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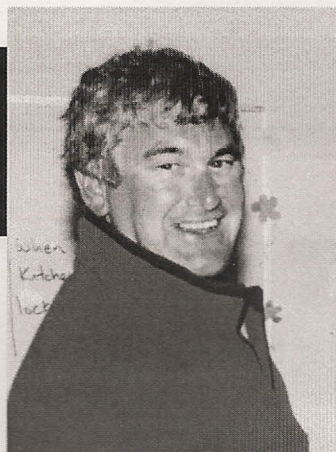
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Our cover picture is a composite made up from two photographs
taken, at this years Summer Festival, by Richard Wotton.

My thanks go to Richard and also: Ray and Rosemary McCully, Stephen
Cook, Geoff Campbell, Anne and Peter Whitehead, Julie Adam, Perrin
Melchior, Robert van Weers, Lorraine Watson, and Sharon Russell, for
their contributions.



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Campbell's Comments

From time to time it becomes apparent that there is a reason for all those old clichés; “ain’t no picnic” “no such thing as a free lunch” and

“if you play with fire then you are going to get burnt”

Well recently I fell victim to circumstances that enabled me to prove all three – it wasn’t a picnic it was a brazier, it wasn’t lunch it was after a barbeque, and really and truly I have never had any trouble with my playing with fire before but that brings me to the last cliché “you are gonna get it when you get home”

For those of you who were not at the Ashburton Kite Festival, I attempted to perform my renowned fire eating act to entertain the troops when an errant gust of wind chanced along and I got rather more than I had bargained for!! A memorable festival for the abysmal weather, the gusts of wind, the burning sensations, but not so much for the flying.

And yes when I got home I was in more trouble than I care to dwell upon, suffice to say I am not permitted to travel away unaccompanied until a significant level of

maturity has developed.... at least that’s the translation that is printable.

And now on to the Kite news; we farewell Anne Whitehead from the NZKA Committee, she has resigned to pursue a new business venture. Although Anne served only one term she has made her presence felt and I thank her for her contribution to the development of the Committee. We also welcome Richard Wotton to the Committee, many of you will be familiar with his photographic work at Kite Festivals, and we hope to keep those beautiful images coming.

Our next NZKA Event is at Eltham within the next couple of months with the dates yet to be confirmed as this year we will not be there over Easter. The Annual Festival and AGM was held at Ashburton this year (the Southerners must have their turn) however next year April 2007, the Easter festival will be held at Wanganui so mark this on your calendar. The planning is still in the early

stages and if you have any suggestions please send them to geoff@comval.co.nz, we aim to have as many innovative ideas as possible.

Workshop at Queens Birthday weekend.... Once again this most popular event is on the calendar for the Napier team of Ian and Sharon Russell to bring to the NZKA members. We can all be assured of a very pleasant weekend, and of course the proximity of a vineyard or two does nothing to detract from the appeal of the workshop!!

I should like to conclude with a note of thanks to the organisers of the Ashburton Festival – Elwyn, Peter, Jenny, Clyde, George, and Jackie and the rest of the crew at PeterLynn Kites. Also my personal thanks to Elwyn for her ministrations in my time of need; Elwyn please will you phone my home ‘cos I am still grounded

Geoff

What's Up Next...?

UFO's

need to be eliminated!!

*Come to Napier at Queen's Birthday Weekend
(1st weekend, 3-5 June) and you can do just that.*

What are UFO's? you ask.

Unfinished flying objects

If you have a kite that needs finishing or fixing, now is the time to do it! Take it out of the box, out of the cupboard and bring it to Napier.

For those who are organised, come too. We'll have templates for some of John Wibley's smaller kites and other templates as they come to hand.

Let me know, Sharon, (contacts in the back of the mag) as soon as you can so I find us large enough premises. More details will follow.

Let's eliminate those UFO's!!



kitefliers association

12TH ANNUAL BLUE BALLS BUGGY BASH

**July 8 and 9 2006
Raglan**

**2 days of Kite buggy riding
and power kiting.**

**Meet at the toilets on Riria
Kereopa Memorial Drive**

**Trip to north side of harbour
if conditions allow.**

**Phone Paul:
027 289 0958**

**There is plenty of
accommodation available in
Raglan**

PH Raglan Info 07 825 0556

**This is not a kite surf event.
Please do not promote
waterborne activities if
passing info on.**

I'm organising a BIG KIDS KITE DAY

**on the 13th May 2006, and
would love your NZKA
members to be involved by
bringing their stunt kites
and their most impressive
colourful kites along on the
day.**

It will be a fun day for kids of all ages ("big kids!") and also a day to help fundraise for the Central Auckland Hospice (St Joseph's Mercy Hospice) as they need to raise \$1.5 million dollars for their annual appeal.

I'm working on the logistics at the moment, and have begun the application process with the council to fly kites on two mountains – either One Tree Hill, Mt Eden, or Bastion Point. I have a vision for the future to have kites flying from each mountain around Auckland – this would make an impressive sight!

This project is my own idea, it's not a part of my work, as I want to benefit the community in a fun way! My work is in the advertising industry, so I will be promoting it using my industry contacts. I'm also approaching possible sponsors to pay for fliers, posters etc.

Any suggestions would be greatly received from you as a "kite expert", as I've not organised a kite event before, and have just recently bought myself two basic kites, but just remember when I was about 8 years old, I tied string to a plastic bag and flew that – hours of fun!

I hope to hear from you soon!
Jaimee Frentz

BIG KIDS KITE DAY

13 May 2006

Fundraising on "Trade Me"

Following on with the discussions about raising the contribution fees held at the last AGM at Ashburton, I have taken on the role of admin for the Trade Me activities on behalf of the NZKA. Kindly suggested by Peter Lynn. [Thanks Peter, I don't mind at all really]

I noted at the meeting that there is a great potential for the NZKA to generate extra funds by selling kites on Trade Me so as not to have to raise the contributions any further than is necessary. It was pointed out that this might be unconstitutional in terms of the regulations of an association. After some discussion with others I feel we do not breach any rules as *"A non-profit is allowed to make money. What concerns the tax people is how that income is spent. In particular, the funds cannot be used to benefit individuals or business. Instead, club funds should be used to promote club purposes."*

So what's up?

