

3rd Annual Belmar Kite Festival

Article By Donna McGee, Photos from Dona and Mike

On Sunday September 11th Belmar, NJ hosted its third annual kite festival. The festival is sponsored by the Belmar Business Partnership and was open to the public. Marty and Sal from the BBP really made our day a breeze with parking spots right next to the boardwalk and we were moved up the beach to 10th avenue, so



anyone heading in to town could see our banners as soon as they got to the beach. And let's not forget the wonderful pizzas and hoagies that were provided for all of the flyers for lunch and plenty of drinks to keep us cool.



The weather was wonderful, but the wind was up and down and all around coming out of the west. Just when one of us got a kite in the air and it seemed stable a moment later it would lose the wind and down they came. Ben Huggett was able to fly his new Jelly fish that really looked lovely in the sky. I tried flying several of my "stable" flyers which didn't stay up too long. Mike Dallmer, Jr. was able to get his Flame Ray air born, but again the unstable winds proved to be too much. My very own husband Danny made a valiant attempt to fly "Batman" that I made last year, and was doing pretty well until "snap" the line went limp and "Batman" became "Aquaman". Many thanks to Mike, Jr for running like the "Flash" to help rescue the floundering Batman. In



the end my darling Danny took an unintentional dip in the ocean to retrieve the errant kite becoming a victim of the turbulent sea and an unexpectedly rough wave. My drenched kite and even wetter husband dragged themselves up the beach to a round of applause from the onlookers. Status report, both flyer and kite while damp are ok.



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Keystone Kitters Summer Retreat

By Nancy Krablin



August 20-21, Keystone kitters welcomed (our esteemed) Mike and Cel Dallmer to lead a workshop constructing his large Genki. Most attendees arrived with the skin complete and ready for reinforcements, binding and sticks. Several members worked on independent projects while the Genki builders fabric managed yards of ripstop to create ten foot kites that will awe beach walkers for years to come! The variety and craftsmanship of the five kites completed during the workshop was very impressive! Kevin offered sage advice as requested, Cinda made custom fittings for her new bathroom, Phil brought his traveling store and worked on a beautiful snowflake, Nancy finished her baby penguins. The Camp Hill Borough Hall was abuzz as it always is for Keystone retreats!

By Mike Dallmer



What a blast or how to feel like you are important! That is how Cel and I felt at the Keystone Kitters Summer Workshop where I taught the Genki to Larry Krablin, Dan and Donna McGee, Bob Kelly, Karen Mault, Greg Rothermal and Ben Huggett (he taught me a few things). Cinda and Kevin Shannon along with Karen Kelly were there to for moral support and to take care of all of our needs, heck Todd Little even made an appearance. Phil Broder was there Saturday supplying framework and fittings for the kites. So far everyone's kites have been pictured in the air except for Bob Kelly's, come on Bob, don't add it to the pile, finish it. Thanks Keystone for having us.



From Page 1: There were an array of kite flyers who brought their talents and expertise to the event. Dawn and



Joe (Grumpy) Kay were out with their banner display and Joe delighted the children with his ever popular bubble sticks making the beach look magical. Paul Keeler and Tony Rieser hit the beach with a supply of small kites for children in need of a kite of their own. Mike Dallmer, Sr displayed his growing collection of boles. Dan once again provided a little levity when a Bol bowled him over and he got to display his patented "tuck and roll" technique. There were many banners and a lot of red white and blue in honor of the day. Everyone did their best to keep the kites flying. Overall, we all had the opportunity to get together share a smile and catch up on the

events of the summer and stretch some lines out. Some of the additional kitters at the event Hank Kleinot, Curtis Jones, Gina, Brooke, Eric, Jackson, and Nick Gorski, Mike Petty, Don Pignolet, Cel Dallmer. Thanks everyone for coming out.

2006 AKA Affiliate Kite Club of the Year

Presidential Ponderings and Duck Droppings

By



Mike Dallmer

Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, are we still having fun, I sure hope so. SJKF is doing well, the next month will tell if we are good or great with the events we have coming up. Right now there is \$4944.30 in our Treasury and Membership is at a 5 year high with 75 members. **I want to say thank you everyone for your confidence in your leadership and me!!**

Coming up next locally we have the **2nd Annual Long Beach Island Kite Festival**, last year's was a blast and I'm hoping this

year's will be just as good, SJKF is going to be heavily involved especially with the Children's Kite Making Event, thank you all those who volunteered to help.

The Sunday after that, 10/16/16, is **SJKF's 22nd Anniversary Bash!!!** WOW, 22 years, that is a long time. This is SJKF main fundraiser of the year. It is time to start thinking about attending and making donations of auction items and or food. SJKF is one of the most active AKA Kite Clubs that I know of, especially since I am the AKA Kite Club Liaison, and wouldn't it be really nice to stay that way. The Treasurer of the AKA, Cecilia, is often asked by the AKA Board of Directors what our secret is and why is our club so successful both physically and financially, I can only say it is because of our members and how generous they are. Thank you for making my job easier!



