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Presidents notes

This magazine is probably going to end up smaller than most. This is a reflection on the time of year and possibly on the economy. I have always tried to say things that matter and not repeat myself. So this magazine will have information on upcoming events, reasons for changes to formats and perhaps a little more. But it's just been winter, and unless you've been off overseas then you probably have not been doing much flying.

Please read the magazine closely as there are some important announcements; the first being the AGM which will be held in conjunction with the festival at Nelson in January.

The reasons for this are many fold, but it should be better weather than in April. It should be warmer at least. (Certainly Nelson has an enviable record for fine days and good weather in January). If you wish to take annual holidays then the following weekend there will be a kite festival on Brighton Beach at Christchurch. Hopefully we can run a fairly laid back economical event in these challenging times. This still satisfies the call from the last AGM to have an AGM in the South Island. I understand that everyone thought they were going to Wigram, but that field became unavailable.

Nelson Annual Summertime Kite Festival in conjunction with the NZKA National Kite Festival.

Notice of 26th AGM of the NZKA will be held on 23 January 2010 in Nelson.

The Nelson Summertime Kite Festival will be held 24th of January 2010. Nelson has a start of set up day on Friday and a test run day on the Saturday, then the full blown festival on the Sunday. We intend to hold the AGM at this festival. We will be able to arrive on the Friday the 22nd of January and end up with our usual fish and chips in a tent. Saturday morning will be the AGM, and then general kite flying for the rest of the day. We will have time for a small auction on Saturday night. Sunday will be the festival and may include more activities than we always manage including a Rokkaku challenge and wind permitting an altitude sprint. Sunday night could include a meal out at the Verdict and Monday will be clean up and unpacking tents etc.

There will be a registration form sent in the next 6 weeks via email to most people and regular post (to keep the postie busy) to others. If you have not received an email in 6 weeks and expect to, then please send us your new address.

Up coming events

Fathers Day Kitefly

As some of you (on email) will have seen, Ohakea has been confirmed. The offer still stands to meet in Wanganui on the Saturday 5th September for a fly at Springvale Park and then a meal (on the Saturday night) depending on numbers.

Then on to Ohakea on the Sunday, 6th September. Flying from 10.30 till 4.00. Because of renovations at Ohakea we will be flying nearer to the hangers. The entrance will be the last gate on the left before you get to the base. There may be other posters suggesting the start time is 9.30, but I assure you the cadets are not expecting people before 10.30. Mention you are with the NZKA at the entry point.

Dannevirke 18 October 2009

The Dannevirke Lions are planning a kite day on 18 October 2009. To be held in the large playing field area at the northern end of the main street. On maps this is the Upper Domain on Christian Street. Starting time 10am

They would like this to become an annual event and include small kite workshops, if possible have kites for sale and so on.

They would like support from NZKA members to enable this to be a large public event. They are a very involved Club and will have local radio station and newspaper support for the event.

http://www.nzbn.com/viking/october_spring_festival.htm

Web site for the Lions Kite festival in Dannevirke

Taupo Home built kite weekend.

Taupo are looking at holding a kite fly on the 14th and 15th of November in possible conjunction with a display of kites at the local Taupo Museum.

The event will be held in Taharepa Park on the waterfront.

Johnsonville Lions December Kite Day.