We have created an account at "Trade Me" simply called "NZKA" for the sole purpose of fundraising for the NZKA, on this I will sell kites on behalf of the NZKA that have been donated by you, the members. To start with, I am fixing and sorting through some sled kites that were kindly donated but I will need more ammo once these have been sold. A big thanks to the kind people at the Peter Lynn factory for donating those. The type of kites I believe sell on these sites are small and relatively inexpensive products people can afford. I speak from experience as I have traded kites on "Trade Me" for quite a while now. I am thinking in terms of kites between \$5 and \$20 like small sleds, deltas, flares, pocket sleds, diamonds or eddies, etc etc.

How can you help?

Simple really, there are several ways you can participate.

• Ready made Kites:

Send me those kites you no longer have a use for or have been lying around in the closet so long, you have forgotten you had them and I will post them on the Trade me website. The only thing I ask here is that they fly.

• Make small kites:

Make some small kites from your scrap bin or from scraps sent to you through either others or myself. Plans can also be sent to you if that is an issue.

• Kite Spars:

I will take all your unwanted spars for the use in small kites. These

can be anything you have lying around cluttering up the kite studio like dowel, carbon or fiberglass. [No longer than 100cm. please]

• Miscellaneous Items:

Such as string, winders, windsocks, books, any kite paraphernalia really. But string is something I don't have a lot of so your help is appreciated in this department.

• Postage costs:

I believe we can save on these costs if you post the item[s] directly to the auction winners rather than sending them to me first. Instead of sending me the item[s], just send me an image and a description of the item. I will in turn give you the address of the winning bidder.

A full report will be sent to the financial officer for auditing. This report will be either monthly or bi-monthly, depending on sales generated at this stage.

And finally, the success of this fundraiser depends on you, the members, so come on people, get in behind it. It is you after all that will benefit from this.

I also welcome your thoughts and ideas as well as your help with donations.

Robert van Weers



Tangled Lines of Thoughts

By Stephen Cook

It's a while since I wrote something for "What's Up?". Life has been very busy and continues so. Work, family, my involvement in Lions, some motorcycling and who knows what else.

Sometimes kite flying takes a back seat – well in fact often it does – and it will be in the background a little more over the next couple of years as Rosemary and I get more involved with community activities.

But I get a lot of value from my infrequent involvement with kites, Kitefliers and NZKA.



Firstly I have a great sense of achievement after a kite workshop. I know my sewing and thinking skills have improved – my graphic design and colour choices have not! But the satisfaction of making something that works is great! In October 2004 we made a Genki kite – I did a road sign! – and I have flown it lots. It's first flight was within about a week of its completion.

Labour weekend 2005 and we made one of Robert van Weer's fish. A huge task that was very satisfying. In December I took it out to fly – a small gale and a two minute struggle and it was back in its bag. Most unsatisfactory.

Life continued in its usual hectic manner. I skipped the annual get together at Ashburton [pressures of time and cost], but did attend our Waitangi day kite fly in February at Porirua. Half the day I was there alone – but my idol fish flew (before the wind got too strong and it was packed away again. Four months from making the idol fish before I was able to fly it properly.

Sorry Robert that it took so long, but I felt really pleased and proud that 'my' creation flew well and looked good. Again that sense of achievement and satisfaction was there. Interestingly Julie Adam from Christchurch happened to drive past on her way home from the Martinborough fair and saw me – I got a nice e-mail a few days later.

And that brings me to the second line of tangled thought – why am I still a member when I don't get out and fly very often? Particularly as I could go and fly by myself without being a member of NZKA. A good question, with a very simple answer. 'People',

or 'members'. Without fail everyone I have met as a member since 1988 has been a good person. Friendly, helpful, and with a good outlook on life. Is it kite flying that makes us that way, or are we Kitefliers because we have that attitude? I don't know, but I do know that I enjoy our sporadic contact with each other.

And a third line of tangled thoughts – all linked and knotted somehow – is that it is the people that we meet that gives me a buzz when flying kites.

At 'my' Waitangi weekend fly at Porirua our friendly and well known locally, member Geoff and his parents arrived. We had a laid back time relaunching kites and untangling knots. Geoff managed to alert me to one of my kites that had broken loose and was tumbling away. Some children arrived speaking in a foreign language. They were refugees from Iraq and had been here just three months after much time in refugee camps etc. Who knows the sights they had seen. Their English was almost non existent.

But the language of the wind and the kites soon had big smiles on their faces as they flew borrowed kites. No matter their past, or the struggles they may have fitting into our society. The joy of the moment was evident in their smiles, shouts and running around. Their enthusiasm was something to behold, including taking the time to help us pack up and wind up line at the end of the day.

And as an end of this tangled thread of thoughts – after my flying on Waitangi day I went home refreshed. For a time I was able to forget the pressures of work and community, the deadlines of things to do, and the list of household chores. My head was clearer and I was relaxed. And I think this is a key reason why I continue to fly kites – a non stressful day (unless the wind is too strong!), a clearing of the cobwebs, and a new younger view point on the world.

Maybe these are the things we should be promoting to people as a reason for belonging to NZKA? Are your thoughts the same as mine?

The Mainland Tour

Jan – Feb 2006

By Sharron Russell

**Have you ever been to the Nelson Festival? – No –
You've got to go!**

**Have you buggied on Argyle Park? – No –
You must, it's the home of buggying!**

**Have you ever been to the South Island? – No –
You must see it!**

So, when the AGM was to be in Ashburton, the Nelson festival was two weeks before it, why not wag work (1st holiday since Bondi (that wasn't) a few years ago) and head off overseas. So began the Mainland Tour of 2006.

First stop once over the strait was the Galbraith's at Picton where the Bowie's also happened to be. We found out that all of them were doing the tour. Traveling through to Nelson was interspersed with "that looks like the area around Central Plateau, that looks like Rotorua area", etc

Ian jumped onto his buggy and was off along Neale Park. The first time he has buggied with multiple fliers, as there is only one other buggy in HB. It looked great to see about 6 – 10 buggiers & boarders zooming around each other.

