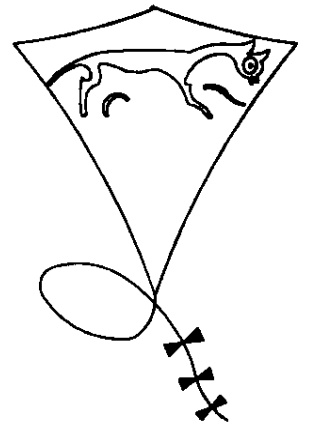


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KEVLAR

We all know about the benefits of using Kevlar flying lines but unless every one is using them they are very antisocial. This year we have seen several incidents where Kevlar lines have caused major damage to expensive kites.

We cannot ban these lines as club rules only apply to club members and not the general public. I would therefore like to see a voluntary code of practice from club members to avoid the use of thin Kevlar lines when flying with other people. If you must use them please make others in the vicinity aware of what you are using. We will be asking all flyers to avoid these lines at next year's festival, as we do tend to get closer together at these events.

So folks please let's try and keep this material for bulletproof vests where it is very welcome and does not spoil other people's fun (unless you are a terrorist).

Arthur

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Diary Dates 2005

W =Workshop, D = Display, T = Teddy bears

July

9/10th Brighton Kite Festival

10th Barbury Castle

16th Stroud Show {W,D}

16/17 The Chilterns show {W,D}

16/17 Hereford Kite Festival

18th Brownies workshop at Barbury 5 till 7 if you can help ring neil thankyou

23/24th Tewkesbury Kite Festival

August

14th Barbury Castle

14th Lackham College {W.D.T?}

27/29th Portsmouth Kite Festival

28/29th Uffington Show {W.D}

September

3/4th Bristol Kite Festival

4th Brinkworth Show {W.D}

11th Rockingham Castle {W.D}

October

9th One Sky One World
Barbury

8/9th Workshop see inside mag

Please note all events are liable to alteration or cancellation for up to date information please check our web site www.whkf.co.uk

ARTHUR GOES TO CHURCH

Yes it is something normally reserved for weddings and funerals but this time the teddies were invited. We had been asked to parachute teddies from the church tower at Hanslope just outside Milton Keynes to help raise funds for a new organ (stop it). We had been told that the tower was 100ft high but I was a bit sceptical. I turned up on the day and sure enough it was a goodly height so with a selection of caribinas, straps and a long line I was shown to the tower steps. Here I wish I had the BOF's turn of phrase, as I have never seen such a steep narrow spiral staircase with virtually no light. I had to stop about three quarters of the way up to take on oxygen. The climb was well worthwhile as the view was excellent. A loop round a buttress was a very good anchor point and the line dropped to the ground where a pressed volunteer attached the main support line. This was pulled up and fed through a pulley and back down.

Whilst at the top I thought I would check out where things were likely to drop so threw a small parachute toy over the edge. It went UP! It then drifted over 2 fields and landed in the next. The wind at about 15mph was hitting the tower and rising, this was when I knew we were in for a fun day. Back down the tower and with some more helpers the rig was set up along with a table and chairs for the certificate signing.

Things started slowly but once the first few bears had jumped people saw what was happening and for the remainder of the day there was a steady stream of willing bears. It became such a laugh watching the bears come down and get funnelled on the wind between the trees, it was almost a shame to have to tell people it was all done by judicious choice of 'chutes, and they believed me! Two of the helpers who had started off not to happy about "playing teddy bears" quickly became addicted and took over just asking the occasional "What size 'chute should I use on this one". They even vied for the honour to climb trees after errant bruins.

At the end of the event loads of help to pack up but I insisted on going up the tower to get the bits down. The following morning I regretted this foolishness when I could hardly move my legs out of bed.

All together a fun day and a tidy sum added to their coffers.

Robinson's Ramble

Wow! Was that really the people of Swindon coming out in their thousands to support our Festival? I think we have cracked it! The answer is FREE ENTRY! , Discussions will start soon with the Science Museum for next year, all we have to do now is find £3000 to secure the site for 2006!

I must say a very big thank you to the British Buggy Club our sponsors, without their support we wouldn't have been at Wroughton this year. Thank you BBC!

Thanks to all of you who put the site together on Friday, and a very special thanks must go to Pete Willis, who produced loads of road-side advertising signs for the event, he also placed them all around Swindon, and he was responsible for the large sign on the fence at the Science Museum. Thanks again Pete!

