

AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to
Wildwood, New Jersey
and the

American Kitefliers Association's
34th Annual
National Convention

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**Welcome to Wildwood and
 the annual gathering of the
 American Kitefliers Association**

The best thing about kiting is that there is something here for everyone. Whether you are an artist or engineer; competitor or not; educator or looking for new ideas; extrovert or recluse; young or old; newcomer or long-time enthusiast -- there is some aspect of kiting that reaches out to each of us. There is a common thread that brings all of us together -- the grace, beauty, and magic of flight.

The best thing about our annual convention is that it brings all of these diverse elements together.

Fair warning; you are not going to be able to do everything this week. There’s so much! We’ve got workshops, demonstrations, competitions, mass ascensions, exhibits, parties, receptions, the Fly Market, auctions and awards. We’ve got every kind of kite! Above all, we have people. If you are new to AKA, don’t be shy! There are no strangers here -- only friends that you haven’t met yet.

People, flying, and learning are the focus of the convention, but it doesn’t stop there. It is also a serious gathering with important business meetings that develop Association policy and an Awards banquet that honors deserving members. Share your opinions and help us make AKA even better by attending the Business Meeting on Wednesday night. The Great Kite Auction is wonderful fun, and it pays for a significant part of our operation during the rest of the year. Remember, we are a volunteer organization and everyone has something important to offer. You’ll have a more meaningful convention and meet more people if you get involved and volunteer. Stop by the auction receiving room and help out for a few hours.

We are here to celebrate the joys of kiting and the people who fly kites. The purpose of our Association is “To educate the public in the art, history, technology, and practice of building and flying kites, to advance kiting, its joys and its values, in all nations”.

Now, go enjoy!

Barbara Meyer, AKA President

NATIONAL CONVENTION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26			
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Auction Receiving		Meeting 5-6
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Opening Reception Sponsored by AKA, SJKF, WOW and Keystone Kites with greeters from the Annual Meeting Committee		Ballroom Lobby
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27			
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
	Workshops Session 1		
9:00 am – 10:15 am	No Sew Kite Making Technique	Dick Maciel	Meeting 1
9:00 am – 10:15 am	A First-Timers Introduction to the Convention	Sis & Dick Vogel	Meeting 2
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Small Banner Workshop	Phil Broder	Meeting 3
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Auction Receiving		Meeting 5-6
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Board Meeting		Meeting 4
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Indoor Practice		Exhibit Hall
	Workshops Session 2		
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Boomerang Workshop	Chet Snouffer	Meeting 1
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Small Banner Workshop	Phil Broder	Meeting 3
10:30 am – 11:45 am	I've Never Flown a Fighter Kite	Bruce Jarvie & Andy Selzer	Field 1
	Sport Kite Competition		
12:00 pm	Pilot & Judges Meeting		Field 2 & 3
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Novice Individual Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Multi-line Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Team Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Open Multi-line Pairs Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Open Individual Outdoor Unlimited		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Pairs Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Individual Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Team Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Mass Ascension - Sport Kite		Field 1
1:20 pm – 2:00 pm	Angel Fly		Field 1
2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Open Flying		Field 1
3:00 pm-4:00 pm	Wild at Wildwood Challenge		Field 1
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Indoor Fliers Meeting		Exhibit Hall
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Indoor Competition		Exhibit Hall

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28			
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
9:00 am	Bag Raffle		Meeting 9
Workshops Session 1			
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Decoration of Ripstop with Applique	Oliver Reymond	Meeting 1
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Kitebuilding Using a Unique Paper Technique	Ron Petralito	Meeting 2
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Judging Handmade Kites: Before the Competition	Steve Ferrel & Co	Meeting 3
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Auction Receiving		Meeting 5-6
Workshops Session 2			
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Decoration of Ripstop with Applique	Oliver Reymond	Meeting 1
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Drachen Foundation Website Introduction	Scott Skinner	Meeting 2
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Make a Miniature Kite	Susan Skinner	Meeting 3
Sport Kite Competition			
12:00 pm	Pilots & Judges Meeting		Field 2 & 3
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Individual Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Multi-line Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Multi-line Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Pairs Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Open Team Train		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Pairs Ballet		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Novice Individual Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Team Precision		TBA at Pilot Mtg.
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Mass Ascension - Rokkaku & Fighter		Field 1
1:20 pm	Fighter Kite Competition (Novice Line Touch)		Field 4
COMPREHENSIVE KITEMAKING	12:00	Judging Craftsmanship and Structural Design	Convention Center
	1:00	Fighter Kites & Stunt & Sport Kites	Necanicum
	1:15	Unclassified Flying Objects & Figure	Necanicum
	1:30	Deltas & Derivatives Kites	Necanicum
	2:00	Rokkaku Kites	Necanicum
	2:30	Flat Kites	Necanicum
	3:00	Soft and Flexible Kites	Necanicum
	3:30	Bowed Kites	Necanicum
	4:00	Cellular and Dimensional Kites	Necanicum
1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Open Flying		Field 1
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	AKA Membership Forum & Annual Meeting		Meeting 10

NATIONAL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29			
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
9:00 am	Bag Raffle		Meeting 9
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Fly Market (set up)		Meeting 10
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Auction Receiving		Meeting 5-6
Workshops Session 1			
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Sport Kite Symposium	Ann Vondriska	Meeting 1
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Make and Take Fighter Workshop	Andy Selzer and the Bandana Gang	Meeting 2
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Kite Surfing 101	Karl Toft	Field 1
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Rev Kites 101	Ben Dantonio	Field 1
Workshops Session 2			
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Sport Kite Symposium	Ann Vondriska	Meeting 1
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Make and Take Fighter Workshop	Andy Selzer and the Bandana Gang	Meeting 2
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Kite Surfing 101	Karl Toft	Field 1
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Rev Kites 101	Ben Dantonio	Field 1
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm Meeting at 12:00	Comprehensive Kitemaking Competition		Field 2
	Trains and Centipedes	Outside Judging	
	Arches and Ribbons	Outside Judging	
	Sky Display	Outside Judging	
	Soft and Flexible Kites	1:30	
	Flat Kites	1:45	
	Rokkaku	2:00	
	Delta and Delta Derivatives	2:15	
	Bowed Kites	2:30	
	Cellular and Dimensional Kites	2:45	
	Figure Kites	3:00	
	Fighter Kites	3:15	
	Sport Kites	3:30	
	Unclassified Flying Objects	3:45	
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Mass Ascension, Cellular kites		Field 1
1:00 pm	Fighter Kite Competition – All Classes		Field 4
1:20 pm – 5:00 pm	Open Flying		Field 1
2:00 pm	Walkabout		Field 1
6:30 pm	Cocktail Reception – No Host Bar		Conv. Ctr. Lobby
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration		Meeting 7-8
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Challenge Night: Miniature Kites, Pins, Patches and more!		Meeting 1-2-3
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Fly Market Opening		Meeting 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30		
8:00 am – Noon	Registration	Meeting 7-8
9:00 am	Bag Raffle	Meeting 9
Workshops Session 1		
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Getting Creative – A new concept in the sky	Will Sturdy
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Starting A Kite Business	David Gomberg
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Decoration of Ripstop with Applique	Oliver Reymond
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fly Market Open	Meeting 10
Workshops Session 2		
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Making a Simple KAP Rig	Dave Wheeler
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Make a Comeback	Chet Snouffer
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Decoration of Ripstop with Applique	Oliver Reymond
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Mass Ascension - Soft Kites	Field 1
Sport Kite Competition		
12:00 pm	Pilots & Judges Meeting	Field 2 & 3
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Individual Ballet	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Experienced Individual Precision	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Open Multi-line Pairs Ballet	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Pairs Ballet	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Team Ballet	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
TBA at Pilot Mtg.	Masters Multi-line Precision	TBA at Pilot Mtg.
1:00 pm	Fighter Competition – Experienced Line Touch	Field 4
1:20 pm – 3:00 pm	Open Art Kite Fly	Field 1
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Art Kite Fly	Field 1
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Open Art Kite Fly	Field 1
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	No Host Cocktail Reception	Conv. Ctr. Lobby
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Silent Auction	Ballroom
7:00 pm – 12:00 am	The Great Kite Auction & Banquet	Ballroom

****THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

During the convention, changes will be posted at registration and on the flying field whenever possible. HOWEVER, it is the responsibility of competitors to be in the right place and ready to compete when their turn comes. All times listed are “kite time” and as such are subject to a high degree of uncertainty.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1			
8:00 am – Noon	Registration		Meeting 7-8
Workshops Session 1			
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Kite Art – Using Kites to Educate and Amaze	Ben Dantonio	Meeting 1
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Judging Handmade Kites: After the Competition	Steve Ferrel & Co	Meeting 2
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Let’s Talk Knock-Offs!	Ben Dantonio	Meeting 3
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Bag Raffle		Meeting 9
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fly Market (last session)		Meeting 10
Workshops Session 2			
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Brainstorming Innovative Ideas for your Convention	Bob Kelly	Meeting 1
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Conducting Children’s Kite Workshops	Kathy Nixie	Meeting 2
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Mass Ascension - Delta Kite		Field 1
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Ground Display Challenge		Field 1
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	MegaFly		Field 3 & 4
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Members’ Choice Open Fly		Field 2
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Open flying		Field 1
2:00 pm	Rokkaku – Single & Team Competition		Field 2
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Members’ Choice Setup		Ballroom
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception – No Host Bar & Members’ Choice Voting		Ballroom
7:00 pm – 12:00 am	Dinner & Awards Presentation		Ballroom



Would you like to share the photo's
 you take at this years convention?
 Send them to webmaster@aka.kite.org
 for inclusion in the photo gallery on the
 AKA website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCATION

Wildwoods Convention Center (WCC)

FIELD EVENTS

The beautiful beaches to the south of the Wildwoods Convention Center

INDOOR FLY

WCC Exhibit Hall

BANQUETS

WCC Ballroom

RECEPTION

WCC Lobby

REGISTRATION PACKET

You were given many things at the registration desk, including this onsite program. Some of those items were; individual registration information sheet, badge, lanyard, banquet tickets, kite (your registration number on an 8 ½" x 11" card) to bring to the Friday night auction for bidding purposes, pocket program, patch, evaluation, and miscellaneous stuffers. If you have pre-ordered souvenirs, they are available at registration and if there are still some souvenirs you want to purchase, you will find a table with these items for sale. Please take a moment to make sure you have everything listed – have a fun week!

NAME BADGES

Please wear your name badge at all times; it is evidence of your convention registration and your admission to workshops, all convention activities and field events. Please don't exchange badges with other registrants until Saturday night. Badge swapping makes the convention confusing for newcomers. Badge numbers are also used to award several convention benefits.

BANQUET TICKETS

You **MUST** have your banquet ticket to enter either the Friday or Saturday night dinners, we cannot replace lost tickets. When you find a seat at a table, place your ticket in front of you so the servers will know you are having dinner.

SCHEDULING

It is your responsibility to keep abreast of unforeseen scheduling changes, especially for competition events. Weather or other factors may cause event coordinators to delay or change starting times. We will try to post schedule changes at the Convention Center and at the Field Headquarters. However, you should also check with competition event coordinators for the final decision and schedule.

VIDEO RECORDING

Cameras and camcorders are welcome, but commercial sales or distribution of videotaped convention coverage is prohibited without the prior authorization of the AKA Board of Directors. At times the convention is professionally videoed and copies of the professionally produced official convention video may be ordered at Registration Headquarters. Please note that much of the information shared in the convention workshops is copyrighted. Please be sure to ask each presenter for permission before recording a presentation or taking any photos.

VENDING AT THE CONVENTION

Only vendors who have purchased Fly Market space are authorized to sell kites and kite related products in any convention venue.



WORKSHOPS

(listed alphabetical by workshop name)

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Coordinator: Todd Little

Tuesday

- 09:00 - 10:15 AM A First Timers Introduction to the Convention
 09:00 - 10:15 AM No Sew Kite Making Technique
 09:00 - 11:45 AM Small Banner Workshop (Double Session)
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Boomerang Workshop
 10:30 - 11:45 AM I've Never Flown a Fighter Kite (Field 1)

Wednesday

- 09:00 - 10:15 AM Judging Handmade Kites - Before the Competition
 09:00 - 10:15 AM Kite Building Using a Unique Paper Technique
 09:00 - 11:45 AM Decoration of Ripstop with Appliqué (Double Session)
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Drachen Foundation Website Introduction
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Make a Miniature Kite

Thursday

- 09:00 - 10:15 AM Sport Kite Symposium
 09:00 - 11:45 AM Make and Take Fighter Workshop (Double Session)
 09:00 - 11:45 AM Kite Surfing 101 (Double Session - Field 1)
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Rev Kites 101 (Field 1)

Friday

- 09:00 - 10:15 AM Getting Creative: Getting a New Concept Into the Sky
 09:00 - 10:15 AM Starting a Kite Business
 09:00 - 11:45 AM Decoration of Ripstop with Appliqué (Double Session)
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Making a Simple KAP Rig
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Make a Comeback!

Saturday

- 09:00 - 10:15 AM Judging Handmade Kites - After the Competition
 09:00 - 10:15 AM Kite Art: Using Kites to Educate and Amaze
 09:00 - 10:15 AM Let's Talk Knock-Offs!
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Brainstorming Innovative Ideas for your Convention
 10:30 - 11:45 AM Conducting Children's Kite Workshops

A First -Timers Introduction to the Convention

(How to get the most fun out of your first AKA convention)

Dick and Sis Vogel

TUESDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

Is this your first AKA Convention? Has it been some time since you attended convention? Have you attended before but don't know many others who are here? Have you attended conventions before and would like to help new and returning attendees learn the "ins & outs / ups & downs" of this terrific gathering of kite fliers? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, PLEASE JOIN US for an opportunity to meet other kite fliers and to hear ways to get the most from a convention experience!!

