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On the cover this month we feature Anne Whitehead's photographs
taken at the Cervia Kite Festival earlier this year.

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I thank each and every one of those who have supported What's Up
through the year and as we head toward 2007, join the NZKA
Committee in wishing you and yours the very best for Christmas and
the New Year. Thank you.

What's Up Next...?

Chateau New Year Kitefly

**Saturday 30th December –
Tuesday 2nd January 2007**

NZKA members heading to the Year. We have the Lodge booked it is filling fast. beds in the lodge b u n k r o o m s beds through to 8 weather is will lots of indoor kite jigsaws to bring your sewing wish. The common



will be again Chateau for New Whakapapa again and so far There are 32 and these are ranging from 4 beds. If the inclement there happenings from kite kits and machine if you room area is

quite large. If you plan to come you will need to bring sheets (or sleeping bags) & towels with you.

Most are arriving on the Saturday and we have the opportunity to fly on a Land Corp farm on the Sunday. Over Labour weekend we experimented with some night installations, these will be a lot of fun and we can spend time creating in the evening. If you are planning to be there could you please let us know for catering purposes.

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16th Annual Nelson Summer Kite Festival Neale Park, Nelson.

January 19-21st 2007: 16th Annual

Programme for the weekend :

Friday 20th: We hope the tents and set-up basics will be done by midday, so those who want to can start flying kites in the afternoon seabreeze....

Friday evening from 7pm is the 'bring your own take-aways' night, a simple relaxed gathering at Neale Park, enjoying the sunset, and meeting the fliers. Any planning/organising will be gone through and finished to prepare for the weekend.

Saturday 21st: Shake-down practice day, and a possible kitebuggy/landboarding competition on Neale Park : before beginning any activity, we will rope off (bunting) the field as we'll need to keep the general public out of the flying areas for safety, set out the Nelmac vehicles for ground anchors and put up the flags.

Please sign in on the free registration forms, and pick up your registered fliers tags. These will be your passport to the field on both Saturday and Sunday. This will also give you entry to the tents, use of the facilities and the tea, coffee and filtered water provided by the Nelson Kite Club.

BYO BBQ at Neale Park on Saturday evening, 7pm. We'll provide a few BBQ's and help with the cook up, but it won't be a catered meal, it's up to you. Bring your own dining gear, folding chairs, etc.

Sunday 22nd: This is the main event , the public day, today. Please be on the field ready, set up by 10.30am-11am for a 12 noon start.

We will run the day provisionally as follows from midday:

Altitude Sprint as soon as possible after midday
Maybe invite the public to come have a go at an altitude sprint : team up with registered fliers...?

Rokkaku Challenge

Maybe invite the public to have a go at a Rokkaku challenge...?

Buggy train rides,

Trick kite display flying?

Featured international and national fliers with mini interviews over the PA?

and maybe more buggy and landboarding competitions out the back...?

High tide is 12.18pm, which should give good access to the Nelson Haven for kitesailing/kiteboarding, and good wind pressure on the park for the main event!

5-6.00pm: Pack up the field and tents as quickly as possible if it's dry (so we don't have to do it on Monday morning). The more help we get at this critical stage, the quicker we can retire for food and a drink.

After we have packed up, we'll head into town for a meal at 7pm, venue to be decided and announced, probably Friday night, for taking bookings.

Monday 23rd: 9am on wind down, pack out and return all the gear. Then if you want to, join the others out on the field afterwards and keep flying!

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Fundraising on "Trade Me"

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.

For more information contact: Robert Van Weers, Phone: 03 578 6484, nzka@paradise.net.nz

Christchurch Kite Event

The Summertimes Kite Day will be held on Saturday 27th January 2007 from 1 - 4 pm at New Brighton Beach, this year flying will be north of the Pier. This kite day, now in its third year, brings over 8,000 people to New Brighton and put thousands of kites in the sky. It is a unique kite event in that the beach is open to all flyers, so the public mingle with the professionals to create an amazing spectacle. The Buskers Festival will also be at New Brighton with performances in the soundshell, backing on to the beach.

Anyone interested in coming, or needing assistance with accommodation or transport, please let me know (phone 03-365 3907) as Summertimes and the KiteShop are working to obtain additional sponsorship. Onwards and upwards ...

**Festival of the Elements at Elsdon Park, Porirua
6th February 2007**

**Eltham Kite Fly
March 18th 2007.**

Bastion Point Auckland

March 4th - tentative date for Big Kids Kite Day on Bastion Point Auckland.

Tasmanian Kite Trip?

In February this year Rosemary and I toured some of Tasmania and participated in a very enjoyable kite retreat at Binalong Bay (with Rob and Tracey Brasington) and at a kite event in Devonport.

During the BBQ after the Devonport event Rob suggested that if a NZKA group wished to attend the events the Tasmanian Kite Fliers would arrange a mid-week beach fly and BBQ at a suitable point during our tour.

I have looked at costs but quickly came to the conclusion that duration and where we toured had a significant impact. Therefore, I am calling for any NZKA members interested in touring

Tasmania in Feb 2008 to contact me by end of February.

Once I have expressions of interest we can collectively decide on a duration and preferred tour route, then do a costing. Use of people movers should help reduce costs.

