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## Larry Mixon

Being President of the San Diego Kite Club is a job that is supposed to be a light and airy passion, filled with the joy of seeing our colours fill the sky with beauty. This month it is not so easy to see the beauty. Larry Mixon has left our ranks. Larry was a man who gave so much, not just to kiting but to everyone and every thing around him. He was a Master Kite builder, devoted husband, one of the nicest ambassadors for kiting the world will ever know. I know you will all join Barbara, Jesse, and me in expressing our sorrow to Larry's family.

Greg Lawrence  
President, SDKC

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## WIND FROM THE WILLOWS

### WINDS FROM THE WILLOW: Part II

By the time you receive this newsletter many of the club members will have used up much of this years supply of wind. March was a great month to be a kite flyer. It began with the 51st annual Kite Festival in Ocean Beach on the first weekend of March, followed by the 24th Festival of the Kite in Redondo Beach on the 13th. (75 years of kiting right there) That same weekend Ellen and Marshall Morgan were filling the skies with their wonderful kites in Valencia for another Pardee Grand Opening. We then all gathered to catch our breath and swap tales at the March meeting. This was followed by the Belmont Sport Kite Challenge in Long Beach. The following day we all remembered Larry Mixon in the manner he would have wanted, a celebration of the kite. So what if we didn't have time to pay our bills, at least we had fun.

The San Diego Kite Club has been invited to be a MAJOR participant in Pacific Beachfest. This event, planned by the PB Town Council, is a new Fall addition and is supposed to rival the PB Street Fair held each Spring. As of now, we will have the entire coast 1/4 mile on each side of the PB Pier for our Single line kites and a Sport Kite flying area 2-300 foot square at the foot of Grand Ave., right next to the main lifeguard station, with sound system. As far as I am concerned the Sport Kite flying area is the prime spot for all activities in PB. This event could give kiting in San Diego the most exposure it has ever had. They are projecting attendance of at least 30,000 people. We have attached parts of the press release to show you a bit of the flavor of the event. As of now our club is not mentioned only

because I have not committed to the event. If we can get enough members interested I will do so immediately. I truly believe this event is the biggest and best thing for kiting to happen in San Diego since we have been members of the Club. The event will be held 10/09/99, I know that is the last day of the Nationals so those attending will not be able to make it, but everyone else, if you are fr you should. Additionally, the PB Town Council is planning to make this an annual event, so we could be set for years if we do make a good showing. Please read the news release. We will talk about it at the June Meeting.

As you can see the club has and will have activities for everyone. The board of the SDKC has and is doing its best to see that we continue to do so. At the February meeting, attendance almost doubled to about 30, which was great. Again, I would like to say, if you are a member please come join us. We are a volunteer organization and need to have help and guidance in choosing our direction. Anyone can join us at the board meeting and everyone should join us at the meetings. At the last board meeting we even discussed moving our meeting place permanently to a new location. I won't tell you where so maybe it will perk your interest enough to come join us and express your opinion. Our mission is to show the world the joys of kiting, and what better way to do it than through a show of force on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

May the Winds Be With You  
Greg

For excerpts of Press Release see Page 8.

OOPS!

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# Calendar Of Events

**June 6**  
Liberty Run/Walk  
Coronado Island San Diego  
Contact Neil Tuthill  
562-696-

**June 18**  
Board Of Directors Meeting  
Jimmy's Restaurant, Midway Drive  
7:00pm

**June 19**  
Monthly General Meeting  
SDKC 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off  
South Of The Hilton on Hwy 5 on  
@ Tecolote Shores  
Meeting Starts @ 1:00pm

**July 4**  
Freedom Fun Fly and Mystery Ballet  
Belmont Shores, Long Beach  
Contact Neil Tuthill  
562-696

**July 16**  
Board Of Directors Meeting  
Jimmy's Restaurant, Midway Drive  
7:00pm

**July 17**  
Monthly General Meeting  
South Of The Hilton on Hwy 5  
@ Tecolote Shores  
Meeting Starts at 1:00pm

Events are subject to last minute changes.