Boomerang Workshop

Chet Snouffer

TUESDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Three time World Champion boomerang thrower and AKA member Chet Snouffer brings us the latest in boomerang design, throwing techniques and tips in a fast-paced and hilarious presentation! Kites and boomerangs are sister sports sharing ancient histories, a love for the wind, and an appreciation of nature. Plus, it's STUFF THAT FLIES!! :-)

Brainstorming Innovative Ideas for your Convention

Bob Kelly

SATURDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Would you like to see different things/activities at the Convention? Have ideas? Join others at this workshop to brainstorm what might be possible.

Conducting Children's Kite Workshops

Kathy Nixie

SATURDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Share your love of kites with a new generation. Learn tips for doing workshops with all age groups. Various patterns will be discussed. Your input is welcome.

Decoration of Ripstop with Appliqué

Olivier Reymond

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 – 11:45 am

This workshop is aimed toward kite makers who would like to decorate ripstop kites with some more complicated designs. Contrary to other techniques, this one is based on straight stitching and not zigzag. All the steps from the original picture to the final result will be shown and discussed. This will be a hands-on class. Kites made with this appliqué technique can be seen here:

www.membres.multimania.fr/acielouvert/olivier.htm

This class is full.

Drachen Foundation Website Intro.

Scott Skinner

WEDNESDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Join Scott Skinner, president of the Drachen Foundation, in exploring the new Drachen Foundation website. Learn the ins and outs of navigating this huge site, especially if you are an educator. See how you can contribute to the world's largest online kite collection with your own kite profile. (We will demonstrate the new Post and Share upload template!) Learn the Foundation's plans for the next ten years.

Getting Creative: Getting a New Concept Into the Sky

Will Sturdy

FRIDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

The 2010 AKA Grand Champion kite maker will discuss some of the various processes he uses to take a new design from a purely hypothetical idea to a flying object. Topics covered will include basic structural and aero dynamical analysis, CAD modeling, plan construction, and some thoughts on what sail materials and spars are best in different types of applications

I've Never Flown a Fighter Kite

Bruce Jarvie & Andy Selzer

TUESDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am (Field 1)

Introduction to Fighter Kite Flying: This workshop is your chance to find out how to fly those pesky little Fighter Kites. Friendly, helpful members of the Fighter Kite Committee will be on the field to answer your questions and help get you started. Loaner kites will be available if you don't have a kite of your own.

Judging Handmade Kites: After the Competition

Steve Ferrel & Co.

SATURDAY: 9:00 – 10:15 am

There will be a symposium prior to the competition with a question and answer session on what the judges are looking for when judging. This is a follow-up after the competition on how the competition went and a question and answer session for the competitors. Members of the Kite makers' Competition Committee, as well as judges, will be in attendance to help answer your questions.

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Judging Sport Kite Competition: Indoor & Outdoor

Bill Rogers

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 – 10:15 am

Covering all aspects of sport kite judging – precision, ballet, and indoor. What to look for and what to ignore. With 10 years of judging indoor and outdoor Competitions, including AKAGN, and a member of the Sport Kite Committee for 5 years.

Kite Art: Using Kites to Educate and Amaze

Glenn Davison

SATURDAY: 9:00 – 10:15 am

Talking about kites in a school, library, museum, scouts or classroom can be a wonderful adventure for you and for those you visit. It should be more than just educational, it should be amazing and fun. Join us for a slide show and talk by Glenn Davison. Glenn is the editor of the book, "Kites in the Classroom" and Chairman of the AKA Kite Education Committee. He has visited dozens of venues where the students have been amazed and amused. One bus driver said, "I haven't seen the kids this excited since the last day of school!"

Kite Building using a Unique Paper Technique

Ron Petralito

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

This technique of kite building utilizes readily available paper or plastic sheeting which is connected using a variety of adhesive tapes employing a system that I call the "KOI" method of detailing. Using this method, unlike other taping systems, you will be able to produce kites with little or no tape showing on the face of the sail. My emphasis is on the construction of unique or conventional kite designs using techniques that are quick and easy to master and materials that are all locally obtainable. Since I maintain a willingness to cut off, add to or otherwise alter my original designs I have developed this unique system which lends itself to all these possibilities.

Kite Surfing 101

Karl Toft

THURSDAY: 9:00 - 11:45 am (Field 1)

Learn the basics of traction kiting on water with this beginner's clinic. You'll learn about the kites, control bars, lines, and safety gear necessary, and fly small trainer kites on the beach. (There will be no actual kite surfing in this workshop.)

Let's Talk Knock-Offs

Ben Dantonio

SATURDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

Lets talk knock offs and the companies who are doing it. Ben shares his feelings on the problem and what can be done to combat it on our end. Also what the knock-offs mean to this sport as seen by a manufacture and flier.

Make a Comeback

Chet Snouffer

FRIDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Boomerang Workshop with World Champion Chet Snouffer! Participants will make their own boomerang to keep at this workshop!

Limited to 25 participants.

Make a Miniature Kite

Susan Skinner

WEDNESDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Make a "frameless" diamond miniature kite of the AKA logo. This kite is made from all tissue paper using a glue stick. Easy to make, with easy to find materials so you can make more after you go home. All materials and supplies provided for the class.
Limited to 24 participants.

Make and Take Fighter Workshop

Andrew Selzer and the Bandana Gang

THURSDAY: 9:00 - 11:45 am

This year's model will be a good beginner's and low wind fighter kite; simply titled Mark's kite, this kite features a lightweight Orcon sail with a bamboo spine and .050 graphite bow. It is a no-sew design using contact cement, super glue, and Orcon tape. In 2006, at Des Moines, this design went from the classroom to the field and won the Novice Line touch competition. Andy hopes you enjoy making this kite and if you need help in learning to fly, please ask any fighter kite flyer.

Making a Simple KAP Rig From Kite Making Materials

Dave Wheeler

FRIDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am

Learn how to make a simple KAP rig from kite fabric, line, sticks, tape and a few household items. Dave Wheeler is chair of the Best Aerial Photo award and has had extensive experience in KAP flying.

No Sew Kite Making Technique

Dick Maciel

TUESDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

Dick will demonstrate how to apply 3M VHB tape and make a smooth, straight seam. Then he will expand that skill to apply an appliqué. Next he will demonstrate the most difficult skill, making a hem. Then you can grab some practice materials and try the hemming yourself.

Rev Kites 101

John Barresi

THURSDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 am (Field 1)

Essential introduction to tuning and flight techniques for Revolution kites, this outdoor workshop will focus on flight skills, handling your equipment (sails, frames, lines) and anything else which may help you get more enjoyment out of your Rev kites and spend more time in the air.

Small Banner Workshop

Phil Broder

TUESDAY: 9:00 - 11:45

Take home your new Jersey-style banner in this make-and-take workshop. All materials will be provided (bring your own sewing machine) to build this 4' banner that you can personalize with your own artwork. \$20 materials fee payable during workshop. Preregistration required.



It's not too early to be thinking AKA 2012!

