

Kites Over Russia --and Scandinavia, Too!

By Barbara Hall



After achieving my goal to fly a kite in each of the United States in June of 1999, I felt that it was necessary to establish another kite flying objective. The Canadian provinces came to mind but when the opportunity to go to China occurred last April, it seemed that I should broaden y horizons.

Most of my international travel had been done some years ago before kite flying became an important part of my life so it seemed logical to go back to many of the countries, as well as visiting new ones. Of course, China was a new country for me and certainly a most memorable trip with the Gomberg Group.

Can you imagine flying kites at 11:00 at night in broad daylight? That is what happened when I was in St. Petersburg in Russia in June. Our hotel was on the Baltic Sea, and with the long hours of daylight, it was possible to go to the ballet, or a Folk Dance program in the evening and still have time to fly afterwards.

The wind was very strong, one night, and there were many people wind surfing. I was attempting to fly a Mini-stratoscoop, which uses the kite bag as a tail, and the flight was not going well. One of the surfers came over and indicated that he would like to help and put some sand in the bag. This resulted in an exaggerated pendulum motion which was not much of an improvement but our mutual interest overcame the language barrier and we both laughed, as did many spectators.

My short-term goal for the trip was to fly my Hershey Parasled and my ABSECON, NJ Arch in every country

against a background which was obviously different from the USA. This was not going to be an easy task since I would usually need help to fly the arch and since time could be a problem.

On our first day of sightseeing in St. Petersburg, we went on the bus to Catherine's Palace only to encounter a long waiting line. Hooray!! I couldn't believe my luck as the wind was brisk, the sun in a perfect location, and the palace made a wonderful background for the Arch, and Legs, (by Martin Lester). Hershey had been flown earlier in the day in front of one of the ornate cathedrals with the onion domes. So much for flying in Russia!

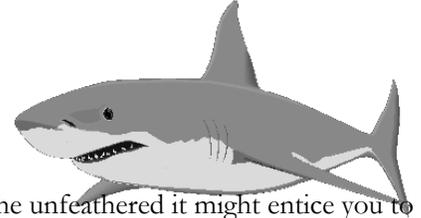
At many stops, our bus was met by a small group of musicians who immediately started playing "The Star Spangled Banner" when they saw we were Americans! Of course, there were also many vendors selling the enchanting, brightly colored handicrafts.

Our next stop was Helsinki, Finland and, again, luck was with me. At the airport, there was a white panel truck with delta kites painted on it. There was time to fly my Hershey kite next to the truck and later to fly the Arch in front of the famous train station. At the local market, there were many items made from birch wood, including a pair of earrings, which will be shaped like a diamond kite when turned upside down. A city tour completed the brief visit here and then it was on to Denmark. Copenhagen was delightful and we were told that Danny Kaye pronounced it incorrectly in the movie. It is Copen-hay-gen.

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Kites in Margaritaville

By Diane Bossert



For those Parrotheads out there some of this will trigger happy memories. For the unfeathered it might entice you to join the group. When Jimmy Buffett comes to town, a madness takes over. The atmosphere starts from the time the tickets are bought. Planning the creative costume is next beginning with flowered shirts, grass skirts, and beads. I saw several women that were sporting tops made from shells, coconuts, or pineapples. The tailgate party is planned, preparations are made and finally the day arrives. Even the City of Camden police get into the mood wearing flowers around their necks.

I threw a couple of kites in the van. You never know when the opportunity to fly might occur. And, the winds around the Delaware can be great for flying. This year I had a new addition, a shark kite won at the SJKF monthly raffle. Sharks have special significance in Margaritaville. One Buffett song is about a girl and her dealings with the various sharks in the world, both in the water and on land. The crowd participates with hands overhead in fin fashion while dancing and singing the words. So that kite was the first packed.