For more information contact Joanne M'Clary (619) 223-

## A Road Trip: Ellen Spreads Her Wings For Real

### Silver Streak Departing

By Ellen Morgan

Sitting as patiently as I could, I awaited the arrival of the 3 o'clock Silver Streak bound for Martinez. I didn't know if my jitters came from facing my first competition as a Quadline flier or riding the Silver Streak for 14 of the next 36 hours. My traveling companions didn't seem the least concerned as I watched them gather their belongings and rations for the long journey north. I learned many things on this maiden voyage and know that no other excursion shall ever compare.

Needless to say, the Silver Streak is the name affectionately given to Neil Tuthill's van, he was driving myself and the Eshelman's up to Martinez for us to compete in the Fourth BASKL event of the season. It was suggested to me should the voices become too much I could always put my headphones on and pretend sleep. I am shocked at the suggestion, but relieved that at no time were headphones worn by anyone riding the Streak that weekend. The Four of us could be heard laughing and teasing each other on down the freeway with Paul strumming his noise box.

After the needed sleep and hot food at Wink's on Saturday morning, we headed over to the Soccer field. The gang was slowly gathering and they were getting the finishing touches done on setup. I flew in four classes that day with my true focus being on Quad ballet. I found doing the Quad Precision a great challenge and VERY FUN. How did you do that again Ron? I hope to see it included in local events soon. It was a hoot to say the least.

I don't know if it was the fun of it being my first event as competitor, the friendly welcome I got from the BASKL crew or the Sun getting to me, But I had a wonderful time from the Late departure of the Silver Streak on Friday all the way up to the return home at 4 am on Sunday morning. I was able to cultivate deeper friendships and make new ones, learn that I wasn't really nuts 3 years ago when I first picked up a Rev to fly, and that my skills had grown with time. I met a goal to go and have fun flying. I had not really enjoyed flying in a while and feel blessed with a new found spark. I know there is another event coming up soon and look forward to seeing more of you out there supporting fellow kites. Don't miss the ride...

Silver Streak departing...  
All Aboard !!

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.

### Excerpted Results From Martinez

NIB	Ellen Morgan - Third
NIP	Ellen Morgan - Third
IIB	Crystal Eshelman - Second
EIB	Paul Eshelman - First
EIP	Paul Eshelman - Second
EIQB	Ellen Morgan - First
EIQP	Ellen Morgan - Second
MIB	Ron Despojado - Second
MIQP	Ron Despojado - First
MIQB	Ron Despojado First
	Paul Eshelman - Second



# Good-Bye Kitedad

by Sharon Champie

I just knew March 28 was going to be a sad day. It was the day the legion of friends of Larry Mixon were to meet in Long Beach, at Belmont Shore to say good-bye to him. The day turned out to be lovely though, and when we got there it was so nice to see all of Larry's beautiful kites up there bobbing in the breeze. "Pete the Dragon", the kite that Ron Despojado insists on referring to as the "Pissed Off Possum" was there.

Larry's "King of Hearts" and "Minnie Mouse" playing card Edo kites were there as well as his nice black Kimono and Rokkaku. I could see them putting that cool wristwatch noodle and his monster red black and white double Conyne together on the beach, and Larry's fantastic Totem Pole and "Pumpkin" delta were looking good. Man, that guy made some nice kites!

The tragedy of losing such a young man as Larry (he was only 46) is that he was just hitting his stride as a kitemaker. What wonderful new designs he must have had in him that now will never be made. His going has left a great big emptiness in the whole kite world. But then, as Ron Despojado said in his fine eulogy, "Larry is busy now teaching the angels how to make kites. We already see their efforts in the blue and white ones they make for the day sky and the multicolored ones they make for the sunsets." Ron also informed us that Larry has had to cut slits into all of his kite shirts so his wings can fit through. What a mental picture I got with that one!