Enid, Oklahoma will be the site of the 2012 American Kitefliers Association's 35th National Convention

Enid was selected from a wide range of facilities and locations and the criteria was easy – flying, flying, flying. Richard Dermer calls the fields the most beautiful flying fields he has ever seen, and their access for AKA members will be unprecedented. How about driving your car to the area where you want to fly? How about not having to drag your gear across an acre of land to set up your feathers and base camp? The fields at the Autry Technology Center are amazing, and the winds in Enid are perfect! As a matter of fact, Northwest Oklahoma has spent \$1.9 Billion on Wind Turbines in the last five years alone; harnessing the wind is a top priority for this forwarding moving community.

The community of Enid is offering the AKA that famous "Southern Hospitality" - they want us to come and explore what they have to offer. No other location has offered as many incentives to the group as Enid. We will have complimentary shuttles to and from the hotels to the flying fields, including the indoor flying location. Speaking of indoor flying; picture the event in an indoor baseball park at Northern Oklahoma College; home of the Northern Jets! The facility is massive with built in bleachers and a ceiling height of 35 feet! Enid is also providing tents, golf carts for judges and mobility challenged to navigate the fields and a wonderful site for our banquets at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center with its location in the heart of downtown Enid.

Make your plans now to join us October 1-6, 2012 in Enid, OK!

Sport Kite Symposium

Ann Vondriska

THURSDAY: 9:00 - 10:15 am

All sport kite enthusiasts are welcome to attend this round table discussion on topics including competition rules (and recent changes), conference scoring, judging, and ideas for growing the sport. Sport Kite Chair will be the moderator of the panel, which includes Conference Commissioners, Sport Kite Committee members, and a couple of representatives from the International Rules committee. Suggestions and ideas from this symposium are raised to the International Rules committee and frequently incorporated into the AKA Sport Rules Addendum.

Starting a Kite Business

David Gomberg

FRIDAY: 9:00 – 10:15 am

At what point does a hobby become an enterprise? What do you need to do to be considered seriously in the trade? Former KTA President David Gomberg will talk about the challenges and complexities of operating a wholesale or retail kite business. Possible topics include production domestically or overseas, resources and suppliers, taxes, licenses, and import fees.

FIRST TIMER

FIRST CONVENTION ATTENDEES

If you see a registrant that has a “First Timer” ribbon on their badge, take a moment and introduce yourself. The idea of the week is to network and play with fellow AKA members, let’s remember to make our first time attendees feel especially welcome.



Welcome to the the 34th Annual
American Kitefliers Convention & Competition
in Wildwood, NJ!

COMPETITIONS

BEST KITE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF 2011

Coordinator: Dave Wheeler
 SATURDAY: WCC Exhibit Hall
 3:30 pm Set Up
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Voting

Competition Rules and Procedures:

AKA members in attendance at the convention will vote on their favorite aerial images, and an award will be given for the image with the most votes.

1. Photographs submitted must have been taken by the contestant.
2. Photographs submitted must have been made by lifting a camera with a kite.
3. The photographer must be a member in good standing of AKA at the time of the convention.
4. Up to three images may be submitted by the photographer.
5. Images that have received awards in any other competition are not eligible.
6. Images must be submitted as prints & mounted on matte board. There are no size limitations, but keep in mind that display space will be limited, and/or may be horizontal, e.g., flat on a table.
7. No signature, title, name, or explanatory text may appear on the face of the mounted print.

An information sheet must accompany each submission, containing image title, photographer's name and address, image location, month and year image was taken, medium (digital or film), make of camera and kite, and brief description of any manipulation of the finished image.



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COMPREHENSIVE KITEMAKERS COMPETITION

Head Judge: Steve Ferrel
 WEDNESDAY: WCC Exhibit Hall
 THURSDAY: Field 2

COMPREHENSIVE KITEMAKERS COMPETITION Steve Ferrel and Pete Ross

This year's event will generally run as described in the rulebook. Make sure you attend the PRE-competition meeting (see workshop schedule) to go over the procedures of the competition. Members from the Kitemakers' Competition Committee will be available as well as some of the judges that will be scoring your kites. If you have any questions about the rulebook, which category to enter, or how the competition is run, you should attend this meeting. We will also host a meeting after the competition to review the event and ask for your feedback for ways to improve next year. Check the convention program for dates and times.

Every kite will receive a total score calculated from the four criteria: Visual Appeal, Flight, Craftsmanship, and Structural Design. No pre-registration or pre-qualification is necessary but you must sign in 30 minutes before the beginning of your scheduled category on both days.

On Wednesday, inside the convention center in the Necanicum room, we will be judging Craftsmanship and Structural Design for all kites except Arches & Ribbons, Train & Centipede, and Sky Display. At the start of the indoor judging we will allow a one-minute period for you to verbally present your kite to the judges. Be prepared to communicate the details of your craftsmanship and structural design.

Outside on Thursday, we will judge Flight and Visual appeal for all kites (arches and ribbons, trains, and sky display will be judged for all criteria). Total flight time will be a strictly enforced TEN minutes, which will provide judges an opportunity to judge Flight and Visual Appeal. During this period, the kite must fly for a minimum of FIVE minutes with a minimum of 100 feet of flying line. Generally, kites that fly for a continuous five minutes will score higher than kites requiring more than one launch. The maker of the kite must be present to demonstrate full control of the kite's flight.

We will run the competition by the schedule below. Please realize we often experience delays but will try to keep to the schedule the best we can. Be sure to confirm your schedule time prior to the competition. The maker of the kite must be present for the competition and it is your responsibility to be ready to fly at the beginning of your scheduled time.

WEDNESDAY

- 1:00 pm FIGHTER KITES
- 1:00 pm STUNT AND SPORT KITES
- 1:15 pm UNCLASSIFIED FLYING OBJECTS *
- 1:15 pm FIGURE KITES
- 1:30 pm DELTAS AND DELTA DERIVATIVES
- 2:00 pm ROKKAKU
- 2:30 pm FLAT KITES
- 3:00 pm SOFT AND FLEXIBLE KITES
- 3:30 pm BOWED KITES
- 4:00 pm CELLULAR AND DIMENSIONAL KITES

THURSDAY

- 1:00 pm TRAINS AND CENTIPEDES **
- 1:00 pm ARCHES AND RIBBONS **
- 1:00 pm SKY DISPLAY **
- 1:30 pm SOFT AND FLEXIBLE KITES
- 1:45 pm FLAT KITES
- 2:00 pm ROKKAKU
- 2:15 pm DELTAS AND DELTA DERIVATIVES
- 2:30 pm BOWED KITES
- 2:45 pm CELLULAR AND DIMENSIONAL KITES
- 3:00 pm FIGURE KITES
- 3:15 pm FIGHTER KITES
- 3:30 pm STUNT AND SPORT KITES
- 3:45 pm UNCLASSIFIED FLYING OBJECTS *

* These are kites that do not easily fit into any other category. If you are planning to enter into the UFO category, your kite MUST be approved by the Head Judge prior to competition.