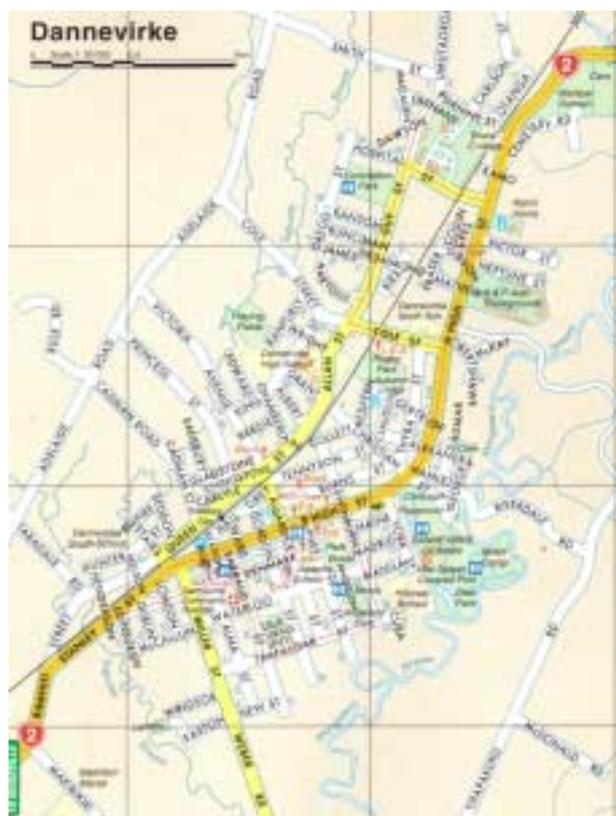
Following on from previous years the Lions are to hold another kite day in conjunction with the Northern Wellington Festival. Last years events can be seen at <http://www.festival.org.nz>

This year the kite day will be held at Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville on 6th December from 10 o'clock onwards. Any further information can be obtained from Stephen Cook.

Chateau at New Year.

The Tongariro Historical Society and the New Zealand Kitefliers Association have created a monster with a life of its own. The kite event at New Year is now becoming firmly entrenched in everyone's diary, so the lodge has been booked, the venue is currently available, the event is on. As per normal we will be housed at the lodge on December 31st 2009, 1st and 2nd of January 2010 and fly on the golf course in front of the Chateau on New Years day. Time to relax, unwind and soak in the atmosphere.

The cost to participants will be accommodation of about \$30.00 per night per person plus the usual amount to cover food costs.



Proposed Bay of Islands “International” Kite Festival

Robert Van Weers and then myself have been in communication with a group that would like to have a kite festival in the Bay of Islands mid-October during the 2011 World Rugby Cup.

Harko Brown is the leader of a group of Maori performers and sports people who went to kite festivals in Dieppe in 2006 and Cervia in 2008.

The initial request to the NZKA was for us to be the front organisation for the receipt of funding and sponsorship and for us to play a role in the organisation of the festival.

Harko has been advised that we can do neither because:

- Past precedent has been that the NZKA is not financially exposed to an event for and controlled by someone else. A local club, organisation or trust has run past events such as Napier 1990 & 1995.
- We have no active members close enough to be actively involved in the organising. It is not practical to organise/run an event remotely.

Harko has also been advised that the NZKA would be more than happy to provide their yet to be identified organiser(s) with technical help on venue set-up and kiteflier arrangements.

From my exchanges with Harko it is hoped to have the kite flying on the open areas around and near the Treaty House. There are likely to be some restrictions on the size of kite that can fly near the Treaty House and flagpole. At the same time Harko will be running a traditional games tournament between a number of schools from around NZ and France on a reserve near the lower marae. If all the plans come to fruition then having ones kites photographed in front of or near the Treaty House will be a must do.

We will keep members informed via *What's Up?* as further information comes to hand. Our participation would need to be decided early as accommodation is going to be at a premium during this time.

Ray McCully
Secretary Treasurer

Labour Weekend Kitemaking - Changes date.

This year the kite we will make is the spirit kite from Martin Lester. We will be doing the workshop along the lines of the Peter Lynn workshop of a few years ago. Martin will cut pre cut the kite and send it to us as a kit. The major difference is that Peter Lynn was here to help us make his kites but unfortunately Martin will not be joining us from England, but will be giving full instructions and a half made example that we will be able to clearly inspect.

Also the kite making event will not actually be held at Labour weekend this year because Pukeora Estate is previously booked on Labour weekend and some of our members are otherwise engaged on Labour weekend. The Kite making event will be held at Pukeora Estate on the weekend of 7th and 8th of November. We will have the use of the estate from the Friday night so we can have an early morning start on the Saturday.

Talking to Martin he says that he can sew the spirit in about two hours, but that at classes he has run, people usually take more than a day to make them. I am confident in peoples ability to finish this class in the weekend after the work we have done in other classes.