Ray McCully

Secretary / Treasurer

Labour Weekend 2006

Several members of the NZKA decided that as we were not having a kite workshop this year that going to Waitarere Beach (just north of Levin on the west Coast) could be a good chance to get some flying in.

The keenest arrived on Friday evening from Hawkes Bay & Wellington with their balance of members from Rotorua, Wanganui, Hawkes Bay & Wellington coming in Saturday.

The wind was so light Saturday morning that most of us were struggling to get even the lightest of our light wind kites aloft. The tide unfortunately was not in our favour as low tide was later in the afternoon. Still we managed to create a reasonable sky full of kites. Richard Wotton even had the temerity to light a fire and boil the billy so that he could fill his coffee plunger!! Now that's flying in style!

Sadly with the atrocious weather that was in the surrounding bottom of the North Island the wind then kicked in around 2.00 and became progressively stronger until we were all being etched with wind blown sand and kites came crashing to the ground.

Rain really then became the order of the day and in fact the weekend. Kite fliers then retreated to Dunes Vue (a rented house) where we played mah jong, ate and drank and had an excellent weekend catching up with everyone which was great as when you are on the kite field you more often than not don't get this opportunity.

The only incident to mar the proceedings was that the keen buggiers who had gone up the beach then got caught in the strong winds and soft sand. Ian Russell ended up cart wheeling and hitting a log, then had the misfortune to be taken by ambulance to Palmerston North hospital with a lacerated liver. As I write this I can say that Ian is now out of ICU and on the road to recovery. Fortunately Ian was not alone so help was close at hand. And cell phone reception was not available in the area.

Anne Whitehead

How to stay out of A & E (or hospital) when Buggy.

Take this simple test.		Yes	no	My score
1.	Do you buggy with someone else?			
2.	Do you carry a cell-phone when bugging?			
3.	Is the kite suitable for the wind?			
4.	Does your ability match the kite to the wind you are flying in?			
5.	Is there sufficient run-off area downwind, if something goes wrong?			

If you have ticked yes to all of these, this SHOULD guarantee a stay out of A & E or hospital. (I got 4/5)



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Capetown International Kite Festival

The Cape Mental Health Foundation runs the Capetown International Kite Festival as a fundraiser and awareness event.

Flying at the African township with some very happy children with their beanies



All photographs by Ray and Rosemary McCully

To attend this festival we had joined a David Gomberg tour party consisting of 9 Americans, 8 Japanese and ourselves. The festival was preceded on the Wednesday by a publicity kite fly at an African township playground not far from a Cape Mental Health facility. All school age children were nicely dressed in school uniforms. Paul Feiber and fellow kite fliers in Madison Wisconsin made 200 beanies to give away to the kids – there were some very happy young children

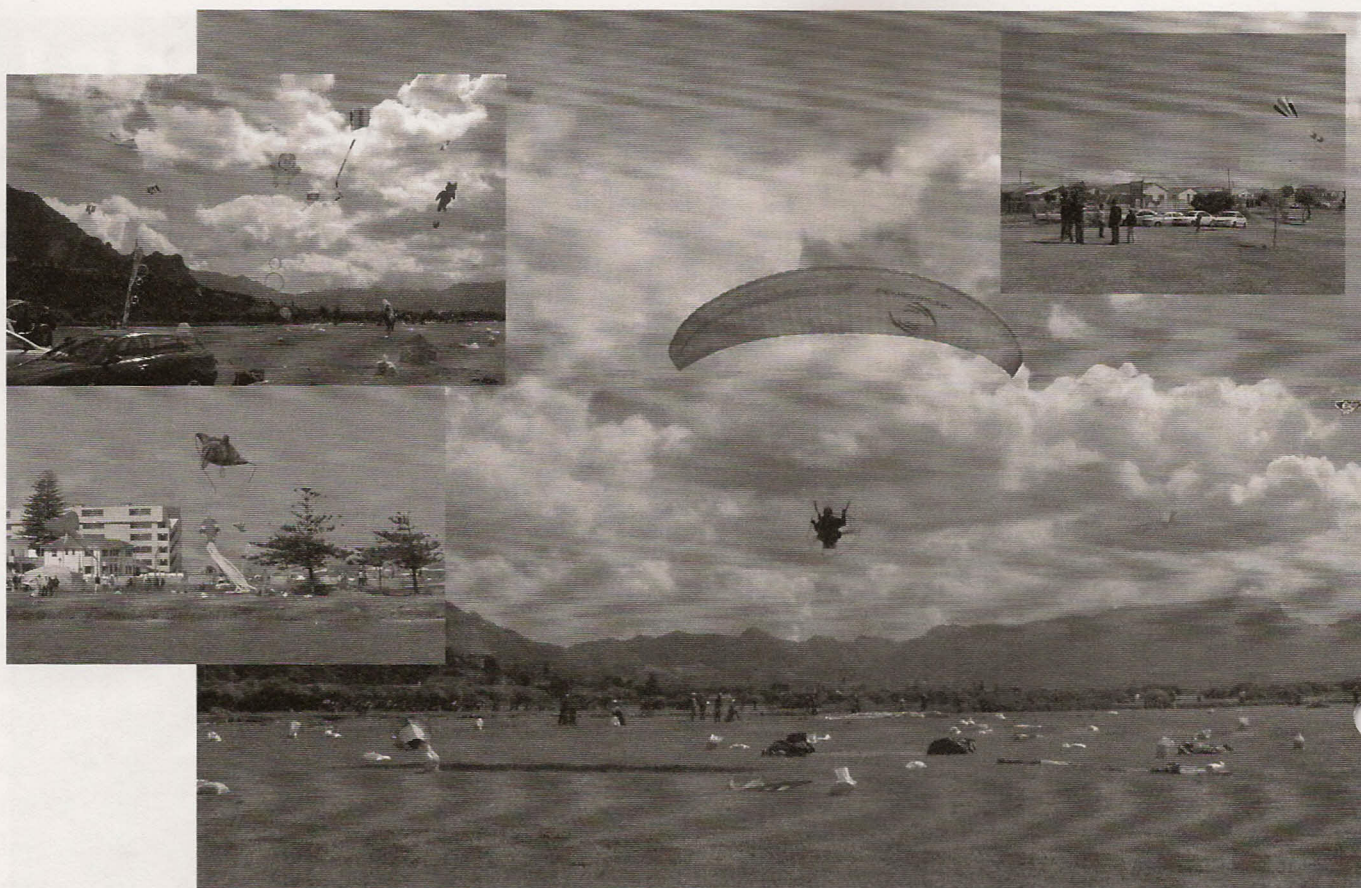
around after our visit.