** Judging outside on Thursday

In addition to the above categories, we will be honoring the following Special Awards:

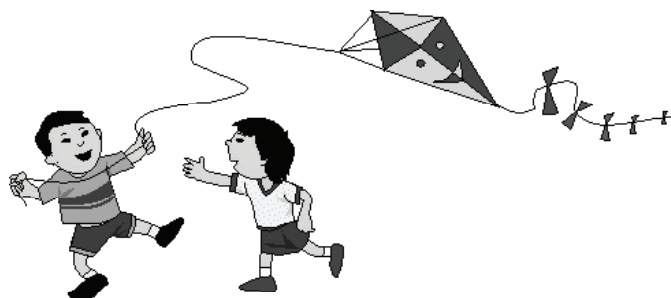
- Most Innovative
- Novice Kitemakers
- Mixed-media kites
- Best use of traditional materials
- Special recognition
- Highest score in each criteria
- Grand National Champion

We also have a Cooperative category. These are kites made by more than one person with a significant contribution in a "hands-on" fashion. Kites will be judged by the criteria appropriate for the type of kite entered. A kitemaker may be affiliated with multiple cooperative teams, but may be affiliated with only one cooperative team for each different kite category. Only one kite may be entered per category (kite type) by any contestant; either as an individual or part of a cooperative team. Group projects involving kite clubs do not count as the one cooperative entry in the category. Only one trophy will be awarded to any one team.

Remember, if you have questions about how the competition will run, attend the meeting prior to the competition.

Good luck to everyone!

Steve Ferrel
Head Judge 1997-present



FIGHTER KITE AND ROKKAKU COMPETITION

Coordinators: Bruce Jarvi & Andy Selzer

WEDNESDAY 1:00 pm

NOVICE LINE TOUCH

Experienced class fliers to work as field crew & judges

Chief Judges: Bruce Jarvi & Andy Selzer

Field 4

THURSDAY 1:00 pm

ALL CLASSES SKILLS CHALLENGE

Field 4

FRIDAY 1:00 pm

EXPERIENCED LINE TOUCH

Novice class fliers to work as field crew & judges

Field 4

SATURDAY 2:00 pm

ROKKAKU BATTLES: INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM

Field 2

PILOTS MEETING:

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY: 1:00 pm with competition starting at 1:15 pm

SATURDAY 2:00 pm with competition starting at 2:15 pm

We hope to fill the needs of everyone with even the slightest interest in fighters and those that have been around for years. We have a great group of volunteers already in place, but as with any convention the more bodies we have, the easier it is to make things flow like we know what we're doing. As in the past we would like to have the novice fliers working the field for the experienced competitions and vice versa. As always we will do our best to spread the good news about fighter kites and build on the interest of the new prospective flier.

Times and events posted are subject to weather and scheduling changes.



INDOOR COMPETITION

Coordinator: Ann Vondriska

TUESDAY: WCC Exhibit Hall

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

INDOOR PRACTICE AND REGISTRATION

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

FLIERS MEETING AND CHECK-IN

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

COMPETITION & DEMOS

The indoor ballet competition promises to be one of the highlights of our convention! If you've seen skilled fliers fly outdoor routines using the wind to maneuver their kites, then you won't want to miss the amazing feats of skill during this indoor competition - flying without any wind!

Talented fliers will dazzle the crowd performing their ballet routines set to music, within the boundaries of four walls - sometimes, they even use the walls!

Combining skill and power of movement, with a little finesse and passion, you'll watch the best of the best indoor kite fliers compete for the honor of AKA National Indoor Champion for 2011.

If you've never attended an indoor flying competition, this is one event you'll want to put on your schedule - it's a guaranteed crowd pleaser! Come by and watch the best sport kite fliers in the nation compete for honors here at the Grand National Indoor Sport Kite Competition!

Participation by Indoor Competitors is by invitation only, based on standings in AKA Conferences.

Please remember; Indoor Competition start time is contingent on Outdoor Competition completion for the day.

MEMBERS' CHOICE

Coordinator: Ed Grys

SATURDAY

1:00 -2:00 pm Open Fly

Field 2

3:30-5:00 pm Set Up

WCC Ballroom

6:00-7:00 pm Voting

WCC Ballroom

Conventioneers have a chance to vote for their favorite kite as part of the Members' Choice Award. Cast your vote Saturday evening during the pre-award cocktail hour. Select the best individual kite and best individual kite accessory.

Entrants are requested to fly their kite for 30 minutes from 1:00 - 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. Please limit entries to one item per category.

SPORT KITE COMPETITION

Coordinator: Ann Vondriska

Fields 2 & 3

Spectators are invited to come out and watch the best sport kite fliers in the Nation compete for honors at the AKA Grand Nationals. Competitive participation is by invitation only based on standings in the AKA Sport Kite Conferences. Competition will run in accordance with the International Sport Kite Competition Rules Version 2.4; Judges Book Version 2.2; Precision Compulsory Book Version 2.2; Interpretation of Dual-Line Team Compulsory Figures Version 2.2 and AKA Addendum Version 2.6.3; revised on 7/30/09.

- The schedule is subject to change.
- Schedule will be updated at Pilot's Meeting each day.
- Flight orders will be announced at the Pilot's Meeting each day.
- Pilot's Meetings are mandatory for all competitors.
- Competition flight order conflicts will be addressed by the Chief Judge, and only by the Chief Judge.
- All competitors are required to work as field staff for events in which they are not competing.
- Thursday and/or Saturday may be used as competition days if required by weather or other delays.

Times and events posted are subject to weather and scheduling changes

2011 AKA GRAND NATIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE - WILDWOOD, NJ

DISCIPLINE	ABBREV	DAY
MASTERS INDIVIDUAL PRECISION	MIP	TUESDAY
EXPERIENCED PAIRS PRECISION	EPP	TUESDAY
OPEN MULTI-LINE PAIRS PRECISION	OMPP	TUESDAY
MASTER TEAM PRECISION	MTP	TUESDAY
NOVICE INDIVIDUAL BALLETT	NIB	TUESDAY
EXPERIENCED MULTI-LINE BALLETT	EMB	TUESDAY
EXPERIENCED TEAM BALLETT	ETB	TUESDAY
OPEN INDIVIDUAL OUTDOOR UNLIMITED	OIOU	TUESDAY
NOVICE INDIVIDUAL PRECISION	NIP	WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCED MULTI-LINE PRECISION	EMP	WEDNESDAY
MASTER PAIRS PRECISION	MPP	WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCED TEAM PRECISION	ETP	WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL BALLETT	EIB	WEDNESDAY
MASTER MULTI-LINE BALLETT	MMB	WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCED PAIRS BALLETT	EPB	WEDNESDAY
OPEN TEAM TRAIN	OTT	WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL PRECISION	EIP	FRIDAY
MASTERS MULTI-LINE PRECISION	MMP	FRIDAY
MASTERS INDIVIDUAL BALLETT	MIB	FRIDAY
MASTERS PAIRS BALLETT	MPB	FRIDAY
OPEN MULTI-LINE PAIRS BALLETT	OMPB	FRIDAY
MASTERS TEAM BALLETT	MTB	FRIDAY

CONVENTION PROGRAMS

AKA BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

MC: Barb Meyer

SATURDAY: 6:00 pm – 12:00 am (WCC Ballroom)

“Come celebrate a fantastic week of incredible kite flying, sharing good food and honoring achievements of your fellow kite fliers. Vote for the Members’ Choice. Congratulate the Edeiken and Ingraham award recipients. Cheer for our competitors as they receive their trophies. Socialize one last night with your friends, new and old.”

