

Skylines

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September meeting features sharp objects, a bullet, and blood

The September General meeting had a new twist on the old raffle routine. As usual, we had raffle, however **NO MONEY EXCHANGED HANDS** on park grounds. As many of you recall, we were reprimanded for one of our last meetings because of the raffle and food sales.

The raffle had the usual assortment of kite accessories, a few T-shirts, "toy" kites, a World Famous Virgil windsock, and the list goes on. This time the "big" prize was a Balboa Bullet stunt kite courtesy of Steve Kent of Kites Etc. in Newport Beach. When the raffle tickets were drawn- this time by little Jesse, one of our new members- winners had a choice of selecting a sure thing on the prize table or a chance to win the Balboa Bullet. As each winning raffle ticket was announced, the crowd chanted "...*bull-et bull-et bull-et...*" Five winners decided to take a chance on the Bullet, but only one would win and the others will have had fun trying. Hopefully.

**This is a dangerous instrument,
nobody move and no one gets hurt**

The five who decided to take the chance were former president Fred Martin, Charlie "the Kyte Bum" M'Clary, vice president Larry Mixon, Linda Mixon our secretary, and longtime member Daryl Bickley. The contestants had to first inflate a balloon then cover it with shaving cream, spreading it around with their hand. Eeeeyukkk!! Next they had to take a specially modified razor (the reason it was modified is because all current razors have a protective edge to prevent nicks & cuts and that edge was removed) and "shave" the balloon. Sounds like fun, it made sense when we discussed it the night before.

The first two out were Charlie and Fred. Go figure. They popped their balloon and the shaving cream

went flying. Larry, Linda, and Daryl seemed to be very adept at this. At one point it looked as if this could go on for a long time. Soon each of their balloons was clean shaven so we decided to do it again, this time the balloons were inflated by members of the crowd to insure they were not underinflated. During the first round, Larry cut his finger but we still can't understand why. If he's right-handed and he's holding the razor handle in his right hand, how can he cut a finger on his *right* hand? Lance Brooks brought out his first aid kit and Larry was tended to without having to call 911. Does the AKA insurance cover this? Two of the three balloons were finally inflated, the third was partially inflated with shaving cream.

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Tsunami wins World Cup V

Team Tsunami from California captured the World Cup Championship in Le Touquet France on September 9 through 11. Tsunami's team is comprised of members from San Francisco's Bay area as well as Southern California. In winning the cup, Tsunami broke Hawaii's Team High Performance's string of three consecutive World Cup Championships. High Performance was visibly absent from the competition. Unconfirmed reports say that High Performance has retired, though no official word has been received at press time.

The World Cup Competition is in its fifth year of existence and in all years, the trophy has gone to a team from the United States, but even more unusual, the winning team has been from either California or Hawaii.

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Head in the clouds

Fall is upon us and summer '94 has gone but left us with many memories. In Southern California we are fortunate to have nice weather for most of the year. It has been said that we have no seasons in our part of the country, its always summer. Is there a problem with this. I've always said that we do indeed have four season- summer, this summer, last summer, and next summer. Though the seasons have changed, we don't have snow to keep us from enjoying our favorite outdoor activity, just rain every now and then.

At a recent Board meeting the issue of changing or modifying our name to imply that we are not exclusive to membership within San Diego was discussed. The result was the club's name will remain as is, no modifications at all. Since our membership extends beyond San Diego only demonstrates what was started as a "city" club has grown to be INTERNATIONAL thanks to hard working members. On a recent trip someone remarked to me

about "...well you've got the San Diego Kite Club down there" possibly implying our reputation as one of the better known clubs- at least I hope it was one of the better clubs.

One thing that we should remember as a group- we are not the only ones using the parks. Though we have been in Tecolote Shores Park (the official name for "South of the Hilton") since our inception, we sometimes feel that it is "ours" by reason of squatter's rights. As you know, its not exclusively ours, but ours to use as long as we don't abuse it. Just remember when setting up to leave a clear path for the jogger's and pedestrians to pass through. The Park regulations state that the area immediately adjacent to the curb - the first 10' or so- is to be kept clear. We see motor homes setting up camp right outside their vehicles all the time, but that doesn't make it right. Leave a clearly defined path for non-SDKC'ers to have access through. This would also pertain to where we park our kites. Lets not give anyone anything to complain about.