This year my daughter was planning to meet up with friends but finding each other in the many parking areas around the E center could be a disaster. Sharky made the search easy. Melanie climbed up on the top of our van holding the kite aloft. What could be more visible than a blonde in a sarong and bikini top holding a shark on a line? She was even approached after the concert, "Didn't I see you at the Buffett concert?" What a great pick up line. Thank you, whoever donated the kite to the raffle. Many memories were made and a new tradition



The Graduation Gift

By Lee Kraft

This spring my youngest grandchild (A 22 year old woman) graduated Magna Cum Laude from LaSalle College. Forgive me for bragging, but I am very proud of her. She asked me if I would make her a dual line sport kite as a graduation gift. This surprised me, for I had no idea she had any interest in kiting. She said had been vacationing at the New Jersey shore last summer, and had the opportunity to try flying one. She said she was quick to learn to fly it, and is anxious to have a kite of her own.

I drew up some plans, and ordered all the material. I decided that I would personalize the kite by appliquéing a likeness of her face on the right wing, and the words " MONICA'S KITE ", along with some colorful graphics, on the left wing. I had to take a suitable photo of her, and then sketch it full scale on the wing in preparation for the appliqué work. I had some serious concerns about getting a good likeness. However, the sketch turned out better than I hoped, and so it was on to the appliqué work.

Monica is the only grandchild out of nine who took an interest in kite flying. Maybe some day she and I can do some team flying together. Na! she would probably be much better

than me- I'm not about to have a little five foot granddaughter show me up.

On the last Saturday in June our family always has a family picnic at Burholme Park in Philadelphia. Since " MONICA'S KITE " was not quite finished, I took an assortment of my own kites to the picnic. I had not had the opportunity to see Monica fly a kite, and was curious to see how well she would do. The wind was light that morning, so I included my new Prism ultra light in the assortment. With some trepidation, I let Monica try flying it. I needn't have worried. She did just fine, even though her landings were a little rough. The wind quit altogether before the picnic ended, so she made me promise to teach her landings and some more complex maneuvers when her new kite is ready.

If you are at the Jersey shore this summer, and see an attractive young woman flying " MONICA'S KITE ", that is my granddaughter flying my handy work.

Presidential Pondering and Bear Dropping

by Mike Dallmer

As we get into the hot season enjoy a few days off, things are looking busy for the Fall, October looks especially busy.

THE PAST:

We had a great **Wildwood**, thanks for all the help and contributions (Food, time and cash), without your help this event wouldn't have been what it was, a great success. The raffle and 50/50 were a great success with an increase of about \$75 from last years total, I think the kites worked. Also I'd like to welcome all the new members that SJKF signed up during the BBQ. Welcome to one of the **fastest growing kite clubs in the US!!!!** As many of you already know, this year, SJKF was asked to help sponsor the event, we gave Sky Festivals a donation to help bring Michael Alvarez in from the west coast. This meant to break even at the BBQ we had to make at least \$350 + the cost of food. Guess what, not only did we do that but between the BBQ and the 50/50 we managed to net \$130, not too bad. I've seen a few reviews of the BBQ in print and they are nothing but great, thanks again!!!!

Michael Alvarez, what can I say, what a character and full of energy. I can truthfully say I never heard of him before SJKF was approached about helping to sponsor him here. We got a great deal, to bring someone like Michael here was a winning idea. He flew kites, made kites, held workshops (scheduled and not) and just all around entertained everyone!!! SJKF did get mentioned often as helping to sponsor him, I feel that this money was well spent, plus it helped a very good event.

Lion's Club Balloon Festival turned out to be a great weekend and not as hot as previous years and the club had great exposure. We were situated right off the main entrance with our banners lining one side of the entrance, heck we even had wind this year and flew kites. **Olan Turner Kite Day in the Park** was also great, as usual, thanks for all the help with the event and afterwards at what is also turning out to be a great BBQ. I'd also really like to thank everyone who has made all the **Kite Making Workshops and Demonstrations** we have done so far this year a great success, such as: Waretown, Barnegate, St. Francis, Basto, Surf City Fire Hall, Kindercare and Gloucester County Park and Rec. Therapeutic. **Press**

Coverage: Anyone see the July 7th issue of the Courier Post, the TGIF section???? Did SJKF get great exposure or what? Wasn't that a great picture of Mike Jr. bugging at the Lion's Fly??? Cover shot, 3 pages, can it get any better?

