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TWIL OF KITE KID

By Greg Lawrence



Jesse Lawrence demonstrates his talents for his classmates at the Children's Creative and Performing Arts Academy. March was a great month for SDKC's "veteran" flier.

THE SPRING of 1997 has been one of the nicest gifts kite flying could have given to Jesse. This year started out at the 2nd Annual Belmont Shores Kite Tournament. When we went we really had no idea what to expect. Jesse, being 9 years old now, is involved in many activities. He is now a member of a Cub Scout pack that meets at least three times a month; he is taking weekly guitar lessons and practices frequently (we had argued for drums but Jesse chose the guitar instead — ha, ha, ha!); and he has a great deal more homework required by his school. These activities have limited the time Jesse has to get down to Mission Bay to fly.

Saturday in Long Beach started out with a huge breakfast of two pancakes and several pieces of bacon, then we were off to the beach. Jesse's first event was the Intermediate Dual-line Ballet. He flew well but had some pretty skilled competitors flying against him. He ended up in 6th place.

His next event was the Individual Open Freestyle. In this event Jesse flew a two stack of Cutters each with a pair of legs Barbara, his mom, had fashioned for the kites. He flew this event to "Do You Love Me?, Now That I Can Dance." It was pretty obvious that he had sent the kites to Arthur Murray's as the kites danced together beautifully, ending only when Jesse nailed the landing.

The final event, the Experienced Quad-Line Ballet, was flown in conditions every flyer only dreams about. He flew last in a field of 8 or 9 half an hour after sundown with absolutely no wind. We all breathed as hard a we could. Because of the conditions, Ron Despojado loaned Jesse his Ultralight Rev 1. 5 and Slim Warnke loaned him a set of ultralight lines. (that really says a lot about these

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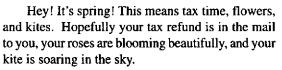
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Spring is also a time for growth; let's expand our membership, start some kid-oriented programs, and help our club grow. We've been getting some inquiring calls from local business who are interested in our promotional abilities and our members' talents in a variety of fields, such as making banners for local festivities like the San Diego Pops.

We also had an interesting letter responding to our questionnaire — shame on you locals; the writer (Nancy Lockwood of O.S.E.K.) lives, as she puts it, "two-thirds of a continent east of you, and it's not possible to attend as much as I'd love it." Hers was the only reply and she gave us some great suggestions for fund raising.

We have some celebrities in our midst: those terrors of Tecolote Shores, the MBFFAs were the cover boys for *Senior World* magazine, March edition. Virgil Dalton, Harry French, and Slim Warnke adorned the cover with an accompanying article on

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page 3 that was a credit to kiters everywhere. Thanks guys for making us proud.

Our past president, Ron Despojado, was also the subject of an interview in the spring issue of *American Kite*. The cover referred to Ron as the Quadfather of San Diego — an apt title, don't you think? The article by Ron Reich was called "Quadzilla." With some terrific pictures (one of which included fellow SDKC member Nicole Meinhardt) and pointed questions, Ron D. is revealed in all his glory.

There was also an article in the March Family Magazine by Patty Browder on our New Year's Day Fly. Patty's glowing piece describes the day and hopefully stirs the average person's interest in the joys of kiting.

Perhaps all this media attention will help us get sponsors for festivals, donators for raffles and auctions, and just generally further opportunities in all aspects of kiting.

You'll note that "job descriptions" are listed for the club officers in this issue; please run for office! Your kite club needs you! Your interest and energy alone make you qualified for any number of positions. If you want to make changes in how things are run and done, then this is your chance.

Hope you're standing in flowers while your kite flies high, and you have magic in your life.

March Meeting

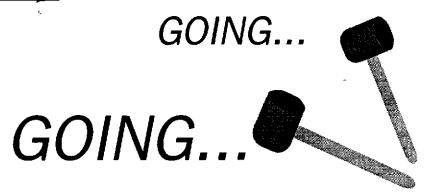
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Bowdy Aggers, left, and Mitch Anderson, right, lend their able hands to guide 11 members of Cub Scout Pack #263 from Jesse's school.



May Meeting



Don't miss the May meeting or you will miss a great chance to add to your kite pin collection.

The club has gethered more than 100 pins from all over for this year's auction. So be there early or your chances will be...



