale

The 8th Annual Labour weekend workshop was a challenge with the 8 participants rising to the bait. Robert van Weers had designed an Idol fish at the beginning of the year and they flew very successfully as line laundry in Cervia, Italy.

After discussion with Robert he agreed to teach the workshop. Peter spent some considerable time cutting out the 40 pieces for each three metre Idol.

It started with the usual convivial gathering at Anne and Peter Whitehead's, for an informal dinner of takeaways - and the good cheer lasted until the instruction manual came out, and people found the words 'Now this is the hard part...' spread liberally through the text.

Saturday at Raroa Intermediate saw all sewers ready to knuckle down as Robert walked us through the thorough notes he had provided. It would have been arguably one of the hardest workshops we have had, there was much reverse stitching but it was great to see the fish skins start to come alive. A race developed between Peter & Stephen Cook as to who would finish first and Peter came in first but not by much. By 4.00pm Monday when we

packed up Peter, Stephen & Anne had completed theirs with Bowies completing theirs on the Wednesday (they needed Tuesday for a rest). We look forward to seeing the John Whibley, Ray & Rosemary McCully and Geoff Campbell's flying at the Chateau at New Year, alternatively the school will be seen at Nelson for you all to appreciate.

Anne Whitehead

Below: The scale of the fishing expedition, the tale told in pictures.



A special Trip

Bondi Festival of the Winds 2005



Left: Bols and bouncer

Below: Diannes banners



Our Adventure to Bondi was a special trip. We were not actually planning on travelling while the kids were young so the travel award was a great excuse to save up and take the whole family to Sydney for a week. Kaiya packed her bags in February and we started planning not long after. By the time September came around we were ready.

Packing the kites was a bit of a dilemma. What to take? We were aware that we were representing the Association so the plan was to take as many original designs as possible. In the end we took 29 kites of which I had built 27 and 47 socks and laundry pieces of which I built 46. We ended up with over 70% original designs

and 5 kites with silver ferns on them.

Our trip started early on Monday the 5th of Sept it was a long day but the flight went well and we had plenty of time for sightseeing. After another full on three days of being tourists we ended up at Bondi. The AKS put us up in a beautiful hotel and the front desk upgraded us and threw in breakfast for a reasonable fee. The first day of the Festival of the Winds was clear and breezy. Anyone who has flown there will know that the beach is tucked around behind a small peninsular and the prevailing wind has to blow over a hill and buildings before it hits the beach. This makes for challenging conditions but any wind is better than none so we set about getting our gear into the wind. I was determined

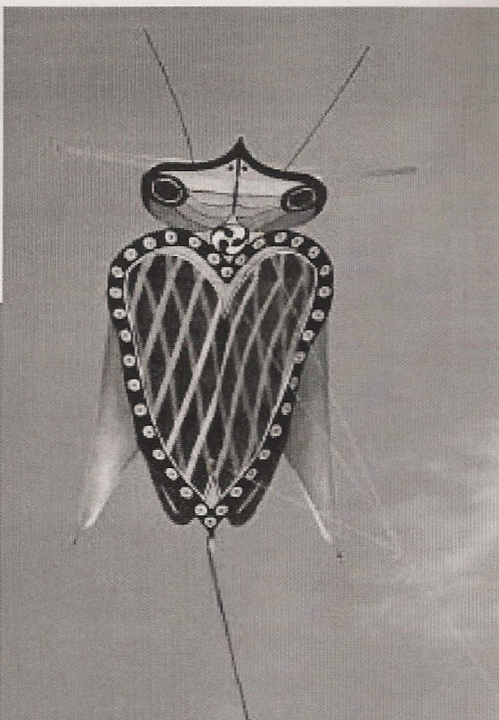
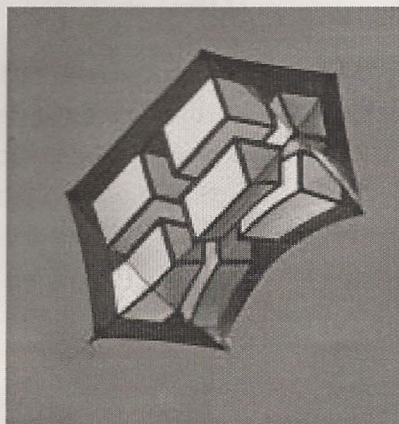
to fly every kite I took so I started rotating kites while keeping Snuffles and my silver fern sled up high. We staked out a wind garden and got a couple of big spiky rings out.