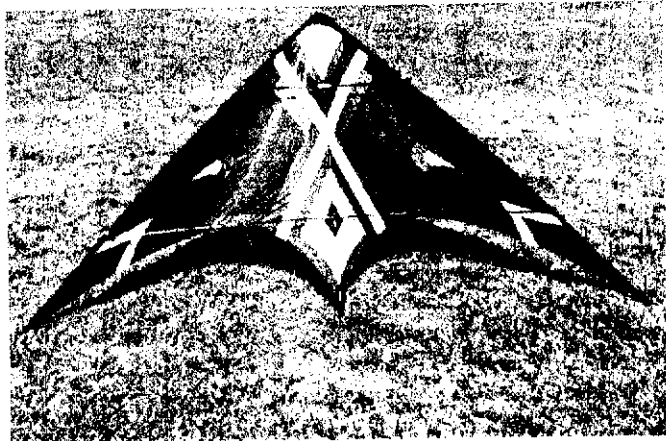
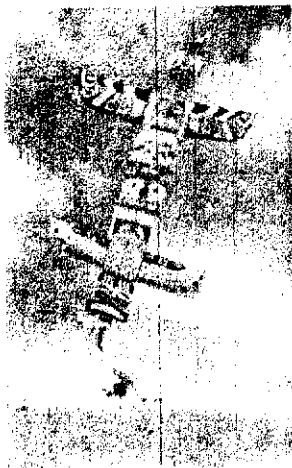
Even though Ron couldn't be there in person, his recorded eulogy was very Larry and very moving. Ron had to be in Phoenix, Az. for a festival and could not be in two places at once, but I

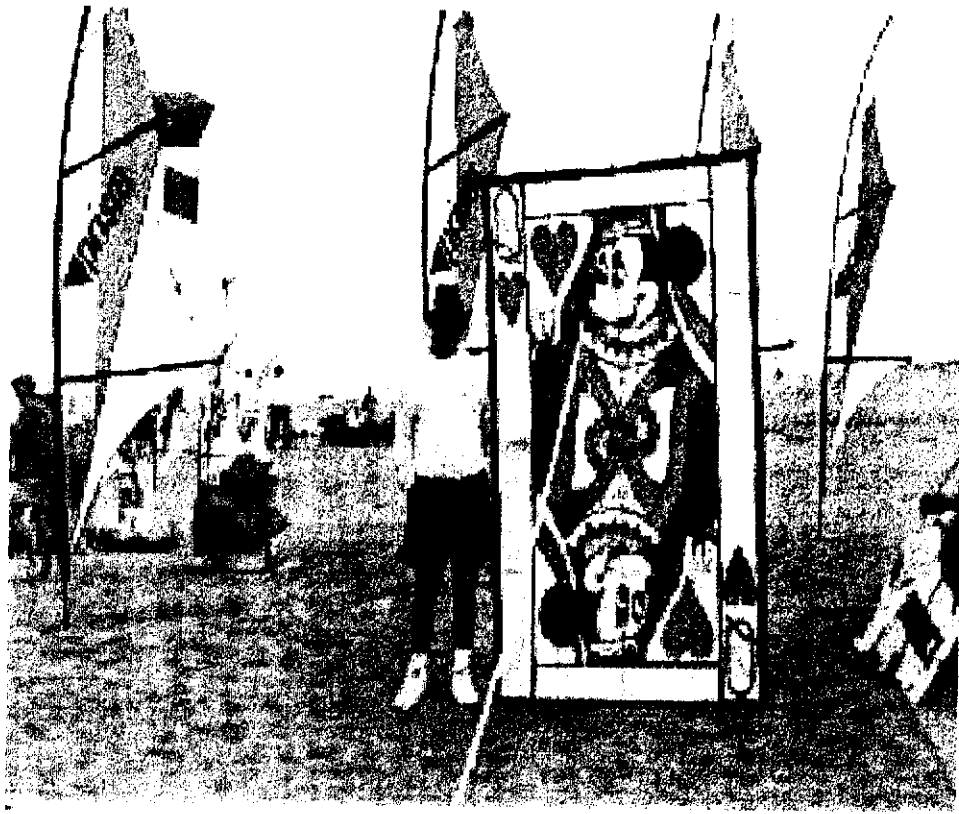
understand his recording was played there also to a very teary crowd. I gotta hand it to Ron, he can really step up to the plate when the occasion calls for it. Even Larry's "King of Hearts", which had been flying solidly all day, suddenly turned and came down to lie on the sand where it could hear all that was being said about him. Very spooky.

