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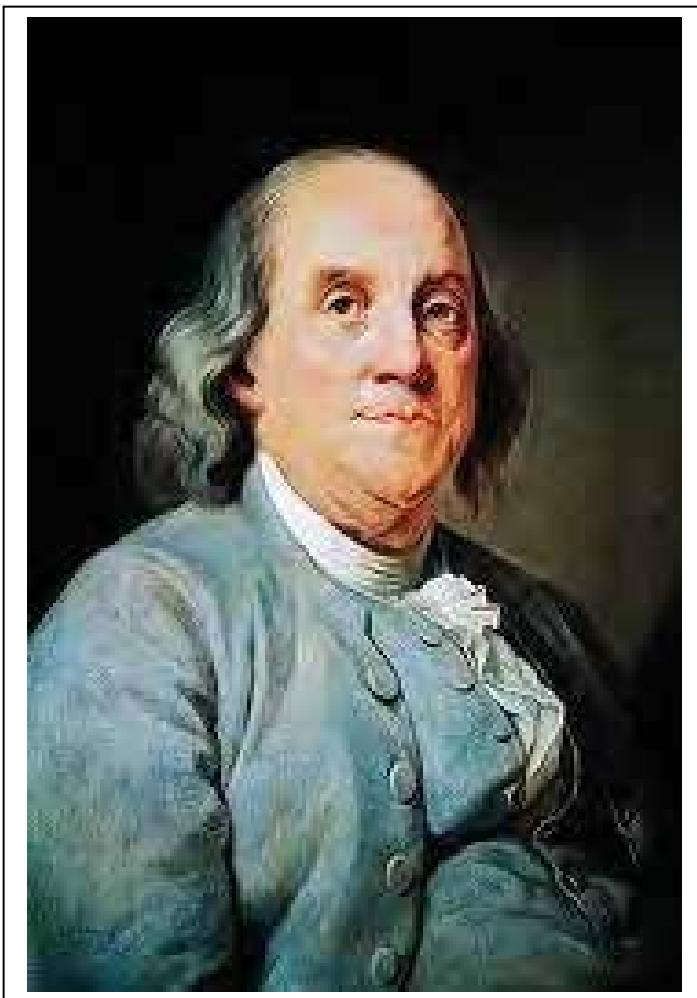
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"Aw, Go Fly a Kite!"

Benjamin Franklin's wildly dangerous kite experiment has grown into an American legend. Almost everyone has heard of Franklin flying a kite with a key in an electrical storm, but few of us actually understand how the experiment works. Ben hypothesized that lightning is an electrical phenomenon, and that the electrical effect of lightning might be transferable to another object and cause an effect that could be recognized as electricity. He set out to prove it in an experiment.

In 1752, on a dark June afternoon in Philadelphia, the 46 year-old Ben Franklin decided to fly a kite. With the help of his son, William, they attached his kite to a silk string, tying an iron key at the other end. Next, they tied a thin metal wire from the key and inserted the wire into a Leyden jar, a container for storing an electrical charge. Finally, as the sky darkened and a thunderstorm approached, they attached a silk ribbon to the key. Holding onto the kite by the silk ribbon, Ben flew the kite and once it was aloft, he retreated into a barn so that he would not get wet. The thunder storm cloud passed over Franklin's kite, whereupon the negative charges in the cloud passed onto

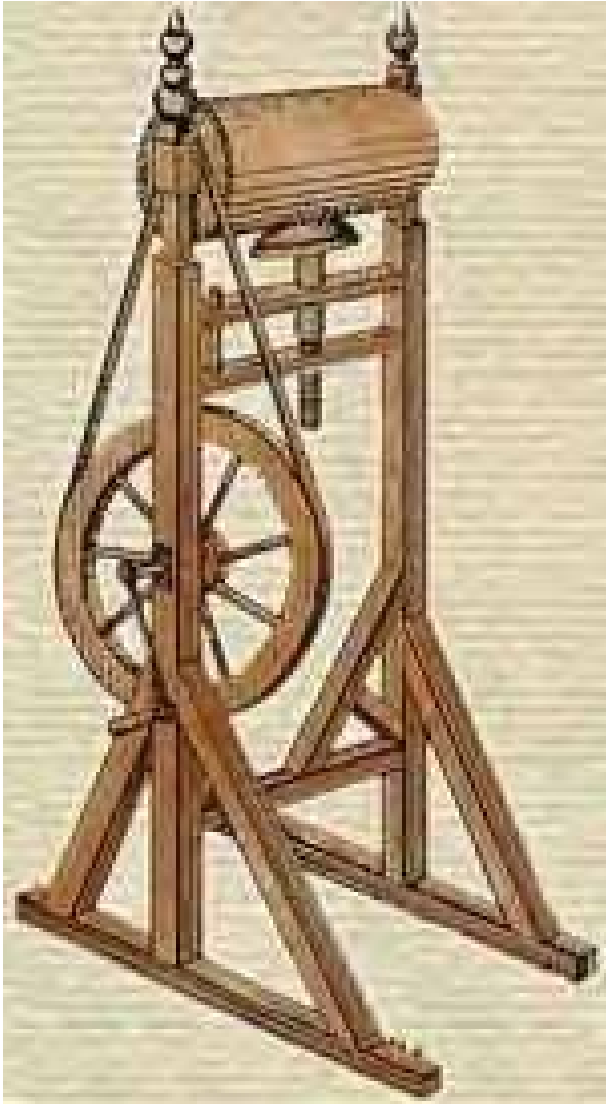
his kite, down the wet silk string, to the key, and into the jar. Ben however, was unaffected by the negative charges because he was holding the dry silk ribbon, insulating him from the charges on the key. When he moved his free hand near the iron key, he received a shock. Why? Because the negative charges in the key were so strongly attracted to the positive charges in his body, a spark jumped from the key to his hand. Franklin's experiment successfully showed that lightning was static electricity. You can experience this same reaction when you shuffle your feet on a carpet and reach for a metal doorknob.



The vignette Franklin and Electricity (c. 1860) which was used on the \$10 National Bank Note from the 1860s to 1890s.

Franklin was actually lucky to have survived, for after this famous incident, several other would-be-scientists who performed this same kite experiment were electrocuted. Realizing that this form of electricity could be charged over a conductor and into the ground, he invented the lightning rod and conductor, providing the lightning an alternative path to the earth. Later in his life, lightning struck his own house, but his lightning rod saved it from burning.

FRANKLIN'S KITE EXPERIMENT WITH MODERN APPARATUS. By ALEXANDER McADIE.



Franklin's Electrical Machine.

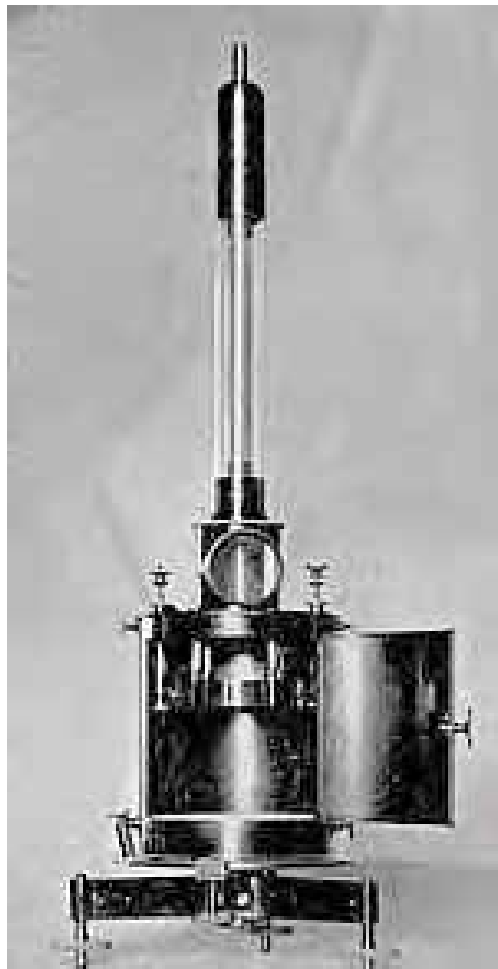
[p.739] THE recent improvements in kites have suggested perhaps to many the question, "How would Franklin perform his kite experiment to-day?" It may seem a little presumptuous to speak for that unique philosopher, and attempt to outline the modifications he would introduce were he to walk on earth again and fly kites as of yore; for, with the exception of Jefferson, perhaps his was the most far-seeing and ingenious mind of a remarkable age. But the world moves; and in making kites, as well as in devising electrometers and apparatus for

measuring the electricity of the air, great advances have been made. Franklin would enjoy repeating his kite experiment to-day, using modern apparatus. What changes and lines of investigation he would suggest are beyond conjecture.

A hundred and fifty years ago a ragged colonial regiment drew up before the home of its philosopher-colonel and fired an ill-timed salute in his honor. A fragile electrical instrument was shaken from a shelf and shattered. Franklin doubtless appreciated the salute and regretted the accident. In the course of his long life he received other salutes, as when the French Academy [p.740] rose at his entrance; and he constructed and worked with other electrometers; but for us that first experience will always possess a peculiar interest. The kite and the electrometer betray the intention of the colonial scientist to explore the free air, and, reaching out from earth, study air electrification *in situ*. He made the beginning by identifying the lightning flash with the electricity developed by the frictional machine of that time. A hundred patient philosophers have carried on the work, improving methods and apparatus, until to-day we stand upon the threshold of a great electrical survey of the atmosphere. It is no idle prophecy to say that the twentieth century will witness wonderful achievements in measuring the potential of the lightning flash, in demonstrating the nature of the aurora, and in utilizing the electrical energy of the cloud. The improved kite and air-runner will be the agency through which these results will be accomplished.

