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The Newsletter of South Jersey Kite Flyers

JULY 2019

## **12th ANNUAL ELLIOT'S LEAGUE** Kites for a Cure Lung Cancer Research Foundation

On July 7, 20019 some SJKF Members: Rich Cairncross, Ben Huggett, Laura Berg, Kurtis Jones, Nancy and Larry Krablin along with Cel and I went to Deal, NJ to help participants fly kites that were given out, and to fly a few show and quad kites.

This was SJKF's 3<sup>rd</sup> year at this event and though it is hectic, the time flies and when you leave the event you feel as if you have done something good and helped a good cause.

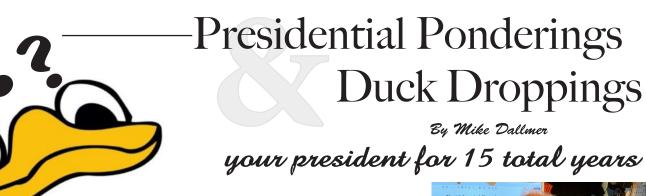
The wind cooperated extremely well as there was a breeze out of the east keeping things cool from the ocean and was steady at about 15-20mph.

I saw a really sad site when we were leaving. The house on whose property this event was held, was decorated with all kinds of kites that had broken free, the lines of the kites were stuck on shingles and were still flying. This sight was a representation of what this event is all about...while the kites may be struggling, they are resilient and still flying.









Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, I hope you are enjoying these hot days and staying hydrated and using sun block when outside??? You have got to be careful and not think you are invincible.

Not much is on our calendar until our Annual Party but there are kite flies happening in both Seasides, Park and Heights during the summer.

SEASIDE PARK KITE NIGHTS @ J Street (on the beach) Seaside Park, NJ - (weather permitting) 5:30- 8:30pm Fun Fly with a featured flier each night. July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21



SEASIDE HEIGHTS KITE NIGHT @ Carteret Ave, (on the beach) Seaside Heights, NJ 08751 5:00-8:00pm Fun Fly with a featured flier each night. July 23 (rain out) July 30, Aug. 6, and 20.

**July Meeting apologies!** I was really torn about what to do about our July meeting so I asked you, the members, in an email how many were going to attend, I got back one semi-positive response, "I plan on being there 75%" and a lot of no's, I then made a few calls and sent messages to people that I thought maybe didn't see the email, and they were mostly no's but I did get one, I thought it was the next week. After very careful consideration to these responses along the predicted heat, humidity and wind direction (out of the west, FLIES!!) I decided we were going to cancel the event. So, I apologize for canceling a meeting, I think this is the first time that I ever have done this and will try not to do it again.

**SJKF's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash**!!!. WOW, 25 years, can you believe it??? September 15, 2019! This is SJKF main fundraiser of the year. This year our Bash is earlier due to such a busy schedule in October. We are really looking for your food and auction donations to continue to make this event such a success. Right now I have kites from the estate of Hank Klienot and we are always looking for donations. 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! If you cannot attend but still want to donate kites or kite related items, please send them to:

SJKF Auction C/O Mike Dallmer 306 Friendship Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

Bringing food? Contact Cel at cdallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 so she can plan accordingly.

Right now Donna McGee, our **Election Chairperson**, is looking for Candidates for President and 2 Directors at Large. Interested in helping to shape the future of SJKF, contact Donna DonnaMRN@comcast.net SJKF has 3 elected positions, President and Vice President run together and one Director at Large.

**State of SJKF**; as of July 15 we are doing ok, we have 77 members and \$5,920.58 in our Treasury, this is roughly \$850 behind last year, if anyone cares. Kite builds continue to be very helpful for SJKF, so if you can help out to help the club build kites it would be greatly appreciated. A couple reasons why we are lower than last year in our Treasury are: we had to buy 1,000 kite kits this year so far (500 of which haven't been touched yet), Markers needed to be replaced, tape was needed for kite builds and our annual purchase of Laser Cartridges were made. Also AKA Pins have been paid for already. Remember, most memberships expire on 10/1/18, not sure, check with me and I'll let you know when your membership expires.

**LBI Fly International Kite Festival** Facebook page is up and running, stay tuned to my emails and the Facebook Page for more information. I do know SJKF is suppose to be building kites again this year and can always use your help.

If you saw my By-line, I have also been elected to Vice President, Director at Large and Secretary for 9 of the other 10 years, only missed serving on the Board of Directors the very first year!! Thanks for your confidence in my abilities.

Who will win the 2019 Presidential Flying Pig Award for 2019? As usual there are a host of SJKF members to choose from but I won't say till September 15<sup>th</sup>!!

Finally, thank you, thank you, and thank you!! For being a SJKF Member and making my job fulfilling by leading a great bunch of people.