It was also great to recognise a number of faces and to meet some new ones. A special thanks to Bill for being our taxi and supporter when we had a slight bump. Many thanks also to everyone else who checked on us during the rest of the weekend.

Between Nelson and Christchurch we travelled down the West Coast (what Wet Coast Stephen?), with comparisons between NI & SI, then it changed – it just got BIG!

Christchurch saw us on the beach with heaps of public out and about with their kites. It was weird to be on 'display' but be flying in the middle of, alongside, the general public. It required extra vigilance on what kites were doing in the sky (once they got there!!) but it was good to have

everyone together. The public really supported it with plenty of kites, many home made. Time on the beach was limited to the tide rolling in (what a weird tide you have in Christchurch), so it was off to another site for a catch up on what everyone had done since Nelson.

After a week in Christchurch and a six hour drive (there are shops & museums between Chch and Ashburton) we arrived in drizzle (the first time the wipers had to be on full in 2½ weeks) in Ashburton, the home of PLK. Checking in to the campsite saw the Nelson contingent (the brave ones) pitching their tent in the rain, a well oiled (wet) team. (The kids stayed under cover, they knew the best place to be.)

As the bowling teams were also in residence in Ashburton, they decided that they would bring the rain with them, this is not conducive to successful kite flying. The award for the longest flying kite must go to the local team whose pilot come down in the early hours of Saturday morning, it was also the most flown kite all weekend. With the fickle wind, many an expedition was launched to search, rescue and recover a downed kite from the recycling depot and further afield.

Saturday saw the buggiers depart for Lake Hood for more wind than the paddock could provide. Monday brought sunshine and a breeze, and a decision was made to head to Argyle Park, where everyone got at least one kite in the air for more than a minute. Monday saw someone successfully buggy (without being pulled out or tipped out) and it was suggested Ashburton was the place to

purchase a buggy, if one wanted one to be modified for shorter legs. (Money was becoming scarce for the journey back home.)

Even though flying was minimal in Ashburton I felt it was one of the highlights of our trip as everyone sat down, sometimes around the fire (it got that cold) and chatted about anything and

everything. Debates happened, dancing was taught (George enjoyed it the most!) and people got to know one another. When on the field you only have time for a quick 'hello, is that your latest' etc before you have to rescue your kite from someone else. It was good to be with a group who knew there was more to life than their organisation and participated in other things with gusto.

Tasmanian Adventure /

From little acorns...../

By Rosemary McCully

Robert and Tracy Brasington suggested to us while they were on our kite tour that we join the Tassie group one February for their back to back kite retreat and Devonport festival.

The first weekend we enjoyed both the wonderful hospitality of Robert and Tracey, plus the camaraderie of the Tasmanian kite fliers for a weekends flying "somewhere near Binalong Bay". Robert decides on the day with his local knowledge where is best for the prevailing wind. Both days we flew on the pristine white sand of Taylor's Beach, north of the bay. Each day we flew on different end of the beach. The first day was awesome. It was as if there were a whole lot of hooks in the sky, to each assigned a kite. Normally, they expect to enjoy only one fine day - it seems we brought the good weather with us this time! We were not the only ones from over the water. There were four mainlanders, from NSW and QLD. Graham Gurney had made a firebird kite with Robert's encouragement before we arrived. And two Germans, Wolfram and Hildegard Wannrich, with Wolfram's replica rotoplan kites. Needless to say, the evenings were spent sharing good food and wine, laced with kite tales. We had

a few days to spare before Devonport, so that gave us time to be tourists, do a wine trail and fossick in the craft shops. Devonport is an annual festival run by Rotary for fundraising and for an enjoyable family day out. There were about two dozen of us - a few more than at the retreat. There were two kite stalls and children all over the place with their kites. After midday there was a mass teddy bear drop from a net under a helicopter. This was the major fundraiser for the nominated charity. Winds were from the land, so we had to work to keep the kites where we wanted them. We again enjoyed Tassie hospitality at a group BBQ the previous night in the next town. They had an auction which netted a good result. There is now a kiwi decorating the front lawn of one of the members. There has been a suggestion that if a few NZKA members come over one year they could arrange some other flying mid week at various spots. /
.....grow great oaks./

From the AGM

The National Festival for 2006 will be hosted by Wanganui and the 2007 event by Napier.

The rules were changed to allow the combined role of Secretary / Treasurer and to reduce the total committee size by one.

A subscription increase for 2007 was approved. Membership will be \$35 and overseas \$40.

Kite Jigsaw:

A simple request met yields an unexpected picture to treasure.

By Ray McCully



"In about June last year Rosemary and I were asked if we could fly our kites for Royce McClure of Tauranga New Zealand.

Royce had been commissioned by Hobbico, USA to do a third series of his Visual Echo 3D jigsaw puzzles. One of the six jigsaws was to feature kites. There were tight deadlines for art work and production in order to achieve sales in Target stores prior to Christmas (it was actually released in January in the USA).

The next weekend we met Royce and his wife, Janet, at Fergusson park in Tauranga. Being early winter, it was a fine day but no wind. We spent several hours pulling and running up many of our sparred kites while Royce took photos. The idea was to use the photos to help with his

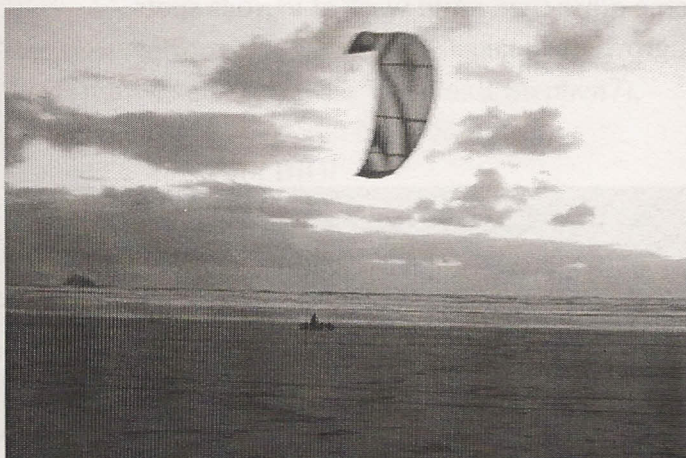
understanding of flying perspectives and to get different shaped kites. If our kites were then used in the jigsaw the graphics and colours would probably be replaced by Royce in order to achieve the overall impact he was after.