THE PRESENT:

I know we recently got a lot of new members or maybe the old members' names have been missed but if you 'd like to receive **up to the minute e-mails** about club activities please send me an e-mail to let me know. Sometimes things happen so quickly that they don't make the newsletter and this is a way of staying informed. Send an e-mail to mdallmer@arserrc.gov

Election nominations are due by the October meeting so if you want to run for a post, President or Director at Large let Jim Bossong (chairman), Lee Kraft or Scott Spencer know as they are the Nomination Board.

It has recently been brought to my attention that SJKF has competition on the **Gloucester County College Flying Field** after the meeting (see Anita's article), well how this came about is that SJKF doesn't always go there after the meeting to fly and the local model rocket asked for and received permission to use the field also. We can co-exist and learn from each other. Plus I hear they don't like to fly when the wind is up!!! One word of caution, if you hear a WOOSH and that WOOSH is getting closer DUCK!!!

THE FUTURE: Mark you calendars

Plans are in the works already for this year's **4th Annual Holiday Party**, previously known as our Christmas Party. This year's festivities will be held December 10 from 1pm -4pm at

Café Neena,
20 S Broad St.,
Woodbury, NJ 08096.

So mark you calendar for what has turned out to be the social gathering of the year for SJKF.

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Newport

By John Rose

July 7,8,9 Was the Newport 2000 Kite Fest on Brenton Pt St Park in Newport, RI. This is an event not to miss. After only a 5 hr drive from the Trenton NJ area (add an hour due to traffic) I arrived at Newport. The flying area is small but the scenery is beautiful. Over looking the Atlantic Ocean the festival has the Sport kite fields separated by the festival field. The public picnic area is in the middle of the festival field. Every one is flying kites. Some of the big kite flyers visiting this year were Dave Gomberg, John Burkhart and Ron Gibian. Not to mention all the regulars there on the Point that make Brenton Point St park the place to be on any weekend.

Steve Santos along with Sue Moskowitz put on a wonderful event. The weather was in their favor. You couldn't have asked for a better weekend. Up early Saturday to help setup the fields the weather was perfect. A light breeze picked up nice and fairly steady. 2 sport kite fields were operating nearly on time (Kiter time). The festival field was quickly filling up with all sizes and shapes of kites. Dodd Gross had his demo area and even Premier kites had an area for their own ground display with assorted kites in the air. The sport kite field boundaries were growing with tents banners and feathers. A typical sport kite field. This year at Newport the competition offered an additional competition. The Newport Cup, one for sport kites and one for fighter kites. Each flyers points were added up and the winner won the cup AND registration paid for the nationals in Treasure Isle Fla.

The day went very well with very few problems. Towards the end of the day we had a few wind shifts that caused some tangled lines but other than that a beautiful day.

The banquet was held at a local restaurant. Over 135 kite flyers were in attendance. The food was good and the company was great. After dinner there was an auction that had some wonderful kites and related items.

Early morning Sunday kite flyers were greeted with the arrival of a tall ship (I think the Amerigus Vespucci) from Italy past Brenton Pt heading into Narragansett Bay. Many sailboats were out as a backdrop to the beginning of the second day's activities. The wind was straight off the water and over 10 mph by noon. Once again the fields were loaded with kites from both festival participants and local flyers all around the fields. The kite maker's competition was held right on the point with a good steady breeze coming right off the water. There were many wonderful creations to be seen there. Towards the end of the day the wind was still kicking over 10 mph. This was great for the Open Team Train portion of the competition. And then the finals of the fighter kite challenge were brought to the main field. It was a 3 way round robin with Mike Coons, Lisa Willoughby and Myself. Dave Gomberg announcing the final rounds. Archie Stewart (people know him from all over the place) won the Sport kite Newport Cup Challenge. And Mike Coons won the fighter kite Newport cup Challenge.