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Nominations Sought For 1997-98 Club Officers

We're going to try something new for this year's elections, which are coming up this summer. In the recent past we've been having trouble coming up with people to run for office. This year we will use a method that a number of other clubs use — a nomination process.

In April and May we will be taking nominations for all offices. We hope to have a ballot ready to print in the June newsletter. The actual election will take place in July as usual, but this will give the members who can't come to the July meeting a chance to vote.

Names will be put into nomination for specific offices. We will have a ballot box available at the meetings, or you can send in your nominations anonymously. You may nominate yourself, of course. No one will be forced to run if they don't wish to.

I think a lot of people shy away from holding an office because they think they don't have time or it will be too much work. That is why we are listing the offices here along with a brief description. You should find something here that will mesh with your talents (or someone's you know). Please get involved and support your club.



President: Basically, the coordinator of coordinators. The president sets the agenda and presides over club and board meetings, is the main spokesperson for the club, writes a nifty "President's Message" for the newsletter.

Vice President: Assists the president and fills in for the president when he/she is unavailable. May write a nifty "Vice President's Message" for the newsletter.



Secretary: Takes the minutes of the monthly board meeting, takes care of any correspondence with other clubs, the AKA, and businesses. Usually updates the general meeting information hotline and responds to inquiries made by individuals interested in the club. Treasurer: Keeps financial records of income and expenses, pays bills (phone hotline, storage, newsletter printing and mailing, food costs, etc.), maintains advertising accounts for newsletter, sends out invoices, makes bank deposits, obtains seller's permits and files state sales tax forms when necessary, prepares monthly financial reports for board meeting and bimonthly statements for newsletter.





Membership Chairman: Maintains accurate, upto-date list of members and dues status, maintains mailing list including paid members, honorary members, club exchanges and kite businesses (a computer with database program is needed), prints out labels for newsletter mailings, arranges for membership table to be set up and manned at certain events.

Events Coordinator: Helps make schedule for regular club meetings and plan food sales, suggests and coordinates special events such as seminars, workshops, special guests, competitions, fundraising activities, fun & games. Ideally this officer would work with a committee or team to implement these activities.





Equipment Manager: Stores or arranges for storage of club equipment (kites, sound system, tables, food service items), makes sure needed equipment is brought to meeting or event, arranges for repair or replacement of broken or depleted items.



Public Relations Coordinator: club liaison with media, work with events coordinator in publicizing club events, promoting goodwill in the community, and helping with community-based programs, such as schools needing members to help kids build kites.

Archivist: Keeps all the junk. No, just kidding. Collects and maintains all kite and club-related materials (newsletters, magazines, videos, letters, records, minutes of board meetings).



Board Members: Attend board meetings, play an active role in planning and implementing ideas for club activities

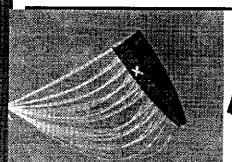


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SAN DIEGO KITE CLUB NOMINATION OF OFFICERS 1997-98

| PRESIDENT | MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN | ARCHIVIST |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 |
| VICE PRESIDENT | EVENTS COORDINATOR | BOARD MEMBERS |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SECRETARY | PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR | 3 |
| 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 5 |
| TREASURER | EQUIPMENT MANAGER | 6 |
| 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 2 | |
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t's definitely hard to get back to work after a wonderful weekend at the Avi Resort Hotel for the 3rd Aerial Kite Festival. Basir Beria's Afghani Festival was cancelled, so he was able to join us and brought his new wife, Homaira. The winds could have been better, especially on Saturday when they were either non-existent, or very squirrely and unpredictable.