Parking has become a problem since the opening of the new playground so our advice is to get out there early, maybe space cars out a bit to reserve parking and do the "SDKC shuffle" when a fellow member shows up.

After all that, then we can start having fun, which is why we do this.

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MISCELLANEOUS HAPPENINGS

Here it is October already and we have plenty of activities this month. So please make note of these dates:

October 9th- One Sky One World Fun Fly and Potluck! Bring a your high flyers and be a part of a celebration that takes place all over the world. We will be at Mission Bay Park around 11:00. Please bring a dish for all to share and let's make a day of it.

October 29th- Our third Annual Halloween Party. At the present time I have approximately 50 kids attending our event. Once again I will have clowns to entertain the children. A candy drop and hopefully parachuting animals will also be a part of the activities. An Aruba stunt kite will be given away for the best prize in the adult category for the best costume. Food and beverages will be provided by the club. At approximately 6:30 or 7:00 we will all

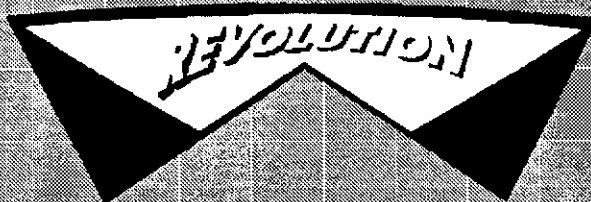
go to Fiesta Island for (ha ha) a night fly and just plain socializing. If you have any children coming to the party please let me know. I need a count by the October meeting. Call Diana Martin at 738- or contact me at our meeting or fun fly on the 9th.

Board Meetings go underground. No, not really. We have been meeting at the Fabulous Inn in Hotel Circle. The Mixon's have been stying here on their visits to San Diego so we have decided to have the board Meetings in their HUGE hotel suite. These are held the Friday before the monthly general meeting. If you want to attend, contact the Mixon's, Ron Despojado, or the Fabulous Inn. Speaking of which, the Fabulous Inn is offering members of the San Diego Kite Club a special rate if you call and mention our club. See the ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

Do you have a small news article that we should know about? Let your fellow members know by sending it to us for the upcoming newsletter.

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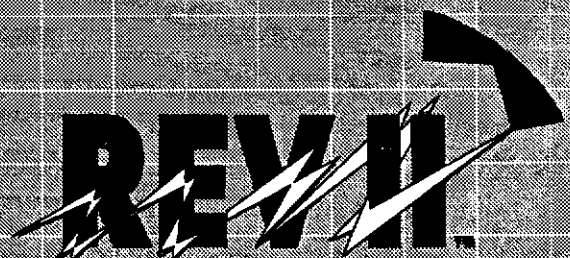
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September meeting:

Cream filling and blood

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Round two. Again the three were showing no signs of popping their balloons. Finally Linda's went and shaving cream found its way all over her. Larry or Daryl- who will it be, and shouldn't that be a threesome with another "Daryl" ? POW! Larry's cream filled balloon caught an edge and shaving

**drops of blood
went here and
there**

cream and drops of blood went here and there. Daryl wins the Bullet.

This little bit of fun & games was

introduced to give our meetings a little bit of humor. According to some of you, that's all it was, a little bit. Okay wise guys, if you've got some type of small contest guaranteed to embarrass someone, let us know.

Airplay:

Interview with

... ? ...

Due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. work, play, moving, lack of planning on the author's part, etcetera, this column will be on hiatus until the next issue. They say everything is timing and this month mine is not to be believed. I'm buying my first "home." My job has changed drastically, and I'm leaving for Wildwood, N.J. to partake in our yearly celebration of kites and other air toys. So, enough about me- next issue I'll have two fliers interviewed to make up for this month's shortage. Deal!?