I must thank all of you who donated raffle prizes and dug deep into your pockets to buy tickets, and of course thank Marla for extracting so much money from you all, without the raffle it would be very difficult to go ahead with the Festival. Thank you Marla! I must also thank Charlie Sotich for sending over so many of his miniature kites, they have now become a big feature of the raffle. Thank you Charlie!

Away from the raffle I would also like to thank Kay & Mike Woodring two of our American members, Kay came over for the Festival, (her second trip) and presented the club with a brilliant new banner adorned with the club logo; that they had made for us. Thank you Kay & Mike!

It was great to have our friends from Germany, Ralf and his son Lucas, Detlef, Elke, Anche, Ulli, Frank and D★rte, I hope I have got all of the names correct, it was a pleasure being in their company over the weekend, I was amazed at the amount of Gibson Girls that Ulli brought with him, it added to the event greatly. The Arno Haft collection was worth seeing as well, it's great that people take pleasure in looking after these pieces of history. Thank you all for bringing over a great collection of kites. Whilst talking about the history of kites, I had a chat to George Webster on Sunday and he suggested that for next years event we should try to get a collection of Alick Pearson Rollers, he thinks there are quite a few out there, so if you have one watch this space for details of next years festival.

ROBERT BRASINGTON. The club has been lucky enough to get Robert to do a workshop for us over the weekend 8/9th October, this has only been possible because Robert has been invited to Lunen, for the festival the weekend before, and we are sharing his travel costs. The workshop will be at Penhill Primary School, Swindon, at a cost of £65 including lunch both days. The kite is one of Robert's own designs, it's a cellular kite with a very long tail, and if you bought the finished kite from Robert it would cost £140! The members who did the last workshop were given prior notice of this, and several have already booked, however there are several places left, and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis, please contact me for a

booking form on 01793 824208 or darjer2@aol.com If you have already given your name to Janet or me you have no need to send for a booking form, you will receive one in due course.

Dave

WEYMOUTH

I would like to take this chance to thank every one who was involved with the displays at Weymouth. They were spectacular and for an uninvited club exceptional. I was proud to be a member of WHKF, the club image was excellent with the "T" shirts and jackets presenting a united front.

A couple of memorable statements came out of the weekend: - mine that the definition of a chairman is that "It is my fault" and I accept the honour this time. The one that said it all for me was Martin's: -"It is because we work together". This sums it up for our club, and long may it continue.

Is the reason we are not invited, because they know that we will come any way for our love of the hobby. Perhaps another time if asked we could present some of our newer kites such as The Alien. What would that have been like at 600 ft. over the beach?

WROUGHTON

I can only echo my sentiments about this event. The standard of the event was superb and only made possible with the help of the members who put in so much work. Setting up and clearing were made much easier by the number of people who were there to help and prepared to take some of the responsibility.

No names, as it offends those I might miss but you know who you are and my heart felt thanks to each and every one.

Arthur

Sky Chat

Does anybody have a spare engine or can do up a clapped out one for a 1937 Taurus Coronation Edition. Bodywork is not bad for the age and the mileage but the engine has got up and gone as regards to power. It is very frustrating not to be able to do what you think you can do.

Well we are in the thick of the Kite Festival season; workshops are not as busy as they have been. Maybe we have been to too many of the events to many times before. Is it time to rethink about the workshop and offer another good flying, cheap, easy to make and fly kite. Now there is an opportunity for you all to put your thinking caps (or in some cases your thinking head) on. I would hate to see the green tadpole be killed off, but if we could offer something else to put us in demand again with two kites.

The Club has some new stuff that has been on display around the events and it is very good to see that it has been homebuilt and not bought in from other kite makers. Long may this continue in The Club. Again this has been down to a few members, which we are indebted to. We as a Club must carry on this work and produce some new spectacular creations that can out do the kites from the likes of Peter Lynn and others. I know we can do it, so lets busy.

At the Bedford Festival those of us there met Tal Streeter. A legend among kite makers the world over. Most kite books have a reference to him and he is sculptor of some repute with great exhibitions. He was most interested in our workshop kites as he managed to get some of the original drawings and kite of William Allison, the originator of the sled kite. Tal asked why we had done this and that to the kite and I told him the main reasons were to make it easy to make and fly in a wider range of wind speeds. He agreed that they all should work to that aim. As a parting gift he gave the Club a ripstop replica of the original Allison sled. What a bonus: An Allison replica and a Tal Streeter kite, even when I was not firing on all cylinders it made my week-end.