I stayed an extra day to go visit the folks at The High Flyer Kite Company and head out to Brenton Pt once again. As I arrived at the point I saw the sky still loaded with kites. Many people decided to stay an extra day and hangout with the locals to continue to fly. As the day was coming to an end I knew I had a road trip ahead of me so Off I went. Packed up my kites and headed home once again



Russ Mozzier	9/13
Betty Hirschmann	9/14
Mike Dallmer	9/18
Richard Courmettes	10/14
Trudy Hooven	10/19
Carmella Pallotta	10/17
Barbara Hall	10/2

Kerry Madeline Ross, Daughter of Jon rose celebrated her 1st birthday on July 28th. She's practicing kite flying near home, getting ready for competition. Soon to be seen on the flying fields and beaches with kite in hand.

“UP-GO! UP-DATE!”

By Monica Orso

Team UP-GO! has been pretty busy since I last wrote...

Our new kites arrived in April...beautiful Shivas that track like a dream. We were also kept verrrry occupied in April making up 24 new linesets (not a typo!) for the upcoming season. Any guesses as to how long that takes? A loooooooooooooooooonnnnnng time! Got them done a day or so before Ocean City, just in time. Of course, if we'd known that we'd be flying in such wacky wind at MASKC, we would have skipped making up those 90# sets!

Anyone who was at MASKC would probably agree that there were some of the worst winds ever for sport kites. Being somewhat “single line challenged,” I would imagine those guys weren't having a fun time of it either. I wouldn't even want to take a magic carpet ride in that stuff. All of the competitors were having problems....we saw one quadline flyer launch, and within seconds there was a “POW!” and his rev blew up...both spreaders simultaneously exploded. UP-GO! ran into a few problems too. Our ballet turned out to be more challenging to fly after a gust caught a kite and we had a little “oops!” in the air, leaving one kite severely wounded. But to the kite's credit, (after quickly learning how to re-fly it) it kept on going, and tracking pretty darn well at that! As the routine progressed, the kite continued to break up, until by the end of the routine, sticks were poking out all over the place. When we looked at the kite up close afterwards, the bridle was even detached from the lower spreader of one side. After calling “OUT!”, there was nothing to do but collapse on the sand in hysterical laughter! I have no doubt in my mind, that without the crowd cheering us on, we never would have made it to the end of the routine.

Wildwood was a change from last year's sweltering conditions. Friday was beautiful, but for the rest of the weekend, events were pushed through in an attempt to beat the rain. A nagging knee injury kept me hoping that our events would come up quickly so I could relax. But as luck may have it, on Saturday UP-GO! was positioned dead last in the line-up, and we wound up flying in the

cold rain. Halfway through our Precision freestyle, we heard thunder. Time to BOOGIE! No one was even left watching at that point. We threw a ton of wet kites, banners etc. into the cars and headed back to the hotel to sort out the mess. Happily, on Sunday we found out that

UP-GO! placed 1st in Masters Team Precision, and 2nd in Ballet.

Sunday at Wildwood seemed to be a repeat of the same...although the weather looked a bit promising at first. But as the day went on, the sky kept changing, until by the end of the day only the diehard junkies were out there in the rain watching the

finals of Masters Individual Ballet ...which were pretty amazing.

On to Boston... (That town really knows how to tear up streets in a big way!) A pleasant enough affair, the wind cooperated for the most part, temps were high until a dramatic wind shift on Sunday. It was as if someone brought out a 500 billion BTU air conditioner, pointed it at the beach and blasted us. Carson Beach, where the event was held, is not the most spacious place, but adequate at low tide, and they managed to work in single line fields at the more narrow strips. The trick for me was not to slip on the jellyfish!