Numbers were down this year and as people arrive over the whole day the field was not bustling but it was nice as we all had a nice big slice of the incredibly small area the council allowed us to use. There were some really nice kites out and I immediately fell in love with the hand painted bugs and jellyfish of Tony Rice. Peter Stauffer proved pretty handy with a fighter and Bob Moore showed us his deltas that have been part of an ongoing programme to beat the world altitude record. Friday night was fish and chip night and I delivered a talk on my design processes. The

Right: A Tony Rice Bug.

Below: Neil Duke Rokkaku

All photos and text by CV Watson.



audience were really attentive and let me ramble on for far too long.

Saturday was another clear breezy day. I tried another spot on the field and we ended up flying in a wind hole. Every once in a while we would get a slight wind shift and our kites would simply fall from the sky even though the wind was blowing hard and Neil Duke's Rok was flying fine less than 7 mtrs away.. It was an odd phenomenon and we should really have moved but we plugged away and kept several kites up as well as our rings and a garden. During the afternoon I was horrified to find that I had to help judge the AKS kite building comps. A while later we set off assured that all the NZKA reps are put through this torture. I can't think of much worse than to get a guest to judge the hosts kites.. I survived without too much mental scarring and went back to my wind hole. One of the advantages of

judging is that it's a good excuse to get around the field. Tony Rice blew me away with his big bug and I was really taken with the banner display including Dianne Delli Paoli's nudes and peacock feathers and John Murray's tie-dyed rip stop work. The tie-dyed kites and banners had a very soft light look about it that is not often achieved with synthetic materials. The banner area has ended up being a great outlet for those who are busy working the festival and do not have time to tend kites in an uncertain wind.

Saturday night saw the dinner and Auction. I set up a silent workshop and supplied samples and instructions and a step by step for building my rocket spinners. The Auction went well and the food was very tasty.

Sunday and the festival proper. Murphy's law was in effect and we had the worst wind of the lot. Lorraine strung a line of socks on poles down the fence line and

I carried on with my kite rotation. I stake the post-flight kites along close to the fence so passers by could check them out. At one stage I was flying 3 stars and a Ferrari della porta. I was rushing around trying to keep the stars up as they looked really good and I ended up with all three stars and my Ferrari kite tangled up. While I untangled the stars I had a nervous 5 minutes as I had to tie the Ferrari to the fence flying precariously over the sea. The public area was incredibly busy being fed by at least 7 kite stalls on the hill. At times maybe hundreds of kites were in the sky. The AKS members worked hard in really trying conditions and we saw a couple of giant kites and plenty of kites going up and down with the wind. A couple of major gusts gave us a some anxious moments and the odd line breakage and anchor pulled out but we got through and it seemed to be all smiles at the end

In the end I flew every kite and hung out every sock. Matt scored a few new kites and Lorraine loved her matching set of Umbrella bols that I had secretly made and transported. Kaiya flew a couple of kites but the shopping seemed more important.

Numbers were down it's a small field and the wind is crap but none of that stopped it from being a great kite fest. I wore my NZ hat with pride and maybe one day we will brave the winds at Bondi again Thanks so much to the NZKA and AKS alike.

Regional lines

News from the regions

Wanganui

The trend for 2005 has continued on the Wanganui kite scene, so Springvale Park hasn't exactly been a hive of activity for us.