Hope to see you on the flying fields, so wishing you all clean winds and tight lines.

Neil.

SPRING FEVER TOUR 2005 – a personal view

Well if the Bees can fly, so can I, it must be May!

The kites have been checked over and battle scars tended to, pockets replaced, frayed bridles and flying line repaired, order and logic restored to the kite bags.

Well that should last all of five minutes, and note the plural, bags. It's been a long time since kite bag could be applied to the Caton family on account of the family squirrel, who I have never actually met, but who can't possibly undertake any journey without a spare to everything and the kitchen sink, and can be absolutely guaranteed to have left the perfect kite for a particular wind at home!

Did you ever hear the story about the choosing of the Catonmobile, which was selected not for its make, beauty, and fuel economy, but for the length of spar it could contain! The sales teams were a little bemused by the tape measure wheeling twits and confused by the lack of effect their usual sales patter had; much head shaking was observed. For those of you who like the nitty-gritty, it turned out to be a Laguna hatchback, which is now slightly obsolete information as the family have found it necessary to progress to a Snail, or if you prefer, a camper-van, otherwise known as the kitchen sink and kite box on wheels, literally!

I digress, I do apologize.

WEYMOUTH 1st and 2nd May

Well, when the fun started for us, it is true to say that it wasn't the sun shining, but the moon - it was 1am on the Saturday morning.

Weymouth is not particularly well endowed with Caravan Club Sites; well let's face it - it has precisely five spaces, and one of us, she shall remain nameless, forgot to phone Mrs Cox at least two months ago and reserve one of these places. So we snuggled in on a dimly lit deserted industrial estate, on the grounds that this was a bank holiday weekend it should be quiet.

Well it was when we snuggled in. Sharp dig in the ribs to he could sleep through the end of the world.

What's that noise?

The noise turned out to be the night shift radio-controlled car racing time trials, and good fun it was too!

Back to kite flying. Veterans of Weymouth will know how unpredictable the weather can be: shall we take shorts, T-shirts and factor 30, or waterproofs and thick jumpers? Well this year it was fit for all of those things. Hey-ho we had the Snail and almost a full set of kites, except for the one 'he' felt would really fly well in this wind!

On the Sunday the wind was kinder, and we launched the Lighthouse for the first time in public, always a tricky moment. Two and half meters of low aspect-ratio kite and blustery winds, hitherto not well test driven in the back field, on account of lashing rain, or no wind for the preceding month.

Apparently the lighthouse likes strong blustery wind and flew like a dream. Whew!

AKF's Roly rolled around the sky over lunch, and helped a few slimmers out by consuming their lunch in his ample folds. This was followed by a well-defended first round of the Rok fight, won again by Pete Dolphin from the US!

Bank holiday Monday brought us occasional showers, just enough to make the kites wet (and the famous Weymouth sand stick to them for the rest of the season) and no wind. Jon won the second round of the Rok fight, which means that he brought home another dust catcher for me to clean.

PARIS- FRANCE- 7-8th MAY

We were originally invited to this event through Michel, the organiser of the New- Year festival in Nieuwpoort, Belgium. We thought that we would be the only Brits attending but were delighted to find ourselves once again in the company of Chris and Tony Smith from Brighton Kite Flyers. I had made Tony a new banner on a nautical theme, so we were able to fly it for the first time. There is a competition for someone to tell us what it says, the prize is the prestige of being a clever clogs!

The Paris kite club organises this event, which actually takes place at Brie Comte-Robert. If you look at Paris on the map and take a line approximately a five'o'clock and 15K outside of Paris you will find Brie. It was a very long journey, which we took a day either side of the weekend to travel to, and it was really worth the trek!

Once again the generosity of the French in the way they took care of us was just wonderful.

We were received by the Mayor of Brie on the Friday evening, offered wine and canapés and goody bags containing tourist information, festival T-shirts and local wine with special kite festival labels! Then we were taken to a local restaurant where we were able to re-establish friendships with people we have met previously from all over Europe, including Poland and Spain, and every country in between. This was truly an international gathering, and we saw some of the most beautiful, and technically inspirational kites I have ever seen, including five large Cassagne rings in the air at one time. You know that feeling when you just want to put all your kites away, go home and try again?