Just prior to Christmas we received word that Royce had his samples and we were welcome to collect a jigsaw and a picture suitable for framing. We were very delighted to find that tight deadlines meant that 9 of our kites featured with their original graphics and colours. They are: devil kite, poster genki, basket, featherlite, roller, cody, primrose light wind kite, rokkaku bought from Barry Poulter, and Mike Mossman's Kichi Tako that Rosemary made. The photo shows the content but you need to find the jigsaw to see the 3D effect, however a simulation can be seen on Royce's website www.royceart3d.com.

This 3D jigsaw is a great promotion of the colour and action that is kite flying. We believe it will be available in New Zealand shops in March "

Speed Record

Perrin Melchior



Perrin has set a new personal speed record of 101 kph set at Muriwai beach on the 3rd of March in a 25 to 40 knot souwest wind on a 5 wheel buggy with 40kg of ballast using a 12m shockwave.

Max speed was recorded with a Navman M300 GPS unit.

Perrin tells us, 'A lot of people say I'm crazy, but I just want to go faster. I want to beat the world record of 140kph'.

SUMMER FESTIVAL



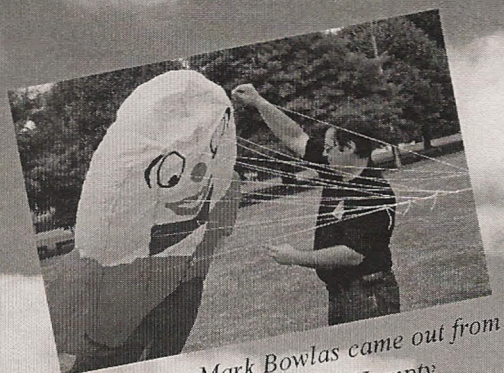
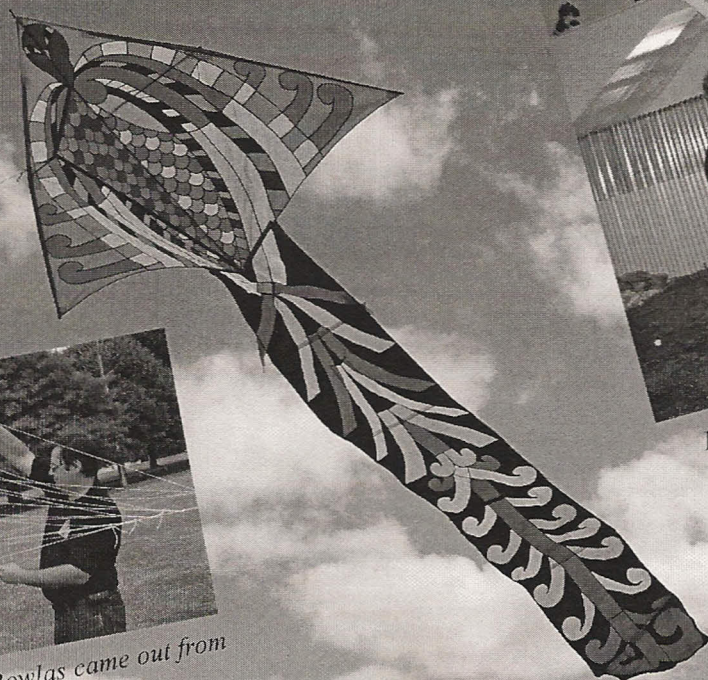
A pictorial review of the Ashburton Festival

Words and pictures by Richard Wotton

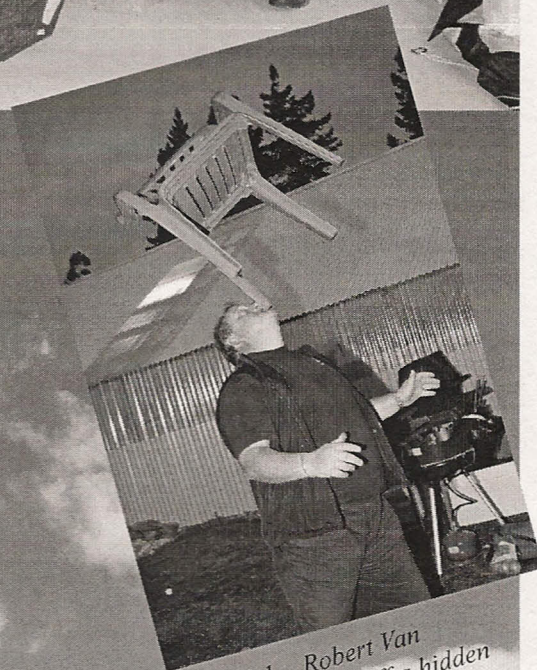


PIC 13 A jolly-looking bunch gathered for the group photo in the Peter Lynn Kites factory

PIC 4 Anne Whitehead's beautiful koru delta



PIC 3 Mark Bowlas came out from the UK with his friend Humpty



PIC 1 Robert Van Weers shows off a hidden talent

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Anne Whitehead, Ian Russell and Sharon Russell working on a knotty problem



Geoff Campbell playing with fire



Above: George Penney did such a good job on the barbecue that he's been recommended for NZ citizenship

Above: Robert Van Weers listening to the angels singing

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Class of '46 baby boomers: Richard Wotton, Gwenda Galbraith, Peter Lynn, Rosemary McCully and John Whibley