The actual festival was in Muizenberg, which was on the other side of Table Mountain. The venue consisted of two fields separated by part of the river estuary. There were lots of craft and food stalls.

On the Saturday the winds were light and affected by the nearby hills. So the kites were continually going up and down and changing direction. We all stayed clear of the main field as in the afternoon there was a

schools competition. Prior to the festival, all schools made and decorated 9 diamond kites, which were then joined to form a mini arch. The schools then flew them for the judges.

The Sunday was one of those great days flying that you hope for at festivals. Winds were off the sea and initially light but gradually built up to a nice sea breeze. We flew on the main field with Paul Feiber and most of the South African fliers, while the rest of the tour group flew



Flying on Saturday at Muizenburg, with a motorised Paraglider taking off. (main photo)

their Rokkakus and large inflatables on the other field. We managed to have 4 or 5 kites in the sky most of the time. Unfortunately, the wind direction and sun conspired to make it difficult to get photos.

For us, there were two firsts for a kite festival:

1. several motorised paragliders took off from the kite field up between the kite lines.

2. on the main stage the radio station conducted a sexiest man and a sexiest woman contest – that had to be heard to be believed.

Ray & Rosemary McCully

Honours

Bill Farber is an NZKA member from OZ and the photograph (right) is the kite he made which won him the Deuxime Prix at Dieppe, France Kite design/building competition (Theme was "Strolling Between Flora and Fauna"). His prize will take him to Dieppe, Canada, next August. The kite is 2.1 x 1.9.

Congratulations Bill it is nice to see another NZKA member making their mark in the international skies.

Anne Whitehead



The Twelfth Annual Mighty Moose Meet

The Moose is a celebration of the return of daylight savings ,after work sessions and warmer temperatures.It is a chance for anyone ,buggier,kitesurfer whatever to come and enjoy the amazing land and seascape of the south head of the Kaipara Harbour (or Mooseland as I like to call it).

There are mountainous naked dunes and hard wide beaches for the buggiers to charge and colossal flatalishous lagoons and surf for the kitsurfers to shred.



The turn out this year was the best yet with about fifteen buggiers and around fourty kitesurfers .There were alot of new faces around the bon fire on the saturday night.

The weather was fine with a fifteen knot norwester for the whole weekend and no rain ,which helps when you are camping.

For me the highlights for the weekend were :

Ted and the nelson crews efforts to make it to the moose despite almost having a car crash on the highway ,then them buggying the fifty kilometers up muriwai beach to the dunes of mooseland at a speeds of over eighty kilometers an hour.

Tonys endurance as he drove and flew from Hokitika then buggied the weekend .He then flew and drove all the way home to be back at work on Monday and all this on a busted foot.

Crafer always stands out with his playboy caravan and his chainsaw antics made for a great bonfire.

It was good to see Charlie charging in his buggy and jaming on his guitar later on in the night.

Burning some old kiting gear ! .I threw two unrepairable kites and a broken board on the fire .We then tried to to get a eight square meter monkey kite to fly while it was on fire ,but it exploded when it was only two meters off the deck.

Landing on my head after a mean buggy wipeout and destoying two wheels ,one to a pointy bit of driftwood and the other to a few to many heavy landings.

Kent destoying his back after a bad sleep on a sand speed bump that he picked his tent on ,he's still

suffering three weeks later.

Daves video from the weekend .It was great to see his wife Sue cranking in the buggy.

Peters increadable full suspension bigfoot buggy .It was voted the smoothest ride in the dunes.

The 1km drag strip that formed on the main beach that 10 kitesurfers were laceing up with 8ft rooster tails off the back of their boards.

The 1sq.m super flat lagoon that formed around the corner in the harbour entrance between some sandbars ,that 30 kitesurfers were boosting hard in.

And Gavin's foresight in bringing his thundercat as it was needed to rescue a few of the kitesurfers that were washed out to sea.