Keeler's Caramel Kite Puff

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 Bag Puff Corn (I used Chester's Puffcorn Butter Flavor)
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Cup Butter
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Cup Light Corn Syrup
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Teaspoon Vanilla
- 1/4 Teaspoon Baking Soda



#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Pour puffed corn into a large bowl, make sure it is large enough that you will be able to stir the final mixture without making a huge mess.
- 2. Combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and vanilla in saucepan.
- 3. Boil 4 minutes stirring continually. (Start timing once the mixture comes to a boil).
- 4. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Mixture will foam.
- 5. Pour mixture over puffed corn and stir until all pieces are evenly coated.
- 6. Lightly grease or spray a large cookie sheet.
- 7. Heat oven to 250 degrees.
- 8. Spread mixture onto baking sheet (you need to move fast as it will start to harden up in the bowl)
- 9. Bake at 250 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour stirring every 10-15 minutes. (I had to bake mine for 1 hour and 15 minutes, it really depends on your oven.)

Let cool and then break into pieces and enjoy!



#### POLAND'S

tlicja Szalska presents

### CiQuare Kite Workshop

Thursday and Friday - October 10 and 11, 2019

Time: 10am - 5pm (both days) Lunch will be provided. Location: Long Beach Island Municipal Building, NJ

Registration Fee: \$35.00 Kite Kit: \$90.00/kit

Long Beach Island's tradition of offering great kite making workshops continues in 2019, as Poland's Alicja Szalska brings her CiQuare kite to the Jersey shore. Born into a kite making family, Alicja;s unique designs have already been licensed by European kite manufacturer Wolkenstuermer, and she's been a guest at festivals like Cervia, Cape Town, and Fano.

The kite she'll be teaching you to build is small but has a big presence in the sky. The CiQuare has a 28" x 28" sail, with a 13' tail made up of 84 strips of fabric. There's a lot going on visually and is very unique. You will be able to make it as unique as you'd like by picking one of the special workshop designs and your own colors.

This is a 2-day workshop and includes everything you need to build the kite: all fabric, spars, lines, pieces, and reinforcements. There are three kite designs to choose from with multiple color options available. You will receive this information once you have registered.

There are 15 spaces available for this class and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send your registration payment to secure your spot. If you would like to include the cost of the kite please do! If you would like to send it through paypal, please send "as friend" to djbowlby@me.com. Once your payment is received, you will be sent kite design options and colors to choose from in addition to a list of what you will need to bring with you for the class.

Please send your registration payment of \$35.00 to: Debra Bowlby 18 Golden Willows Avenue Lakewood, NJ 08701 or paypal to: djbowlby@me.com (send as friend) REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019





## ARE WE HAVING FUN Y

Been thinking about the phrase "fun fly" lately and have been placing my thoughts also in a "not a fun fly" category. I'll preface these categories with the acknowledgement that I'm overweight, in horrible shape and a bit cranky at times.

FUN FLY: steady wind with nice spacing for everyone's anchors

**NOT FUN FLY:** dying wind, tangling and painful dune grass to retrieve kites

FUN FLY: driving onto beach, and launching kite from near sitting position

NOT FUN FLY: dragging your crap 300 yards across soft sand with no electric cart in sight

FUN FLY: having a cool beverage, trying to decide which kite to fly next

**NOT FUN FLY:** after dragging crap 300 yards, leaving Gatorade chilling in cooler in car.

FUN FLY: watching someone put their kite on your line thus obligating them to help you pack your stuff

NOT FUN FLY: watching someone walk through your kites with an unstable stick kite thus obligating you to come up with a new nickname for them

FUN FLY: having people on Facebook tell you that they wish they would have known where you were flying

**NOT FUN FLY:** photos on Facebook with comments that start with "gusty winds or challenging day"

FUN FLY: when you see people dressed as kites

**NOT FUN FLY:** when you see people dressed in parkas...

Again, these are just a few observations, and in general, every day on beach or field with friends is a great day. I

could also add that some night flying is fun but not when mosquito netting is required.

So I have many fun flys scheduled for the summer and as I continue to expand my kiting experiences, I will be trying to keep the "not" out of fun fly. 5









9/15/19 **Deadline for submissions of article for next issue of WindWriters**. Send to Debra Bowlby Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon. net 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 19111

9/15/19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) **SJKF 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

9/19/19 – 9/22/19 **Sunfest**, contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

9/29/19 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Belmar Kite Festival, parking will be provided. The flying area is on the beach at Second and Third Avenue. Time is 11 a.m. – 4 p.m, get there around 10 am for setup. Contact is Contact is Jackie Gammond jgammond@belmarbusinesspartnership. com Sal Marchese Marsalsalon@gmail.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 215-722-4092

10/7/19 -10/12/19 **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Kiteflyers Convention, Seaside, Oregon** Seaside Convention Center. More information to follow.