Cannot attend but still want to donate kites or kite related items, please send them to:

SJKF Auction
C/O Mike Dallmer
306 Friendship St
Phila., Pa 19111



Right now we have kites that Felicia Mosery donated and a few special items donated by Walter Corsetti but it would be nice to have a few more.

I will again try to get the items on Facebook as that seems to get a lot of interest in some of our items.

As for food, Cel has a budget of \$350 but can always use help. I know right now she is thinking about cooking a few of her specialties and I know yours would compliment hers so think about. If you are going to donate food, let Cel know at cdallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092.

Want to be on the **Board of Director of South Jersey Kite Flyers**? Right now our Nominating Committee headed up by Donna McGee are looking for candidates for the position of President, and Directors at Large. Interested, contact Donna at DonnaMRN@comcast.net 856-627-4970 Nominations are due at the Anniversary Bash

Your **SJKF Memberships** are normally scheduled to expire on 10/1 so check your membership cards or the label for this newsletter to see if you need to renew.

Finally, plans are already underway for **SJKF's Annual Holiday Party** on 12/4/2016. Mark your calendar as this is always a must do event and is early enough in the Holiday Season so it shouldn't interfere with any other plans. Flyers are included in this issue.

Well, I've bored you enough, have fun, stay safe and healthy, see you on the flying field, Mike!!!!

PS: On Facebook, join us at South Jersey Kite Flyers for up to the minute news and pictures.

Keystone Kite Makers Retreat

By Dan McGee



Well my wife and I have flown kites for some years now. But we have never built any until we attended a Keystone Kite Makers Retreat a few years ago. Since that time we have made three kites there a Shannon parafoil, a Swallowtail and most recently a Genki. I wanted to share with SJKF members our experience building this workshops kite the Genki. We had access to the plans early enough so that we could start brainstorming design choices. Our grandkids are on the fence about kite flying so we needed something to draw them in. Last year's Batman design worked in having the

kids get excited about flying so we thought why not stick with super heroes. We settled on the big names in the superhero world Ironman and Captain America. But what to do with the third panel, should we use the new Civil War story line or go more traditional? Well Donna does not like war and unrest, she likes peace and order so we went with the Shield logo for the middle panel.



We had the plans in advance so we wanted to get as much done as possible. We completed the three panels, reinforcements, and anything else we could prep in advance. Once at the workshop we saw most people had done the same with the main panel. Everyone had done a nice job of completing their designs. It was time to start assembly and get this fabric to look and behave like a



kite. Mike Dallmer had set up nice work stations with templates to help cut out reinforcement panels. We had two full scale kites in the room to do our stare and compare on how the finished kite should look. While this kite design was new to all building it, there were a few questions and answers going around the room. Mike was able to easily guide us all through the construction, deftly pointing out rough spots and pitfalls to avoid during construction. It is so good to see a group of people working together and helping each other out.



At midday we all gathered and had a wonderful lunch and needed rest. After lunch it was back to the sewing machines and patterns. It was not hard to understand the tasks ahead of us, it was the time needed to put into it to complete the project. Everyone did complete the majority of the kites by Sunday afternoon.

As always, the Keystone Kites held a wonderful weekend retreat. The fellowship and expertise shared



MACHINE! You never know what you will come away with at one of these weekends, but be assured it will be worth it.



among the kite builders and especially Mike Dallmer in his presentation made it an enriching experience to all those who attended. On Sunday afternoon, we had an additional treat of a bag raffle, which was chock full of goodies and a SEWING



Krablin's Kite Month Presentation

By Nancy Krablin

Nancy and Larry motored to Happy Valley April 19 to share our kites and tales of kiting adventures, fun, glory and woe with the residents of The Village at Penn State, a retirement community. An unidentified person put the program director, Kim, on our trail. She asked if we would be interested in presenting a program and flying kites for her residents. We waffled... long drive for short program, but again friend Bob Potter offered his hospitality and we planned another State College April excursion.



Larry devoted many hours to creating a power point program that runs about an hour. He had a series of kite images that ran on the screen while we were setting up kites as examples. All kites have lots of tales... the kite rescues, the amazed boardwalkers when "What" or "Mel" fill the beach (kites have names??), the anecdotes of men discussing the finer points of sewing machine needles, the days when kites fly banners because too much wind is OK for banners and no wind is OK for banners and sometimes seems never right for the kites in the very big bag that day! Though not an ideal space of display, we set up a Rev, a Quantum, a Micron stack, a Roc, a few miniatures and a delta. Our audience was about 45 curious men and women, most of whom had flown a kite... the Dime store Charlie Brown diamond or 25 cent tissue paper box kite. There were sewers who asked excellent questions when kites we had made were on the screen. Few knew about sport kites. Larry included an abbreviated version of Ray Bectel's well known video



solo flying three dual lines and Jeff King's championship indoor Rev Performance. The ohs and ahs were expected and appropriate to these amazingly skilled flights.