Jon and I dropped Teddies while the 'boys' William and Christopher Bear sat back in their deck chairs, beer in one hand and kite in the other. As usual, they were the centres of attention! We were requested to lend our teddy rig for the sweetie drop. Injuries from falling sweets were minimal, and only one or two children emerged bloody! It was literally, a bloody reminder of why we've abandoned this in the UK!

George Bush on he missile flew well. We had asked beforehand if there would be any problem with a "politically sensitive" display. "No problem" came the reply – "if anyone's bothered just take it down". Well they weren't bothered – they loved it. In fact the only words we could distinguish from the commentators comments were "George Bush", "rocket" and "ce'st en embacile"! He's obviously popular in France, then.

The most pleasing part of the day was towards the evening when the wind had calmed a little. We decided to put the printed Entente-Cordiale Genki up. As it rose into the air, there was a spontaneous cheer and round of applause from the crowd behind us! If nothing else, we came away feeling that we had earned our keep for the weekend for this alone!

The Saturday evening entertainment included a buffet and indoor kite flying, there were demonstrations from a number of people including Michael Chantren from Nieuwpoort. The skill these people have is amazing, not to mention their fitness. After the formalities, we all played at indoor flying with first class instructors.

Sunday was the big day, when two hours of live TV coverage was to take place in the afternoon; can you imagine that happening in Britain? Fortunately, all went well and everything flew, as it should in good steady winds. Well it would after aperitifs at eleven, and bar-b-q with wine at one and regular top ups throughout the afternoon; more training required in that department I think. I'm glad we weren't driving home until the next day, but we were not done yet, we partied again on the Sunday evening. Stamina is required for these events! We were so overwhelmed by the level of hospitality and somewhat moved by the reaction to the Entente Genki, that we felt that the only way we could pay them back was to present it to the Paris Kite Club during the closing ceremony.

CLEETHORPES 13-14TH MAY

Cleethorpes is always a joy as we meet many of our friends from the Midlands and North for the first time in the year; including international guests Ohashi from Japan and Bas from Holland.

Mr Ohashi and his wife had a novel idea of getting the kiteflyers to simultaneously launch a hundred or so long thin pink balloons with bulbous heads into the crowd. The mental imagery is important here to relate the impression of all these little sperms taking to the air, Oops! Apologies to the more delicate readers amongst you, it had to be seen to be believed.

Bas brought some beautiful appliquéd kites and Codys; he generously helped Jon with the re-brideling of his own Cody, which now flies much better.

Dave Holt brought a line of adorable inflatable Dogs with the cutest ears and pert noses, which throughout the weekend, one by one, slipped their leashes until they could be found all over the beach.

During the day a competition was run to celebrate Sea Britain, and judged by the Mayor. The Kites were to have a nautical theme. There were some excellent entries including three sailors in a line, which was my personal favourite, and an appliquéd Nelsons Column which, although not the most colourful kite in the sky, from a kite makers point of view, was beautifully executed and most definitely in the spirit of Sea Britain. We had entered the lighthouse. This has four little yachts which are meant to sail serenely around the bottom, but the rough wind meant that we soon had four yacht wrecks!

The winner was eventually declared to be Hugh Blower's Mauro Angelotssi train. This came a great surprise to Hugh, who wasn't aware he was taking part! The judges thought that the star kites were a good representation of the seamans' compass!

The Saturday night fly brought lots of interesting creations out, the light house had its first night fly and was pretty impressive if I do say so myself. Having had reflective tape incorporated in the light section it shone like the real thing especially when subjected to flash photograph, very satisfying.

Many thanks to Cleethorpes for their hospitality, I know that this year was particularly difficult due to an accident of one of the key council organisers, hope she is much better. Particular thanks to Ann and Eddy McGrath, who always put in so much work.

HARDELOT – FRANCE - 21-22 MAY

This is a local club festival which Jon and I have had the privilege of attending for the third time. Well, we have so much fun we just have to keep going back for more.

Hardelot is a small seaside town lying between Boulogne and Berck.

A little information for you here about Speed Ferries, who sail from Dover to Boulogne, the journey takes fifty minutes, and costs fifty pounds return or less depending on how early you book, we have paid as little as thirty -eight pounds. It can be booked on-line at Speedferries.com.