by Julie Cable

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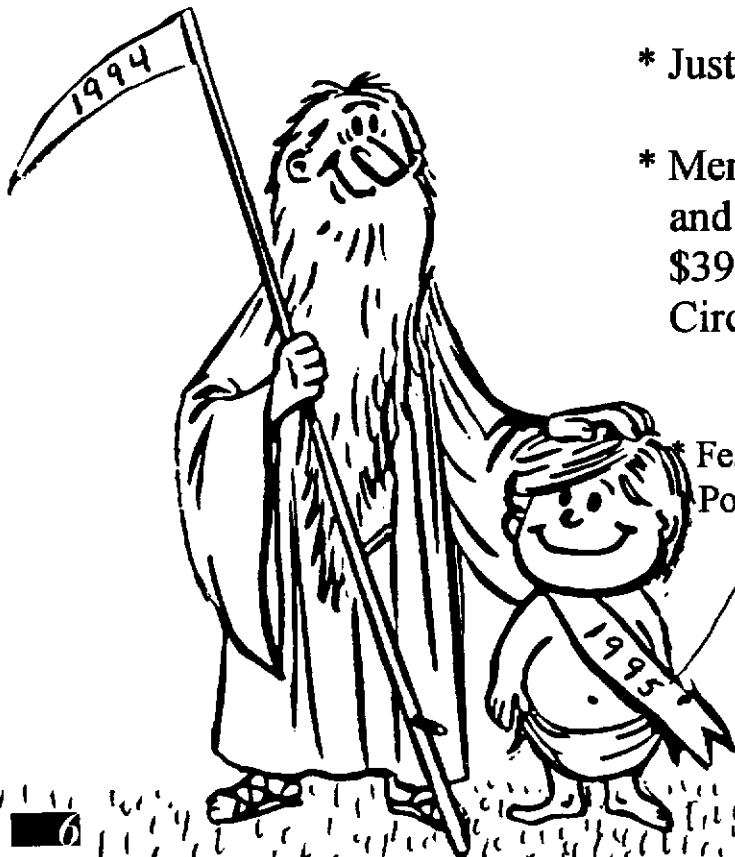
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Sport Kite Standings- Pacific Conference

1994 Final Results

The 1994 season ran from August 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994. The Pacific Conference is comprised of AKA Regions 11 & 12 plus Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah. The top three finishers in each category are invited to the AKA Grand Nationals.

Novice Individual Precision (19 total)

1. Dan Rubesh
2. Kevin Mayeshiro
3. Marleen Bozimowski

Experienced Individual Ballet (16 total)

1. Michael Weingand
2. John Lippold
3. Brian Champie

Experienced Individual Ballet (17 total)

1. John Lippold
2. Tom Stoner
3. Stephen Bateman

Experienced Pairs Ballet (8 total)

1. TBA ASAP
2. Air Berkeley
3. Gone With The Wind

Experienced Team Ballet

1. Buzzin' Buddies

Experienced Team Precision

1. Buzzin' Buddies

Intermediate Individual Ballet (17 total)

1. Peter Betancourt
2. Kelly Trotter
3. Larry Bush

Intermediate Individual Precision (17 total)

1. Peter Betancourt
2. Dennis Boziowski
3. Kelly Trotter

Masters Individual Ballet (22 total)

1. John Barresi
2. John Morrison
3. Miguel Rodriguez

Masters Individual Precision (23 total)

1. John Barresi
2. Kobi Eshun
3. Darrin Skinner

Masters Individual Quad Ballet (4 total)

1. Bert Sumida
2. Allan Guillen
3. Alan Nagoa

Masters Pairs Ballet

1. Dos Avispas
2. Papalotes

Masters Team Ballet (5 total)

1. Tsunami 6
2. Bay Area Sundowners
3. High Performance

Masters Team Precision (5 total)

1. Tsunami 6
2. Bay Area Sundowners
3. High Performance

Open Individual Innovative

1. John Barresi
2. John Lippold
3. John Morrison

Open Individual Quad Ballet (12 total)

1. John Barresi
2. Ron Despojado
3. Alan Nagao

Open Team Train Ballet

1. Tsunami 6
2. Bay Area Sundowners
3. Paragon

This page wouldn't be intentionally left blank if you submitted a newsletter article.

Letters-

From the Pixley's...

Stu is now 3 days into law school. I force him to speak to me during dinner and on Sundays. Law school appears to be more work than work was. He does seem to enjoy the academic setting though. I start getting paid for work on Friday- instead of just working for the joy of it. We fly out on the Marina on Sundays. Stu has spent a little time with Miguel Rodriguez learning some new maneuvers and talking.