The famous kite experiment is described by Franklin in a letter dated October 19, 1752: "Make a small cross of light sticks of cedar, the arms so long as to reach to the four corners of a large, thin silk handkerchief when extended. Tie the corners of the handkerchief to the extremities of the cross, so you have the body of a kite which, being properly accommodated with a tail, loop, and string, will rise in the air like those made of paper, but

being made of silk is better fitted to bear the wet and wind of a thunder gust without tearing. To the top of the upright stick of the cross is to be fixed a very sharp-pointed wire rising a foot or more above the wood. To the end of the twine next the hand is to be tied a silk ribbon, and where the silk and twine join a key may be fastened. This kite is to be raised when a thunder gust appears to be coming on, and the person who holds the string must stand within a door or window, or under some cover, so that the silk ribbon may not be wet; and care must be taken that the twine does not touch the frame of the door or window. As soon as the thunder clouds come over the kite, the pointed wire will draw the electric fire from them, and the kite, with all the twine, will be electrified, and stand out every way and be attracted by an approaching finger. And when the rain has wet the kite and twine you will find the electric fire stream out plentifully from the key on the approach of your knuckle."



Mascart Electrometer.

[p.741] Now, how would we perform this experiment to-day and with what results?

Having flown big kites during thunderstorms, it may perhaps be best to describe step by step two of these experiments, and then speak of what we know can be done, but as yet has not been done.

Our first repetition of Franklin's kite experiment was at Blue Hill Observatory, some ten miles southwest of Boston, one hundred and thirty-three years after its first trial. There were two large kites silk-covered and tin-foiled on the front face. These kites were of the ordinary hexagonal shape, for in 1885 Malay and Hargrave kites were all unknown to us. Fifteen hundred feet of strong hemp fish line were wrapped loosely with uncovered copper wire of the smallest diameter suitable, and this was brought into a window on the east side of the observatory, through rubber tubing and blocks of paraffin. Pieces of thoroughly clean plate glass were also used. Materials capable of giving a high insulation were not so easily had then as now. We knew very little about mica; and quartz fibers and Mascart insulators could not be obtained in the United States. Our electrometer, however, was a great improvement upon any previous type, and far removed from the simple pith-ball device used by Franklin.

Knowing that an electrified body free to move between two other electrified bodies will always move from the higher to the lower potential, Lord Kelvin devised an instrument consisting of four metallic sections, symmetrically grouped around a common center and inclosing a flat free-swinging piece of aluminum called a needle. The end of the kite wire is connected with the needle and the sections or quadrants are alternately connected and then electrified, one set with a high positive potential, say five hundred volts, and the other with a corresponding negative value, say five hundred volts lower than the ground.

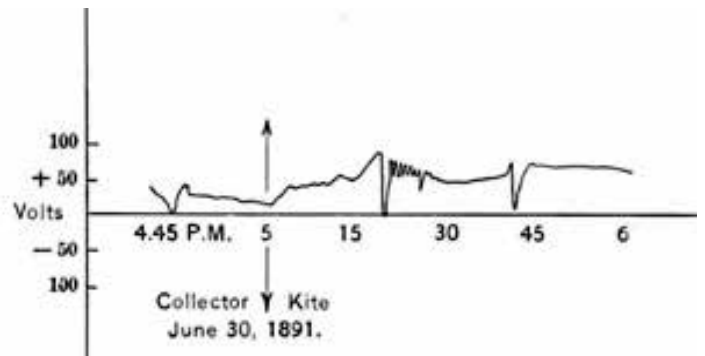


Mascart Electrometer, with Photographic Register, July, 1892.

Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory.

Perhaps the most noteworthy result of these earlier experiments was the discovery (for such we think it was) that showery or thunderstorm weather was not the only condition giving marked electrical effects. The electrometer needle would be violently [p.742] deflected and large sparks obtained at other times. Day after day as we flew the kite we found this high electrification of the air, and we had no trouble in getting sparks even when the sky was cloudless. One other discovery was made, and this would have delighted Franklin more than the other, for he was always most pleased when a practical application was in sight. Seated within the instrument room of the observatory, with his back to the open window through which came the kite wire carefully insulated, and the kite high in air, the observer closely watching the index of the electrometer could tell positively, and as quickly as one outside watching the kite, whether it rose or fell. When the kite rose, up went the voltage, and *vice versa*. In other words, the electric potential of the air increased with elevation. It must be confessed that the kites made today would have behaved better and flown with more steadiness than the one we used. It may have been the varying wind, or more likely wrong proportions in the kite and tail; but our

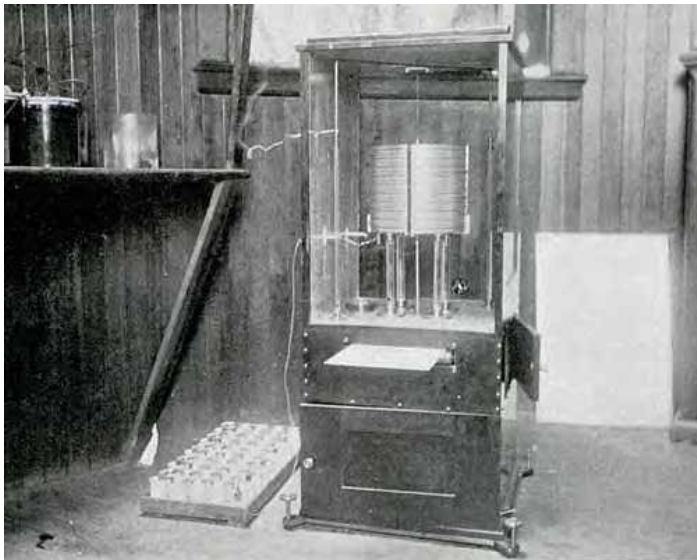
old hexagonal kite [p.743] would dive even when high in air. Once we kept the kite aloft from the forenoon until late at night, but that was something unusual.



Electrical Potential of the Air.

Small collector about fifteen feet from ground; kite about five hundred feet from ground. Passing now over six years in which we had been busy measuring the electrification of the air under all conditions, and discovering, for example, that a snowstorm was almost identical with a thunderstorm in its tremendous electrical changes, we come to the year 1891, when we again flew kites for the purpose of electrically exploring the air. Our experiments at the top of the Washington Monument in 1885 and 1886 (especially those during severe thunderstorms, when we obtained potentials as high as three and four thousand volts just before the lightning), had given us an insight into the strains and stresses in the air, and taught us what to expect at such times. There was still little improvement in the kite, but much better electrical apparatus [p.744] was at hand. It may seem ridiculous, but we hauled nearly a wagon-load of electrical apparatus to the summit of the hill, and found occasion to use all of it. Our insulators were delicate glass vessels, curiously shaped, containing sulphuric acid, and able to hold with little leakage the highest known potentials. Besides these fine Mascart insulators, we had hundreds of distilled-water batteries and two electrometers, one a Mascart quadrant, the other a large multiple quadrant. The chief aim that year was to secure by mechanical means (discarding the photographic and eye methods) a

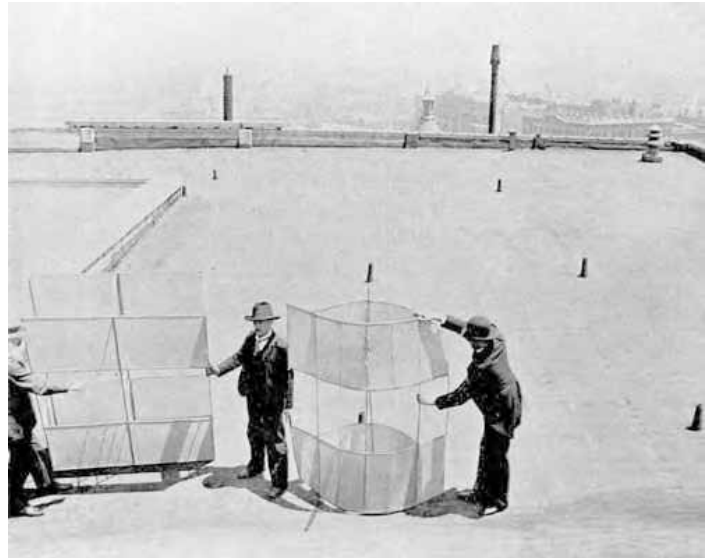
continuous record of the potential. When we can study the potential at any moment and still have a record of it, the relation of the electricity of the air to the pressure, temperature, and moisture will be more easily investigated. Among our records that year there is one date, June 30, 1891, where a direct comparison of the electrification of the air fifteen or twenty feet from the ground and at a height of about five hundred feet is shown. In one, the potential was obtained by a water-dropper collector from a second-story window in the observatory, and in the other was obtained by means of the kite. It will be seen how much higher the kite values are, although the kite was a much slower accumulator of electricity.



Multiple Quadrant Electrometer, July, 1892. Blue Hill Observatory.

In the next year, 1892, the kite was flown several times during thunderstorms, but generally during afternoon storms; and in the lull [p.745] preceding the wind rush the kite would fall. It was not until August 9th that we succeeded in going through a storm with the kite still flying. About 11 a. m. the kite was sent aloft, and it remained aloft until after 10 p. m. From the observatory one can see to the west fifty or more miles, and a thunderstorm came into view just about sunset. The kite was flying steadily, and whenever a finger was held near the kite wire there was a perfect fusillade of sparks. As the darkness increased, the polished metallic and glass surfaces in the large electrometer reflected the sparks, now

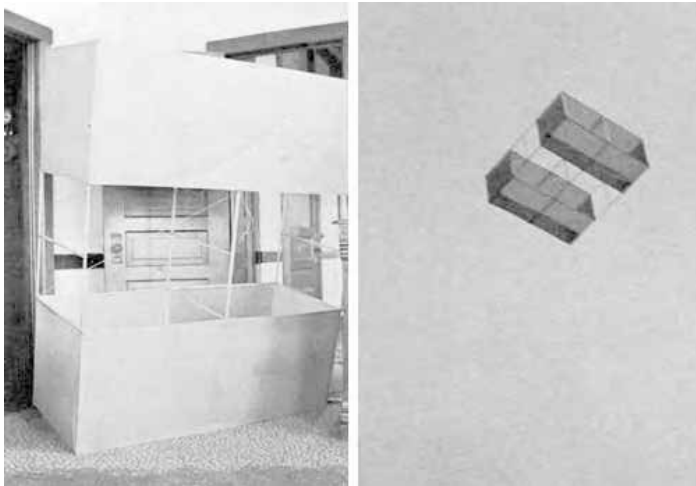
strong enough to jump across the air gaps, and the incessant sizzling threatened to burn out the instrument. The vividness of the lightning in the west also made it plain that the storm was one of great violence, and as the observatory itself would be jeopardized, one of the four men present proposed to cut the wired string and let the kite go.