We enjoyed lunch in the beautiful resident dining hall with the program director and took our bag to an area behind the facility to demonstrate flying. Typical to the assumption that lots of wind assures good kite flying

conditions, the wind gusted over the hill behind and swept up the walls of the three story residence. The sole tree in the landscaping reached out and grabbed lines more than once! Some of our inside attendees watched from their balconies, several were amused from benches as we managed one kite at a time, hardly the display of anchored color we had hoped to provide!

Errant Cannon Fire from Niagara Deflates World's Largest Rubber Duck

September 8, 2016



no last name given. "I'm awfully fond of that rubber ducky."

Repairs are already underway as workers have gathered over 100 rolls of duck tape to patch up the hole.

The owners of the duck, Big Duck LLC, plan on sending the bill to the Niagara League. They will also submit an invoice for damages.

This was sent to me from Facebook. What the Duck was not in control of the cannon and I doubt if a cannon ball was fired!

From: [Gooferie](#), Erie's first fake news source

Tragedy struck at Erie's Tall Ships Festival this morning when a cannon from the Niagara misfired and shot a cannonball into the world's largest rubber duck, deflating it within minutes.

Witnesses say the giant duck was floating about 30 yards from the Niagara when the shot was fired. "It's a shame," said festival patron Ernie,



Found at a Starbucks on the New Jersey Turnpike



Note
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nails



Calendar of Events for SJKF, 9-20-16

9/22/15 -9/25/16 Sunfest Kite Festival, Ocean City, MD for more information contact the Kite Loft at 410-289-7855 or jay@kiteloft.com

10/3/16 (Monday) **Radnor Library Kite Build**, Location: Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Ave, Wayne, PA, Time is 10 am till noon. Contact Mike Dallmer 215-722-4092 mikedallmer@verizon.net or Carrie Sturgill 610-687-1124 ext 22 csturgill@radnorlibrary.org

10/3/16 – 10/8/16 **39th Annual AKA Convention in Seaside, Oregon**

10/7/2016 -10/10/2016 **2nd Annual Long Beach Island Kite Festival**

10/16/16 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF 22nd Anniversary Bash** At the Dallmer Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila, Pa 19111.

Festivities with start around noon, kiteflyers time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once a year SJKF auction.

10/22/16 – 10/23/16 **2016 Outer Banks Stunt Kite Competition**, contact Kitty Hawk Kites 1-877-fly-this or events@kittyhawk.com

11/15/16 **Deadline for submissions of article for next issue of WindWriters**. Send to Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 19111

11/20/16 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ Meeting Room B, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092

12/4/2016 **SJKF's Annual Holiday Party**, Randi's Restaurant and Bar, from noon till 3 pm. Location, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 Contact Cel Dallmer cdallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 Same place as the last few years.

1/15/17 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

1/14/17 – 1/15/17 **2017 Treasure Island Sport Kite Championships**, contact Windworks (727) 320-9463 or boomerr5@msn.com (tentative)

2/18/17 **SJKF Winter Workshop**, subject to be announced. Location Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

3/18/17 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

4/19/17 (Sunday) **Give back Workshop**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)



4/28/17 – 4/30/17 **MIKE / MASKC**, contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

6/17/17 – 6/18/17 **2017 Old Dominion Sport Kite Championships**, contact Frazer Worley (919) 342-4944 or fworley@gmail.com (tentative)

5/21/17 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

9/17/17 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

11/19/17 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 (tentative)

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Help us get to know you! Fill in the form below. Return this application along with your check payable to SJKF and you're in! Welcome to the club!

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 City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
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E-Mail Address: _____

New member: _____ Renewal _____

Membership Type: Individual _____ Family _____

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

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 South Jersey Kite Flyers
 PO Box 481
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<http://sjkf.webs.com/>

Favorite Kite(s): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Individual Membership:

10-1 till 12-31 is \$15

1-1 till 3-31 is \$11.25

4-1 till 6-30 is \$7.50

7-1 till 9-30 is \$3.75

Family membership:

10-1 till 12-31 is \$20.00

1-1 till 3-31 is \$15.00

4-1 till 6-30 is \$10.00

7-1 till 9-30 is \$5.00

Renew date is 10-1 of each year

Quacks Facks

Inspired by Russ Mozier, written by Mike Dallmer

From Kevin and Cinda Shannon

Tampa Bay International Airport from Vince O'Brien



Help Quack Facks out, do you have a Dallmer Duck Banner? If so where was it displayed?

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