The San Diego Kite Club welcomes and encourages feedback from all members. All entries to be published must be signed however names will be withheld upon request.

Sky Arches

Dear SDKC folks,

About Sky Arches- I just finished a big one in June. Two test flights showed us we had to make some changes. If the spars are too light, the arch will bow and want to act like a jumprope. We had 1/4" fiberglass battens in it and changed to 3/8" fiberglass rod to stiffen it. Thankfully, I had to make pockets with velcro tab ends, so it was easy to change. The pair at the ends are about 1" wood dowels. But our arch doesn't end there.

I sewed 25' of leechline into a rolled hem on both sides and both ends, with a 6' extensions that fasten to a pair of old Flexi-foil control bars. It took heavy reinforcements at the end of the fabric to keep the fabric from ripping out the second time.

I also used nylon taffeta, not ripstop. Why waste expensive kite fabric when you can get good taffeta-flag quality- for a third the price? Its 45" wide, about 40" finished.

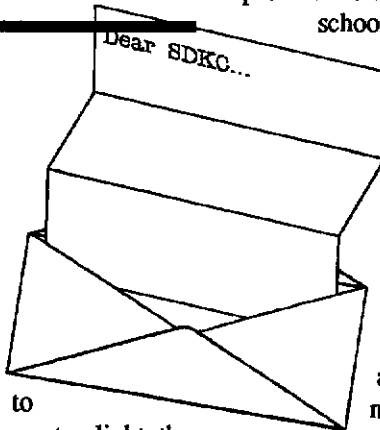
It took 3 people grabbing a bar on each end, and about a dozen side people to control it prior to lift-off. A nice team field effort!

Oh- you'll see it at the convention. I made it for Tom Ryan, & he'll need a lot of help in the field! A few hands-across-the-country would be so welcome!

Fly Free,

Nancy Lockwood
OSEK, et al

P.S. A lot of the smaller 2-person arches are 75' long x 25'-30" wide.



By the by- the offer still stands if anyone in San Diego gets up here and needs to use a bathroom they are welcome to use ours! Actually as long as they don't mind Stu ignoring them- they can stay awhile too.

Give everyone our best wishes-

Good winds!

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SEWING TECHNIQUES

SEMINAR

By Slim & Virginia Warnke

This seminar gave attendees the opportunity to learn from among the best

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1994 THE CLUB HELD A Kite Making Seminar at the Rec Building at Robb Field, attended by 17 people, club members and others.

John Rogers was the first speaker, he started out with a short introduction to the different types of kites he likes to build and the different tools he uses. He explained how he uses each tool and where they can be purchased. One thing John admitted is that he is not a perfectionist, and that every seam doesn't have to be straight to fly. Everyone was given printed

directions on making a snake and John demonstrated how to cut the pieces and assemble them. He then went on to tell us about his big Arch, the putting together for the first time and the corrections he had to make to make it fly.

It's easy once you know how

Parafoils look very complicated, but John's lesson on how to put one together made it look a little easier than I thought at first. With a bit of practice, and possibly a lot of trial and error, anyone with some patience could put a parafoil together. By the time John finished showing us his methods on kite making, we broke for a stretch and lunch.

Diane did it again- had a great meal set up. When she said cold-cuts, we didn't expect roast beef, turkey, and ham, with all the trimmings. There was also potato salad, cole slaw, a vegetable tray with great dips, rolls and three different breads. There was plenty for everyone and I noticed several going back for refills later in the afternoon.

Spinsocks to knock your socks off

After we all relaxed for awhile it was time for more lessons in kite making. Now it was time for Virgil Dalton to show off his fine technique for making spin socks. Although John uses big tools to make Big things that fly, Virgil uses an old Solder Gun as a Hot Knife, a solder pencil for tacking, plain scissors for cutting thread etc. and inexpensive, small spools of thread for sewing. (We had a spin sock out in 25-30 Kt winds without a sewing failure).

Virgil went through the steps of making a spin sock from cutting material, marking and sewing the panels, inserting the stiffener and hooking up the bridle. When the spin sock was finished the names of the people attending the Seminar were placed in

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a hat and one was drawn by Virgil. The spin sock was won by a very happy Larry Morgan.