Have a look at www.kiteworks.co.nz to see videos and photos from this years Moose.

I hope to see you at mooseland next year ,for the thirteenth Moose Meet on the 27th\28th of October 2007.

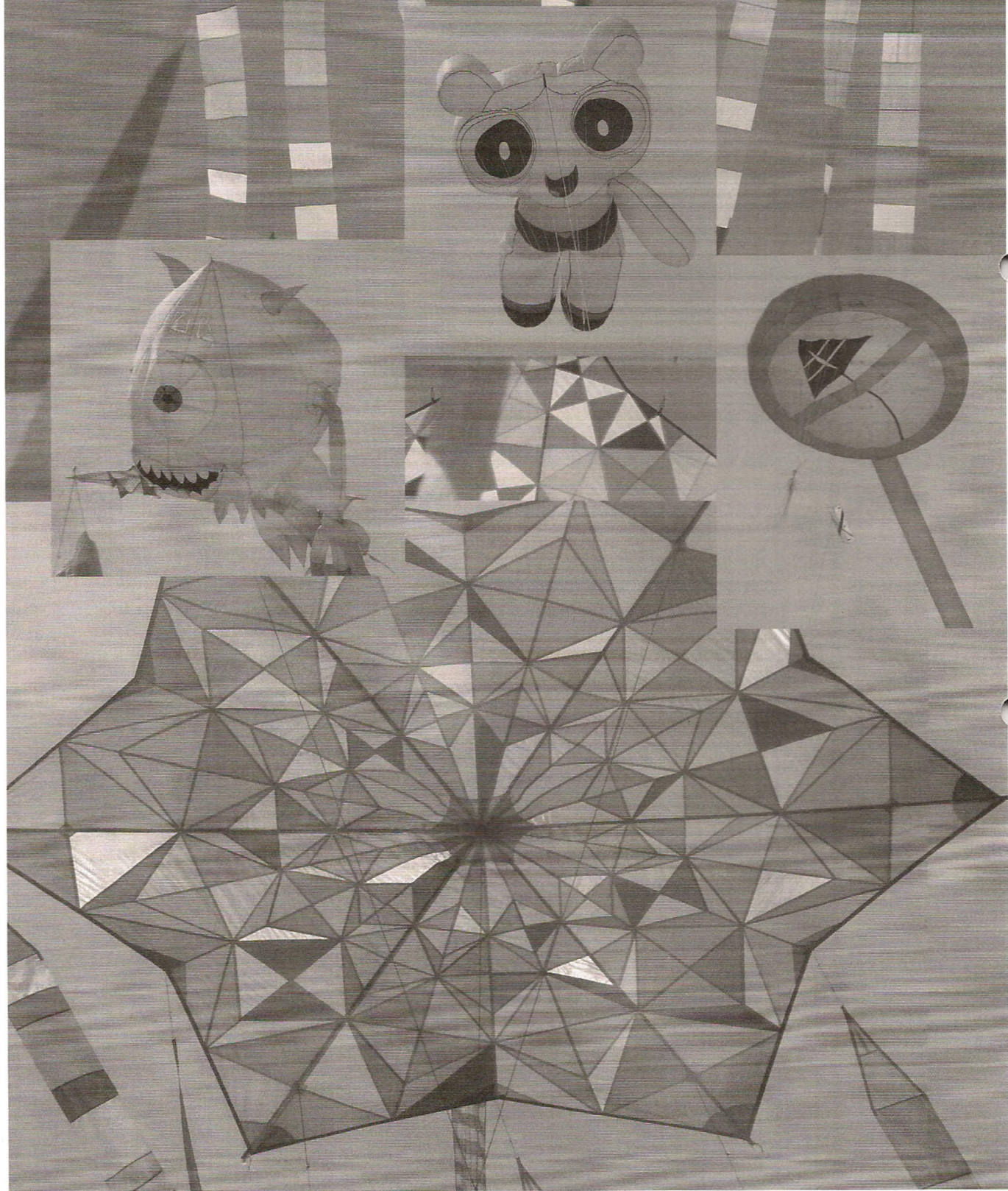
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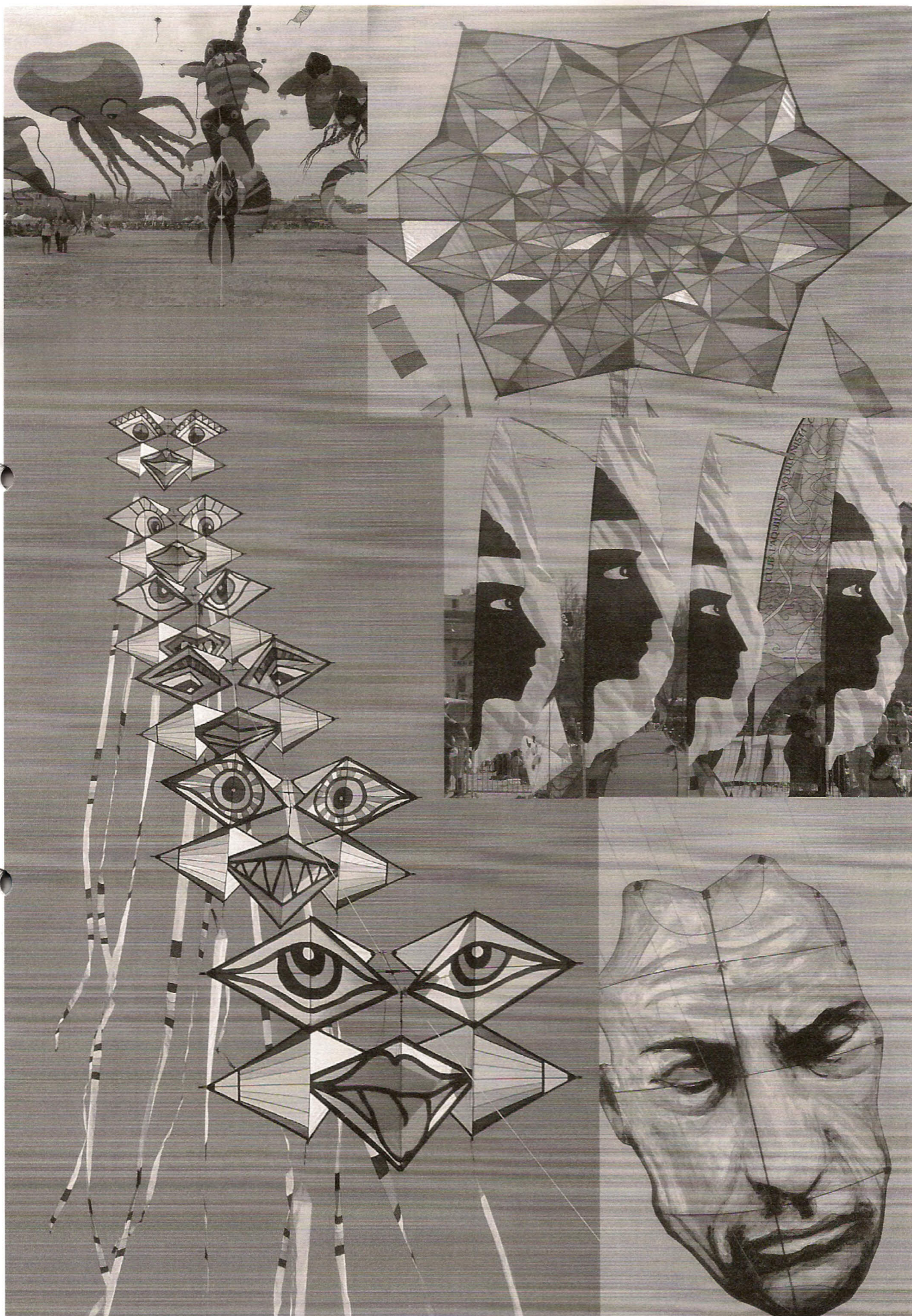
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For more photographs go to: <http://www.picasaweb.google.com/perrinmelchior/Moose06>