The wind comes straight off the sea and the beach is white and fine sanded like Weymouth, it can also be covered in 'la mousse', a thick layer of wave froth that settles on the beach. It can be great fun if you buggy, although a little sticky to clean off when you've finished.

The 'hostilities' are second to none, and being British that can be embarrassing because it is so difficult to reciprocate in kind. The Europeans do get a lot of support from local business because they recognise the financial rewards of having a kite festival in their town.

I think that the French must have less safety restrictions than we do in Britain. Some of the antics they get up to, such as being lifted from the ground by Nasa wings and then helped in the jump with a big heave from a colleague is incredible to watch, simply not encouraged in Britain, but sooooo much fun! Long live the mad members of the French Gwenn-ha-Ddu club!

I could tell you about the kites and the weather, but honestly, it's much like any other kite festival, just enough organisation to infuse a little structure into the event, but not enough to impede the fun. It's all about the company and the characters that come to Hardelot that make this event worth the trip!

And -oh- Jon brought home another dust catcher from the Rok fight!

TEWKESBURY – 27-28th May

I love Tewksbury festival, it's one of those much-needed easy weekends when all you do is turn up and do exactly what you want when you want, nothing is expected of you and so you give you're all. You greet friends and talk kites, sit in the sunshine, eat and talk kites some more, what bliss.

Due to work commitment we were only able to attend on the Sunday, which was windless, needless to say everyone was keen to tell us what a wonderful flying day Saturday had been, and how everything had been in the air. Nevertheless, team Sky Symphony put on a particularly skilful display given the conditions, always a pleasure to see the old masters at work.

There should be more festivals like Tewkesbury.

This is but a breeze through the festivals Jon and I have been too this spring, I could and would like to tell you so much more, however this is not really a take over bid for the magazine.

Best wishes for summer flying, see you somewhere soon.

Franchesca.

Hello from Bob Moore in Australia,

The single kite altitude record attempt is on track and will take place between April 24th and 30th.

I'm now on five weeks leave as of 2 days ago.

This will give me 3 weeks to finalise the winch rebuild and do some testing.

I will then have a week at the flight zone in northwestern NSW, Australia and a week to recover.

A 25 mile diameter zone, 20,000 ft high has been allocated by our air safety authority. I'm getting nervous and excited. The kite is ready, the line is ready, the winch will be good when it's finished. I have a new Garmin Geko GPS and 2 etrex backup units. The later run out of memory after a few hours but will be used to fix the positions of the theodolites on the ground and plot the position on maps. I just calibrated a digital line payout meter and have better than 0.1% accuracy. The generator, strobe lights, maps, cameras, telescope, binoculars, 2 theodolites, inclinometer, tracking radios and satellite phone are some of the items I will be using. I also have five good people to assist me.

The station (ranch) I am flying from is outside the range of the cell phone network and so I need to use the satellite unit. Anyone is welcome to ring me during the flights, 10am - 5pm, April 24th - 30th Australian EST. I'll post the number as soon as I get it. I'm not worried about posting it on the WWW as it is a hire phone with a temporary number.

The local newspaper is doing an interview on the morning of the 24th. There may be other media coverage. I haven't heard any more from the Guinness representative so I don't think they are sending the camera crew.

I'm taking 5 kites including 120 sq ft Conyne delta, 40 sq ft, Conyne delta, 2 winged box kites, 12 sq ft and 16 sq ft and a Hargrave's box of about 100 sq ft. I will also have a backup 120 sq ft Conyne delta for the record attempt.

The small kites may be flown to test conditions or just for something to do if the upper winds are not right. I'm struggling with my web page but I'll try to get it up before I go to Cobar. It's not just being busy but I don't know what I'm doing as it's my first Web site.

At the moment, the wind profiles are looking a bit weak but 3 weeks is a long time for the weather patterns to change.

If I'm not successful, I'll be back next year with a bigger kite and if need be, at a different time of year. My only fears (apart from line breakage) are that the kite is too small to counter line drag or the line may break. I will soon find out.

The chances of clear skies are about 80%. That part of Australia is suffering from a severe drought and in some ways; this kite record attempt seems trivial when looking at their problems. However, I hope that this may uplift some spirits.

Regards,

Bob Moore - Sydney, Australia.

PS. for a full background, go to the Kitelife online magazine.

<http://www.kitelife.com>

Local Traction Kiting?