The nicest part of the memorial came when everyone held hands in a big circle encompassing Linda and her children and grandson while a flock of pure white pigeons was set free in our midst. No one could have been untouched by the sight of those birds spiraling higher and higher into the sky. That truly was a beautiful moment and I know Larry was there and enjoyed it tremendously

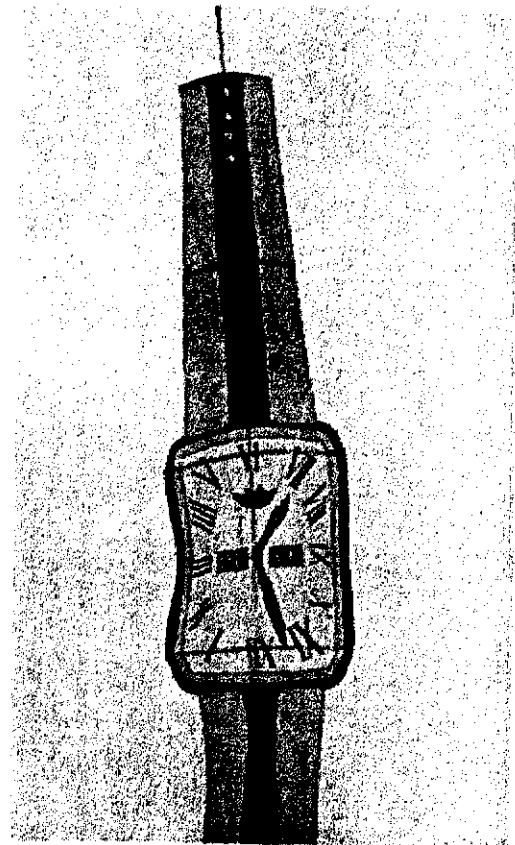
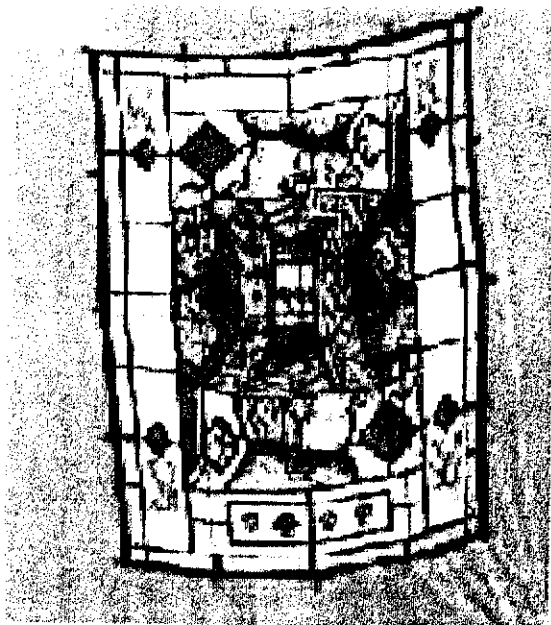
I had expected this day to be a sad one, but we all know there can not be a gathering of kite lovers that can stay serious for long. Sure enough, that day was no exception. Stories of some of Larry's more entertaining exploits were passed around and fun times from the past were remembered. Even Linda came in for a little gentle teasing as my brother Brian repeatedly invited her to bring Larry's kites up for the San Ramon Wind & Art Festival in May. After all, Larry had already done all the hard work to get the invitation way back at AVI. He was sooo nice to Brian there, opening doors for him, feeding him his crackers and cheese, wiping the crumbs from his chin, buttering his bread, and even leaving a brownie on his pillow at night! Linda couldn't very well let all Larry's brown er ground work go for naught could she? Finally she promised to come and I'm so glad we will all have another chance to see Larry's kites flying proudly. I know we'll always miss Larry, but as long as we can see those parts of him up there in the wind, he'll never truly be gone.