Cervia in Pictures

During their recent trip to Cervia Anne and Peter Whitehead documented some of the sights of the festival.





OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL KITE DAY

Paul Hays, Ohakune

As a new member of NZKA I had taken up my own challenge of organising a kite day at our local primary school.

The students at our local school are studying weather and its effects throughout the third term and I had run classes at the school in the weeks before the event teaching and helping them understand and build their own kites, in a range of different styles and sizes to use on the day. Almost every kid built their own kite, and some built several.

While the school's budget is limited, I had given my time freely to introduce young people to kiting in as many of its forms as possible. We had originally planned to hold a big kite festival over the weekend of 12 -

13 August, but because the school has students bussing in from Waiouru and Raetihi, they had decided to hold it as a smaller event on Friday the 11th of August, throughout the

afternoon, with the parents invited to a "show-off" between 4:00pm and 5:00pm while all the students can attend.

There was huge enthusiasm from the kids. I had spent the whole of the previous week at the school (while I was off work for a few weeks with a wrecked back!) doing seminars, helping the kids build some basic kites (and a few not so basic) Indian Fighters, Brazillian Pipas, even a few Barolettas

(wagon wheel type kite from Guatamala) a few Deltas and of course the ubiquitous Eddy Diamonds!

As an introduction to kiting, I had gone along about a fortnight



Photograph: Richard Wotton

before the kite day with a display of my own kites, a small Cody, a French Rescue, a Delta and a Conyne that I had all homebuilt, and my Flexifoils (a 4 footer, 2 x 6 footers, and an 8 footer ... something for everyone, as it were!)

I put up a 4' flexifoil in a 20 knot wind at the school, out on the field with the whole school watching, all went well, so I decided (unwisely) to put up the 8' flexifoil. Of course, while I was setting that up, the wind increased to around 35 knots! I felt I couldn't back out (as the kids would have lynched me) so up it went (my mistake, should have listened to that little voice!). I was dragged all over the place and at one stage tripped and landed flat on my back (still flying the

kite from there and giggling like a silly schoolkid!) the kids all roared, and I flew the kite through the fastest part of the wind envelope and it pulled me straight back onto my feet! I kept it going for 3/4 of an hour, and man, what a workout! I was stuffed, but the kids were on fire so it was all worth it (and it must have pulled some of my back into place, I think, as I was moving much better afterwards!).