Kite-Flying on Roof of City Building

But even that was easier said than done, for to touch the string was to receive a severe shock. It was necessary, however, to get out of the scrape, and one of the party took the kite string and broke the connection with the electrometer and insulators. While he was in the act of doing this, the others, who by this time were outside the building, saw a flash of lightning to the west of the hill. The observer who was undoing the kite wire did not see this flash. He saw a brilliant flare-up in the electrometer, and at the same instant felt a severe blow across both arms. Notwithstanding, he loosened the wire, and, dropping an end without, it took but a few moments to make it fast on the hillside some distance away from the observatory. There it remained for the rest of the night. A 105-volt incandescent lamp was placed between the end of the kite wire and a wire [p.746] running to the ground. There was some light, but no incandescence of the filament. It was more in the nature of a creeping of the charge over the outer glass surface of the lamp. Stinging sparks were felt whenever the kite wire was touched. The storm

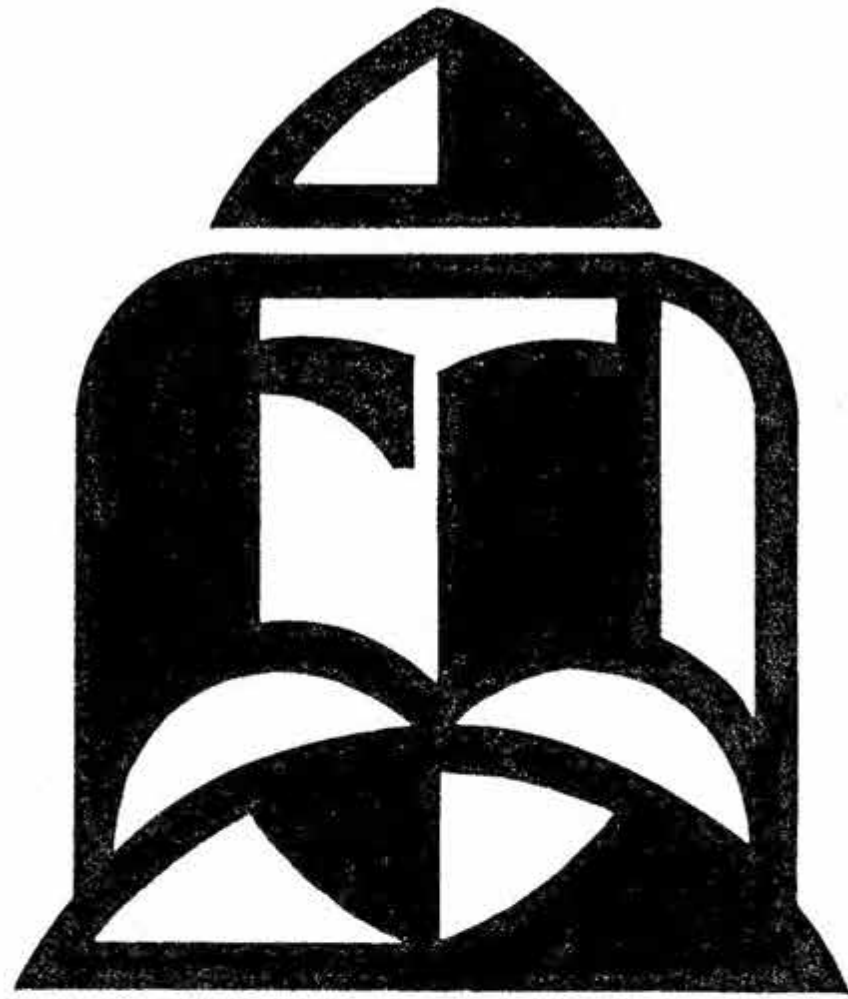
gradually passed over, the lightning being vivid and frequent in the west and north, and, as we learned next day, doing considerable damage. The nearest flash to the hill, however, as well as we could determine by the interval between thunder and flash, was forty-five hundred feet away, so that the discharge which the observer felt while loosening the wire must have been a sympathetic one. We obtained a photograph of the prime discharge, and very curiously this shows a remarkable change of direction.



Hargrave Kite (L) and Same Hargrave Kite in the Air (R).

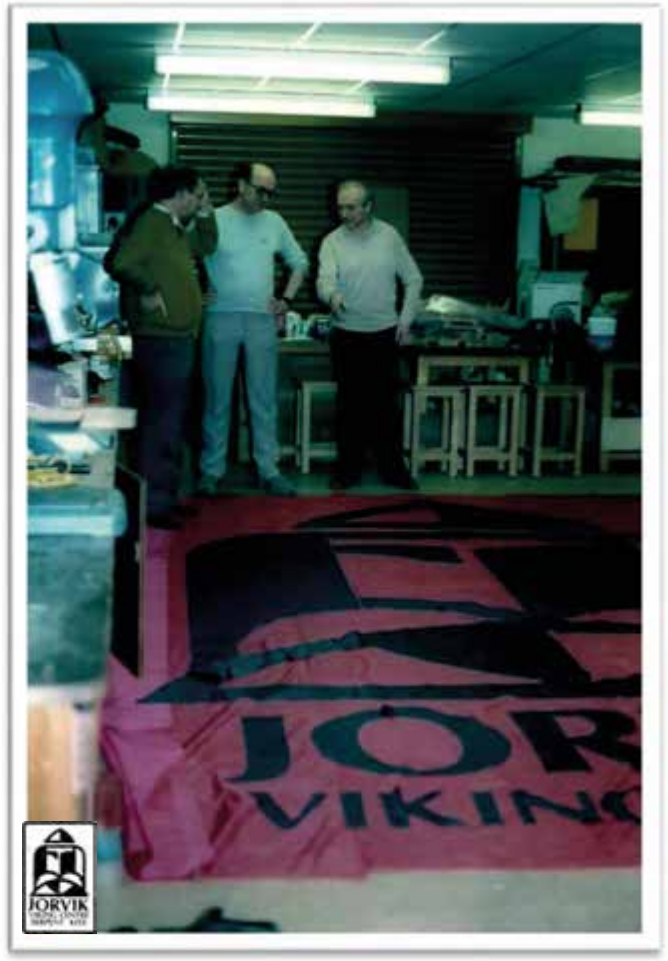
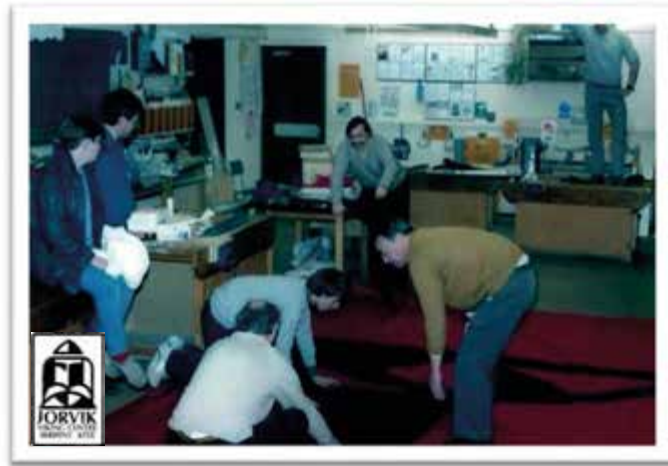
This year, in some interesting experiments made on the roof of the Mills Building at San Francisco, it was noticed that the roof, which has a covering of bitumen, was a good insulator. Ordinarily one may touch the reel on which the kite wire is wound without being shocked, but if a wire be connected with the ventilating pipes running to the ground there are small sparks. Introducing a condenser in the circuit, the intensity of the spark is increased. It only remains to construct an appropriate coil of the kite wire and place within it another independent coil. In the outer coil a quick circuit breaker may be placed, and theoretically at least we shall transform down the [p.747] high potential and low amperage charge of the air to a current of less potential and greater amperage. This can be put to work and the long-delayed realization of Franklin's plan of harnessing the electricity of the air be consummated. It may not be a profitable investment from the commercial standpoint, but no one can say what this

tapping of the aerial reservoir may lead to. Determining the nature and origin of the aurora will be as great a scientific achievement as utilizing the energy of Niagara Falls. From *Popular Science* (Oct 1897), 739-747.



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Kite Flying Demonstration in 1900

A kite flying event was an unofficial sport at 1900 Olympic Games in Paris. The often reported strong gust of wind that blew most of the competitors' kites in to a tree is probably just myth. The 1900 Olympic Games Official Report (in French) gives many details of the competition.

The report from the games mentions two different competitions, one for altitude and another based on other factors. The competition for altitude was held over a one hour period, the winner was the kite with the highest altitude (as verified by instruments recorders attached to the kite). The other competition category required the kite to remain in the air for two hours with 200 meters of cable. The ranking was done by measuring the angle of the line from the kite to the point attachment with the horizontal, the bearing surface, the cable tension dynamometer, and appreciating the stability of the kite. Originally just two categories in the kite competition was planned, however due to the large number of competitors who came with a

large range of kites, the Organizing Committee decided to split the competition into three categories - small, medium and large kites. The small kites were mostly toys flown by children, and the prizes were reduced accordingly to a single bronze medal and to small rewards of 20, 10 and 5 francs.

The competition for the small kites was held on the 19th August 1900. Due to lack of adequate winds, the events for larger kites were postponed. The medium kite competition was held on September 27, and the large kite competition was on the 30th September.