Left: Ian and Sharon Russell soaking up a bit of the Ashburton summer heat



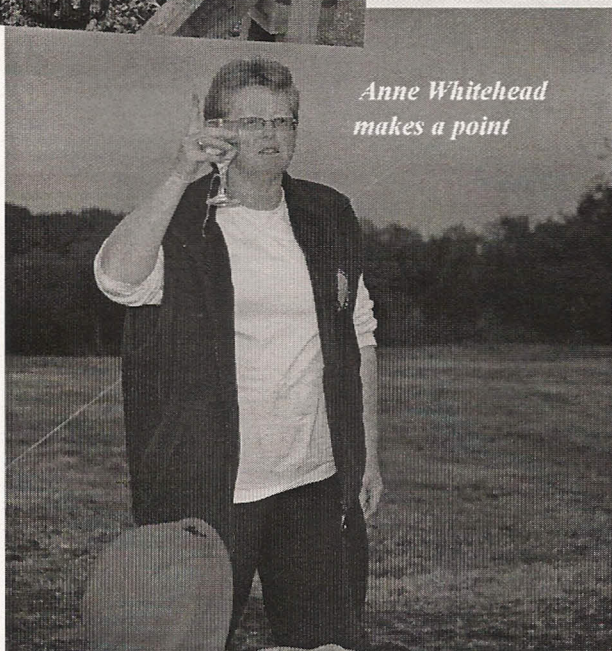
Right: Mark Bowlas came all the way from the UK and met a genuine Peter Lynn cat (aka Tori)



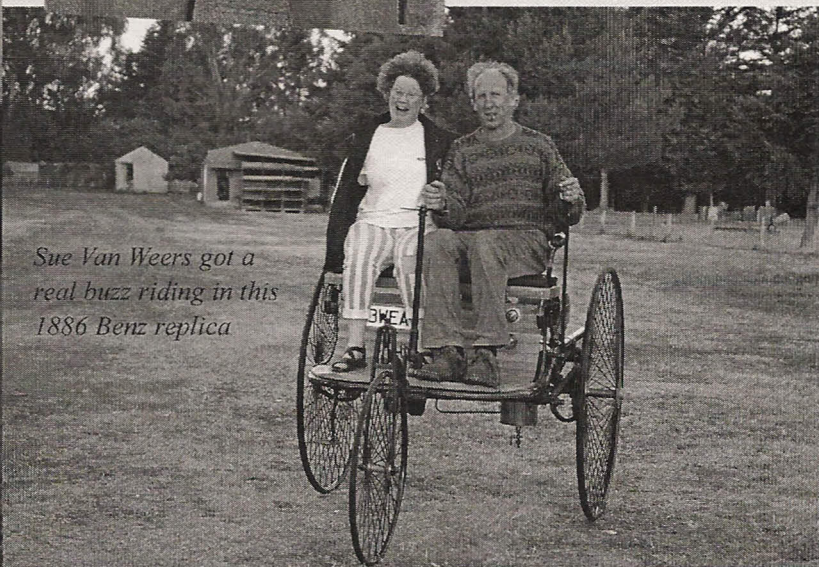
Above: Jenny Cook and Jackie Penney (UK) enjoying themselves at the auction



Anne Whitehead makes a point

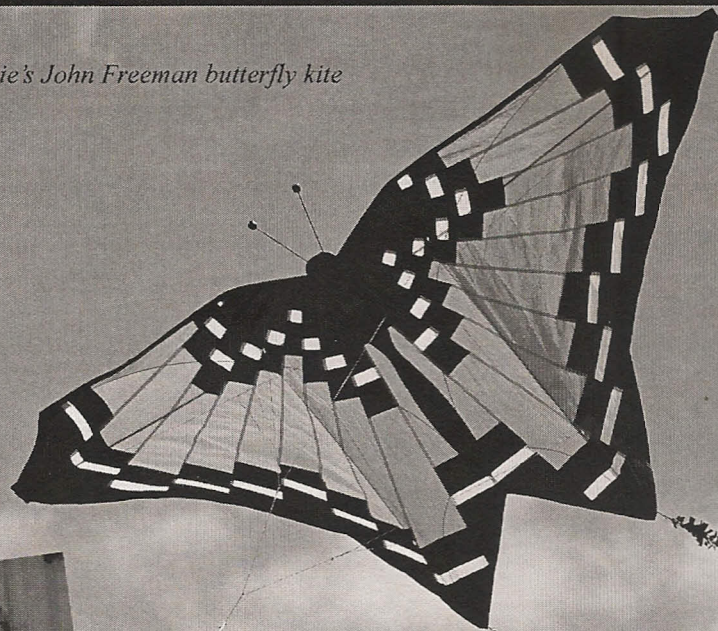


Sue Van Weers got a real buzz riding in this 1886 Benz replica

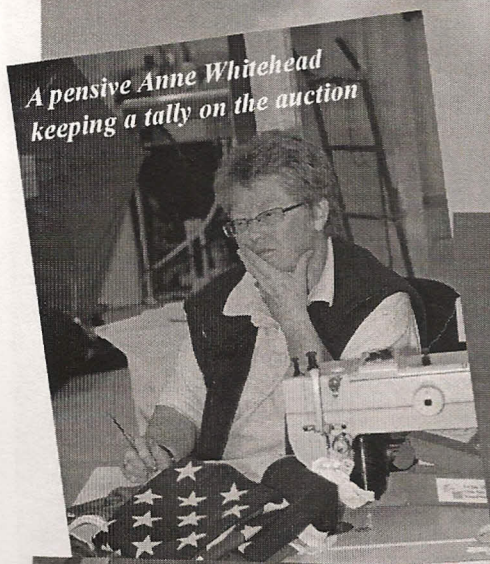


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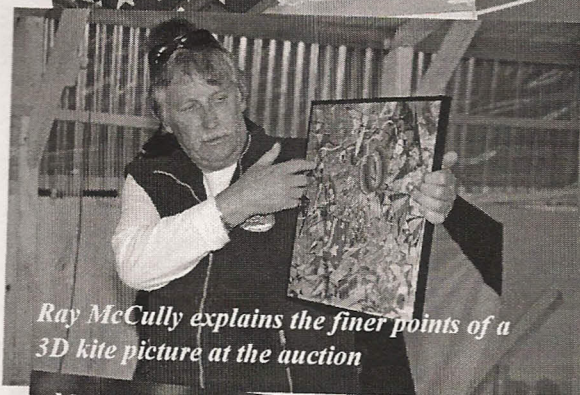
Muriel and David Bowie's John Freeman butterfly kite