On to the Friday of the kite expo, first up a BIG thank you to Richard and Dalwyne Wotton for coming up from Wanganui

all the way to Ohakune for the kite day. However, once again we discovered the perfect way to stop a hurricane ... just assemble a kite and try to fly it! Not a breath of wind! Richard and I tried to fly a few kites that will fly in 'next to nothing' ... but we didn't have 'next to nothing' ... we had genuine nothing. Richard and Dalwyne then assembled a sample of kites in the school hall and we had the children come through a couple of classes at a time to

see them all. Richard started out with, "Hello, my name's Richard and I'm a kite flier." (I commented to Dalwyne that it sounded like an AA meeting introduction, and knowing our breed of fanatics it's not far from the truth). I really appreciated the help from Richard and Dalwyne as it really helped excite the kids' passions and I had a lot of parents come up to me, at the after-school flying session who said their kids were raving about all the different kites and somewhere very interested in continuing their kids' enthusiasm!

The wind stayed away all day, and the Wottons returned home at about three o'clock, The teachers and I went out onto the fields for our "Kite Expo" at 4:00 ... Nothing, nada, zip, bubkiss ... not a breath of wind. However, kids being kids, and with the myth of running with a

kite strongly ingrained in them ... off they went, 70 - 100 kids roaring up and down the field, towing (with varying success ranging from near-flight to bouncing along the ground upside down) their kites.

One young family had a major surprise, the Dad had arrived back from a business trip to China that morning, and Dad told his young son and daughter to go to his car and bring out the two packages in the boot. Two beautiful tassled deltas with stunning dragon face motifs (see photo) about 6 foot high and 10 foot wide (and two ten-foot-wide smiles on the kids too!) then at about 4:20 ... about a 10 knot breeze came through! Some of the kids kept running, of course, but we were able to launch five of my kites (the 'French Rescue' did really well) and most of the kids' kites flew too, and I was even able to get the 8' flexifoil flying with a few restarts. Just after 5:00 the breeze disappeared again, which gave parents a good opening for getting everyone packed up and into cars etc without "but everyone else is flying theirs" and it was a good way to end a great (if not entirely what we had hoped for) day!

Again, my sincere thanks to Richard and Dalwyne Wotton for their help.

Over the page you will see that Peter Lynn is to join the '60' Year Club along with John Whibley and the editor who also became members this year. Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

THE BIG 60!

And it's this month. Excerpts from Peter Lynn's News Letter.

As per custom, the realisation that I'm about to have three score on the board caused me to go chasing after lost youth:- which in my case was largely spent falling off motorcycles.

So I went out and did this again, and whoooo, it WAS just like it used to be; crunch! (foot on this occasion). Now I can't walk too good - it's been a week so far.

But this has provided the opportunity for a second common effect of approaching one of life's milestones: time to reflect on things.

Unfortunately, the more life experiences we accumulate, the more chances there are that there will be opportunities missed, things to regret.

Fortunately, I can't now always remember what these were- on account of the brain going a bit mushy.

An excellent example of clever software design?

One might be that you just never can know what's going to happen.

Another is we think we do know what's going to happen.

And, never believe a used car salesman.

But kites, what about some useful contemplations about kites?

Actually, there is something.

Ten years ago I worked on a system for launching large single line kites from small boats.

The driving thought behind this was to expand the window of opportunity for big kite displays.

- * Over water the wind is better because there are no turbulence causing obstructions.
- * There are many more areas of water available for flying kites over than open land areas.
- * Many places where target audiences are available are adjacent to water; -crowded beaches, resorts, events.

- * It may be very much easier to get regulatory permission to fly over water than over land in many places.
- * Flying over water is inherently safer because clear space can always be maintained downwind of the kites.
- * All wind directions are useable.
- * In the absence of wind, kites can still be flown by towing them around.

I never did complete and test the system I started building because, well, just because.

But the rationale is even more compelling than it was then because kite flying is now even more in demand and the places available for flying have shrunk under pressure of population and regulation.

Resurrection!

Stefan (Cook) and I have just pulled the bits out of the long grass, photo's attached.

It's to be a 'trailer' that can be towed behind a small boat or Jet Ski.

The platform (will be trampoline material stretched over the frame) is large enough to walk around on and to hold a maxi kite while it inflates.

The kite's line will come from a winch (hand operated in the first iteration) placed on the drawbar close to the tow point at the boat or Jet Ski. This winch will have a brake for letting the kite out and up once it's inflated.

We plan to finish this frame and do some tests during this xmas/new year- there'll be action photo's next month.

This is an idea that's time has come!

Who's first?

Peter Lynn

Regional lines

News from the regions

Christchurch

The Summertimes Kite Day will be held at New Brighton beach, north of the pier, on Saturday 27th January 2007 from 1.30 – 4 pm. This event has been hugely successful for the past two years with both kite fliers and the public, attracting around 8,000 people.

The Buskers Festival will be happening again at this time and Surf Lifesaving Champs will have been held earlier in the day south of the pier, so we expect lots of people down to the beach.

Onwards and upwards ...

Julie Adam - the Kite Lady

Hawkes Bay

Hello

What have the Hawkes Bay contingent been up to over winter? One young lass celebrated her 50th with a grand party with family and a wide circle of friends. Our duo (one 1/2 recently retired and the other still working hard) returned from travelling to Canada, cruising the canals of England, and visiting family in the West Island (Australia). The rest of us have just plodded along working hard.