Results

Small Kites

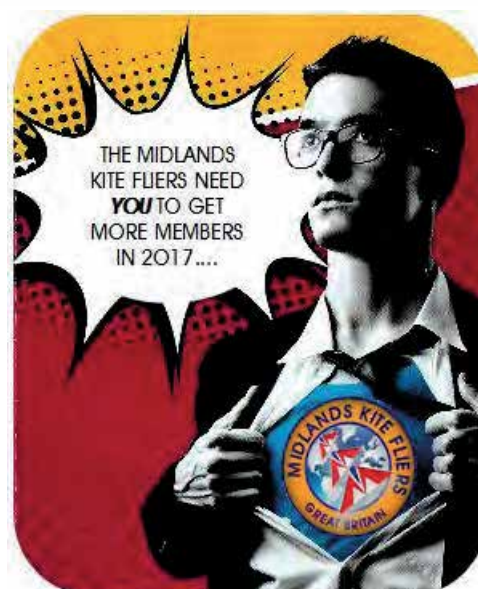
1. Flecheux (France)
2. Mademoiselle de la Dunard (France)
3. Heurteau (France)
 - o Mention honorable : M. Bonfils

Medium Kites

1. Rouillard (France)
2. Stoenesco (France)
3. Mademoiselle de la Dunard (France)

Large Kites

1. Lecornu (France)
2. Louis Baillod (France)





Kite time

Date 1904 April 6.

Illustration shows President Theodore Roosevelt sitting on a fence on a hill, flying a kite labelled "Popularity"; below are several potential Democratic presidential candidates, all of whom are having difficulty flying their kites, from left to right are William Jennings Bryan labelled "WJB." holding a bellows labelled "Moral issue" and blowing on his tattered kite labelled "1896" and "1900" with ribbons on the tail labelled "Free silver, Populism, Anti-imperialism, and Free riot", next is David Hill holding a kite labelled "Parker boom", then Charles Murphy holding a kite under his arm labelled "McClellan boom", followed by Grover Cleveland, then Richard Olney holding the string to a kite labelled "Past record" lying on the ground, with ribbons labelled "1884" and "1892", "Tariff reform, Independent vote, and Personal popularity", then Arthur Gorman whose kite is tangled on a tree branch labelled "Panama blunder", and in the centre is a little yellow kid labelled "Willie" who is all tangled up in his own kite string, the kite, lying on the ground, is labelled "Yellow journalism" and the string spells "McKinley slanders".

J. S. (John S.) Pughe, 1870-1909

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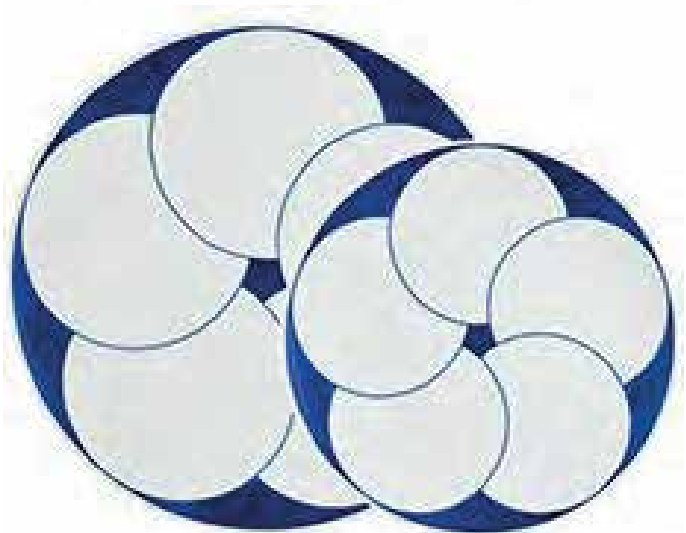
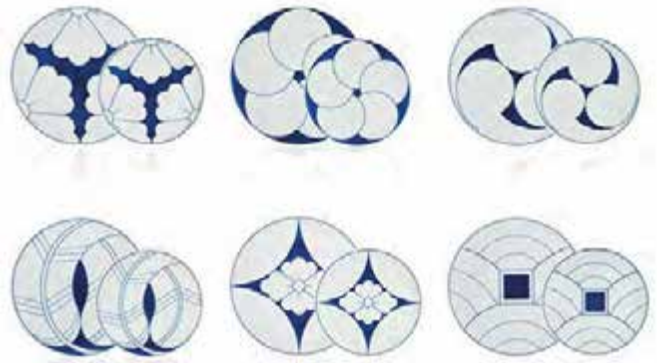


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Benjamin Franklin Butler

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BUTLER

5th November 1818 – 11th January 1893

Known as 'BEAST BUTLER'

General Butler an ,Inventor.

A novel mode of giving light to benighted rebels on the subject of the President's "Amnesty" has recently been tried with success along our lines. A common boy's kite is sent skyward and rebelward whenever the wind is favorable, having two strings, one strong and the other weak. To a particular weak spot in the weak string a bundle of the printed promises of amnesty is fastened. When the kite is high enough and soaring far within rebel lines, the stout string is slackened and all the strain is brought upon the weak. Instantly the cord parts at the tender spot, and the proclamations, "thick as autumnal leaves which strew the streams in Valambrosa," shower gently o'er hill and plain and forest top, where the rebels can pick them up. Is not that a brilliant thing, and worthy of universal Yankee ingenuity?

[This is said to be an invention of General Butler's.]

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Perhaps not all kite fliers are 'nice' people...



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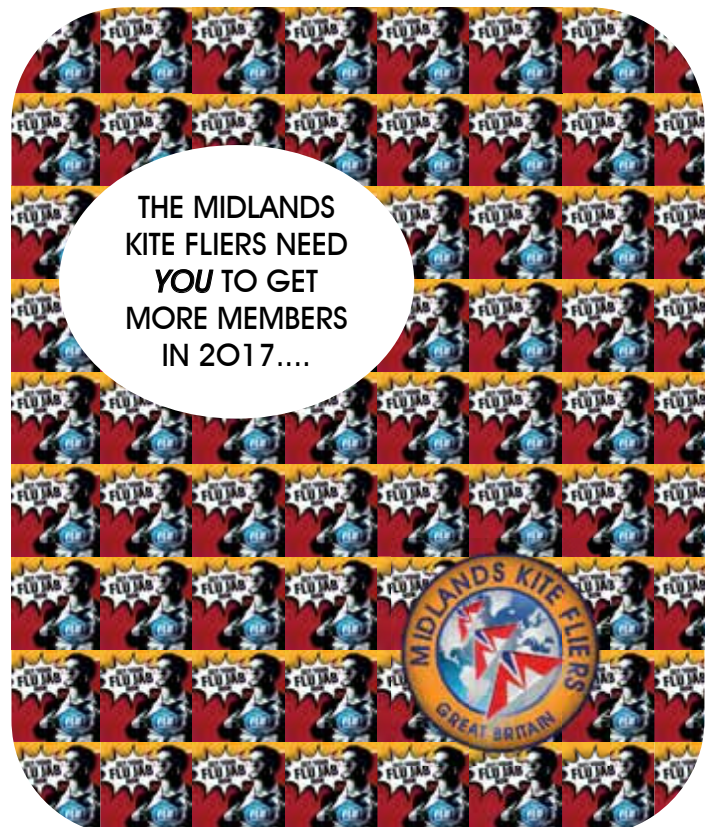


These kites have been purchased by the Midlands Kite Fliers from ex-members who have either 'passed away' or given up kiting. Any profits will go to Club funds.....



It is hoped that in the New Year we will up-date the MKF Wesite. To help with this task we are asking members for their best 'kite' photographs that will hopefully inspire our website viewers to come along and see the real thing in person. It does not matter what format the photos are in just send them or give them to Bill Souten..... then wait to see your photos on the website

Have re-built the box kite you sold me at the Jinney Ring Centre. Used bits I had. Good enough for photos. Best guess, it is a HQ F Box Kite XL. Approx 184 cm Tall 200 cm wide and 100 cm deep (including the rear sail). Not flown it yet as I'm working but will try it at weekend hopefully. Andy Gray



INVITATION BROADHAVEN KITEFLIERS RENDEZVOUS

Saturday 29th April, Sunday 30th April
and Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Two full days of kite flying in Pembrokeshire on
Broad Haven's 'Blue Flag' Beach.



Followed by a day flying at Hilton Court Gardens and
Crafts, Roch, Pembrokeshire, with its stunning coastal views
overlooking St Brides Bay.





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From: Marius <uzufoto@gmail.com>

Hello,

I and my friend Tadas Surkys artist and kite master from Lithuania. I want to share with you a new way to expose art in the sky.

I've got interested in kite flying a while ago and my kites grew bigger and bigger until I've come up with these enormous kites – dragonflags - the biggest one 800 square meters!

This kind of kite or flying flag could be used as a unique exposition in the sky. Dragonflag only requires the power of wind. It gives a unique experience to the spectator as usually people see the flag in the sky, but it is very difficult to see the string attached to the flag, so the spectator gets the impression that the flag is flying on its own. On my projects I've encountered a lot of people wondering around and trying to locate the flyer.

It also could be flown at night time and illuminated.

My website www.aivaraai.com to get an idea and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions .

I am looking to possible opportunities to enjoy some common projects .

Yours sincerely

Marius



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The flag of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations depicts a sheet bend

Vexillology is the scientific study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags or, by extension, any interest in flags in general. The word is a synthesis of the Latin word vexillum ("flag") and the Greek suffix -logia ("study.") The constitution of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations (known by its French acronym, FIAV) formally defines vexillology as "the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge."

A person who studies flags is a vexillologist; vexillography is the art of designing flags; one who does so is a vexillographer; an admirer of flags is a vexillophile.