Sunday afternoon winds have been unkind to us more often than not, prompting Dalwyne and I to make several visits to Waitarere Beach, just north of Levin, and one to Raumati Beach. The sea breezes have, mostly, proved smooth and steady, so we've had some excellent flying.

Our first trip to Waitarere ended with kites being hauled down rapidly and stuffed willy-nilly in the car boot as we unsuccessfully tried to beat a heavy rain shower. On the next visit the weather was beautiful – but very light wind, which eventually dropped away to nothing around midday. We'd been joined by Geoff Campbell, John Whibley and Anne and Peter Whitehead, so we socialised in the spring sunshine while waiting for the breeze to return. When it did, it was still light but it very smooth. Well worth the journey.

Left: Dalwyne Wotton demonstrates the relaxing art of kite-flying at Ohakea

Below: Warren Ellery with his Eddy variant



Regional Lines... news from the regions

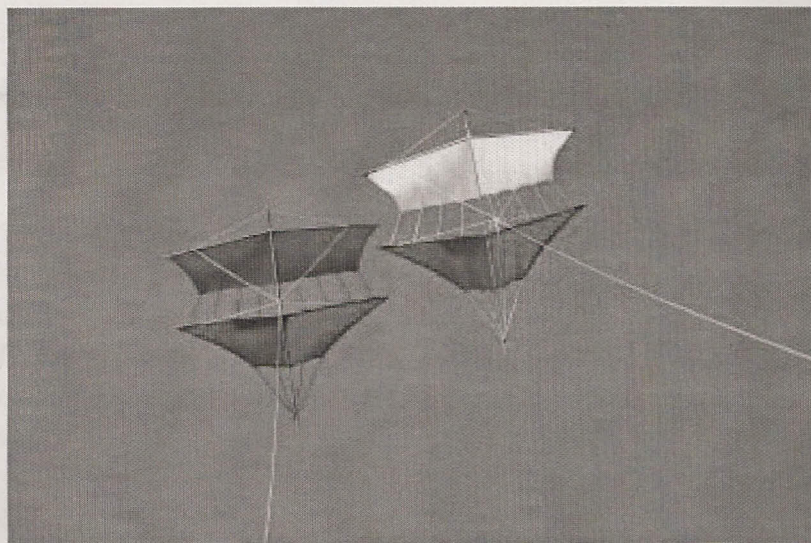
blown out of the sky. I think maybe the party had degenerated into a brawl by the time we arrived! The wind varied between very strong and ferocious all day, so once again the day wasn't a great success.

But!! The following weekend at Taupo we had the sort of day that makes us forget the less than perfect ones. The conditions on Saturday were fine with a light breeze but the following day saw an excellent breeze straight off the lake all day. All

those present made the most of the opportunity. Other NZKA fliers enjoying the day were Taupo stalwarts Julian and Jim Court and Warren Ellery, Rosemary and Ray McCully, Lorraine and Charlie Watson and family, plus Sharon and Ian Russell.

There was plenty of interaction with the public – verbal, mostly, rather than tangles – and plenty of people seemed very interested in learning more about kiting.