AKA GREAT KITE AUCTION & BANQUET

Coordinator: Greg and Jackie Lamoureux

MC: Barb Meyer

Auctioneer: David Gomberg

FRIDAY: 5:00 pm – 12:00 am (WCC Ballroom)

This year’s Great Kite Auction is shaping up to be as fabulous as ever, with all kinds of exceptional items up for grabs. Many kind and generous individual kite makers, store owners, manufactures and wholesalers have contributed to make this the best Auction ever.

The Great Kite Auction will be broken up into 4 parts. The bag raffles begin on Wednesday; where everyone has a chance to take home a treasure. Friday’s festivities start with the cash & carry and the silent auction where all sorts of kites and kite-related items will be bid on. And the highlight of Friday evening will be the loud auction; offering fantastic art pieces, one of a kind collector items, outstanding kite deals and an entertaining auctioneer and crew.

Your priceless donations may be dropped off at the auction receiving room Monday 1-4, and Tuesday – Thursday; 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Remember too, that all donations and purchases are tax deductible.

Finally, we need your help in making this the best Auction ever by remembering to bid high and bid often.

(The 8 ½” x 11” card in your registration packet has your registration number on it. That card is your bid card, don’t forget to bring it to the auction on Friday night! And remember, if you sneeze with that card in your hand – you may have just purchased an exotic auction item!)

AKA MEMBERSHIP FORUM AND ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 – 10:00 pm (WCC Ballroom)

The AKA Membership Forum & Annual Meeting is for all AKA members. It provides an opportunity for the members to talk with the Board of Directors face-to-face. It is the place where the election results are announced, the budget approved, association accomplishments hailed and goals for the future of our organization are set. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, MAKE SUGGESTIONS, AND APPROVE MOTIONS TO GUIDE THE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting, which is required by our by-laws, is an important communications forum between the membership and board of directors. All AKA members are strongly encouraged to participate.

ANGEL FLY

Coordinators: Mike Petty and Don Pignolet

TUESDAY: 1:30 pm (Field 3)

Gather on the field with your white kite to honor and remember those of have left an empty place in our sky. Bring a white kite and join us in the Angel Fly.

ART GALLERY IN THE SKY

Coordinator: Paul Fieber

FRIDAY: 3:00 pm (Field 1)

Art Kite Pin Sponsored by Walt Mitchell of High Plains Delta

On Friday afternoon, kite artists, collectors and others interested in kites as art are again invited to lift one or more of their creations into the Wildwood sky. The “Art Kite Fly” will likely begin about 1:30 on one of the main fields. We hope to demonstrate the amazing range of talented kite makers at convention as well as kites collected from master kitemakers around the world. Festival banners, wind sculptures, and creative ground anchors and other artistic displays are welcome. Join us for this spectacular event.

BAG RAFFLE

Coordinator: Marla Miller
 WEDNESDAY: 9:00 am through SATURDAY 11:00 am
 Meeting Room 9

Don't miss this fun opportunity to win interesting items during the seventh annual AKA Bag Raffle. Marla Miller and her committee will be displaying unique items throughout the week. Bring your name stamp or labels for your tickets, 4 for a buck. Drawing will be on Saturday at 11:00 am.

DAILY MASS ASCENSIONS

Coordinator: Alan Sparling & Ron Miller
 TUESDAY - SATURDAY: 1:00 - 1:20 pm (Field 1)

DAY	KITE
TUESDAY	SPORT KITES SPONSOR: Northern California Kite Club
WEDNESDAY	ROKKAKUS AND FIGHTERS SPONSOR: Connectikites Kite Club
THURSDAY	CELLULAR KITES SPONSOR: WKA
FRIDAY	SOFT KITES SPONSOR: Westport Windriders
SATURDAY	DELTAS SPONSOR: South Jersey Kite Flyers / Betty & Scott

All registered members are invited to participate in the Daily Mass Ascensions. There is a somber beauty in filling the sky with dozens of the same style kite – plus MA coordinators Al Sparling or Ron Miller will give you a pin for your participation! Collect all five pins to complete the puzzle, a beautiful NEW kite pin has been created using all five sections.

Remember: One kite, one person, one pin. And please unless you have somewhere you have to be, fly for a few minutes after you get your pin and help us put on a better show!

FLY MARKET

Coordinator: Ron Lindner
 Meeting Room 10

The Fly Market provides a marketplace where kite manufacturers, accessory manufacturers, retailers and others can vend their wares. Official AKA merchandise will also be available. The Fly Market is open to all registered members as well as the general public.

FLY MARKET SET UP	THURSDAY	NOON – 5:00 PM
FLY MARKET OPENING	THURSDAY	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
FLY MARKET OPEN	FRIDAY	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
FLY MARKET OPEN	SATURDAY	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

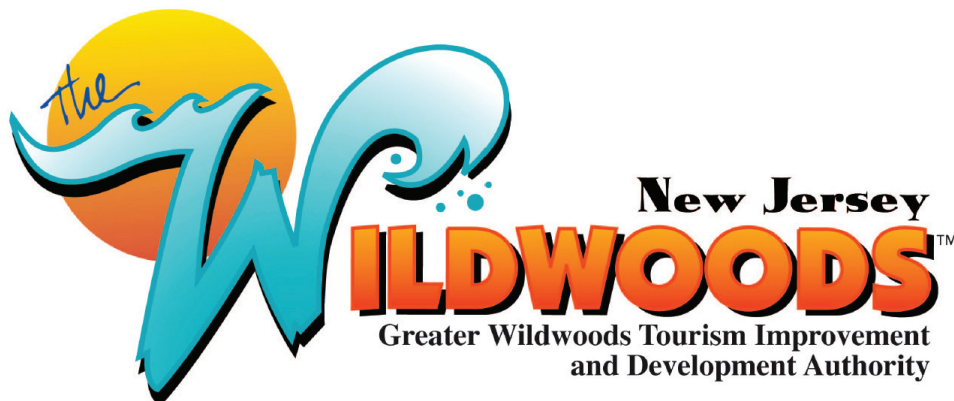
Fly Market Vendors:

- Flying High With Charon
- Nocturnal Sports
- OZ Feathers
- Robert Brasington
- Windstar Kites

MEGAFLAG LAUNCH

Sponsored by the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority.
 Coordinator: David Gomberg
 SATURDAY (FIELDS 3 & 4)

On Saturday afternoon, the Gomberg Kite Productions crew will launch the MegaFlag. For safety, AKA members are asked to stay back from the MegaFlag unless they are part of the launch/safety crew. There will be plenty of flying space nearby for everyone to launch their Red White & Blue. Break out your kites, spinsocks, line laundry and flags and get them into the air.



MONDAY NIGHT OPENING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

MONDAY: 6:00 – 8:00 pm (WCC Lobby)
Sponsored by: AKA, SJKF, WOW and Keystone Kites with greeters from the Annual Meeting Committee

Please join our welcoming get-together to kick off a great week of fun! Enjoy hors d'oeuvre and good conversation and a "few surprises" with fellow convention attendees. Regional club members will be on hand to welcome you!