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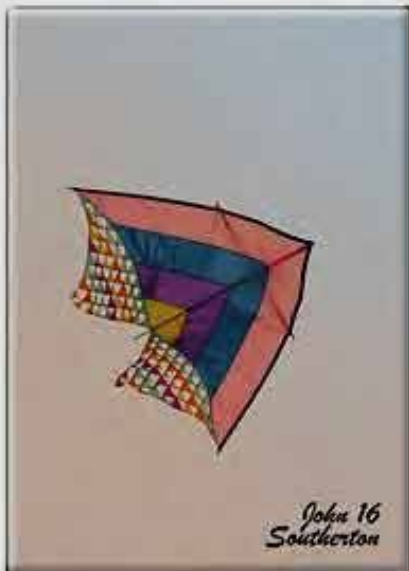


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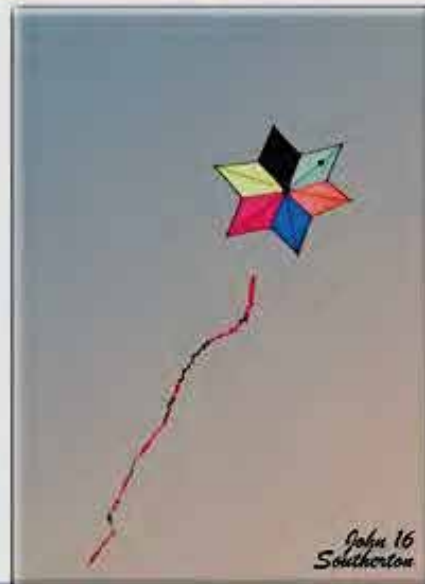


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LET'S FLY A KITE



HUNDREDS AIM FOR THE SKY AT FESTIVAL – SEE PAGE 29

From The Shropshire Star 6th September 2016

Colourful festival draws families to range of activities

Hundreds flock to see kite-flying fun



From left are the Smiths – Charlie, nine, Isabella, five, mother Ashley, father Tom and Tyler, two, from The Rock, Telford



Ribbons trail from a soaring butterfly



Oliver Howden from Stoke, and Daniel Wright, from Trench, Telford.

Noah Sharp, aged five, from Stirchley, Telford

Peter Spray from Stoke and member of Midlands Kite Flyer

HUNDREDS of people flocked to see the sights at a colourful kite festival.

The West Midlands Kite Festival was held at Telford Town Centre, with a number of high-flying activities, such as kite-making workshops.

Meanwhile, hundreds of kites were up for grabs as part of a treasure trail competition, which will form part of a huge celebratory mural.

There was also food and drink stands, fairground rides, free activities and play areas for the park and Jackfield Brass Band

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in the afternoon. The kite festival was run by Telford & Wrekin Council in partnership with the shopping centre.

Visitors during the bank holiday weekend were also asked to strike a pose and become part of a special art installation.

The centre's photographer captured local people against a green screen in The Border with their pictures being incorporated into a vibrant mural, to be unveiled later on in September.

The centre itself was decorated with 100 colourful kites, all of which can be won by

following a trail of kites around the centre and finding a hidden code word.

Competition entry forms are available from the Customer Service desk and the closing date is September 10.

The event took place in the Telford Town Park QEII Fields in Trust Arena.

Spokesman Russell Griffin said: "A lot in the morning came to claim their free kite, make it and fly it with the kids but people came throughout the day to enjoy watching and joining in."

"It was a lovely relaxed day, people came to enjoy the spectacle of dozens of kites of different colours, shapes and sizes, fly their homemade kites either from workshops

with the Telford Shopping Centre in the previous week or made on the day from free kite kits, take some instruction from the kite club members on how to catch the wind and how to get your kite airborne, have a go at flying some of the club's bigger kites, run around with the kids and their kites, picnicking, enjoying the music from the Jackfield Brass Band and generally taking advantage of the lovely park."

Mr Griffin added: "There were around 40 different kites – all shapes and sizes, across the day from the West Midland Kite Association and some from the public as well as dozens of home made and free kites for the kids."



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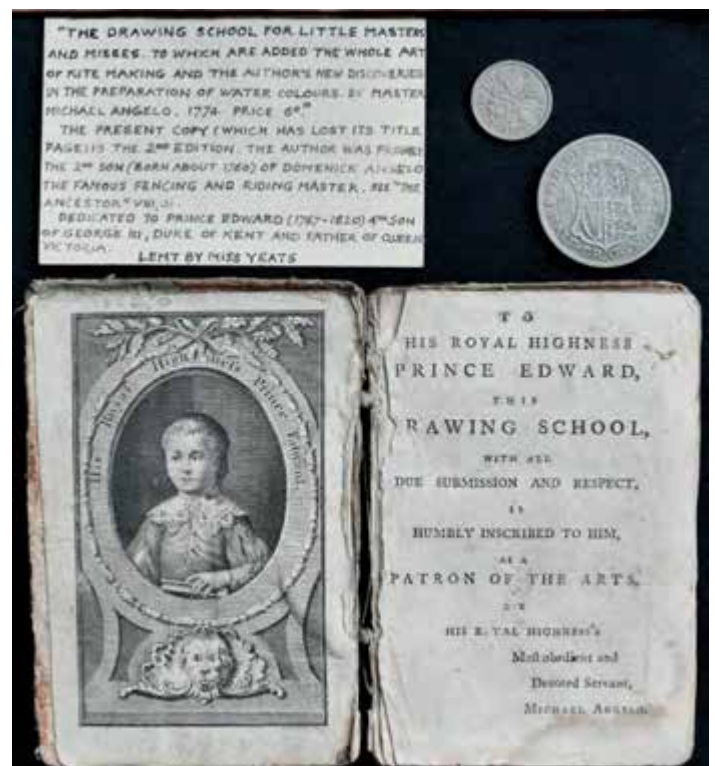
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THE WHOLE ART OF KITE MAKING.

THERE is undoubtedly no Amusement, of which we little Boys are fond, more innocent, or less dangerous, than that of *Kite-Flying*. Bird-nesting and Leap-Frog, besides many other Sports, are frequently attended with Accidents; but this is wholly divested of all Mischances, except that of now and then losing a favourite Kite, which is of ten a Matter of no small Concern.

I cannot conclude this Essay without taking Notice of the idle Custom of some unthinking Artists, who, when their Kite is raised, are very fond of sending up Messengers, as they call them, which are Pieces of Paper with a Hole in the Middle: These are run over the Stick, and so on to the Twine, when the Wind forces them up to the Kite. This, however, is very wrong; for the Wind acting strongly on the Paper, though small, lowers the Kite prodigiously, which should by all Means be avoided. The Custom of flying Kites by Night, with a Piece of lighted Charcoal at the End of the Tail, is of so dangerous a Nature, that he, who attempts it, ought for ever to be excluded the Honours of this noble Science.



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Cub Scouts Celebrate 100 Year Birthday

About 65 years ago I joined the cubs and can remember those days as though they were yesterday, since my early involvement with scouting I have remained committed to the movement and at one time I became Skipper of the 1st Ferring Sea Scouts, a position I held for several years. During my time as a troop leader I introduced many scouts to kiting and when I retired I maintained my commitment to scouting, particularly in respect to kite making and flying. Aware of the impending Cubs100 year birthday celebrations I set about teaching cubs and scouts around the county (Sussex) how to make and fly kites by running workshops during their regular evening meetings. To promote kiting within the scout movement further I was asked to organise and manage a kite workshop at the centenary celebrations and to assist with the acquisition of supplies for the 4 day event and with massive support from the leaders and volunteers of the 1st East Preston Troop, along

with assistance from the camp administrators resulting in a well supported event

Most of us know the scout motto "be prepared" and to some degree I was prepared for this event but when you are talking about over 2,500 cubs, around 500 leaders and volunteers, preparation becomes an entirely different matter, just think about it, 2,500 printed T shirts, 500 woven camp patches, 3 x 4 days meals for 3000 hungry people (36k meals) along with toilet facilities and enough kit for hundreds of homemade kites and it all starts to get a bit scary but the efforts of all concerned were boundless and somehow the event went off without any major hitch and we all had a great time

Donations by local businesses of quality plastic bags, doweling for line holders, tape dispensers sticky tape and videotapes for the tails were received with thanks and essentially all we had to source was the metal templates and cotton flying line, the kites were the ubiquitous "sleds" simply because they are well proven and very easy to make. It was my intention to make and fly 1000 kites at the event to set a target for future events to aim for but again the logistics were not truly understood by any of us including myself and we ended up with just over half the projected number of kites being made and flown, the failure to get the target 1000 kites was simply not going to happen, it was down to how many bums on seats we could manage, most of the time we were all busy making kites and there were more than enough cubs who wanted to make kites but we just could not manage the numbers involved

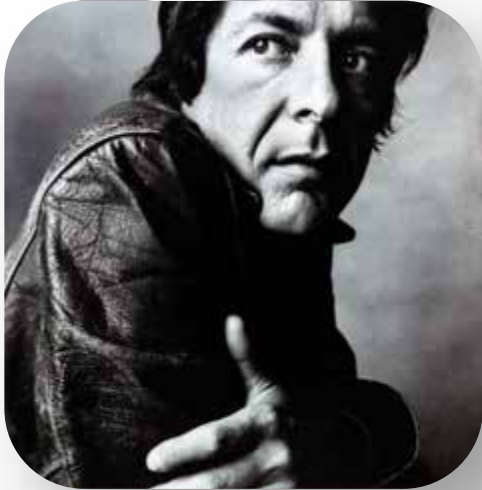
However, we did learn something about "mass" production, in the past I usually set up a few tables and run a sort of production line with each kite maker moving from one station to another, we found this method was not stable enough and decided that each station would make a complete kite and production did increase accordingly

As a gesture, I decided to have the camp "logo" printed onto kites and to have same flying over the entire weekend or for as long as the wind

permitted and our friends from Basingstoke stepped in and made these for us. It is important for all to know that the logo itself was designed by an 8 year old cub and at the end of the closing ceremony the original logokite was presented to the designer from the main arena stage, fantastic

I am really pleased that the event turned out to be so well supported, indeed the powers to be have already asked me to consider running two similar events next year, one as we ran this last one as an activity within the main event and one totally dedicated to kite making and flying, unfortunately one of the security requirements is that all volunteers must be in possession of a scouting verified DBS which means the majority of flyers who attend my other events will not be able to help but if you do have a current DBS and would like to help next year you will be more than welcome and perhaps we might even get to create the 1000 one design flying record





A KITE IS A VICTIM

Poem by Leonard Cohen 1965

From: The Spice-Box of Earth
March 1965

A kite is a victim you are sure of.
You love it because it pulls
gentle enough to call you master,
strong enough to call you fool;
because it lives
like a desperate trained falcon
in the high sweet air,
and you can always haul it down
to tame it in your drawer.