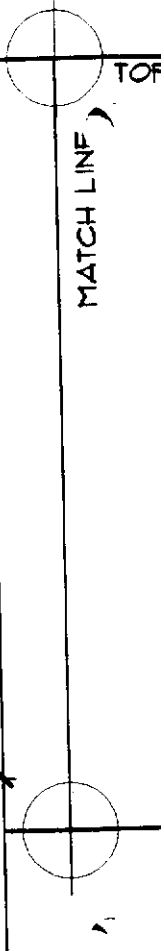
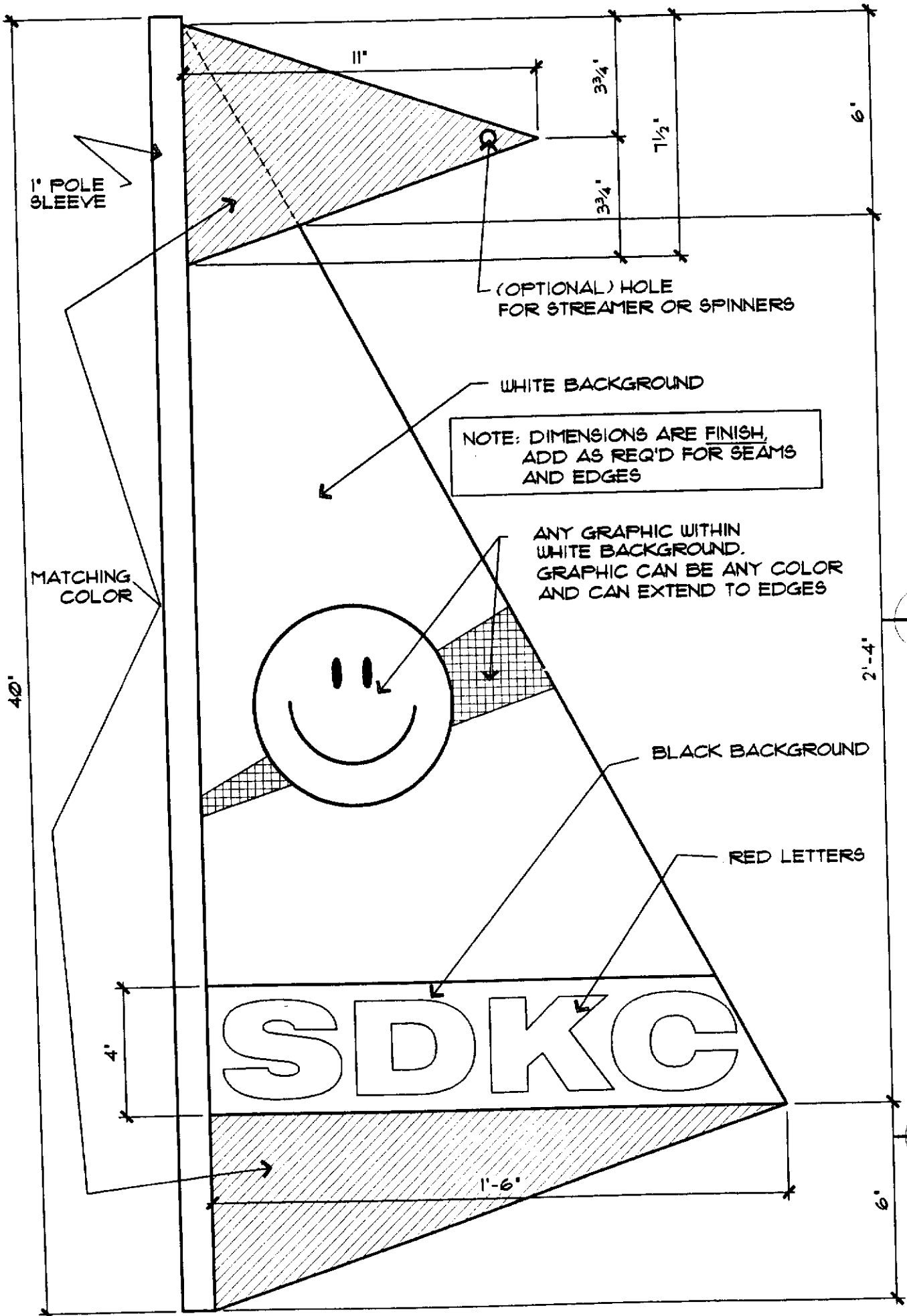
Thank you Neil Tuthill, and Chrystal and Paul Eshelman for putting on a lovely memorial fly for Larry. I'm so glad we made the trek down to be there.





