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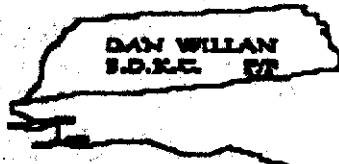
THEY'RE HERE !!

The S.D.K.C. has received it's Badge-A-Mint product. It consists of 150 count custom logos, and they look great, blue background with white logo. Also, we have received the new machine. So, together, we can make some funds for the club.

We need a couple of volunteers to help assemble these. Completed buttons will go on sale as soon as they are manufactured. We will be stocking local kite stores and pins will be available for sale at meetings.

Please help support your local kite club. Any questions or volunteers can call Dan at 560- or 275-

Thanks !



WE BELONG AT THE FAIR!

It's been brought to my attention that the Del Mar Fair has booths available for clubs and organizations to promote themselves. This would be a wonderful way to promote the sport of kiting, as well as the club itself.

Fair attendance last year was approx. 1,300,000 from June 21st to July 4th. There are a couple of individuals checking into information on this matter, and when it is available, will be passed on.

If anyone has any ideas or is interested in being in charge of this project, please call me, Dan, at 275-7/560-

Thanks.

DAN WILLAN
SAN DIEGO KITE CLUB
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER

Woodworkers Needed !

The S.D.K.C. is going to be manufacturing a low cost string winder made of dowels and moulding. A drill press, band saw, and sander is needed to assemble these items. We are not asking to borrow these items; just some time and knowledge, and space, with tools to assemble and manufacture these products. If we can keep the cost low, we, in turn, can sell them to provide needed funds for the club.

Please consider this!

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TO: ALL S.D.K.C. MEMBERS
 FROM: ADAM DAVID
 PUBLIC RELATIONS

I wonder how many of us really appreciate what a fine job our Officers are doing. With the SUPER programs they have been scheduling.....talk about a FIRST CLASS job....having the Hadzicki brothers put on a seminar at no cost to our club is truly a remarkable accomplishment for our club. Yes, and a big THANK YOU, Joe, Jim and Dave for your time and efforts.... may they produce a World Class Champ in our ranks!

It was Joe Hadzicki that is responsible for first getting me hooked on kites at the Temecula Wine & Balloon Festival last spring. I showed Jim how to crash a kite in some very trick ways, and he agreed! Well, as it turned out, I came home that day with that same Revolution kite he taught me on. As proof of the kite's strength, it is still flying today, despite an assortment of scars on the leading edge!

Following this class act in

the month of January will be none other than RON REICH of TOP OF THE LINE KITES and kite team and WORLD CHAMP kite flyer to give us a few instructions on two-line kite flying. Another big THANK YOU, Ron, for your exceptional expertise. We love you!

All of the above is surely outstanding accomplishment in themselves, but there is still MORE TO COME.....!!

RON REICH will bring his entire WORLD CHAMPION PRECISION TEAM, which includes Pam Kirk, Don Tabor and Eric Streed, and they will instruct us in team flying. Here you are getting the very best, and straight from the experts that they are. Again, we thank you, Top of the Line team, and thank you to our club Officers for your fine job in making this possible.

Each of us kite flyers who receive this newsletter and

(ADAM DAVID, Con't. from Pg 2)

who have not paid your dues, PLEASE do so now. As you know, this is a great bargain, and your Officers need your support, as they are working hard to bring you these great events, with more in store and to come in the near future.

THANKS to all the kite shops that have donated gifts for our raffle. We have received gifts from as far as Kite Mania in Riverside, California. THANKS to Karen and Tom Hirohata.

Let's make the SAN DIEGO KITE CLUB number ONE in the country as we do have the talent in our own area.

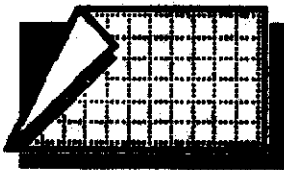
Again, THANKS OFFICERS...keep up the good work...we love & appreciate the results of your many fine hours of effort !!