10/11/19 -10/14/19 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Beach Island International Kite Festival More information to follow.

11/3/18 (Sunday) **The 34**<sup>th</sup> Olan **and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off**, will be held on the Boardwalk in Seaside Park, NJ. Contact Cel cdallmer@ verizon.net or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 215-722-4092

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11/17/19 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12/1/19 **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..

4/4/20 (Saturday) **8th Annual Phila Kite Fly and Food Truck Fair at Penn Treaty Park**. Noon till 5. No Rain Date SJKF Will be building kites at this event and can always use help with that. For more information contact Mike Dallmer at mikedallmer@verizon. net or 215-722-4092 or Sandi Vincenti micysmom@ yahoo.com Tentative

4/12/20 (Sunday) Easter

President's Note: Though these dates are accurate at time of printing it is best to check with the contact to make sure the proper dates are listed.

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#### **POWER OF THE CARD**

By Andy Selzer, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of SJKF

I went to Red Bank National Park and parked on top of the hill and was sitting in the shade of a cedar tree when I started talking to the people next me. They were having a butterfly festival at the park. The granddaughter had a nylon fiberglass butterfly kite. I said I have a kite and proceeded to pull out one of my fighters. The grandmother realized I had made the kite and I proceeded to fly my kite avoiding the power lines 75 feet away.

We got to talking about SJKF, I don't think they believe me about an organized kite club, so I searched in my wallet and found a SJKF Membership card, that gave me instant credibility. We then proceeded to let out about 40 feet of line to the butterfly kite and got it in the air for a minute or 2 putting big smiles on everyone's face, when

they left I know they had a good kite flying experience. What a shame that the place where they purchased this good kite would not give them any instructions on how to fly it.



## **The Steve Edeiken** MemorialKiteflier of the Year Award By Mike Dallmer

Andy, like most of us always like flying kites and remembers flying the "Dime Store" kites as a child. He got into modern kite flying around 1992 when a friend of his was in Oregon and saw sport kites and told Andy about them . Andy brought his first sport kite, a Cheetah, from Into the Wind to play with. Andy and his friend spent their lunch time getting the feel of the kite which encouraged Andy to purchase the book Sport Kite Magic written by David Gomberg. From this humble beginning, Andy purchased a Pro Am sport kite from Fran Gramkowski's High Fly Kite Company. As the kite flying bug bit Andy really hard he went to the Meadow Mouse Kite Store run by Roger Chewning and purchase an EFM (Excellent Flying Machine Sport Kite) which he flew until the nose wore out and he wore out numerous leading edges. Andy competed from Myrtle Beach, SC to New-

port with these kites. Andy was also a member of the Eastern League competing at Belmar, Sandy Hook, Wildwood and both Ocean City (Maryland) events. Andy won numerous awards in sport kiting but one of the things he remembers as a highlight was qualifying for Nationals at 1993 Wildwood AKA Convention. Andy fondly remembers flying kites with Peter Lee at the Lakehurst Naval Station inside the Hindenburg Hanger, early indoor flying!!! Andy also competed in numerous regional events that have long since gone, he mentions the Mercer County Kite Competition as one of the good ones.

Around 1997 Andy was introduced to Rokkaku and Fighter Kites by John Smith, one of the founders of South Jersey Kite Flyers and it's first President. His first fighter kite came from Into the Wind called a Hata, which is still available today. His second fighter was a Kevin Shannon called "GA". Then like now, commercial fighter kites were hard to come by so Andy got his hands on a book called "Not another Indian Fighter Kite" by Geoff Crumplin. From that book Andy built Pits25 and Star Fighter, he used the material recommended in the book like Basswood for the spine which he had to heat form using boiling water and jigs.

In 1998 Andy attended the AKA Convention in Ocean Shores, Washington where he met Bruce Lambert and other individuals from the Northwest Fighter Kite Association. There he had a quantum leap of information on modern day fighter design and building. Bamboo spines, Icarex, Orcon fabric and solid carbon rods which were so light he could bow using a line are just a few of the innovations they taught him. Andy has been very fortunate to have enough of a supply of bamboo for the spine that he hasn't had to revert to anything else. In 1999 while attending AKA National in Muncie Indiana Andy meet up with a group of Midwest fighter kite flyers know as the Bandana Gang, they have always assisted and been a great help with fighter kites at AKA up to this day.

Andy learned through many fighter kites that the designers overpowered their kites making them too fast and hard to control. 2003 Andy started making Freedom Fighter which had an addition lighter graphite bowed spine which slowed down, that won him the Paul E. Garber Award for Aerodynamics at the Smithsonian Kite Festival in Washington, DC.