Next stop...Richmond, VA for Old Dominion, an amazing little event that has grown to be not so little anymore. Hospitality abounds there, and the organization is top notch. They went so far as to set up a special canopy for competitors on the far end of the fields with a generator, fan, chairs and ice water. This in addition to special treats of free cookies, icepops etc. all weekend long, as well as making lunch runs for us and delivering ice water to the judges as they were on the fields judging. They know it's hot there...really hot, and go the extra mile to make everyone as comfortable as possible. They even ordered wind this year, and it arrived on time! The “Tom Marvin Memorial Mass Ascension” was particularly enjoyable. Thanks for the wind, Tom...you always did look after us and made sure we got what we needed to fly.

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Our hotel, situated on the water, was converted from a former warehouse with enormous beams and walls that were two feet thick. Our room was in the front and we didn't hear the fireworks on the Promenade in the back! Again, we were fortunate with the weather as people who had been there for a month told us it was only the second day with sunshine

The Promenade, with a Danish ship in the background was a perfect location for an Arch picture, and Tivoli, the famous amusement park, was a great place for the Hershey kite. I had hoped to get the "Little Mermaid" in a picture but it was foggy when we were there. By this time, many others on our tour were aware of my kites and told me about a man selling the "Worlds' Smallest Kite" on a pedestrian walkway. I managed to find him and the tissue paper kites were 4" diamonds with elephant grass spars, made in Australia to help the Aborigines.

In Oslo, Norway, the City Hall displayed a banner celebrating 1000 years since the founding of the city. Guess what Arch flew there? There was finally enough wind in Frogner Park, with the famous Vigeland statues, to fly Hershey and get the monolith pillar with all of the climbing figures in the background.

Considered one of the ten most spectacular trips in the world is the train, boat and bus trip from Oslo to Bergen. Waterfalls, fjords, mountains and ravines were truly magnificent. We attended a concert at the home of Edvard Grieg and his statue provided an additional location for a picture of Hershey, hand held, no wind.

The Swedish flag was flying in Stockholm at Skansen, an outdoor living history museum, and I was finally able to get the Arch after many people walked in front, around and through it. The Vasa Museum houses a warship built in 1628 which sank on its maiden voyage and was salvaged in 1961. There were children playing on the adjacent grounds and I let them fly my kites. The first little girl to fly had only one hand and seemed so proud that she could keep the kite in the air. It is this sort of experience that makes kite flying so special to me. The exhilaration, excitement and amazement transcends all kinds of boundaries as brightly colored kites soar into the heavens.

Presidential Pondering

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Our **6th Annual Anniversary Bash** will be held October 15th at the :

Summer Sands Hotel,
8401 Atlantic Avenue On The Beach,
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260-3593
609-522-5352.

As usual we will need donations of kites, kite related articles and food to make this event as good as usual. This is our main fundraiser of the year and we need your support. Don't you always have a great time here???

NEWS FLASH: this just in, the **11th Annual New Jersey Stunt Kite Championship** held previously at Sandy Hook, Belmar and Liberty State Park will return once a gain to Belmar, NJ on the weekend of September 9 & 10. Sky Festivals along with Fly Away kites are putting together plans for this event which will include all Eastern League Sport Kite Events along with a Fighter Kite Competition. Because of this event our September meeting will be held September 17th.

Finally, I like to say that Cel, Mike Jr, Mom, Gina, Ken, Marc and I all had a great time Celebrating Cel's and my 25th Wedding Anniversary for 8 days in Disney World, ask any of us about it and we'll tell you, we have over 20 rolls of film to prove it. Happy Anniversary again Cel!!!