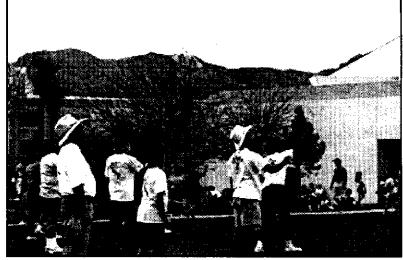
The Fighter Kite Shoot-out planned by Randy Shannon was cancelled due to lack of winds on Saturday, although he was able to conduct an informal fighter pilot meeting Saturday night with a few of the AKA Fighter Committee members present — Johnny, Brian Johnsen, and Rick Miller - plus Basir Beria and Scott Hampton (who helped keep them all on track!) I understand the committee made some progress on reviewing the current AKA Fighter Rulebook, before they were off to the tables (blackjack or the slot machines)

I really enjoyed watching Roger Maddy do his "Sky writing" with his No.2 Pencil Kite. And both Scott Skinner and Steve Bateman put on short demos with their buggies, although neither of them could be persuaded to do the "David Britton body surfing across the Colorado River" demo, mainly because there were too many jet skis and boats out there to watch out for. There were several candy drops for the kiddies, and the Balloon Man was there again with all of his creations.

Michelle had a fun time playing with her friend Ramsey, and two new friends, Mystica and Forrest Eller, the children of Brandon and Leica Eller of Mystical Kites, Arizona. They especially enjoyed the sand pit, and we had to soak them clean before dinner Saturday night. Brandon has designed some new small kites which were quite unique



Larry Nickel and Brian Imbach find that the trees are not quite so "kite friendly" this year.





Some of the SDKC "sheep" struggle to launch their fighters while "wolf" Johnny Hsiung gets ready to pounce.



Johnny models the latest "flying" attire.

— wild-colored shorts and shirts. Johnny modeled a pair with pink polkadots and a "nerd" shirt complete with large tie and pens in the pocket. They were just his size!

Sunday was the day for most of the demos — Flight Squadron, Ron "Quadzilla" Despojado and his partner, Nicole Meinhardt; Kobi Eshun and Miguel Rodriquez, and Brian Champie. We also got to have a "Sheep and the Wolf" game. It was fun watching the sheep trying to get their kites launched tangled lines everywhere) and stay in the air before the wolves, ohnny and Basir, cut them out of the sky. If their kites dropped out of the sky, the kids pounced on it. Johnny cut six kites before his line made contact with Basir's and off his kite went...all the way over the hotel.

Sunday night offered great views of the lunar eclipse, Mars and comet Hale-Bopp. It was an unforgettable sight.

Other Good news to report: Kathy Plummer's daughter, who got married at the Avi festival in November '96, is pregnant, so we'll get to meet the new baby at the November 21-23, 1997, festival.



Mr. Stiles "rests in peace" in the warm Arizona sun.





MEMBER QUIZ

Thought is was about time for another "kite quiz." Here are some questions about one of SDKC's most famous kite builders and fliers, Virgil Dalton.

- 1. How long have Virgil and Freida been married?
- 2. When is Virgil's birthday?
- 3. How old will he be this year?
- 4. When did Virgil get his pacemaker? What brand is it?
- 5. How many "Virgil Socks" have been made?
- 6. How do you get a "Virgil Sock"?
- 7. What is K9-P and how did it get its name?
- 8. What is the "Foil-less Flexi"?
- 9. What was Freida trying to catch at MB Park one meeting when she tripped and did a backward somersault down the hill?
- 10. What inovation did Virgil make to the pocket sled to allow it to fly in lighter winds?

If anyone can get all 10, they've been around awhile.....

John Rogers



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SCORES FROM BELMONT SHORES

March 8, 1997

EXP. QUADLINE BALLET

| 1. Dick Hulett | 71.93 |
|------------------------|----------|
| 2. Ben Messin | 70.63 |
| 3. Dawn Dimanno | 50.83 |
| INT. INDIVIDUAL PRECIS | SION |
| 1. Joe Bacon | 67.50 |
| 2. Richard Hutton | 64.33 |
| 3. Alan Brooks | 62.67 |
| 4. Mark Brownton | 57.67 |
| 5. Cassie Skinner | 51.67 |
| 6. Tom Fine | 51.43 |
| 7. Lionel Gibbons | 45.20 |
| 8. Paul Eshelman | 40.53 |
| EXP. INDIVIDUAL PRECIS | SION |
| 1. Cal Yuen | 79.30 |
| 2. Scott Hicks | 73.23 |
| 3. Paul Eiler | 66.60 |
| 4. Gerri Adler | 66.10 |
| 5. Steve LaPorte | 53.27 |
| 6. Charlie M'Clary | 48.87 |
| 7. John Shara | 35.93 |
| MASTERS INDIVIDUAL P | RECISION |
| 1. Miguel A. Rodriguez | 73.40 |
| 2. Michael Weingand | 72.67 |
| 3. Bowdy Aggers | 71.50 |
| 4. Brian Champie | 68.87 |
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NOVICE INDIVIDUAL PRECISION