If you have not already booked the cost will be \$125.00 for the spirit kit and other costs to stay at Pukeora for two nights and a usual contribution towards food costs

Brighton Beach

Kite flying at Brighton Beach (Christchurch) the last weekend of January 2010. More details of time etc next issue. This is the weekend after Nelson, so make a holiday of it and spend a week in the South Island.

FANO INTERNATIONAL KITEFLIERS' MEETING 2009

The 25th anniversary Fano International Kitefliers' Meeting was held in June on the Danish island of Fano in June. To view a 6-minute video of the event go to www.dietrich.dk >Festivals >2007-2009 >Fano then scroll down a bit and you'll find the video box. There are also still photos from the event – and a nice Charlie Brown cartoon for when it all gets just too serious! There's also a feature on the Green Bird land yacht, in which Briton Richard Jenkins recently set a new world record speed of 126mph on a dry lake in Nevada. Somewhere on the web are some great photos which I spotted a couple of days ago but can no longer find, so if you'd like to see more I'm afraid you'll have to search.

CAPTIONS FOR PHOTOS

1. Asterix and Obelix. This 4m kite is based on a design by Willi Koch, Germany, and was a two-year project by Doerte and Frank Schulz (photo Frank Schulz)
2. This wind-gauge dial says it all on a not-so-good Fano day (photo Christian Harms)
3. Fano ferry dock from the air, by kite aerial photography (photo Christian Harms)
4. Christian Harms' home-made KAP rig (photo Christian Harms)
5. The vast beach at Fano from the air (photo Christian Harms)
6. The "Canada Edo", by Christian Harms. Yet another amazing kite from this extremely talented young German kite-maker (photo Christian Harms)
7. Bols on the beach (photo Christian Harms)
8. A huge Grund self-regulating meteorological kite from around 1930, restored by Werner Schmidt, of Germany. The kite still has original spars and fittings. (photo Frank Schulz)









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 and W.

A Kiwi Kite

1a Sunshine Rise, Raglan.
Phone (07) 825 7290
Services offered: SL, DL, C, Bu, Re, Kw, D, Ex and RL.

Raven Kites

1 Victoria Avenue. Wanganui.
Phone (06) 348 5805, Fax (06) 348 5806
Services offered: SL, DL, Bu, C and power kites.

Rainbow Flight Kites

19 North Road, Nelson.
Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707
E-mail: info@kites-rainbowflight.co.nz
Website: www.kites-rainbowflight.co.nz
SL, DL, C, Bu, F, Kw, D, W, O, KK and Ex.

Skylines and 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
E-mail: julie@kites.co.nz
Services offered: SL, DL, C, F, Ka, Re, BM, W, G, O, Mo, KK, Ex and RL.

“We Don’t Fly Kites in Winter”

Well, that was our mantra until the weekend of August 8th and 9th... Two beautifully fine days with a weather systems providing a weak north east breeze gave us the ideal conditions to fly kites at the lake front in Rotorua.

On both days we managed to have kites flying for about 1.5 hours between 1 and 3pm. The winds were steady so we had 8 kites up in an area we normally only fly 5 or 6 kites. Spectators gathered and the usual questions came thick and fast:

“Are you selling kites?” “No”

“Where did you get them?” “We make most of them for our enjoyment and the enjoyment of anyone else who wants to watch.”

After which the discussion then turns to the specifics of the different kites.

Lets hope the rest of the year is as good as our early start in August.



Ray and Rosemary

Flying Sites/Regional Reps

Auckland

Bastion Point
Contact : Perrin at Kiteworks
Ph 09 358 0991
kiteworks@xtra.co.nz

Bay of Plenty

Fergusson Park, Tauranga (3rd Sunday)
Lake front by Sound Shell, Rotorua (only when the wind is off the lake) Taharepa Reserve on the lake front at Taupo
Contact : Ray McCully,
Ph 07 348 3828
mccullyR@xtra.co.nz

Christchurch (Last Sunday)

Hansen's Park, Opawa
Contact : Julie Adam,
Ph 03 365 3907
julie@kites.co.nz

Napier/Hastings (2nd Sunday)

Anderson Park, Greenmeadows
Contact : Sharon Russell,
Ph 06 844 0689
rj.russells@paradise.net.nz