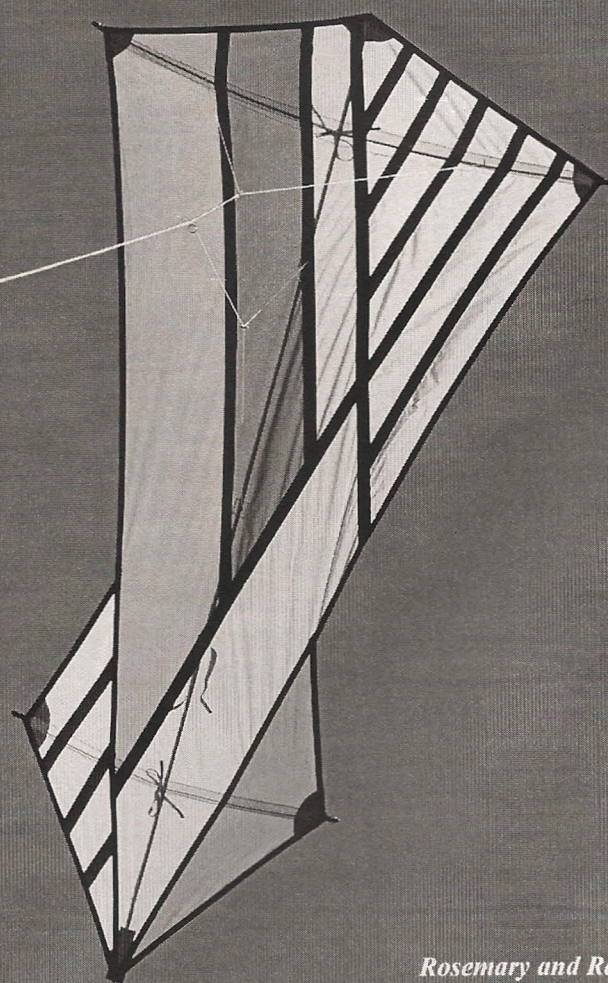
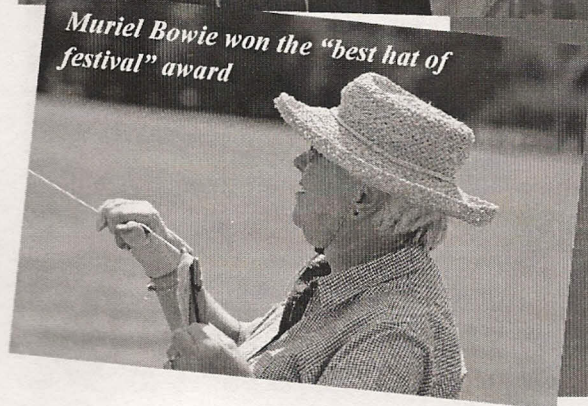
A pensive Anne Whitehead keeping a tally on the auction



Ray McCully explains the finer points of a 3D kite picture at the auction



Muriel Bowie won the "best hat of festival" award



Rosemary and Ray McCully's Ron Gibian kite

Regional lines

News from the regions

Wanganui

By Richard Wotton

The local kiting scene has remained fairly quiet since the last report, with the weather gods frequently continuing to provide us with unsuitable Sunday flying conditions. The Christmas holidays have also done their share of keeping people away from the flying field.

Some locals headed up to the Chateau at New Year and in spite of some not so good conditions still managed to get in several hours of excellent flying.

Because we had to choose between the National Festival in

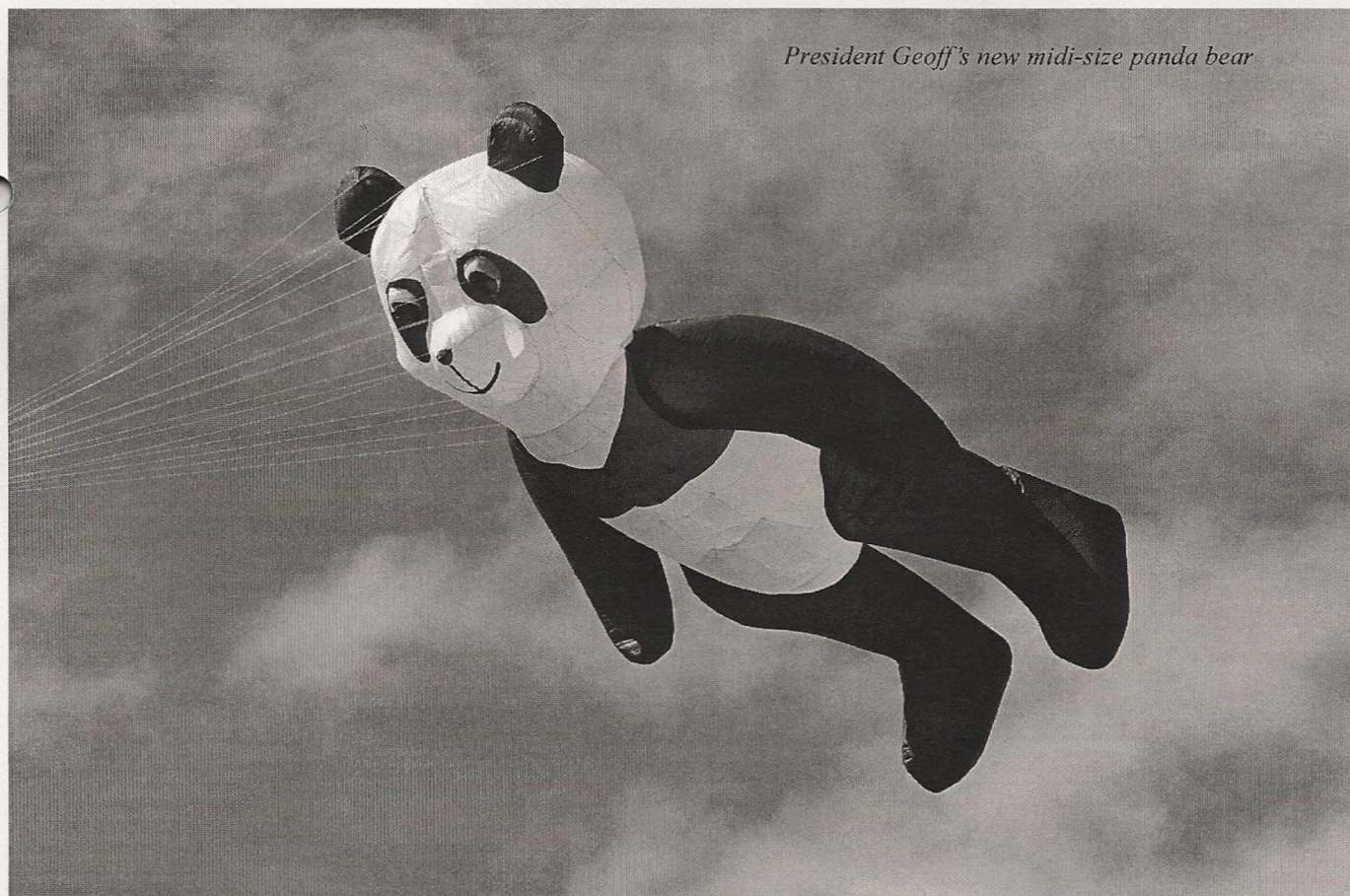
Ashburton and the annual Nelson summer kite festival, President Geoff and I gave Nelson a miss for the first time in six years. And guess what? It was the best festival weather in living memory (as they say). Darn, I hate it when that happens.