Apply these applique methods

The third and final speaker was Jose Sainz on the use of applique on kites. Jose brought a replica of his winner kite depicting the Aztec calendar done in applique. It was very artistic and beautiful. The workshop consisted of a history of applique in kiting, the type of tools, material and threads used, how to obtain, apply and sew a design on the kite. The sewing machine obviously is a very important tool in doing applique work. Jose listed features that one should look for in a sewing machine. He showed us a machine once owned by Randy Tom and said one of the reasons he bought it was "for the magic hopefully still inside." Jose also touched on items that judges look for in the competitive field of

*"... the magic
hopefully still
inside."*

applique. We took a short break and returned to the workshop where we learned to cut away the unnecessary cloth to bring out the

wanted design. We were also instructed in the fine art of covering up boo-boo's by Jose. After some hands on experience by the attendees it was time to quit.

The information that we got from three different kite builders during this seminar stirred our interest so much that we want to try these techniques on our own.

We highly recommend these seminars to anyone interested in kiting. Thanks to John, Virgil and Jose.

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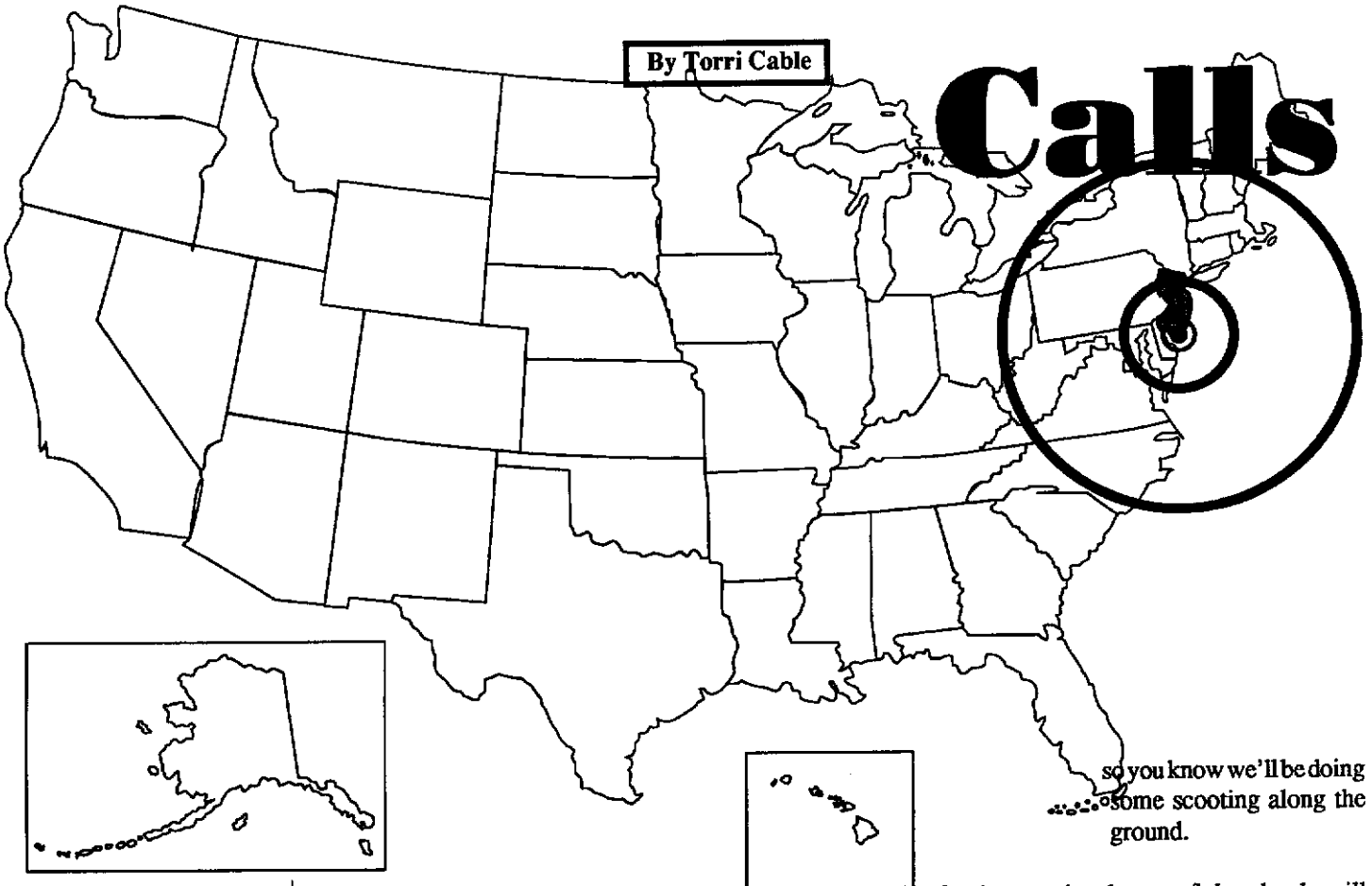
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Wildwood