A kite is a fish you have already caught
in a pool where no fish come,
so you play him carefully and long,
and hope he won't give up,
or the wind die down.

A kite is the last poem you've written,
so you give it to the wind,
but you don't let it go
until someone finds you
something else to do.

A kite is a contract of glory
that must be made with the sun,
so make friends with the field
the river and the wind,
then you pray the whole cold night before,
under the travelling cordless moon,
to make you worthy and lyric and pure.

THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET?



Record Smashed and Convention Set

OCEAN CITY, *Maryland*: On August 14, 2016, the record for most Trilobite kites in the air at one time was set in Portsmouth, England with 21 kites. Barely a month later on September 23, kiteflyers in Ocean City, Maryland, crushed the "old" record by flying 30 Trilobites (below), thereby tossing down the gauntlet by proclaiming: "Once again Ocean City regains its official title of Kite Capital of the World."

Ocean City's long history in kites included hosting the first AKA Convention and Grand National Competitions back in 1978. October 9-14, 2017, the AKA will celebrate its 40th Annual Convention by returning to Ocean City for what is sure to be one of the grandest kite parties in recent memories. This is your opportunity to fly on the same beach that other flyers such as Peter Powell, Bob Ingraham, Dom Jalbert and Steve Edeiken flew 40 years ago.

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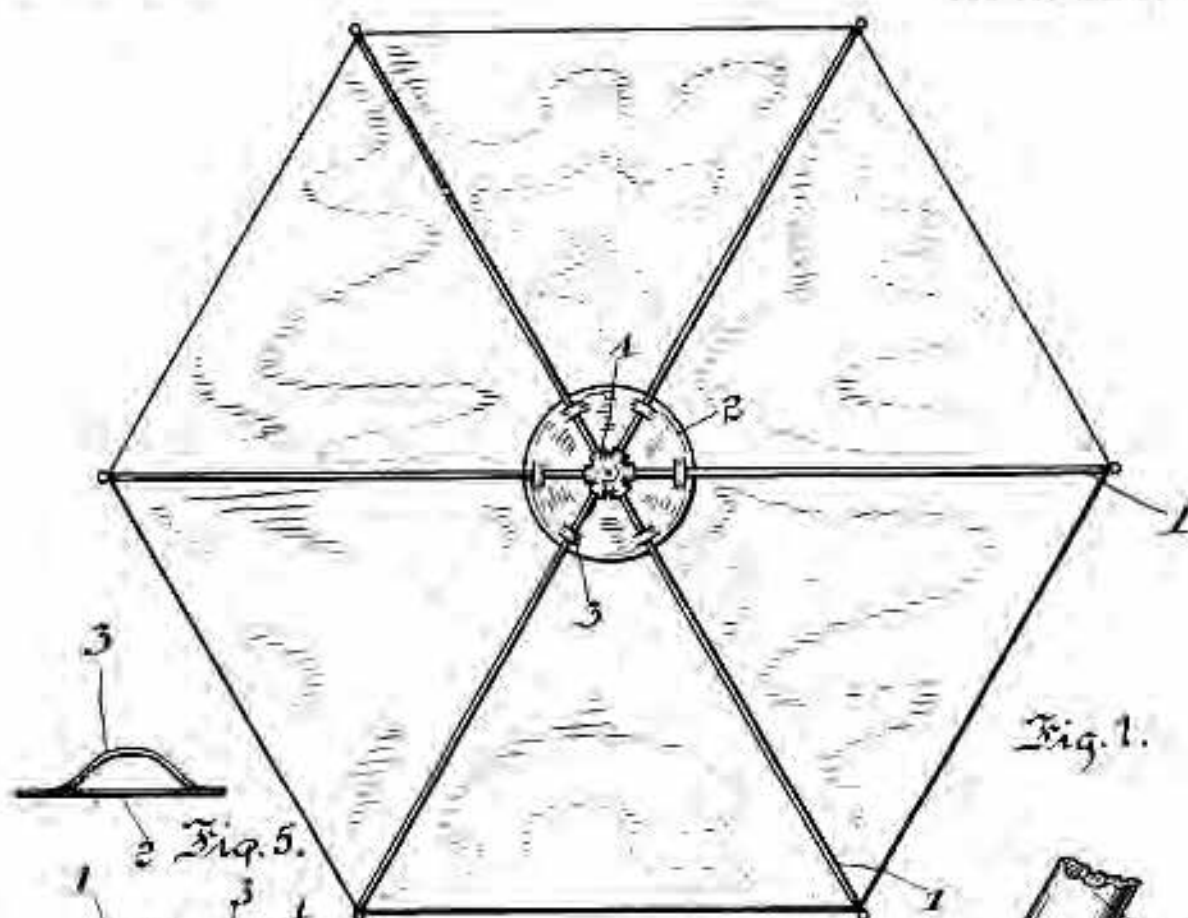


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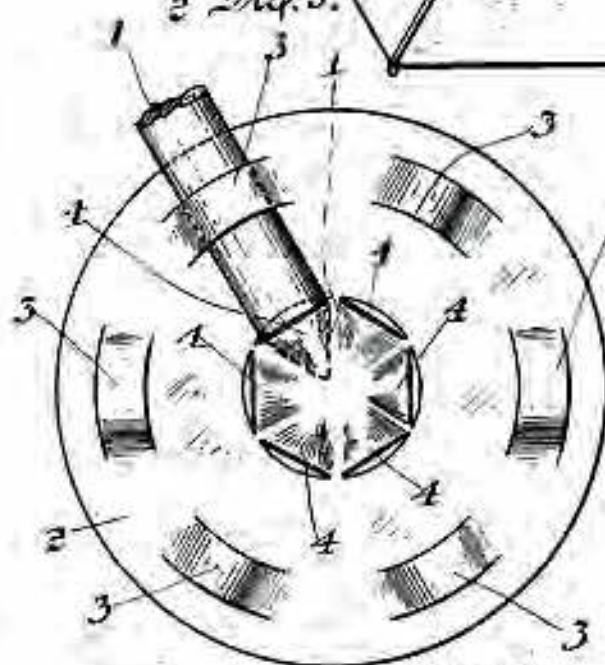


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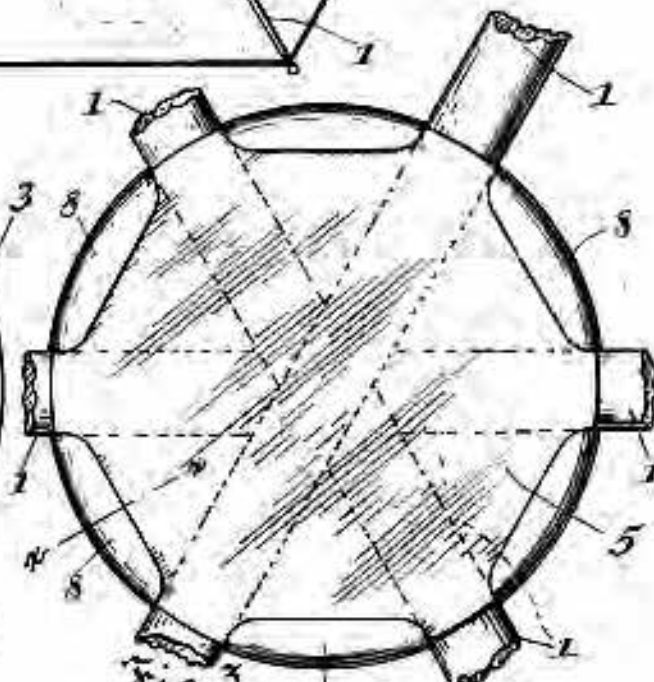


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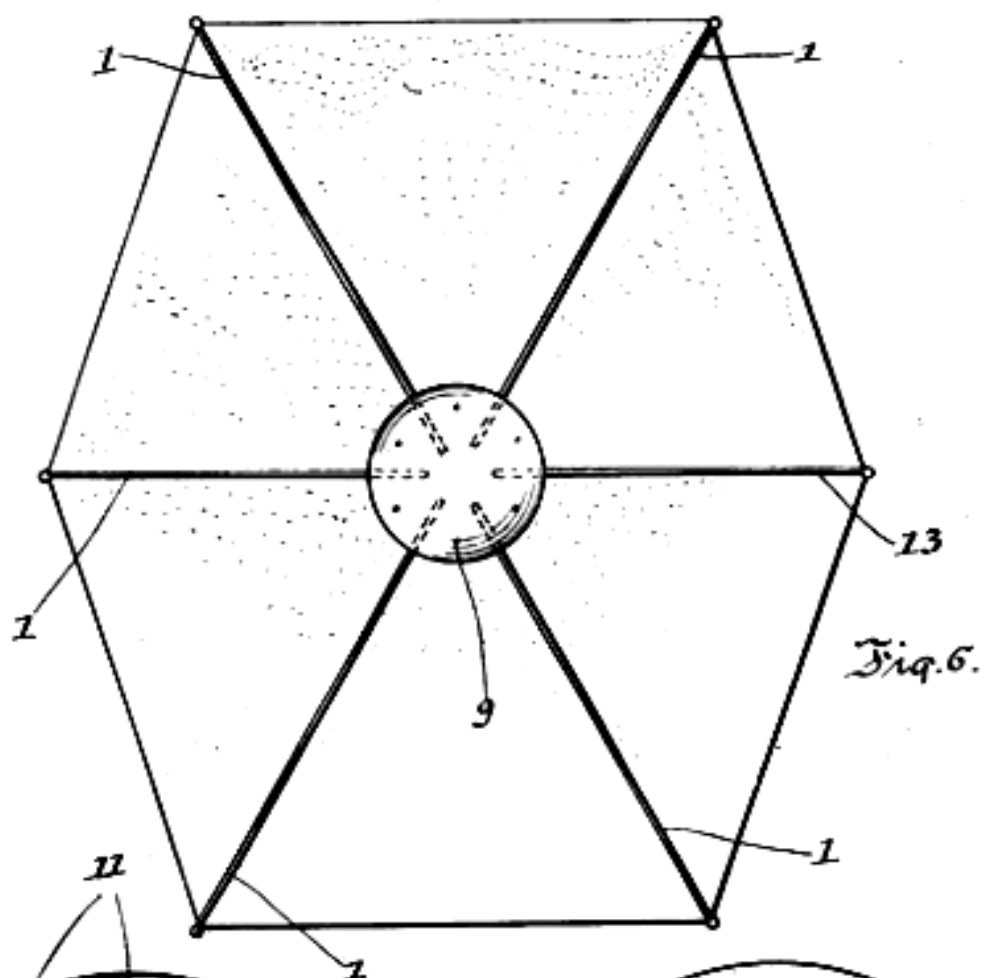