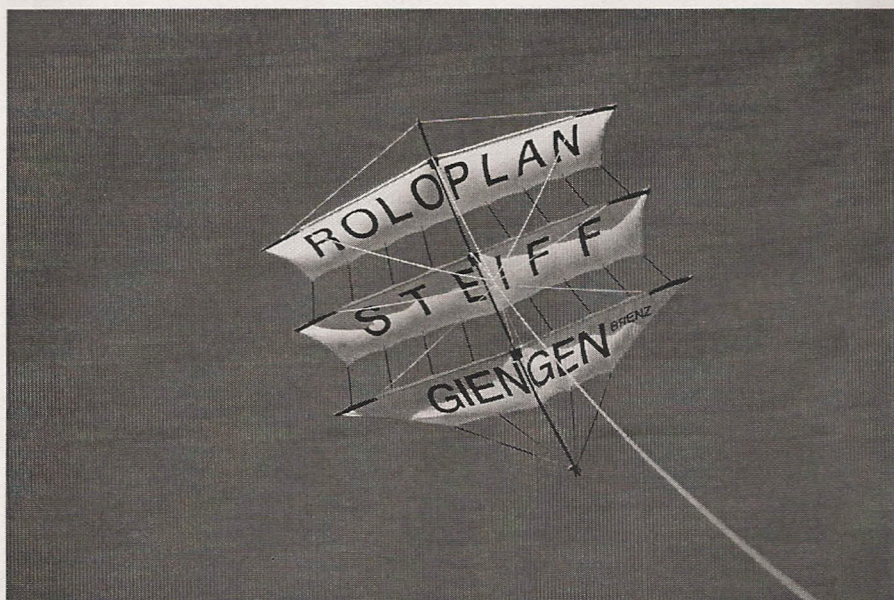
On the kite-making scene, Geoff has just finished a very handsome midi panda bear, which had his first flight at the end of January. At the beginning of January I completed a 240/3 Roloplan replica, and have been very happy with its performance. I've managed to pick up a few

tips from the experts since making my first Roloplan in late 2004, so haven't experienced the frustrations I had with the earlier kite (which is now flying well).

Unfortunately, the new Roloplan isn't yet fully trained and managed to cut Geoff's pilot kite out of the sky at our last flying day in mid-February. The breeze was pretty brisk and I had no bother at all in cutting the Dyneema line before watching the pilot bundle itself up and drift out of sight. Luckily, a passerby had seen where it landed: in the power

President Geoff's new midi-size panda bear





Richard Wotton's new Roloplan 240/3

lines just across the road from the park! There was about 50m of flying line festooned on the footpath and road, but as my new-found friend said they were power lines rather than phone I was a little reluctant to grab it to pull the kite down.

(Wanganui kilters have had enough drama lately, thank you very much!). A nearby fence batten saved the day. I wound the line around that until I was able to bring the kite down with only a few rips in it. (Sorry I forgot to mention those, Geoff).

The next event for us to travel to will be the Eltham fly, which will probably be held in late March.

At the Ashburton annual general meeting, Wanganui put its hand up to host the 2007 NZKA festival. We hope to have plenty of competitions and a stack of prizes, so get out all those kite plans that have been gathering dust, oil up the sewing machine and get ready to show off your latest and greatest when you come to the River City at Easter next year. We hope to have a great turnout and look forward to seeing you here – as well as somewhere else before then!

Keep looking up.

Waikato News

As always the kitesurfing scene is growing and the Raglan harbour entrance is often crowded. It does not seem to matter what time or what day it is. If the conditions are right then there is someone kitesurfing. It seems that none of these riders are affiliated to any organisation. Apparently the NZ champs are being held in Raglan in April.

Lorraine was asked to consult on a kite day being held by the Art Museum, unfortunately they left a garbled message on our machine with phone numbers that did not work. We are still waiting for them to call back. There are always kites being flown in the Waikato. Kite surfing, single line, buggies, mountain boards and stunt kites are as popular as ever but as ever we have no scene.