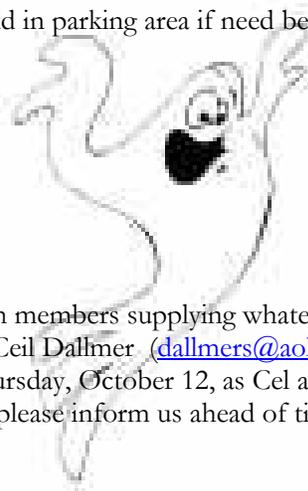
Good Winds
Up With Kites,
Down With Bears
(But only with a chute)

Mike Dallmer

SJKF's 6th Anniversary Bash & Halloween Party

Date: October 15, 2000, no rain date, event will be held in parking area if need be.

Location: SUMMER SANDS MOTEL
05 E. SYRACUSE AVE
WILDWOOD CREST, New Jersey, USA
1-609-522-5352



Time: Meeting, BBQ and Auction start at High Noon.

Food: Plans call SJKF to provide the main entrees with members supplying whatever their specialty is!!! We are still looking for food donations; please contact Ceil Dallmer (dallmers@aol.com) (215-722-4092) as she running the food. Deadline for donations is Thursday, October 12, as Cel and I will have to go shopping to complete the list. Anyone with special needs please inform us ahead of time so we can try to accommodate you.

Theme: This year's event will have Halloween theme, there will be special prizes for the best kite, best costume (yes you must wear it), best decorated room or car windows and carved pumpkin. It isn't necessary to get dressed up but doesn't sound like a lot of fun????

Auction: As this is our main fundraiser we are looking for contributions of anything related to kites or kiting. Since it is still early Don't forget the most important thing, ***BRING MONEY***, as without it more. your support this event won't happen. Hope to see you all there



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Enter the world of weaving strips of Ripstop Nylon. A simple process that creates a magical intricate looking work of art. The magical part is that the colors blend together and change in hue and tone, then the magic continues as the piece is back lit and the colors change again. The intricate concept is the illusion that the piece is made up of 241 little pieces when only 42 1' wide stripes were used. To help walk you through this project two color combinations will be offered. Monochromatic [my favorite theme (dark to light)] Warm: REDS Cool; BLUES. Other woven concepts will be discussed too (how to turn three colors into 8), and a whole lot more.

Time needed to complete the class: 5 hours **Class size:** 15-20

Student Level:

Beginners: Can do it but need to have a fully functional sewing machine and have an aptitude for solving problems. (I can't hold too many hands.)

Intermediate:- Experienced: This is their time to shine.

Experienced: What better way to go to infinity and beyond.

Materials: All material will be provided in kit form, Spars as a bulk item. **Cost:** \$10.00-\$15.00 US approx.

Please specify color: WARM or COOL

Extra kits will not be available. This process needs visual instruction and I can't put together a decent visual paper package.

Tools and other materials required of the participant:

3M Spray mount (#6065), or Design Master Tack 1000

Sewing Machine and all its peripheral gear (extension cord, etc.).

Impromptu light source to make the glass into a light table.

A desire to have fun and be patient.

A small bag of M&M peanuts. (you shake the bag to get my attention).

Teaching assistant needed:

Yes, please, it will help. No experience needed. This person/s will help me set up the room, distribute kits and help clean up afterwards. Anyone with teaching skills and patience would be of benefit during class time if the class is large. Any questions for me can be E-mailed (Wait 3-5 days for a response), left on the machine, or you can yell in a Collingswood direction.

Location & Time:

Roher Library: Haddon Twp. branch of the Camden County library system. On Cuthbert Ave. & McCarther, Haddon Twp.

Sat. Oct. 28 2000 10:00am-5:00 pm

Pre-confirmation of your desire to participate and color choose is recommended as class size is limited.

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At the banquet in Richmond, UP-GO! was very touched and honored (and surprised!) by receiving the 1st annual “Excellence in Kiting” award, presented by the Richmond Air Force Kite Club, organizers of the event. The award was apparently inspired by our team ballet performance in Ocean City. (You know, the one with the wounded kite that wouldn’t die.) That award meant more to us than all the trophy wood in the world! (Were those tears welling up in Dave and Paul’s eyes?...I couldn’t tell...mine were rather glassy...)