Nelson (3rd Sunday)

Neale Park
Contact : Ted Howard
Ph 03 548 8707
kitesfun@ihug.co.nz

Palmerston North

Ongley Park

Clarks Beach (1st Sunday)

Stevenson Road Park
Contact : Jim Ayers
Ph 09 232 0251

Wanganui (Every Sunday)

Springvale Park
Contact : Richard Wotton
Ph 06 343 2770
rwotton@xtra.co.nz

Wellington (1st Sunday)

Elsdon Park, Porirua
Contact : Anne and Peter Whitehead
Ph 04 476 7227

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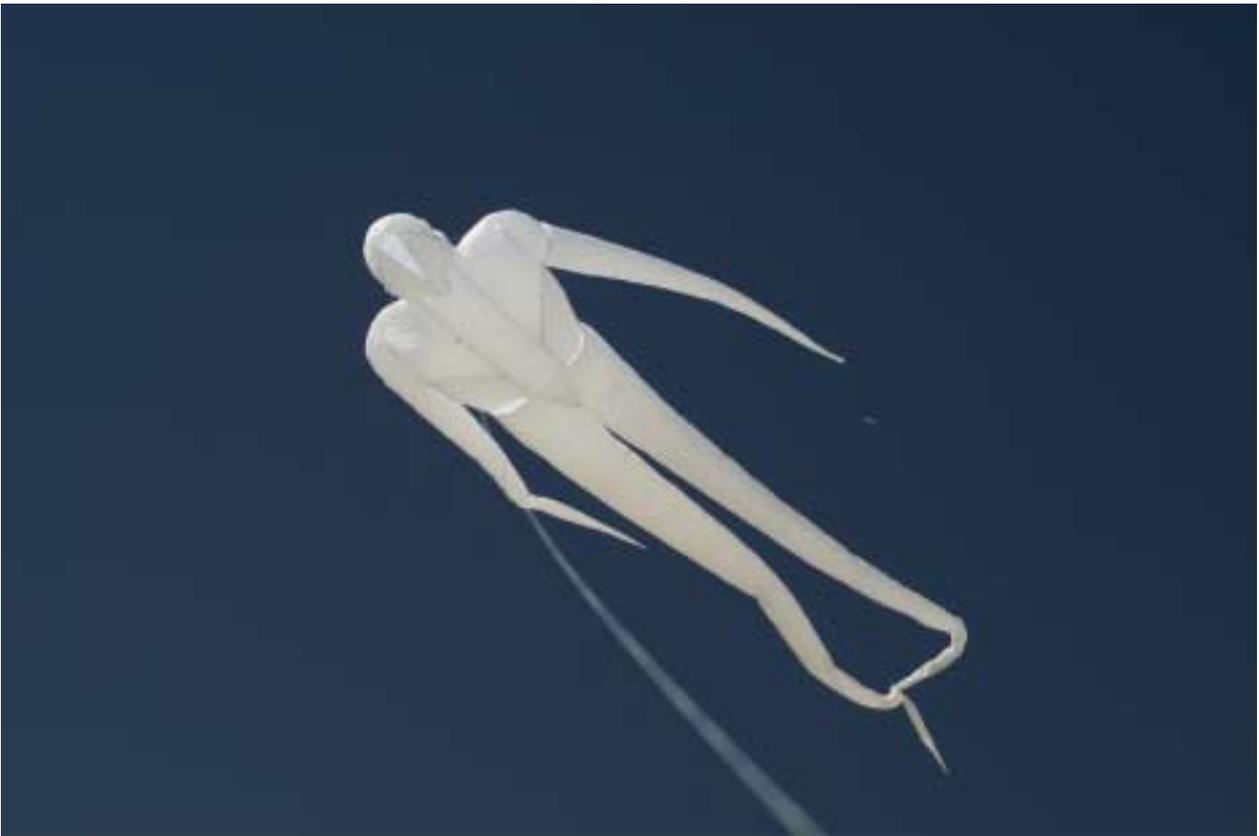
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Above Martin Lester Spirit kite to be made as this Labour Weekend kite making project
Below Malcolm Hubbert's Rupert kite relaxing at Taupo