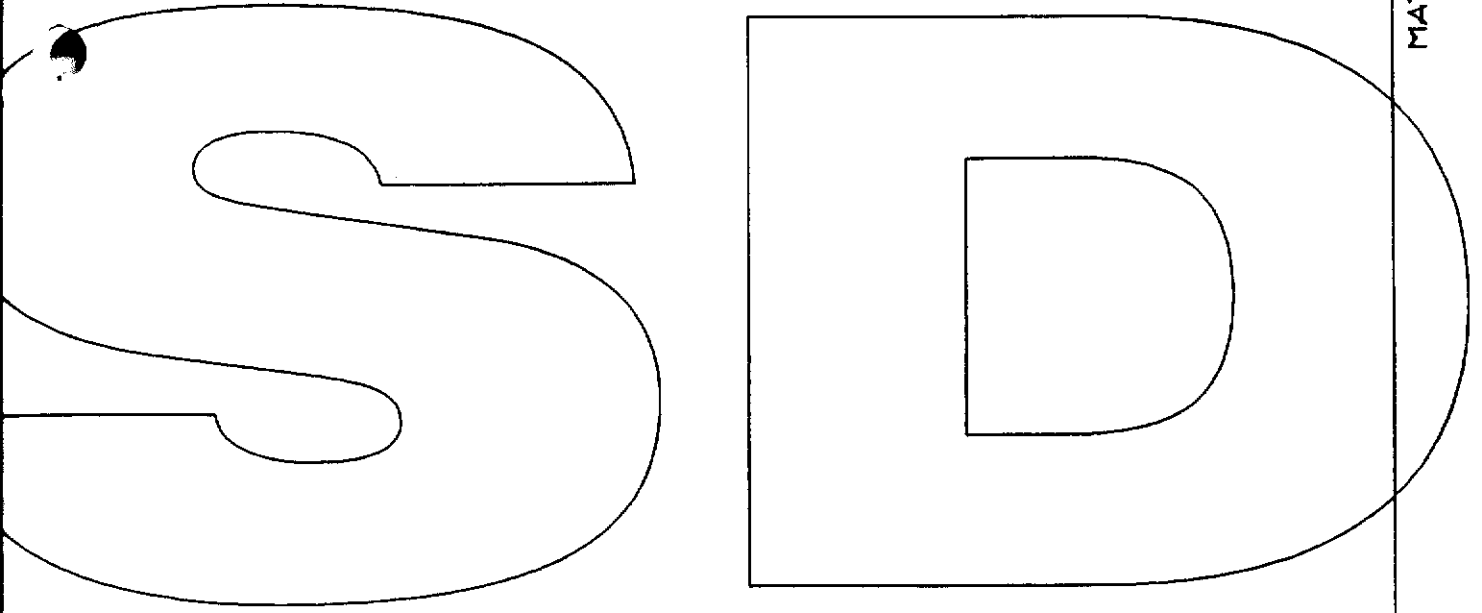
Just Some Of Larry Mixon's Creations



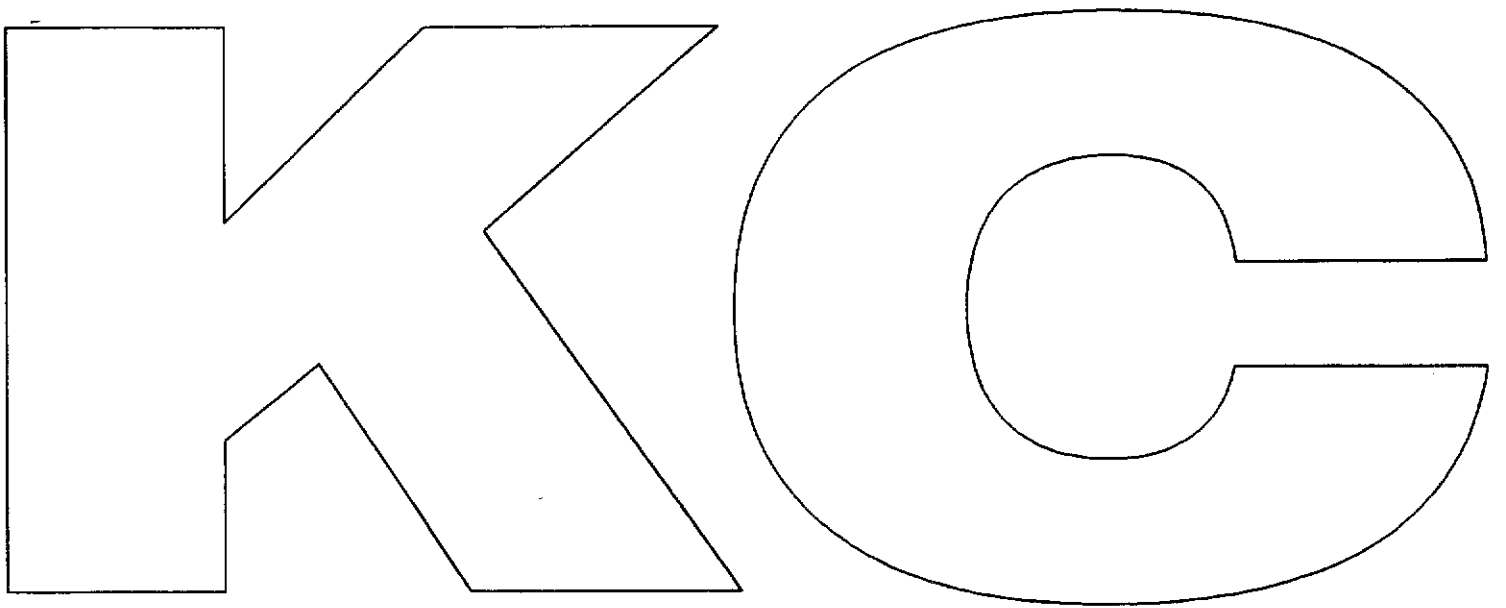


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## Good News!!

There won't be anymore whining and pleading in this newsletter for someone to volunteer to be the newsletter editor. A committee of three has be cajoled into trying to produce a club newsletter. The committee consists of Rick Spurgeon, Walt Thompson, and Connie Martin.  
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## Bad News!!

We can't put out a newsletter unless we have content. We need your input! You may have noticed a lack of Skylines in your mailbox lately. Why? No content! Did you go to an event? Do you know someone interesting? Did you have a really good day flying? Let Us Know!! Send us e-mail. Phone us. Send us a letter. Give us content for YOUR newsletter!



# Kites Fly At Children's Hospital

by Rick Spurgeon

The SDKC was well represented at the recent fund raising kickoff at Children's Hospital. Several of John Rogers' larger kites decorated the front of the hospital, Ed & Gail Lindsay's creations decorated the back where the reception would be held, and assorted stunt kites were scattered about. As you may know a child flying a kite is part of the hospital's logo.