FUN STUFF AT THE CONVENTION

Coordinator: Marla Miller
Register your participation each day in Meeting Room 9.

Join in the fun and Win a Prize!

Wednesday - Wear your "Best Kite Hat"
Thursday - Wear your "Best Kite Tie"
Friday - Wear your "Best piece of Kite Jewelry"



WALKABOUT

Coordinators: Mike Petty and Don Pignolet
Thursday 2:00 pm (Field 1)

Walkabout, we'll all launch a kite and walk about the field. Let's see who is best staying aloft and not tangled. Talk about a great way to meet your fellow kite flyer!!



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CHALLENGES

GROUND DISPLAY CHALLENGE

Coordinator & Sponsor: Phil Broder
SATURDAY: 1:00 -3:00 pm (Field 1)

Bring us your banners, your bouncers, your earth-bound decorations yearning to fly free! Ground displays will be judged in two categories: Best Banner/Banners (must be entirely homemade) and Open Unlimited Display (must be at least 1/3 homemade). Voting will be open to the public in this people's choice challenge, so make it look good for the spectators! Displays must be set up by 1:00 and remain up until 3:00.

KEYSTONE KITERS KITE MAKING CHALLENGE

Coordinator: Todd Little
Sponsored by: Keystone Kites
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Field 1)

Remember: One kite, one person, one pin. And please unless you have somewhere you have to be, fly for a few minutes after you get your pin and help us put on a better show! The Keystone Kites competition is to make a kite out of your favorite snack food wrapper! Take any candy bar wrapper, bag of Cheesy-Poofs, or shipping container of Twinkies and make it into a kite. Special prizes will be awarded to participants based on the judges' totally arbitrary and frivolous criteria. C'mon out and have fun!

CHALLENGES (Continued)

KITE PIN CHALLENGE

Coordinators: Vic Eshpeter & Ron Miller
 THURSDAY: 6:30 pm (Meeting Rooms 1-3)

Looking for pins that would complete your collection? Show up for the 2011 Kite Pin Challenge and see what you can find.

The categories include:

1. For the child in all of us, bring The Largest Kite Pin Collection. This is the one where SIZE does count!
2. Largest collection of AKA kite pins.
3. Share your special interest collection known as The Most Interesting Kite Pin Collection (centered around a theme of your choosing).
4. Kite Pin "Bingo," where the collectors get to find a pin to suit the category announced by the judges and call out "Kite Pin Bingo." You better be quick!

So stop in for some fun, some kite pin envy and kite pin trading during the Thursday night challenges. Kite Pin Judges' rulings are final and are at the discretion of the judging staff.

Thank you to Vic Eshpeter and Ron Miller for their generous support of the Pin Challenge!

MINIATURE KITE CHALLENGE

Chief Judges: Paul Fieber and Charlie Sotich
 THURSDAY: 6:30 pm (Meeting Rooms 1-3)

Kites built by the entrant and measuring less than six inches by six inches (excluding the tail), are eligible to compete. Any materials may be used to make the kite. In the standard events each contestant may submit up to four kites. The kites must fly at a positive fifteen-degree angle or more. The competition for the standard categories will be:

- Size: The smallest maximum sail dimension.
- Beauty: Artistry, color, craftsmanship and style.
- Flight: Flight angle, smoothness of flight and speed range.
- Originality: Kite design, shape, structure and materials.

A single kite must fly at a positive fifteen-degree angle or more and must lift the line laundry.

The ground display must fit on a twelve inch by twelve-inch surface, and be less than twelve inches high.

Ballots cast by those who are registered for the convention will judge this event.

Everyone who is registered for the convention (except the judges) may enter these competitions.

PATCH CHALLENGE

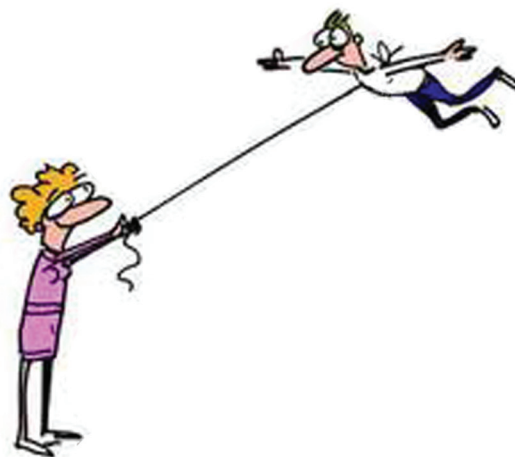
Coordinators: Mike Petty and Don Pignolet
 WEDNESDAY: 3:00 pm (Meeting Rooms 1-3)

We collect them like pins, but they never get the recognition! They can be sewn onto a jacket, kite bag or just loose in a shoebox. Let's see who has the most, strangest, oldest, etc.

WILD IN WILDWOOD, ANIMAL KITE CHALLENGE

Coordinators: Mike Petty and Don Pignolet
 TUESDAY: 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Field 1)

Bring an animal kite and let's launch them all at once!



THE AKA HONOR ROLL

A year of service as an Officer or Director of the AKA represents a major gift of time.

We thank the following for their faithful service:

Miller S. Makey, Sr.	1984 - 1985
Jack Van Gilder	1982 - 1983
Bevan Brown	1981
W.D. "Red" Braswell	1979 - 1980
Valerie Govig, Organizer	1977 - 1978
Robert Ingraham, Founder	1964 - 1976

2011 OFFICERS

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Maggie Vohs	Convention Project Manager

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We would like to pay special tribute to those who have led our association:

PAST PRESIDENTS

Barbara Meyer	2010 - 2011
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Adam Grow	2000
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Peter Dolphin	1995 - 1996
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Jim M. Miller	1989 - 1990
Corey Jensen	1988
Robert S. Price	1987
Margo Brown	1986

A WARM-HEARTED "THANK YOU" TO OUR 2011 VOLUNTEERS!!