August saw 3 try to buggy at Anderson Park in a nor wester. The grass was about 4-5 inches high with the water/mud level about 2 inches up the grass. One buggy got dragged through but it was decided to call quits when the wind, abetted by a kite, pulled one flier over into the mud.

Fathers day saw John and the Russell's buggy's waiting for Diana, Sharon and Ian at Ohakea. A call from John in Fielding earlier in the morning saying a shower had come through had us thinking, do we or don't we, but we did. Warren from Taupo and Ian took off to the top of the flying area to buggy. Warren got nabbed by the radio and the Raf

photographer had a good time trying to take photos of a moving target. Ian spoke to the guy who was a Bay boy and he seemed keen for something to happen involving buggy's etc at Ohakea, we'll wait and see. (We may get more track next year). Sharon finally got to putter along the taxi way at the end of the day which suited her just fine. Some of the Hawkes Bay mob are heading down to Waitarere at Labour Weekend for a weekend of relaxed flying and bugging, so we well see everyone then.

Happy flying everyone.

Sharon

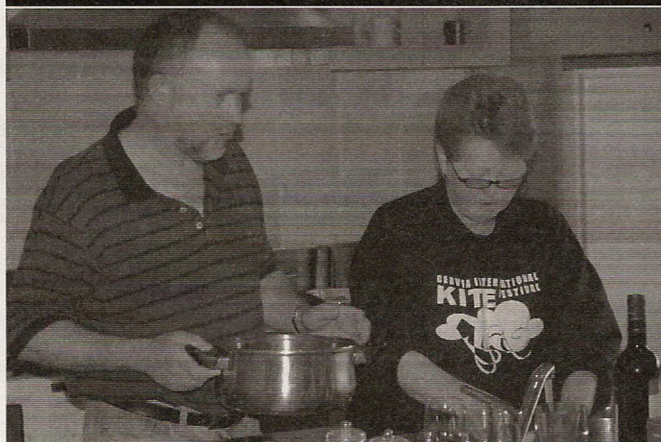
WANGANUI

Again it's that time of year when the equinoctial winds seem to take charge, so things have been a bit quiet on the Wanganui scene for the past month or so.

However, we got a lucky break at Father's Day weekend and a good muster of Wanganui and visiting fliers made the most of the good

conditions for the two events – Wanganui's Springvale Park on the Saturday, followed by the annual Father's Day fly at Ohakea. It was really

Regional Lines



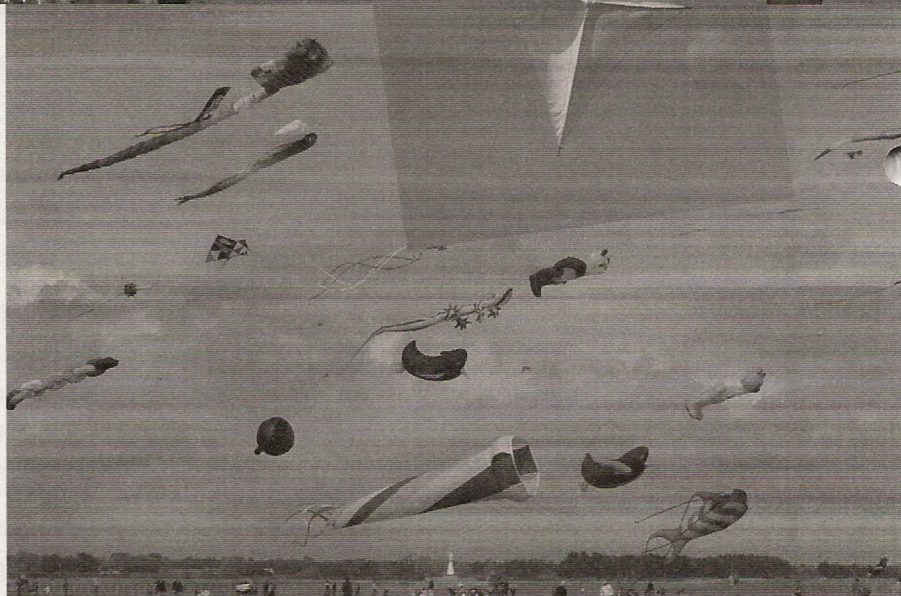
Above: Anne and Peter Whitehead cooking up a storm at Waitarere Beach, Labour Weekend

Above right: David Bowie at Ohakea

Right: A colourful sky at Ohakea

Inset: Richard Wotton's replica Eddy keeping the moon company at Ohakea

All photographs by Richard Wotton



good to see some new faces: Frances and Paul Hays, from Ohakune, and Diana and Malcolm Hubbert, from Auckland.

On Saturday afternoon, the breeze got a bit vigorous, but nothing that caused a drama – or spoil anyone's appetite for the sumptuous feast hosted by Debra and President Geoff that night. Many thanks for your efforts, D & G!

The following day, the Ohakea Air Force Museum turned on sunshine and a really nice breeze, which we took full advantage of. Malcolm Hubbert was really chuffed to have a very successful maiden flight with his rather large box kite. (Actually, Malcolm, I think we were all pleased it was successful!) We look forward to seeing your next creation.