Right: Richard Wotton and the old and new in kites, at Ohakea



*Above:
Richard Wotton's
Rolo plans in
close formation
at Raumati
Beach*

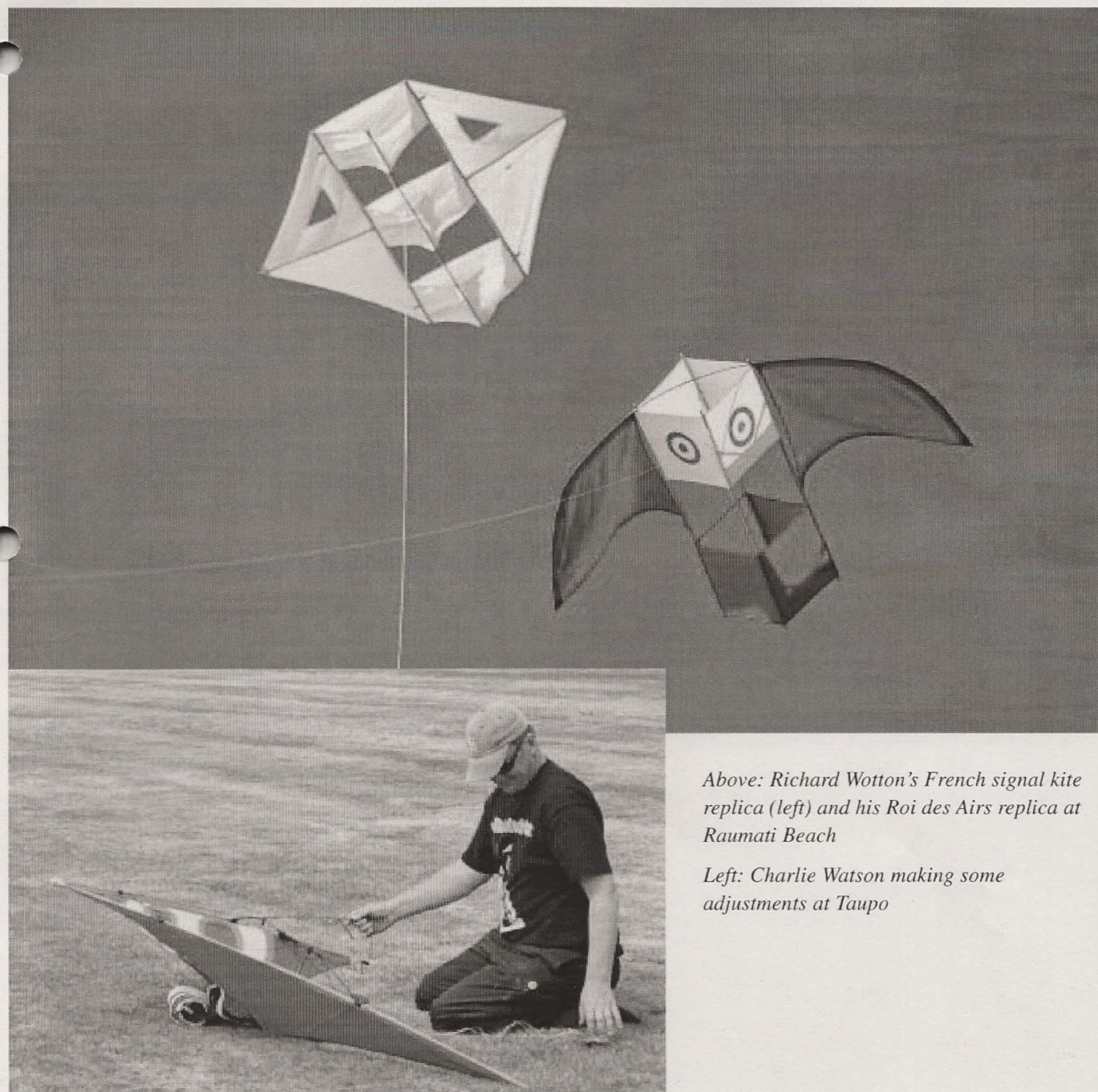


Regional Lines... news from the regions

Several Wanganui fliers went to the Opiki Party in the Sky on November 13, only to have most things On the kite-making scene, Geoff recently had a very experienced ex-Peter Lynn industrial sewing machine delivered to his door by the man himself, so Geoff almost immediately attacked a large pile of bear bits which had been languishing for months.