NO ENTRIES AT PRESS TIME.
PLEASE SEND ANY IDEAS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR THESE TWO COLUMNS.

Classified ad:
Mary Wood needs help to modify a kite.
286-8444.

1991 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 17, 1991 3:00pm -- Dark.

FLY-IN; SOUTH OF THE HILTON HOTEL, EAST MISSION BAY DRIVE.

January 19, 1991 10:00 --- 2:00pm/2:00pm --- 4:00pm

RON REICH SEMINAR, FOLLOWED BY TOP OF THE LINE TEAM PERFORMANCE. \$3.00 DONATION TOWARDS S.D.K.C. WITH USUAL FEES. WAIVED THANKS TO RON/TEAM'S TIME DONATION IN OUR BENEFIT.

April 20/21, 1991 CALIFORNIA OPEN KITE CHAMPIONSHIP/FIESTA ISLAND. VOLUNTEERS. WE NEED YOU, PLEASE!

'T WAS THE SEASON TO BE FLYING.....HO, HO, HO...MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND THAT SANTA WAS GOOD TO ALL!

TO GIVE YOU A RE-CAP OF DECEMBER, THE S.D.K.C. WAS QUITE BUSY. ON DECEMBER 15TH, THE REVOLUTION KITE TEAM PRESENTED A SEMINAR FOR THE S.D.K.C. WHICH COMMENCED AT 1:00PM WITH APPROXIMATELY 25 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. WINDS WERE NIL UNTIL A PRAYER TO THE WIND GOD STARTED THINGS ROLLING. IT WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE SEMINAR, WITH THE S.D.K.C. MONTHLY MEETING FOLLOWING. DURING THE MEETING A RAFFLE WAS HELD IN WHICH PRIZES INCLUDED KITE STAKES, SHIRTS, PINS, POSTERS, KITES AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODIES. HELPING TO SPONSOR THIS EVENT WITH MATERIAL DONATIONS INCLUDED REVOLUTION KITES, KITE COUNTRY, ALL ABOUT KITES, KITE MANIA, KITE WIZARD AND DAN RUBESH.

DURING THE SEMINAR/MEETING WE HAD A VISITOR FROM THE HIGH DESERT KITE CLUB JOIN US, WHICH IS LOCATED IN LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. DAN HARRISON OFFERED AN INVITATION TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE, ALTHOUGH SHORT NOTICE, TO ATTEND THE HIGH DESERT KITE CLUB'S SEMINAR ON TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KITING, PRESENTED BY MAKOTO OHASHI, WHICH WAS TO BE HELD THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

AFTER BRIEF THOUGHT, MARGIE GLOVER AND MYSELF DECIDED THAT THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED. THE DAY OF THE SEMINAR WE LEFT SAN DIEGO AT 2:00PM, BEGINNING OUR 8-HOUR ROAD TRIP THROUGH THE HIGH DESERT ENROUTE TO LANCASTER. THAT EVENING AT 7:00PM, WE JOINED APPROXIMATELY 10 OTHERS FOR THE SEMINAR.

I WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE THE GROUP SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE HISTORY OF THE SAN DIEGO KITE CLUB, ALONG WITH OUR FLY-IN AND MEETING LOCATION IN SAN DIEGO, AND INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT IS IN STORE IN THE WAY OF PROPOSED FUTURE CLUB EVENTS.

FOLLOWING MY INTRODUCTION, MAKOTO OHASHI BEGAN TO SPEAK ON WHAT WE WERE THERE TO HEAR: THE SUBJECT OF TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KITING NATIVE TO THE ISLANDS OF JAPAN. IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING SEMINAR, WITH MAKOTO PROVIDING AN ABUNDANCE OF INFORMATION WHICH HE SHARED WITH THE GROUP, AS WELL AS ANSWERING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS DURING THE 2 1/2 HOUR SEMINAR.