It's one of those things that our club cannot directly support, so we tend not to hear much about it, except then it hits the press and someone is injured! But we are missing the fact that this is the fastest growth area in our sport.

So what is happening out there in our region? What do you do if you want to see and meet others in this activity? I'm sorry to say there is little this club has done in this due to our own commitments and the limitations we have on our activities on Barbury to have done much, so I hope here to give you some help for those interested.

As I have an interest in Buggyng (thanks to my son!) so I'll start there. The obvious point of reference would be the British Buggy Club (BBC). They are known as the national club for this and it is recommended that you should join them as they also have the insurance to cover you in this sport. They organise, or certainly involved in, a number of national events throughout the country. The most famous of these would be the Middle Wallop events (in May and August). WHKF have good ties with the BBC and are delighted to invite them to our festivals at Wroughton in the past, our bit of support we can give to this sport.

Over the past couple of years there has been recognised that something a little more regionised is required, and for us as a club based in Swindon we have ended up between two groups, The South East Kiting Association (SEKA) and the South West Association of Traction Kiting (SWATK). As they are so close one wonders if they wish to take in Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, or if there's to be a central area to be formed. Anyhow at this time it would appear that SWATK have got in first with an Oxford offshoot (SWATKOX). They generally base themselves at Horspath, avoiding the footballers and rugby club! Shottover is a possible for static power kiting, but Port Meadow is regarded as a no no to them – but OK for “normal” kiting. Both of the groups encourage you to take up BBC insurance as a factor of club membership, but at the time of writing I don't believe either is actually affiliated to the BBC, but both are investigating this.

The other aspect of power kiting is the major increase in the All Terrain Boarding. This can be seen as the one area outstripping interest at this time, and it certainly isn't to do with price! I was very surprised in May to see how many at the Middle Wallop Festival were into boards – it seemed there were more of them than buggys! For us there is the obvious centre of this sport with the ATBShop in Swindon, and the proprietor Stu has now completed a years trading going from strength to strength. He has good ties with the wardens at Lydiard Park, and only fly in one section at the top of the park – not the playing fields! I understand there is a site somewhere near Faringdon, but chat to the ATBShop for details. Again

there is a national ATB club to cover insurance, and as Stu is a past chairman he can let you have details.

The obvious step on from ATB's is to get into kite surfing, while this is primarily down on the coast, I am beginning to here if this being done on lakes inland, with a rumour of this being run on the Cotswold Lakes Park but I have no details of this, I hope someone can fill us in on this one day, certainly my son would want to know!!! (He's buying his own kites for that!).

A point to note is that, other than BBC, they are basic "associations" and while they all have a structure to them, none have any direct insurance and point you to get cover from the official national clubs. Due to this all have no charge to be a member, and fund raising by other means to cover their costs. Wouldn't it be nice if we all could get away with that! All their communications are done electronically on web forums and emails, so no postal charges.

As ever there are lots of information on these groups and activities on the WWW, so here are a few links (obviously all listed on the club web site) to the above for you to follow should you wish:-

<http://www.britishbuggyclub.co.uk//>

<http://www.seka.org.uk/>

<http://www.swatk.co.uk/>

<http://www.atbshop.co.uk/>

<http://www.flexifoil.com/community/forums/>

Pete Dawson

And finally

We are half way through the year already. And the days are flying by. We haven't been so busy as previous years but it's been a good year so far. A thought for forthcoming mags has anybody got any old photos of themselves or other club members which we could have a guess who just for fun. Please send entries to me at my address. The deadline for the next magazine is 25th September. See you on a flying field soon.

Tracy.

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- Fly a kite in wet or stormy weather, try to keep your kite line dry.
- Fly a kite near power lines, transmission towers or aerials.
- Fly a kite with wire or anything metallic in the line.
- Fly a strong pulling kite without wearing GLOVES.
- Leave odd bits of flying line etc on the flying site.
- Fly a kite at over 200 feet*.

*Kite festivals may have C.A.A. clearance to fly higher.....ASK!

The Things to AVOID

- Motorways, roads, car parks railway lines or buildings.
 - Airfields and low flying air traffic patterns.
 - Members of the public....stunt flyers please take care!
 - Those kite eating trees.
 - Animals, they can be frightened by kites.
- Remember...your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky, just occasionally, look up and give them a little SMILE.*

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