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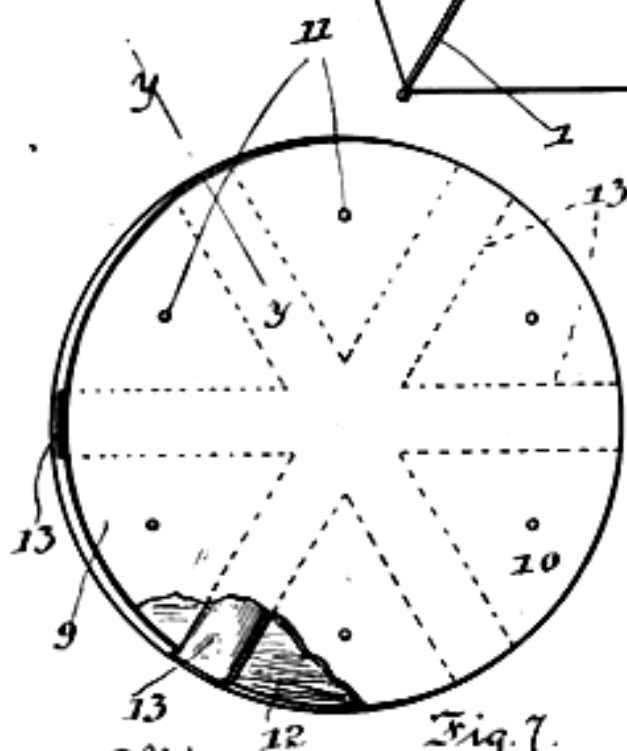


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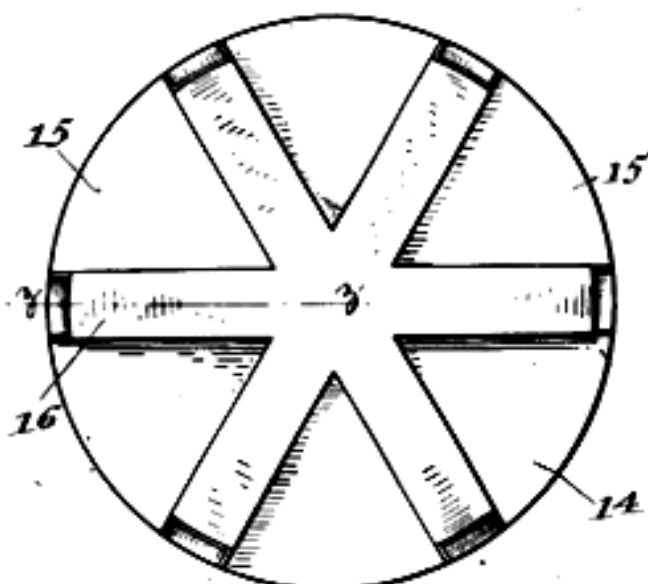


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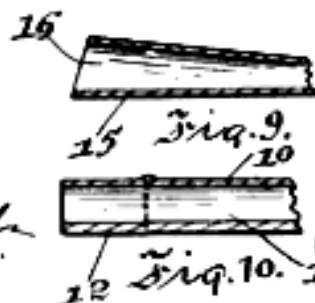


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This certificate was awarded to

Peter Spray

for achieving the status of 'Midlands Kite Flier of the Year',
acknowledging all the hard work and effort that they have put
into their kite flying over the years.

It is with great pride and surprise that I accept
the award of Kite Flier of the Year 2016. In the
three years that I have been with the club it has
given me immense joy to attend the various
meetings and events we have held over the
years and I look forward to the coming
year with the same excitement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank
everyone I have met for their warmth, kindness,
advice (even about kites and kite flying) and
friendship.

It is lovely on a nice day surrounded by the
beauty of nature and the great outdoors to see
the kites in the air and the families who
visit sharing in the spectacle we all, as
members, aim to achieve.

Long live the club and a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to you all and your families.

Peter Spray



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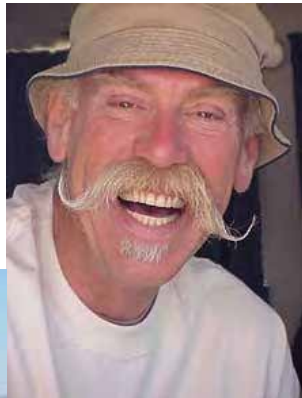
SPACES IN THE CLOUDS

I hate to have to write with such sad news but we lost two great kiting characters in the past couple of months in Cory Jenson and Alec Elliott and we would just like to mention their passing.

We first met Cory when he worked as a dental technician for Scott Dyer out back of the BFK kite store in Las Vegas.

Scott's son in law ran the shop for a while after Scott moved backstage and then Cory took over.

We still have the posters he gave us when we visited again on Marilyn's 50th birthday.



This larger than life character, with his dark, booming voice and oversized droopy moustache had an unbridled passion for kite flying and many will remember him at the Rev 20th anniversary flight at Portsmouth as he barked out some of the moves without the need of a megaphone.

Allan and Marilyn Potheary
Close Encounters Kite Displays

Alec Elliott was one of the founder members of the Solent kite flyers and was its Chairman for many years.

He was a skilled carpenter but had many other strings to his bow.

He was a long-term Venture Scout Leader and, as a member of Hampshire Scout Expeditions' leader team, enthused numerous teenagers to join them in challenging community projects around the developing world from Sri Lanka to Belize, Romania and the Gambia.... in the course of each of which, thanks to him, the local children also discovered the joys of making and flying kites!

As well as helping to organise the Southampton kite festivals and winter leagues, Alec provided the sound system for the Bristol Kite festivals in partnership with ProSound Systems of Southampton and travelled around under his own steam with STACK providing sound and even commentary for the events. Alec had a heart of gold and despite some of his antics and sometimes devilment (which didn't always have health and safety to the fore) everyone appreciated his willingness to muck in at everything.

Hundreds attended the funeral and, fittingly, Alec was carried from the church to the music of "I did it my way" played live by his favourite steel band.

The wake was held at a nearby golf club in the heart of the New Forest and, watched by all those present, I flew our 16m Trilobite up to about 150 feet, much to the alarm of some of the club members out on the course.

Everyone, including his wife Anita and son, Mark, agreed, Alec would have absolutely loved that!





MICHAEL WILSON

Michael was a long standing member of the Midlands Kite Fliers, usually flying his kites at Evesham Country Park. He passed away recently shortly after selling many of his kites to the club. (These will be sold or auctioned at club events this year.) I think he knew that he would never fly them again, but wanted others to have the benefit of his extensive collection.



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SMILE IN THE SKY

Circumzenithal arcs are a colourful meteorological event. Also known as Bravais' arcs, the effect occurs when sunlight refracts through ice crystals in a cloud in a certain way. For one to appear, the sun must be more than five and less than 32 degrees above the horizon. This allows its light to enter a horizontal ice crystal through its flat top face. As it passes through and exits through a side prism face, the light is bent and split into the colours of the rainbow. Mainly associated with cirrus clouds, in which ice crystals readily form, the arcs require relatively still conditions. While reasonably common, they are often obscured from view by clouds.



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WHEN YOU'RE SIXTY FOUR.

Now that you're older, losing your hair, it's happening right now
Will she still be sending you a Valentine, birthday greetings, bottle of wine?
And if you're out and still flying your kite, will she lock the door?
Will she still need you? will she still feed you, now you're sixty four?

You may be handy, mending a fuse, when the lights have gone.
She will do her knitting by the fireside
And some mornings go for a ride.

Doing the garden, digging the weeds
Who could ask for more? But, will she still need you, will she still feed you, now
you're sixty-four?

(With apologies to The Beatles.)

Dedicated to Billy on his birthday.

Kite flying in China

Business calls, off to China again, but this time due to flights I had to go on a Saturday which meant a Sunday in Changsha – the Capital of Hunan province, sort of mid-way between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

So with a couple of days to go before setting off a quick search on the internet revealed two things – first Changsha is famous as the location of Mao Zedong's conversion to communism and that there had been a kite festival in 2004, oh yes it also has 7 million inhabitants which is more than London. Back to the kite festival. Turns out it was held in a place called Orange Island which is located in the Xiang river (tributary of the Yangtz) which also has some big statues and gardens in it. So my plan was to go to Orange Island and hope that it was a regular kite flying site but if not at least enjoy a stroll around the park.