MAKOTO HAS ADDITIONALLY MADE A PRESENTATION AT THE SEASIDE DRAGON DURING THE A.K.A. CONVENTION.

MAKOTO IS 21 YEARS OLD, HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AS A STUDENT. HE BEGAN BUILDING KITES WITH A KITE MASTER AT THE AGE OF 11. BEING, BASICALLY, AN ARTIST, HE USES KITES AS HIS "CANVAS".

MAKOTO RECOGNIZES APPROXIMATELY 300 OF THE KNOWN 1500 STYLES OF KITES JAPAN CURRENTLY CLAIMS.

I LEARNED THAT MAKOTO PLANNED TO BE IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA FROM DECEMBER 20TH THROUGH THE 24TH, AND INQUIRED WHETHER HE WOULD CONSIDER HOLDING ANOTHER SEMINAR FOR THE S.D.K.C. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO! ELATED WITH THE NEWS, THE LONG DRIVE HOME SEEMED CONSIDERABLY SHORTER!

THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, I PROCEEDED TO NOTIFY ALL CLUB MEMBERS BY PHONE OF THE UPCOMING EVENT, AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CLASSROOM IN WHICH TO CONDUCT THE SEMINAR.

ON DECEMBER 20TH AT 7:30PM, MAKOTO OHASHI PRESENTED OUR CLUB WITH A SEMINAR ON TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KITING BEFORE 15 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (NOT BAD FOR 4 DAYS NOTICE!). THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE PRESENT, AND TO THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU MISSED A GREAT SEMINAR. HOWEVER, A VIDEO WAS MADE DURING THE MEETING AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN VIEWING IT.

ON DECEMBER 21ST, I PROVIDED A TOUR OF ALL OF THE KITE MANUFACTURERS AS WELL AS KITE SHOPS IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA TO MAKOTO, AND WE ENJOYED "RUBBING ELBOWS" WITH THOSE IN THE KITING COMMUNITY.

ON DECEMBER 22ND, TOP OF THE LINE KITES WERE INTERVIEWED BY MAKOTO ON BEHALF OF THE J.K.A. (JAPANESE KITING ASSOCIATION). A REPRINT OF THIS WILL FOLLOW IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER ISSUE.

RON REICH HAS ADVISED ME THAT TOP OF THE LINE WILL BE PROVIDING A SKIN FROM A TOP OF THE LINE SPIN-OFF KITE AS A DOOR PRIZE TO BE GIVEN AWAY DURING THEIR SEMINAR ON JANUARY 19TH.

ADDITIONALLY, TOP OF THE LINE'S DON TABOR WILL BE PROVIDING TWO MORE SKINS TO BE RAFFLED OFF AS DOOR PRIZES AT SOME POINT DURING FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS, INCLUDING A TEAM CHEVRON AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW NORTH SHORE RADICAL SKIN.

SO, AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE AND WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF 1991, EVERYONE AT S.D.K.C. WISHES YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

SKY'S THE LIMIT....REACH FOR IT.

DANIEL R. WILLAN
SAN DIEGO KITE CLUB
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER

REVOLUTION KITES SEMINAR

The San Diego Kite Club held it's first seminar on December 15, 1990, featuring Revolution Kites, one of the many kite manufacturers located in San Diego.

The seminar was led by the brothers Joe, Jim and David Hadzicki. Joe started by explaining the basic concept behind the kite, how it began with aircraft principles integrated into a kite rather than a kite trying to perform as an aircraft. The Revolution I is the first mass-produced quadline kite. It's design allows it not only to move forward, turn left and right, but to actually stop, reverse, hover, and spin like a propeller. One of its most spectacular moves is to dive towards the ground at 50+ MPH, then come to a dead stop inches above the ground. 50-to-0 miles per hour in a fraction of a second! To my knowledge, nothing else can quite duplicate that feat.

With that theory explained at the seminar, the Hadzickis demonstrated basic flying techniques, after which they taught anyone interested on how to fly the kite and gave tips on advanced flying.