Since that weekend, as I mentioned, it's been quiet. Dalwyne and I went down to Waitarere Beach, near Levin, on the Saturday of Labour Weekend to fly with around 10 other NZKA stalwarts. The day

began with virtually no breeze, then around 3pm progressed rapidly to way too much breeze. When it started to pick up, I decided it was strong enough to loft a Rolo plan, but by the time I'd readied line and kite I started having second thoughts. These were swiftly followed by third thoughts – and rain. It was quite amazing how quickly the wind came up, but luckily we were able to beat a retreat to the Whiteheads' rented holiday home and console ourselves with a lemonade and some nibbles.

Ah, a kiter's lot isn't an easy one, a sentiment I'm sure Ian Russell would agree with after being dragged from his buggy on the beach and landing on a log. The resulting injury required a couple of nights in Palmerston North Hospital but I'm assured he's making a good recovery. It's hard to keep a good man down. Anne and Peter once again took on the task of feeding the multitude, and made a great job of it. Let's hear it for the chefs!

Regional Lines

The two remaining days of the holiday weekend were a great disappointment to me. I'd really been looking forward to painting the house, but the weather forced me inside to the sewing machine where I whiled away a few hours sewing together a new Roloplan. (Of course, I made frequent checks to see if the weather had improved enough to start the painting!) The stitching was completed by Sunday night, so hopefully another "old-timer" will be taking to the air very soon.

The bag of ripstop scraps I scored while down in Ashburton for this year's national festival has been put



A young flier at Ohakea

to good use (apart from doing service as a cat bed from time to time). Dalwyne has been busy rummaging through the pieces and making two new arches. We'd hoped to debut them at Waitarere Beach, but the wind didn't co-operate for quite long enough.

As we head towards summer, we're hoping for more settled weather and some great kiting events.

Don't forget the national festival is being held at Springvale Park, Wanganui, at EASTER next year. We look forward to seeing you here.

Richard

Childrens comments about a kite workshop.

These comments come from some of the children who participated in a kite workshop I did at a primary school here in Christchurch.

By Stephen Jarvis, Skytes Family Kites

Thankyou for helping us make the awesome kites . I like the way I feel it vibrate in the whizzing wind . I love it, how it shimmers. It is fun flying , It whizzed through the air like a bird zzzzzzz . The part I liked best was making it.

Alice

Thankyou for showing us how to make magical kites .It was awesome. Sadly my kite got plunged into the wall and fell onto the wet ground and got completely wet. I got home from school my sister Jenna snapped the sticks. Oh well we are going to fix it.

Finn

Thankyou for taking the time out to teach us how to make kites.

Rachael

Thankyou for helping us make kites. We went on out new boat, Then Dad said lets get out the 'Loop da loop' kite to fly while the boats going. We did and dad said 'STOP' but Mum didn't stop the boat. So Dad let go of the kite, the 'Loop da loop kite went into the lake, but we got it back.

Sofia

Thankyou for coming and teaching us . WOW. I liked all of it, but not waiting for the string!.

Jessica

Thankyou very much for all the fun of making the pretty kites. The part I liked the best was when my kite soared and zoomed through the air .

Jack

Regional Lines

Thankyou for coming to our school. It was ultra cool making high flying kites. I hope you can come again. The part I liked the best was when we finished and we could fly our kites. I spent all lunch time flying my kite.

Hamish

Thankyou for choosing me to be the first person to get the bamboo on. The part I liked best was when I called my kite the Green Goosum.

Michael

Thankyou for helping us make kites. My favourite part was when we tied the string to the sticks.

Ruby

A big thankyou for teaching us how to make kites. I wonder how you became really good at making kites. I really liked it when I could draw on my kite.

Oliver

Dear Mr Jarvis

I sincerely appreciate how you taught us. I want to thank you the best I can for teaching us.

Thomas

Thanks room 4. It was great working with you.

Stephen Jarvis

Long Fin Banner Fish

Heniochus acuminatus, is it's scientific name. But don't let that fool you. It's a little beauty and at 1.75 cm tall this one is specially developed for you to make in your own studio or work space.

I have received a lot of requests for the plans of my "Fish in Line" so I made a decision to accommodate those wanting to make one of these pieces.

To find out more go to:

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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.

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.

Rainbow Flight Kites

Rainbow Flight Kites

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

Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, Kw, D, W, O, Kk, Ex.

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Dear Kite Lovers,

Taiwanese kite master Wen-Fu Tsai attended the Coolum kite festival last week. We also held three kite workshops during our stay in Coolum. We had a very good time there.

We are very honored to be the featured kite flyers of the Coolum kite festival 2006.

More pictures can be found at <http://www.pixnet.net/thumbnails.php>

Wesson Wu



And inside you can find out more about these in Richard Wotton's Regional Report...

All photographs by Richard Wotton

The NZKA's Grizz and Geoff Campbell's panda enjoyed their outing



Richard Wotton's Red Baron at Ohakea



Dalwyne Wotton enjoying freshly-brewed coffee at Waitarere Beach

Paul Hays at Springvale Park



Below: Robert van Weers (rt) checks out a replica Le Cornu kite made by Frank Schulz, of Germany (left)