Most of Andy's kites are called "No T fighter kites" not because of the lack of a "T fitting" but because Andy's last name is spelled without a T, from Doug Janelle back when SJKF newsletter was started as a way to remember how to spell Andy's last name.

Andy designed 6 "No "T" Fighter Kites" and then there is a kite called Mark's Kite, a no sew fighter kite which Andy named after his brother, that he teaches in classes. It is good low wind kite, easy enough for a beginner to fly but good enough to fly in competition. If fact at the 2006 AKA Convention is Iowa, Darren Skinner made the kite in the morning at a workshop given by Andy and in the afternoon flew in competition and won first place Novice Line Touch. The last time Andy taught this kite officially was in 2008 at the AKA Convention in Gettysburg, PA!!!!

One of the designs Andy has shared is the No Sew Buka Fighter Kite, this was a variant of a Bruce Lambert kite that Andy got Bruce's permission to use and teach. That plan can be found online http://fighterkitecentral.com/sxs/ Andy%20Selzer%20No%20Sew%20Buka.pdf . Andy added that anyone can look up on YouTube Bruce's designs and they are still very relevant.

Andy's travels have taken all over the US, San Diego was one of his favorite trips, Andy and Vi also attended the Zieker Kite Festival in Austin. That day at Zieker, Andy remember putting The Freedom Fighter #5 to the test against one of the local Indian Fighter kite guys (previous undefeated and use to flying against the local novice fighter kite flyers), during an over line touch point the competitors line broke and he retreated from the kite field and could not be found the rest of the day.

In 1998 Andy took a Sam Huston class at the Maryland Kitemakers Retreat in the no sew method of combining fabric using 3M 9460pc tape. He made a no sew Genki at that class which Andy then incorporated into his no sew fighter kite designs.

SJFK, Andy was one of the founding members in 1994 and continues to be an active member, organizing Shoo-be Kite Flys (you bring a box lunch) and participating in meetings, workshop and kite flys. Andy has served in numerous positions on the Board of SJKF and is still the elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of that organization.

Andy was the fighter kite chairman for the AKA starting around 2000, from there he went on to run all the events Fighter Kite and Rokkaku Challenges at Treasure Island, Wildwood, Gettysburg, Ocean City MD and Iowa and Eden. Around 2005 Andy and fellow fighter kite flyers got together at the AKA Convention and rewrote the rules for Fighter Kite Competition, not many changes were need for the Rokkaku though.

In 2014, Andy had a debilitating stroke, limiting his use of his left side but that only slowed him up a little bit, he is still very active in SJKF. Vi, his life partner and love of his life, were together for 34 years until she lost her battle with lung cancer in 2017. Vi was very active and took care of the ground work. You can still find Andy at his favorite flying field, the local school yard plus prefers the beach at Brigantine NJ where he in 2005-2009 where he held the Brigantine Fighter Kite Competition and this year he will be the Head Judge in the Long Beach Island Fighter Competition .

Andy's final thought was that he hopes the new generation continues flying fighter kites, he saw strong presence at nationals in **Shreveport**, LA and hope that they continue to make fighter kite flying fun for all and that they continue the innovation that he has seen. Andy also wanted to add a special thanks to Dave Young from the Tulsa Wind Riders and all those who have helped run fighter kite events throughout the years, far too many to name.

Andy was presented the Edeiken Award at the 2018 SJKF Holiday by Erin Edeiken, Steve's Daughter. The only thing that could made this better was to have Vi by his side.

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# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester County Balloon Festival

#### Photos by Tina and Paul Keeler

On 6/22/19 a bunch of SJKF Kite Flyers traveled inland to New Garden Flying Field to be mid afternoon entertainment for the Balloon Festival. Little did any of us know that it would take longer to get there than we were able to fly, not only because of wind but because of our time slot was adjusted to only 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours of flying. The winds weren't too cooperative either but at least this year we were able to fly some more than our last excursion there. The Paul broke out a few of their unique pieces and Tina had a visit with the McGee's Parrot Shasha. Joe did a good job of entertaining with bubbles while Rich fly his Quads. Heck, I even flew one of Scott E. Spencer's Weave Kites!

The Keelers along with Tony Reiser, Joe Kay and Dawn Webber, Larry and Nancy Krablin along with 2 friends, The Dallmers, Donna and Dan McGee, Jack Edling and Rich Cairncross participated. Also while we were flying kites Cel, Donna and Nancy set up and sold a few kite kits under the shade of our cabana.

I also really like to thank Jack Edling, who was there to pilot his balloon and a long time SJKF member (7/7/2000) for his generous donation!!

Of course there was a mix up with us getting feed but in the end we were provided with something along with a promise that it wouldn't happen next time.

Writers note: no kite flyers were hurt by attacking lady bugs!!!

















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