The Hadzickis followed this up by showing a sneak-peek of their latest design, simply called the "Rev II". The Rev II is about two-thirds the size of the original kite, roughly 6' for the Rev II versus 9' for the Rev I. The demand for a smaller kite began almost immediately after the original was introduced. Those requesting it were mainly flyers in high wind areas such as Hawaii or San Francisco and from flyers who didn't want a strong pulling kite. Though the market was always there, Revolution Kites waited until there were enough advanced flyers around who could fly it, the reason being that the smaller wingspan makes controlling it a lot more sensitive. Although no price has been announced, it is estimated that it will retail for approximately half of the Rev I. The Rev II will reach kite shops sometime in January of 1991.

After the informative seminar, a raffle was held, and among the items raffled off were t-shirts, posters, post cards, and limited production pins, all donated by Revolution Kites.

The San Diego Kite Club would like to thank Revolution Kites for making our first seminar a definite success, with personal thanks to Joe, Jim, David and Lolly Hadzicki.

RON DESPOJADO
Treasurer

The San Diego Kite Club is proud to present RON REICH, #1 Stunt Kite Flyer in the U.S.A., and team leader for the TOP OF THE LINE Flight Squadron, World Cup winners.

Ron will be presenting a seminar for the S.D.K.C. on stunt kite flying, beginning with the basics and progressing to the advanced techniques, including how to fly in competition, music selection and flying to music, as well as all aspects involved in competition.

Following Ron's seminar, the Top of the Line team will fly for the San Diego Kite Club, concluding a seminar which you won't want to miss. Ron has donated his personal time, as well as volunteered that of the team itself, in support of the S.D.K.C. A \$5.00 donation will be accepted for this program to help support club funds.

Top of the Line will additionally provide a Spin-off skin to be given away as a door prize, in addition to the club raffle following the seminar.

So, bring your family and friends, chairs, lunches, pencils and paper, to the flying field south of the Hilton on East Mission Bay Drive, January 19th, 1991, 10:00am - 4:00pm, with an informative and enjoyable day in store for all those in attendance.

Hope to see you there, and please don't hesitate to phone me at 560- and leave your name and number, should you have any questions or comments.

DAN WILLAN

S.D.K.C. P/F

Traditional Japanese Kites

On December 20th we were treated to a very informative Traditional Japanese Kite seminar that was presented by Mr. Makoto Ohashi, a native of Japan, and currently a student at Portland (Oregon) Community College. The presentation was arranged on short notice by Dan Willan who had attended a meeting of the High Desert Kite Club on the previous Sunday, and had met Makoto there.

Makoto gave us a brief history of kiting in Japan, dating back to 800 BC when kites were flown by Shinto priests as a part of their religious ritual. He demonstrated and explained some of the hundreds of traditional Japanese kite designs and their sometimes subtle differences. These included the Edo, Shinone, Hata, Rokkaku and Sode Kites among others.

He showed us several of the kites from his own collection, most of which he had built himself. This event was held in the community education room at Hartson's Ambulance Service offices on Chesapeake Drive in Kearny Mesa. The presentation was videotaped, so perhaps those who were unable to attend will get to see the videos. Our thanks to Makoto for presenting the seminar and to Dan Willan and his employer, Hartsons for the use of the facilities.

Jan Rubesh

"MEMO TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS"

Due to the increase of members in our club, we have found it necessary to cancel newsletter privileges for those members who have not paid their dues.

This action is necessary because of the increase of mailing fees and other incidental related expenses which have come up. It is the intention of our club to sponsor major kiting events in the near future, so we need to be able to cover the many costs involved in producing events of this magnitude.

For those members who have not yet paid their dues, we ask you to make an effort to submit your dues by February 1991. If no payment is received by then, the Feb issue will be the last one mailed to non-paid members.

If you want to continue receiving the newsletter and remain a member of the San Diego Kite Club, support your club and please send in your dues.