Dalwyne's been rummaging through our scrap

bags again and produced her third very colourful arch, while I've been trying to focus on another historical replica. You may think it would be a simple matter to gather together the basic ingredients for a replica but I've discovered that it's in fact easier to obtain ripstop, fibreglass etc. Trying to get just what I want in cotton fabric is proving to be a mission and a half. I'm starting to look sideways at the sheets drying on the clothesline . . . But, as always, perseverance pays,



Above: Richard Wotton's French signal kite replica (left) and his Roi des Airs replica at Raumati Beach

Left: Charlie Watson making some adjustments at Taupo

Regional lines: News from the regions

and I'm now getting started on the latest project. Watch this space.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you on a kitefield in 2006.

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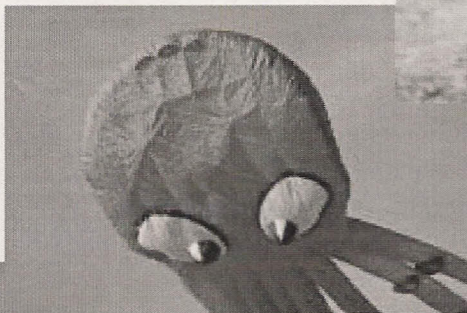
Richard Wotton

Right: Geoff Campbell trying to breathe some life into a ladybug

Far right: John Whibley's circoflex over the dunes at Waitarere

Below: The Whibley octopus

Bottom: Dalwyne Wotton and Anne Whitehead enjoying the sun and breeze at Waitarere Beach





Inset: These two littlies enjoyed their day out at Springvale Park at Father's Day weekend

Main picture: This little tacker had her hands full at Springvale Park at Father's Day weekend

Above: Jim Maidens dining al fresco at the Wanganui Father's Day weekend fly

Christchurch

Not much new down here. You have already had a page about our Summertimes kite day, although the location wasn't listed as we weren't sure. But now I know. The Chch City Council were blown away by the public attendance last year (10,000 people) and the calibre of kites flown. There will be a BBQ/spit roast afterwards, which I need to budget for, so I need to know who will be coming.

Here are the details again: **at New Brighton Beach, south of the Pier. There will be a BBQ afterwards, so please let me know if you are coming (the location will depend on numbers attending). Contact Julie at the KiteShop 03-365 3907 julie@kites.co.nz**

Keep up the good work (I'm busy down here with a new puppy, so kite flying has slipped a bit on my priority list – see the photo graphs over the page)

Onwards and upwards ...

Julie Adan

The kite Lady

Regional lines

Hello
I'm Sophie
This is me in my new
home - which has great
toys and a cozy bed.
I like to play and sleep
best.



Trade Directory

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

Key: SI-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 and magazines, W-wind related articles, G-gift items, O-other recreational items, Mo- mail order catalogue, Kk-kite kits, Ex-exhibitions, RI-reference library.

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Phone/Fax (09) 358 0991

Services offered: SI, DI, C, Bu, F, Ka Re, W.

A Kiwi Kite

1a Sunshine Rise, Raglan.

Phone (07) 825 7290.

Services offered: SI, DI, C, Bu, Re, Kw, D, Ex, RI.

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Any articles, snippets or tips for kiteflyers are always welcome at What's Up. Send your contribution to the Editor.

Kites

Kiting Calendar

Weekend starting Event

- Dec** 03 Flying day: AKL, WAG, CKB, WGL
10 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG
17 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN
24 **Christmas Eve**
31 **Chateau**
- Jan** 01 **Chateau**
07 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG
14 **Flying day: Auckland**
21 **Nelson Summer Festival**
28 **Christchurch Festival**
- Feb** 04 **National Festival Ashburton**
11 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG
18 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN
25 Flying day: CHC
- Mar** 04 Flying day: AKL
05 **Paraparaumu**
11 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG
18 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN
25 Flying day: CHC

Key

AKL	Auckland	CKB	Clarck's Beach
TRG	Bay of Plenty	WGL	Wellington
NPE	Napier/Hastings	NSN	Nelson
WAG	Wanganui	CHC	Christchurch
PMR	Palmerston North		

Jim Ayers
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