| 1. Jessie Lawrence | 69.13 |
|------------------------|-------|
| 2. Lionel Gibbons | 65.67 |
| 3. Dawn Dimanno | 65.20 |
| 4. Charly M'Clary | 63.00 |
| 5. Paul Eshelman | 62.40 |
| 6. Bowdy Aggers | 60.53 |
| 7. Alan Brooks | 59.27 |
| 8. Eric Allen | 56.93 |
| MASTERS QUADLINE BA | LLET |
| 1. Ron Despojado | 88.93 |
| 2. Slim Warnke | 76.20 |
| 3. Michael Weingand | 69.20 |
| MASTERS PAIRS BALLET | Г |
| 1. Papalotes | 73.73 |
| FREESTYLE | |
| 1. Jessie Lawrence | 47.03 |
| 2. Bowdy Aggers | 41.70 |
| 3. Charlie M'Clary | 29.03 |
| 4. Mark Brownton | 28.67 |
| PRO CLASS | |
| 1. John Morrison | 86.20 |
| 2. Miguel A. Rodriguez | 83.60 |
| 3. Brian Champie | 79.60 |
| 4. Michael Weingand | 71.40 |
| 5. Joey Bacon | 66.47 |
| 6. Ron Despojado | 64.33 |
| 7. Bowdy Aggers | 63.33 |
| 8. Alan Brooks | 55.80 |

| NOVICE INDIVIDUAL BA | LLET |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Ben Messin | 51.93 |
| 2. Dick Hulett | 28.87 |
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| INT. INDIVIDUAL BALLE | |
| 1. Joey Bacon | 73.13 |
| 2. Paul Eshelman | 69.13 |
| 3. Lionel Gibbons | 67.53 |
| 4. Tom Fine | 64.20 |
| 5. Cassie Skinner | 57.60 |
| 6. Jesse Lawrence | 55.13 |
| 7. Alan Brooks | 54.93 |
| 8. Richard Hutton | 53.87 |
| Mark Brownton | 52.67 |
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| EXP. INDIVIDUAL BALLE | _ |
| 1. Cal Yuen | 70.73 |
| 2. Scott Hicks | 63.93 |
| Gerri Adler | 57.93 |
| 4. John Shara | 57.07 |
| 5. Steve LaPorte | 47.60 |
| 6. Charlie M'Clary | 46.67 |
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| MASTERS INDIVIDUAL B | |
| 1. John Morrison | 92.80 |
| 2. Michael Weingand | 90.33 |
| 3. Larry Bush | 88.60 |
| 4. Miguel A. Rodriguez | 86.40 |
| 5. Brian Champie | 85. 13 |
| 6. David Bui | 81.53 |
| 7. Bowdy Aggers | 78.00 |

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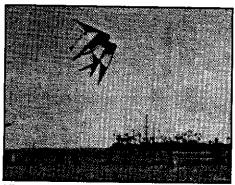
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| Disbursements | |
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| Electric cord | 60,00 |
| Storage USA | 25.00 |
| Sound Equipment | 38.50 |
| Insurance AKA | 25.00 |
| Kinkos (newsletter) | 204.46 |
| Postage (newsletter) | 57.09 |
| Postage (misc.) | 8.92 |
| Invoice book | 3.54 |
| Voice mail service | 79.80 |
| Bank fees | 10.00 |
| Total | 682.90 |
| BALANCE | \$285.08 |

Kite Kid

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men and the kiting community as a whole that this kind of equipment would be loaned to a 9-year-old). Jesse flew the routine almost without a flaw.

Next were the award ceremonies, held under the stars of Long Beach by flashlight. Walt Thompson was busily tallying up the scores of the Quad-Line events (the poor man seems to get stuck with that all the time, just sits in the tent behind the laptop all day long. I thought he had retired from that) while the presentation of awards was going on. With each name that was read off in Jesse's two events Jesse grew more excited. Four, three, two, and in first, Jesse Lawrence. I cannot tell you how happy he was. Jesse will long remember Long Beach in March 1997.