Without the number of AKA volunteers, this convention would be impossible. When it is all said and done, more than half of those registered will volunteer their time at the convention. Please be sure to thank the judges, scorekeepers, safety marshals, registration helpers, auction helpers, kite art gallery workers, fly mart and bag raffle volunteers, workshop presenters and anyone else you run across volunteering their time to make this event special for everyone.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO THE FOLLOWING:

Convention Chair	Mike & Cel Dallmer
Annual Meeting Comm.	Barb Meyer, Mike & Cel Dallmer, Todd Little, Lisa Willoughby & Cliff Quinn, Ann Vondriska, Greg & Jackie Lamoureux, Mike Dallmer Jr., Rick Hawkins, Steve Ferrel, Paul Fieber, Ron Lindner, Sharon Champie, Darrin Skinner & Maggie Vohs.
AKA Information Booth	Richard & Marty Dermer
Angel Fly	Mike Petty & Don Pignolet
Art Gallery in the Sky	Paul Fieber
Auction Coordinator	Greg & Jackie Lamoureux
Auction Donations	Dick Maciel
Awards Banquet MC	Barb Meyer
Awards Slide Show	Darrin Skinner
Bag Raffle	Marla & Ron Miller
Best Aerial Photo	Dave Wheeler
Cash & Carry	Ted Manekin
Festival Extravaganza	Phil Broder
Field Director	Mike & Cel Dallmer
Fighter Kite	Sharon Champie
	Bruce Jarvi & Andy Selzer
	Ron Lindner
Fly Market	Mike Petty & Don Pignolet
Fun & Games	Phil Broder
Ground Display Chlg.	Rick Hawkins
Hospitality	Ann Vondriska
Indoor Competition	Brad Weiner
Kite Makers Project	Steve Ferrel
Kitemakers	Al Sparling & Ron Miller
Mass Ascension	Ed Gry
Members' Choice	Paul Fieber & Charlie Sotich
Miniature Kite Challenge	Ron Miller & Vic Eshpeter
Pin Challenge	Sharon Champie
Rokkaku Battle	Bruce Jarvi & Andy Selzer
	Marti & Richard Dermer
Silent Auction	Ann Vondriska
Sport Kite	Lisa Willoughby & Cliff Quinn
Trophy Sponsorships	Todd Little
Workshop Directors	

A COUPLE OF WORDS FOR OUR TROPHY SPONSORS – THANK YOU!

KITEMAKERS AWARDS

Grand National Champion	Chuck Sigal
Arch Trains & Ribbons	Westport Windriders Kite Club
Best Use -Traditional Materials	Jerry & Sandi McGuire
Bowed Kites	Kites Over New England
Cellular & Dimensional Kites	druid labs
Cooperative	Kite Trade Association Int'l.
Delta & Delta Derivatives	kitebuilder.com
Fighter Kites	Northern California Kite Club
Figure Kites	Wings Over Washington
Flat Kites	Maggie Vohs
Highest Score in Craftsmanship	The Kite Studio
Highest Score in Flight	The Kite Studio
Highest Score in Structural Design	The Kite Studio
Highest Score in Visual Appeal	The Kite Studio
Mixed Media Kites	Ron & Marla Miller
Most Innovative Kite	Mike Mosman
Novice Kitemakers	In Memory of Pat Sotich
Rokkakus	High Plains Delta Kites
Sky Display	In Memory of Betty Hasewaga
Soft & Flexible Kites	Windependent
Special Recognition	Cliff & Joyce Quinn
Stunt & Sport Kites	South Jersey Kite Flyers
Trains & Centipedes	Gary & Mary Lee
Unclassified Flying Objects	PIGS Aloft Kite Club

ROKKAKU BATTLE AWARDS

Individual Rokkaku Battle	Gomberg Kite Productions Int'l.
Team Rokkaku Battle	PhantomStarKites.com

SPORT KITE AWARDS

Experienced Individual Multiline Ballet	Revolution Enterprises, Inc
Experienced Individual Multiline Precision	Revolution Enterprises, Inc
Experienced Individual Ballet	2011 AKA Board of Directors
Experienced Individual Precision	Richard & Marti Dermer
Experienced Pairs Ballet	Sea Side Kites
Experienced Pairs Precision	Westport Windriders Kite Club
Experienced Team Ballet	San Francisco Kite Company
Experienced Team Precision	Second Wind
Masters Individual Ballet	Wings Over Washington
Masters Individual Precision	Hoosier Kiteflyers Society, Inc.
Masters Individual Multiline Ballet	Ron Despojado
Masters Individual Multiline Precision	Ron Despojado
Masters Pairs Ballet	In Memory of Sue Sedgwick
Masters Pairs Precision	W.A.C.K.O.S.
Masters Team Ballet	Bay Area Sport Kite League
Masters Team Precision	In Memory of Mike Gillard
Novice Individual Ballet	Eastern League Sport Kite Assn.
Novice Individual Precision	Skydog Kites
Open Individual Freestyle	Gayle Woodul
Open Pairs Multi-line Ballet	iQuad
Open Pairs Multi-line Precision	Flying Smiles Kites
Open Team Train Ballet	Conor Doran

MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Aerial Photograph of the Year	Brooks Leffler
Best Kite	Pete Dolphin
Best Kite Accessory	In Memory of E.W. Redmond

FIGHTER AWARDS

Fighter Line Touch Experienced	San Diego Kite Club
Fighter Line Touch Novice	WindPower Sports
Fighter Precision Experienced	Andy Selzer
Fighter Precision Novice	Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites

INDOOR FLY AWARD

Open Individual Indoor Unlimited	The Kite Shoppe
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PIN CHALLENGE

Pin Challenge	Vic Eshpeter & Ron Miller
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ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS & RECOGNITION

Art Gallery in the Sky Pins:	Walt Mitchell, High Plains Delta
Field Tents:	Tom Yendell, Washington DC
Sound Equipment:	Dennis Smith, East Brunswick, NJ
Convention Bags:	Elmer's Flag & Banner, Portland, OR
Opening Night Reception:	Keystone Kites South Jersey Kite Flyers Wings Over Washington Kite Club
MegaFlag Launch:	David Gomberg Gomberg Kite Productions, Inc Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority

PAST CONVENTION LOCATIONS

1978	1 ST ANNUAL	OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
1979	2 ND ANNUAL	MANASSAS, VIRGINIA
1980	3 RD ANNUAL	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
1981	4 TH ANNUAL	HOUSTON, TEXAS
1982	5 TH ANNUAL	DETROIT, MICHIGAN
1983	6 TH ANNUAL	COLUMBUS, OHIO
1984	7 TH ANNUAL	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
1985	8 TH ANNUAL	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
1986	9 TH ANNUAL	NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
1987	10 TH ANNUAL	WASHINGTON, DC
1988	11 TH ANNUAL	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
1989	12 TH ANNUAL	HONOLULU, HAWAII
1990	13 TH ANNUAL	SEASIDE, OREGON
1991	14 TH ANNUAL	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
1992	15 TH ANNUAL	LUBBOCK, TEXAS
1993	16 TH ANNUAL	SEASIDE, OREGON
1994	17 TH ANNUAL	WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY
1995	18 TH ANNUAL	TULSA, OKLAHOMA
1996	19 TH ANNUAL	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA
1997	20 TH ANNUAL	WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY
1998	21 ST ANNUAL	OCEAN SHORES, WASHINGTON
1999	22 ND ANNUAL	MUNCIE, INDIANA
2000	23 RD ANNUAL	TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
2001	24 TH ANNUAL	BILLINGS, MONTANA
2002	25 TH ANNUAL	OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
2003	26 TH ANNUAL	DAYTON, OHIO
2004	27 TH ANNUAL	SEASIDE, OREGON
2005	28 TH ANNUAL	OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
2006	29 TH ANNUAL	DES MOINES, IOWA
2007	30 TH ANNUAL	OCEAN SHORES, WA
2008	31 ST ANNUAL	GETTYSBURG, PA
2009	32 ND ANNUAL	ROCHESTER, MN
2010	33 RD ANNUAL	SEASIDE, OR

Field Layout