Having got to the hotel, freshened up and had some lunch I flagged down a taxi and handed the driver a piece of paper with Orange Island written in Chinese on it – Off we went- arriving about 15 minutes later to an island about 200m wide by 5 km long, and thankfully upon arriving I saw one or two kites in the air. In a grass area mid-way along the island I found the fliers connected to these kites – a group of 6 or 7 elderly men sitting around the park. It looked like a regular activity for them, each having a little shopper trolley and stool along with a large metal winder for the kite line (more about that in a minute) and several kite bags. The best equivalent I could come up with to describe them was like fishermen – all sat around a lake spending a pleasant afternoon in the sun and not really chatting with each other but just being in company – I decided I would have to get involved even though I don't speak any Chinese! Thankfully I had got a few photos of my octopus kites on my phone which I used to show my 'credentials' and these seemed to be enough to let me sit on the bench with the 'boys'. Soon however the kite flying spirit took over and I was offered one the winders to hold – I was a kite flyer in China! In

total me and the lads (being one of them by now) had five or six kites up and were getting regular nods of approval from the many people out enjoying the park (there isn't much open space in the city) – I caused a surprise when I was spotted holding the line of a brightly coloured fly shaped kite, and even had my photo taken with a young man who helped do a little translation for me.

Back to the large winders – It appeared that one of the main excitements for the guys was to see how high the kite would go, and they went high! My winder like these holds 500m of line and based on the height of the kites it looked like most of that line was being used (all be it, it starts horizontal and slowly curves up to the kite). In one of the photos the kite is so high it only shows up when enlarging the picture. When the kite is 3m span that takes some doing.

Kite flying on a Sunday afternoon in Changsha with the lads helped me forget about spending a weekend away from home, and as it is due to become a regular trip I am now planning how to stash a couple of (made in China) kites and winder of my own at the hotel so I can join the fun with my own kite. Thoughts of a side trip to Weifang in April for the World famous kite festival even pop into my head, but I'm not sure how I could explain all the new kites to my wife if that ever happened!

Dave & Chris Hardwick







This January will bring you the opportunity to see the 150th edition of the 'Kiteflieger' the newsletter of the Kite Society of Great Britain. Started way back... Gill and Jon Bloom have worked tirelessly to produce four quality newsletters a year for kite fliers around the world. Many others have been and gone but they always manage to produce the goods. Like ALL newsletter editors they are always looking for new and interesting ways to inform us of what's going on. I believe I speak for all Midlands Kite Fliers everywhere when I offer our heartiest congratulations. Keep up the great work, we do appreciate your efforts... B. Souten



To celebrate the 150th edition of The Kiteflieger you should have received a pdf file copy of the booklet published by the Kite Society in 1989, containing 19 kite designs.....

My thanks to Gill and Jon for permission to send these plans out to everyone. Ed.



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY - THE OTHER VERSION!



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MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2017



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MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017

	M	T	W	T	F	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY							1 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	2 B.H	3	4	5	6	7 28 th Ahmedabad Int Kite Festival, India (7 th – 15 th January)	8 NKG FLY-IN @ ROUNDHAY PARK, LEEDS, W. YORKS.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15 NKG FLY-IN @ NEW BRIGHTON DIPPS, WIRRAL.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 MKF FLY-IN @ MARKET BOSWORTH COUNTRY PARK
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					
FEBRUARY			1	2	3	4	5 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 MKF FLY-IN @ CALKE ABBEY, TICKNALL, DERBY, DE73 7JF
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	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28					
MARCH			1	2	3	4	5 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 MKF FLY-IN @ SCOUNCE & DEVON, NEWARK NG24 4AU NKG FLY-IN @ CG STATION, BURBO BANK RD, CROSBY
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 NKG FLY-IN @ LEISURE CENTRE, FLEETWOOD, FY7 6HF NKG FLY-IN @ PONTEFRAC T RACECOURSE, YORKS
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 MOTHERING SUNDAY CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR
	27	28	29	30	31		
APRIL						1 31 st BERCK-SUR-MER INTERNATIONAL KITE FEST (1 st – 9 th April)	2 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 MKF FLY-IN @ APEDALE, NEWCASTLE-U-LYME, ST5 6AX
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 EASTER SUNDAY
	17 B.H	18	19	20	21	22 NORTH HANTS KITEERS JOLLY UP, CLIDDES DEN 37 th CERVIA INTERNATIONAL KITE FEST, ITALY (21 st April – 1 st May)	23 NORTH HANTS KITEERS JOLLY UP, CLIDDES DEN 37 th CERVIA INTERNATIONAL KITE FEST, ITALY (21 st April – 1 st May)
	24	25	26	27	28	29 MKF BROAD HAVEN KITE FLIERS RENDEZVOUS (29 th April, 30 th April & 1 st May 2017)	30 MKF BROAD HAVEN KITE FLIERS RENDEZVOUS (29 th April, 30 th April & 1 st May 2017)
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 MKF FLY-IN @ KEDLESTON HALL, NR. DERBY, D22 5JH 19 th STREATHAM COMMON KITE DAY, LONDON, SW16 3BZ
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29 B.H	30	31				
JUNE				1	2	3 25 th BASINGSTOKE KITE FESTIVAL, HANTS, RG22 5SN	4 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ 25 th BASINGSTOKE KITE FESTIVAL, HANTS, RG22 5SN
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 MKF FLY-IN @ SCOUNCE & DEVON, NEWARK NG24 4AU
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	3	4	5	6	7	8 BARMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL, MID WALES. BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL, STANMER PK, BRIGHTON	9 BARMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL, MID WALES. BRIGHTON KITE FESTIVAL, STANMER PK, BRIGHTON
	10	11	12	13	14	15 LEOMINSTER & HEREFORD KITE FESTIVAL BERRINGTON HALL, LEOMINSTER HR6 0DW.	16 LEOMINSTER & HEREFORD KITE FESTIVAL BERRINGTON HALL, LEOMINSTER HR6 0DW.
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29 DUNSTABLE DOWNS, WHIPSNAD, LU6 2GY	30 DUNSTABLE DOWNS, WHIPSNAD, LU6 2GY
	31						
AUGUST		1	2	3	4	5 NORTH HANTS KITE FLY UP, CLIDDESSEN EXMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL, DEVON, EX8 1DG	6 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ NORTH HANTS KITE FLY UP, CLIDDESSEN EXMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL, DEVON, EX8 1DG
	7	8	9	10	11	12 PORTSMOUTH INTERNATIONAL KITE FEST PROV TESTON 30 th WEEKEND, Nr MAIDSTONE, ME18	13 PORTSMOUTH INTERNATIONAL KITE FEST PROV TESTON 30 th WEEKEND, Nr MAIDSTONE, ME18
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28 B.H.	29	30	31			
SEPTEMBER					1	2 6 th ST ANNES INT KITE FEST, LYTHAM ST ANNES	3 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ 6 th ST ANNES INT KITE FEST, LYTHAM ST ANNES, LANCS
	4	5	6	7	8	9 THE BEACH KITE FEST, BURNHAM-ON-SEA	10 THE BEACH KITE FEST, BURNHAM-ON-SEA
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17 MKF FLY-IN @ KEDLESTON HALL, NR. DERBY, D22 5JH
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	25	26	27	28	29	30 JINNEY RING KITE FESTIVAL, BROMSGROVE ??	
OCTOBER							1 JINNEY RING KITE FESTIVAL, BROMSGROVE, B60 4BU MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 MKF FLY-IN @ APEDALE, NEWCASTLE-U-LYME, ST5 6AX ONE SKY ONE WORLD EVENT
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29 CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR
	30	31					
NOVEMBER			1	2	3	4	5 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 MKF AGM @ APEDALE, NEWCASTLE-U-LYME, ST5 6AX
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			
DECEMBER					1	2	3 MKF FLY-IN @ COFTON PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2BQ
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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	25 B.H.	26 B.H.	27	28	29	30	31

As with any calendar of future events please check with the organisers before travelling any distance.



The 'Midlands Kite Fliers' meet at Cofton Park on;

Sunday 1st January 2017

Sunday 5th February 2017

Sunday 5th March 2017

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Sunday 7th May 2017

Sunday 4th June 2017

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Sunday 6th August 2017

Sunday 3rd September 2017

Sunday 8th October 2017 - ONE SKY ONE WORLD

Sunday 5th November 2017

Sunday 3rd December 2017



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KITE FLY

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CALKE ABBEY

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2017

Calke Abbey, Ticknall, Derbyshire, DE73 7LE

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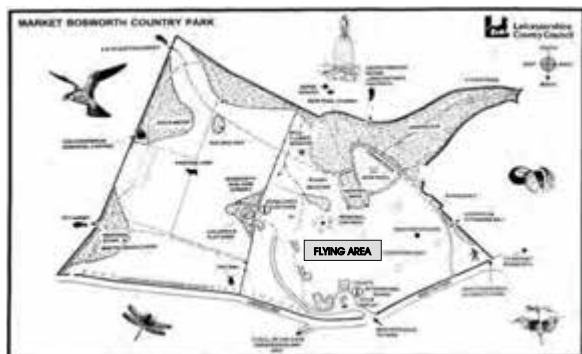
Return to a much loved flying site.....

Sunday 22nd January 2017

Market Bosworth Country Park is located on the eastern edge of the traditional market town of Market Bosworth, fourteen miles west of Leicester. The car park can be found off The Park (B585), CV13 0LP.

Grid ref: SK 41122 03193. There is a Car Parking fee of **\$4.00**, so come prepared. Toilets are available on site. Height clearance will be 500 feet.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS CLUB KITE FLY-IN SCONCE AND DEVON PARK

SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2017

Sconce and Devon Park, Boundary Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 4AU

Sconce and Devon Park is easily reached from the roundabout on the **A 46** by taking the **B6166 / Farndon Road** into Newark. Amenities include good toilets and a lovely cafe run by local charities.

Kite Fliers are asked to access Sconce and Devon Park by the entrance opposite the **Spring House Pub** on the Farndon Road. There is a small parking area, and weather permitting we may be able to park on the grassed area.



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