Christchurch

By Julie Adam

We have had a blustery summer in Canterbury and our last Sunday kite days included Xmas Day, 25th December – the turnout wasn't great that day, so I haven't heard what new kites Santa brought other people. He brought me a mini

Panda, born in Ashburton at the kite factory (thanks Jenny and the team) and christened Pandamonia (thanks Gretchen). The next day was Sunday 29th January which was held with the Christchurch City Summertimes Kite Day at New

Brighton Beach. About 8,000 people attended this event which ran from 10am to 3pm, to coincide with the low tide. We had a fabulous turnout from local kite fliers and visitors from Napier, Wellington, Picton, Nelson,

Ashburton and the U.K. Grizz came down from Wanganui to fly with Ray Wind and Pandamonia. The easterly wind picked up, as it does, around midday and blew steadily across the beach until pack-up time, giving us the opportunity to launch and tie off lots of kites. We had the sport and trick kites roped off (for their own protection) and they left the beach with broad smiles, having had attentive and appreciative audiences. Everyone managed to find a bit of sand and avoid having any major catastrophes. The Council crew include a security firm patrolling the beach to manage crowds and avoid safety mishaps. These guys are learning to relax around kites crashing in to the public and vehicles moving through the crowds as the tide comes in. Feedback from the Council showed that they were pleased with this event, which

was held for the first time last year, and they want to put it on the programme again next year. Thanks to all who turned up and helped make this a great day.

So we're a quarter of the way through 2006. The easterly goes away in autumn and winter brings lighter, albeit chilly winds, which is great for smaller, lighter kites and a great opportunity to get outside on a crisp sunny afternoon.

Onwards and upwards ...

Flying a kite in Pakistan is a dangerous pastime.

Already it's banned for all but 15 days of the year but a provincial minister warned kite-flyers this week that any who cause injury or death with string made from metal or

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News Lines

coated with glass could be tried under anti-terrorism laws.

The Punjabi chief minister's unprecedented threat came just ahead of the start of an annual kite-flying festival in the provincial capital, Lahore, on Sunday.

Kite-flying in Pakistan and neighbouring India often involves aerial duels in which participants try to bring down each other's kites using string coated in a sticky paste of ground-up glass or metal.

Every year, Pakistani media report dozens of deaths and injuries caused by kite flying, mainly of children and motocyclists whose throats are sometimes cut by metal or glass-coated string.

"It is a matter of concern that a healthy sport is being turned into a game of death," the official APP news agency quoted Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi as saying on Tuesday.

Elahi said a crackdown had been launched against the sale of sharp kite string and threatened a permanent ban on kite-flying if deaths continued.

"Action under the Anti-Terrorism Act would be taken in case of deaths due to ... dangerous kite-flying string," he was quoted as saying.

Pakistan's Supreme Court banned kite-flying nationwide last year in response to an outcry over injuries and deaths. The ban was lifted for a 15-day period to allow the holding of this month's traditional kite-flying festival of Basant.

Some Islamist groups have staged protests in the past week after newspapers reported several deaths caused by kite-flying, denouncing the activity as un-Islamic.

Arrests

Police arrested 127 people in Lahore, Pakistan, at weekend for flying kites to mark a spring festival.

The practice was banned last week after seven people died when they were slashed by kite strings that had been reinforced with wire or glass fibre for "kite duels".

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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.

Kiteworks

111 Symonds St, Auckland.

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.

Raven Kites

1 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Phone 06 348 5805, fax 348 5806.

Services offered: SI, DI, Bu, C, power kites.

Rainbow Flight Kites

Rainbow Flight Kites

19 North Rd.,

Nelson Phone/Fax (03) 548-8707

email: info@kitesrainbowflight.co.nz website:

www.kitesrainbowflight.co.nz

Please note that we may have closed our shop in town, but we are still trading from home, still offering most services:

SI, DI, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, Kw, D, W, O, Kk, Ex.

Skylines & Bylines

2 Opawa Road – corner of Opawa, Wilsons and Shakespeare Roads

P.O. Box 2194, Christchurch.

Phone (03) 365 3907,

Fax (03) 337 2669,

mobile (027) 431 7716.

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Services offered: SI, DI, C, F, Ka, Re, Bm, W, G, O, Mo, Kk, Ex, RI.

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Bay of Plenty (3rd Sunday)
Fergusson Park, Tauranga
Contact: Ray McCully
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Christchurch (Last Sunday)
Hansen's Park, Opawa
Contact: Julie Adam
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julie@kites.co.nz

Napier/Hastings (2nd Sunday)
Anderson Park, Green Meadows
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Nelson (3rd Sunday)
Neale Park
Contact: Ted Howard
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kitesfun@ihug.co.nz

Palmerston North (3rd Sunday)
Ongley Park
Contact: Alan and Judi Main
Phone: 06 353 1953

Clarks Beach (1st Sunday)
Stevenson Road Park
Contact: Jim Ayers
Phone: 09 232 0251

Wanganui (every Sunday)
Springvale Park
Contact: Richard Wotton
Phone: 06 343 2770
rwotton@xtra.co.nz

Wellington (1st Sunday)
Ngatitoa Domain Contact:
Whiteheads
Phone: 04 476 7227
drachen@internet.co.nz

Wanted to buy.

One used six foot stacker Flexifoil sport kite. Reasonable condition to introduce three grandsons to our sport as they are not going to get their hands on my one! Replies to jimulian@paradise.net.nz or 39 Acacia Bay Rd Taupo
Ph (07)377 4784

Kites Kiting Calendar

**Weekend
starting Event**

Mar 25 Flying day: CHC

April 01 Flying day: AKL, CKB, WAG, WLG

08 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG

15 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN

22 Flying day: AKL, WAG

29 Flying day: AKL, WAG, NSN, CHC

May 06 Flying day: AKL, CKB, WAG, WLG

13 Big kids Kite day

Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG

20 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN

27 Flying day: AKL, WAG, CHC

June 03 Napier at Queen's Birthday Weekend

Flying day: AKL, CKB, WAG, WLG

10 Flying day: AKL, NPE, WAG

17 Flying day: AKL, TRG, WAG, PMR, NSN

24 Flying day: AKL, WAG, CHC

Key

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

Jim Ayers
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