Along with the above mentioned people Virgil Dalton, Ellen Morgan, Walt Thompson, Charlie M'Clary, Rick Spurgeon, and Mike (sorry I lost your last name) were there for kite wrestling duties. There was quite a bit of wrestling going on because there wasn't a whole lot of wind and what there was couldn't seem to pick a direction to be from. We all took turns helping John launch his big Flowform, and re-launching, and re-launching... The rest of us tried to keep various single line kites in the air with small success. At one time or another Ed & Gail's Pink Elephant (tried to eat a tree), Larry Mixon's Indian Chief Pumpkin (flown by Ellen but it seemed to have a mind of its own), a Rok of Charlie's (flown mostly by one of the organizers - quite well too), Rick's Delta Coyne (with Virgil style spinnocks), and anything else we thought might fly were in the air. I know there were some others but it is hard to fly and take notes, mental or otherwise.

After all the talking and almost flying (I think John is *still* trying to launch that Flowform), we hit the reception. There was lots of free food although it was a bit fancier than most of us were used to. All those tiny sandwiches with strange things in them. Everyone received free T-shirts (one size fits none) and a couple of pins. Free Food? Free Stuff? I'll be there!

So to recap. Free food, free stuff, fun people, kite flying(?), a good cause, a chance to show off kites, a reason to take the day off. A can't lose day.

To finish off the day several of us headed out to Mission Bay for some real kite flying.

## So Why Weren't You There?

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# Nominations Sought For 1999-00 Club officers

In May and June 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 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 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 "Presidents 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.

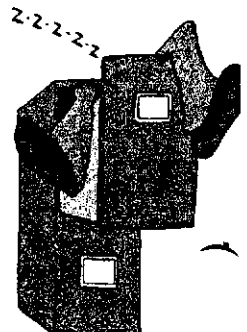


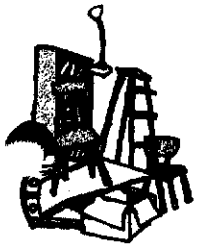
**Treasurer:** Keeps financial records of income and expenses, pays bills (phone hotline, storage, newsletter printing and mailing, food costs, etc.), maintains advertising accounts for newsletter, sends out invoices, makes bank deposits, obtains seller's permits and files state sales tax forms when necessary, prepares monthly financial reports for board meeting and bimonthly statements for newsletter.



**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, fund raising activities, fun and games. Ideally this officer would work with a committee or team to implement these activities.

**Membership Chairman:** Maintains accurate, up-to-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.





**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.

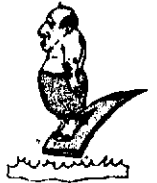


**Public Relations Coordinator:** Club liaison with media, work with events coordinator in publicizing club events, promoting goodwill in the community, and helping with community based programs, such as schools needing members to help kids build kites.

**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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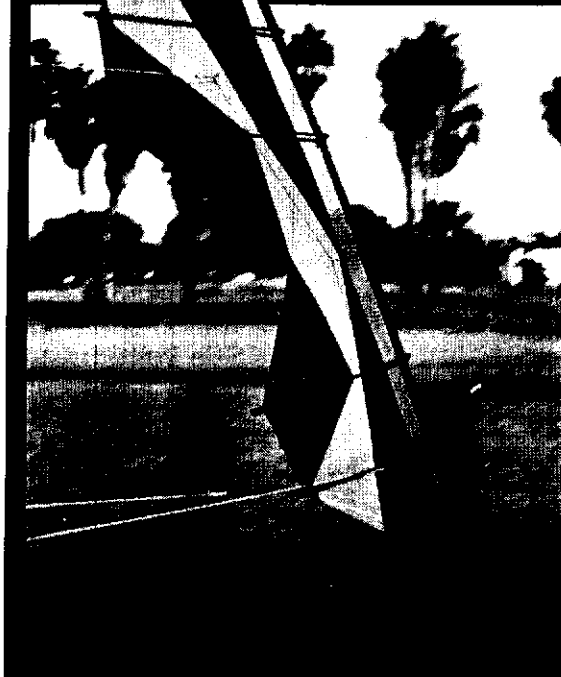
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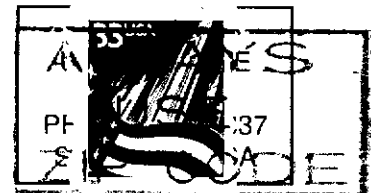
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