Your efforts will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in our newsletter.

"BOARD MEETING MINUTES"

*** INFORMATION ***

- Club members: 40
- Newsletter mailings: 93
- Would you like to see a 'classifieds' section within the newsletter? Submit your ads to our newsletter crew or to the Board of Directors.
- Our club has purchased a badge machine so we can create our own badges and pins. Would you like to put a picture of yourself and your favorite kite on one?
- On December 16 Makoto Ohashi spoke at a seminar at Hartsons in San Diego. He can possibly be the Japanese liaison since he has connections with the Japanese kiting association and has expressed interest in the International Kite Festival.

*** HELP ***

- We want to hear from our members why and how they became interested in kiting. Write us!
- Let's here from some of you 'experts' out there! The newsletter crew needs articles from members on kite design & building, history, etc.

*** EVENTS ***

- On Saturday's club meeting (Jan 19, 1991) at 10am Ron Reich from Top Of The Line will speak and demonstrate twin-string acrobatic kites. After 2pm a Top Of The Line team will perform team flying. We will also conduct a brief club meeting between 1 - 2pm.
- February 16 is a "BBQ POTLUCK" with a meeting at 1pm and the potluck following.
- April 20 & 21 is the California Open Stunt Kite Championship on Fiesta Island. Keep practicing!
- In June & July the Del Mar Fair will be in progress. We are researching the possibility of a booth.

Your Club Secretary
Virginia Hill

WELCOME MAT

The San Diego Kite Club would like to welcome the following new members in good standing:

Jim Nettles (All About Kites)
Margie Glover
Peter Kover
Jack Leifer
David A. Roger
Jose Sainz
Eric Sorenson
Shell Sorenson
Makoto Ohashi
Bill Everett
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Also, we inadvertently omitted Wiley Davis from the December newsletter as a member in good standing. Sorry about that, Wiley.

RON DESPOJADO
Treasurer

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE....

THE S.D.K.C. HAS A NEW DAY AND DATE FOR FLY-INS AND MEETINGS.

THE NEW DAY IS THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., WITH THE CLUB MEETING FROM 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. SAME PLACE, SOUTH OF THE HILTON ON EAST MISSION BAY DRIVE. A TABLE OR PICNIC BENCH WILL BE USED FOR THE MEETING PLACE.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DAN AT 275-4877 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

THANKS.

DAN WILLAN
S.D.K.C. P/F

The S.D.K.C. will be making space available in it's newsletter for our sponsors to use as reimbursement for products and fees donated to the club. We as a group do not endorse or promote any particular manufacturer or business that chooses to advertise in the S.D.K.C. newsletter, although the club members may fly, own, buy, or sell any of the manufacturer's or businesses' products. We are striving for the promotion of kiting as a sport. S.D.K.C. is not a club that promotes one style of kite over another, but instead will educate anyone interested in learning about kites to whatever extent a person may be interested in the numerous aspects of kiting.

NOTICE !

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NAME FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. PLEASE EITHER BRING ANY SUGGESTIONS TO THE MEETING, OR MAIL THEM TO THE S.D.K.C.

IDEAS

ATTENTION!

Writers, authors and anyone with a creative mind or special talent. The S.D.K.C. newsletter needs articles. We are interested in who are members are. At last update, we had approximately 84 members, and out of a group our size, we must have some interesting tales to tell!

Jot down a few lines on a computer disk, a sheet of paper, a napkin or anything else that happens to be handy, and let us hear from you. A few suggestions might be how you got into kiting, what you like about kites and kiting, the most interesting or unique kiteflier or kite that you have seen, or anything that you think might be of interest or concern to fellow kitefliers.

Also on the horizon for the newsletter are: an editorial section, a want ad section, and an event column. So, if you have a lonely kite that needs a new home, or you are trying to find a 'new' used kite, send us a 3 x 5 card or a double-spaced note to S.D.K.C. and we will advertise it for you in the newsletter.

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