By Torri Cable

Calls



so you know we'll be doing some scooting along the ground.

SDKC's contingent to the Annual AKA Big Bash in "Joizee" hopes to represent our club well.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I AM WILLINGLY GOING BACK TO NEW JERSEY!!

In 1966 I left Mt. Holly, New Jersey, as a young army wife, heading back to San Diego and sanity-forever, I thought. I only lived in N.J. for one and a half years, but it is indelibly imprinted on my memory. So why am I going there again? And who cares, you ask yourself? Well, just in case the mystery lovers need an answer, here's the scoop.

Springsteen's hometown

It's AKA convention time again, this year at the Jersey shore, and I plan on attending one of the great party situations of the year. I'll be in excellent company- from SDKC, our newly elected president, Ron Despojado, noted kitemaker Jose Sainz, former VP Jim O'Bryant, Flight Squadron members, Pam Kirk and Mike Dennis, and from the bay area, Vicky Tucker, who will join us on the East coast. Accompanying Pam and Mike will be their buggies-

Getting our heads out of the clouds will probably take a few days after we land in Philadelphia. Just as we get over the jet lag, accustomed to the 3 hour difference, not to mention the culture shock, it'll be time to head home. As Jerry Seinfeld says, "We gotta go out, and once we're there, we have to get ready to go back."

You can pretend you don't know us if you want

So at the October meeting, please think of all of us representing our esteemed club in the Wilds of New Jersey- and hope we aren't making complete idiots of ourselves. We promise to know the words to all the songs- "Oh, Those Wildwood Days" and "On The Way to Cape May" by the time we get back, and for large amounts of cash we MIGHT NOT sing them to you.

Seriously though, we will be well represented at the AKA- Ron will be competing on Friday, Oct. 14, Virgil Dalton donated a wind sock for the auction, and I'm adding a "little something." Tell you all about it next issue, OK?

I LOVE A PARADE Do you?

Ever wanted to be in parade? Here's your chance to strut your stuff, and show off your most beautiful kite at the same time.

The 15th Annual Ocean Beach Holiday Parade will march down Newport Avenue on December 10, 1994, at 5:05. As this year's parade chair, I would like to see all my kiting buddies joining the festivities. So what do you say folks? Wanna be in a parade? It's only a three block long affair, and this year should have some "special events."

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Thanks,

Torri,

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Calendar of Events

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- 9-** One Sky, One World; High Fly & Potluck, Mission Bay Park, 1:00
Contact: Diana Martin 738-
- 12-**
- 16-** 17th Annual AKA National Convention,
Wildwood, New Jersey, (800) AKA-2550
- 15-** Board of Director's Meeting, O. B. Recreation Center, 7:00 pm
Fabulous Inn, Mission Valley, the Mixon's room
- 16-** Monthly General Meeting, South of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive,
1:00 pm.
- 29-** Halloween Kite Fly, Mission Bay Park, 1:00
Contact: Diana Martin, 738-

November

- 18-** Board of Director's Meeting, Fabulous Inn, Mission Valley, 7:00 pm
Contact: Ron Despojado, 587.
Deadline for "Skylines" submittal
- 19-** Monthly General Meeting, South of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive,
1:00

December

- 10-** Board of Director's Meeting, Fabulous Inn, Mission Valley, 7:00 pm
Contact: Ron Despojado, 587-
- 11-** Monthly General Meeting, South of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive,
1:00 pm.
- 25-** Merry Christmas (were you good this year?)
- 31-** The night before the New Year's Day Fly

ADVERTISING RATES

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- Quad line kites • Fighter kites

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Membership dues per household (Check one)

	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.
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