Kites with legs "dance" to the music.

The following school day Jesse brought his awards to school. He goes to the Children's Creative and Performing Arts Academy in Clairemont. Because the type of school Jesse goes to deals with visual art, Jesse's principal invited him to demo for the entire student body. At 2:00 p.m. the following Tuesday, the entire school of about 250 kids grade K-12 came out to the playground to watch Jesse fly. He flew two Quad-line and three Dual-Line routines to cheers, applause, hoots and whistles. Each time he did a spin with the Quad all his schoolmates went Whooooa, and with each axle there was a WOW. The next day Jesse said 31 kids had come up to him and told him what a good time they had watching him fly, this included the BMOC, a 12th grader who the younger kids may only speak to if he speaks to them. To this day kids are still asking Jesse about kiting.

The final two events that made this past March so memorable for Jesse were the Saturn event and the fact that some of Jesse's Cub Scout friends came to our March meeting to learn to fly. At Saturn Jesse spent about two hours on the sand at Mariner's Point with kite lines in his hands. I counted at least six people who had videocams trained on him for long periods of time. It was one of those days; it was nice to be alone with the wind at your back, a kite in your hands and good music to fly to (the Muppets). At the March meeting 11 Cub Scouts came out to learn to fly, and thanks to Bowdy, Mitch and Ben, maybe some of them will come back on their own to take it one step further.

Kiting has been good to (and good for) Jesse This is due in very large part to the members of the San Diego Kite Club. Barbara and I want to thank every one of you for sharing your time and showing an interest in his well being. Hopefully, Jesse has given you something in return.

Calendar Of Events

- MWWD Family Day, North City Water Reclamation Plant, Eastgate Mall and the 805 Fwy. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Jim Skryja, 268-
- 26 So. Calif. Open, Fiesta Island, 9 a.m. Reception/Awards, Kings Inn, 7 p.m. Contact Neil Tuthill, (310) 696-
- Monthly General Meeting: South of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive, 1:00 Fighter Kite Challenge
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting, 4444 W. Pt. Loma Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Contact: Torri Cable, 226-
- 17 Monthly General Meeting: South of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive, 1:00 The Great Kite Pin Auction.
- 3 1-1 Aire Affair Fun Fly & Competition, Belmont Shores, Long Beach. Special Guest Ray Bethell. Contact Neil Tuthill, (310) 696-
 - Board of Directors Meeting, 4444 W. Pt. Loma Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Contact: Torri Cable, 226
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(Events subject to last-minute changes, Call (619) 685-2885 for latest updates.)



Tidbits

This email was received from John Rogers who had just received the good news from Jim Low about the Smithsonian Festival held in early April. "I just got a call from Jim Low, who flew the Uncle Sam kite at the Smithsonian festival as you probably saw on CNN. The kite won two awards, the Paul Garber award for Best Cooperative Kite and Funniest Kite. It ended up 6th in the People's Choice voting, which was pretty good, and 2nd in Most Patriotic. A large Statue of Liberty rok won first.

"Jim was ecstatic, as you can imagine, since most of the judges are 'old time' kite builders and are not used to seeing something like the Uncle..."

SDKC secretary **Kathy Aggers** announced at the March meeting that because of circumstances beyond her control (new job, travel with Bowdy) she would no longer be able to fulfill her duties as club secretary. **Joyce-Johnson-Davis** agreed to fill in for her until the next election.



Kathy Aggers was surprised by a birthday cake at the Seal Beach Kite Festival on March 8.

ADVERTISING RATES

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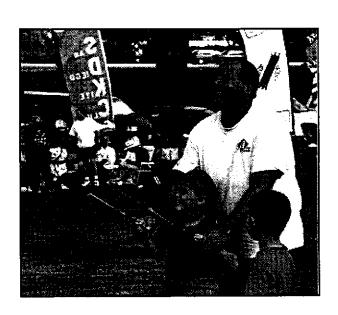
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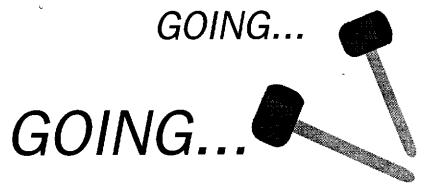
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