The last event of the competition season was Newport, which followed 2 weeks later, with absolutely beautiful breezy days, free Freshetta pizza and a load of spectators. There were the usual problems with their precision field, which resembled a novice ski slope. It took a while to figure out the optimum positioning there, so your kite doesn’t get swallowed up by a mogule...then the wind does some sorta shift thing and you’re calculations get all screwed up anyway! Single liners separated the two sport kite fields and painted the sky in their traditionally majestic manner. All in all, a most pleasant way to wind up the season.

Team UP-GO! is tired from all the travel, but the new season is rapidly approaching! Belmar is right around the corner, then the Nationals in Treasure Island in October. (good timing to revive that tan!) We will be happily adding a 4th member to the team in the fall, Ari Contzius from Middletown NY, who has been flying pairs with team member Paul Gee. Flying with 4 is going to be challenging and exciting, and I’m sure will also make the field appear soooooo much smaller! (NOTE to club members: don’t forget when you are in the North Jersey/NY area to bring your kite bags...there is fun flying that goes on every weekend at Liberty State Park’s excellent new field on Freedom Way...plenty of room for the big single liners too!)

On a final note, we would like to thank our sponsors who helped keep us in the air this year. Without their support it would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to continue to grow as a team. Thanks to Avia, Laser Pro, Fly Away Kites and Ultra Lites!

Until next time...
Monica

13th Annual Outer Banks Stunt Kite Competition*by Amy Thompson*

I would like to invite you all to attend the 13th Annual Outer Banks Stunt Kite Competition. We have changed the date the October 21st and 22nd so it will not conflict with this year’s Sunfest.

I hope you can add this festival to your calendars. We will be having an AKA sanctioned competition as well as the new beginners competition. This year’s festival will also have a variety of games for both the spectators and competitors. There will be a display area, a competition field, and a learn to fly field.

We are in the process of adding a kite making competition but I need help with this addition. If any of you would like to see this added to OBSKC and you are knowledgeable about this please let me know. Your knowledge is greatly needed.

We will also have an indoor fly in the First Flight Middle School Gymnasium and the banquet at Port O’Call. (if you have been to many kite banquets...you’ll really appreciate the food here)

We have most of the information up on the web now as well as the registration form. If you have any questions please contact me through e-mail or call me at 1-877-FLY-THIS ext 18

Thank you - we hope to see you all in the Outer Banks!

Amy Thompson
Special Event and PR Coordinator
events@kittyhawk.com

Kite Link

For more information about the Outer Banks Stunt Kite Competition visit:

<http://www.kittyhawk.com/stuntcomp.cfm>

Flying Kites on our Home Field After the June Meeting

By Anita Pettit

Our June meeting was held in the usual place but there was an interesting difference. President Mike Dallmer and family were away on vacation and vice president Mark Siemon was asked to conduct the proceedings. Everything went quite well for Mark's debut and Russ and Pat Mozier who were standing in for Cel Dallmer did a bang up job on the refreshments.

After the meeting we managed to get out to the home field to fly for a few hours (IT was blistering hot). The place we usually set up was taken by another club shooting off model rockets so we went to the other end of the field. Things were going great. The wind window was narrow but gusty, and the members were sending up every thing from stunt kites to dragons. The non flying members and Hank (who practices zen kite flying) set up chairs and blankets under the small bit of shade created by some untrimmed hedges at the edge of the parking lot and continued the socializing started at the meeting. Just as we were getting all the details on Hank and Mary's honeymoon cruise, the parachute on one of the model rockets failed to open! The rocket veered off course and made a beeline straight for us ...finally crashing into the shrubs beside Pat Mozier's granddaughter Lacie and her mom, Michelle. We were not amused!!! So acting President Mark retrieved the rocket and went out to have a word with the "evil doers" and to defend the honor of the club. The rest of us hung back in a position of "readiness", muttering complaints and occasionally calling out encouraging remarks like "GO GET 'EM MARK".



With hindsight I think we should have sent him out carrying the club colors. All I can say is he must have been an impressive sight standing there brandishing the errant rocket.. because they felt the need to send 5 guys out to meet him. What actually happened next is unclear..

"readiness" was at the far end of the field so we couldn't hear what was said. Mark swears that he was cordial but firm, while Ed Spencer (who had the best view) seems to think that he saw the group of rocketeers break and run in panic.. Well, in any case victory was ours! Mark succeeded in driving off the attackers, no more shots were fired, no members of the club were injured and eventually the enemy decamped leaving the SJKF the undisputed holders of the field, our honor unsullied. May I suggest a victory feast be held October 15 at the Summer Sands hotel in Wildwood.

Perhaps Mark will entertain us with a reenactment of the battle. The ladies could wear their finery and the men could joust using fighter kites of course. Who knows Camelot might even make an appearance. On the military intelligence front we found out that the rocket club meets at the college on an erratic schedule so they may not pose a problem in the future. There was some concern that since we haven't been using the field they may have forgotten about us and given our spot away. For now there is peace and safety in the world of kite flying.

EDITORS NOTE: The editor apologizes both to admirers of model rockets and to admirers of the truth, neither of which are well represented in the preceding account.

Hoagie Dip from Michele Si

1/2 lb. each - diced
cooked ham
capicola
cooked salami
provolone cheese

1 large tomato - diced and
drained well
1/2 head of lettuce -
shredded
1 small onion - diced fine

Mayonnaise to moisten
Salt & Pepper to taste
Pinch of Basil
Pinch of Thyme
Pinch of Oregano
Loaf of Italian Bread - in 1/2in slices

In large bowl combine and mix all ingredients. Chill.
Serve with bread on side.

* When buying the meats and cheese ask for each of them to be cut in a 1/2 lb slice.



SJKF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Help us get to know you! Fill in the form below, then complete the mini-survey on the right. (In Grid 1, X where appropriate. In Grid 2 N=Novice, I=Intermediate, E=Experienced, M=Master or R=Retired). Return this application along with your check (payable to SJKF) for \$10/year (single) or \$15/year (family), and you're in! Welcome to the club!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone(H): _____ (W) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$10) _____ Family (\$15) _____

(For family memberships, list additional names below. Circle name if under 10 years old)

Favorite Kite(s): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Fun	Fly	Make
Single Line		
Dual Line		
Quad Line		
Fighters		
Buggies		
Compete	Precision	Ballet
Individual	NIEMR	NIEMR
Pairs	NIEMR	NIEMR
Team	NIEMR	NIEMR
Quad Line	NIEMR	NIEMR

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Calendar of Coming Events

September, 2000

- 9th & 10th Fly Away Fly, Belmar N.J., Hosted by Fly Away Kites, 1-732-280-8084
- 17th SJKF Meeting, Gloucester County Library, 1pm
- 27th - 1st Sunfest Kite Festival, fly@kite loft.com or (410) 289-7855 (not the same weekend as NASCAR at Dover, that is September 24)

October, 2000

- 3rd - 7th AKA Convention, Treasure Island, Florida
- 7th Little Egg Harbor School Kite Fly, free Hoagies and Soda for SJKF

- 15th SJKF's 6th Anniversary Bash, Wildwood Crest, NJ, 1-609-522-5352 for Summer Sands
- 21st & 22nd 13th Annual Outerbanks Stunt Kite Competition
- 22nd OTHOPBCKFBO, Seaside Park, NJ, bribes greatly appreciated!!
- 28th Weaving Workshop, see article for details

November 2000

- 12th SJKF Meeting, Gloucester County Library, 1pm

December 2000

- 10th SJKF 4th Annual Christmas Party,

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