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kite flyer — progress

What publication used to be two pages in length and without photographs? Answer: The KITE FLYER NEWS. We have slicked it up, expanded in pages, and discovered the technological advances of reproducing photographs. Faithful subscribers beware, twenty-five years from now we could be on the news-stands at \$3.00 an issue withal and a glossy kite centerfold.

After digging through our archives, what should surface but--Vol. 1 and No. 1 of the KITE FLYER NEWSLETTER. I imagine you never even noticed before the different name. See how subtle we are in our changes. So without further introduction, inserted in this issue is the notorious Number One.



Tom Henry proudly stands by his 42 square ft. Delta. They are available for sale (and Tom does stand by) write to Tom via KITE FLYER. He will be your friend for life.

traveling tips from sam urner

Helpful Hints for a Successful Japan Kite Tour--by Sam Urner

--Have business cards printed in Japanese & English. Include titles, Dr., Prof., D.D.S., A.I.A, S.O.B., etc; memberships, Moose, Rotary, AKA, etc. 100 cards are not too many.

--Film is cheaper here. Consider buying all needs here and take it with you. Kodak & Fuji film is available everywhere in Japan.

--Cameras & lenses are (were) same price or cheaper in U.S.A. However accessories and gadgets are much cheaper in Japan.

--Do not let "exotic" Japanese food put you off. There is such a wide variety of foods available you will find much to like. Western style is available, even McDonalds and Col. Sanders. Prices are reasonable in smaller, modest "neighborhood" type restaurants where locals eat.

--Nakawajima Dune, site of Hamamatsu Festival, is a sand beach. Be prepared for a very dusty day. This is the kitewar you may have seen on T.V., don't miss it!

--The weather for the '79 tour was cool, light rain one day, very humid every day, clear skies, mild winds.

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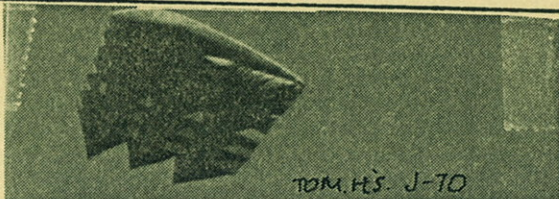
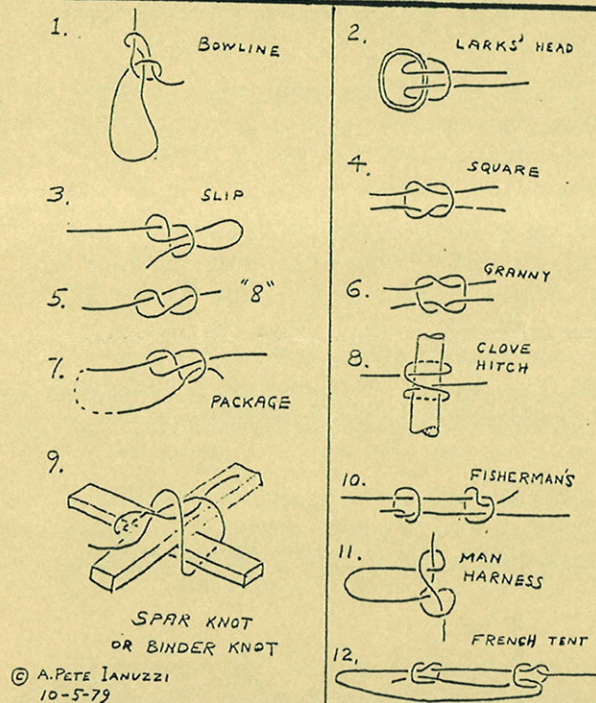
attention

THE LIGHTS ARE OUT, THE FOOD IS THAWING, THE HOT TUB IS COOLING DOWN, THIS PERSON NO LONGER HAS A TYPEWRITER SO THE KITE FLYER NEWS IS BEING PERSONALIZED. PG 2 (THE BIG 2) HAS ~~BEEN~~ BEEN BLOWN UP BY A REVOLUTIONARY STORM. DISCOVER OUR PERSONALITIES THROUGH ~~OUR~~ OUR ~~HAND~~ HANDWRITING.

knots and bolts

Thanks to Wood ellis we have some Kiteflyer's Knots for you to use - These were presented at the 2nd Annual AKA National convention by PETE IANUZZI - Thanks from Kiteflyer's readers.

KNOTS FOR KITEFLYERS

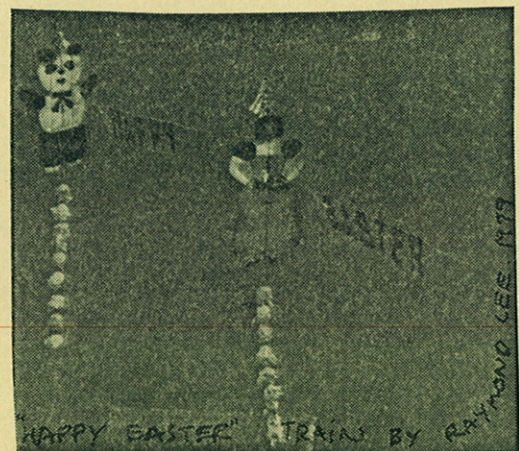


mr. lee

Question - what's North Carolina's loss and S.F. Marina Green's gain? IF YOU GUESSED Mr. Raymond Lee your right!! If you GUESSED "the HOT dog stand @ Muni pier" you're wrong - but is A good place to get a Hot dog.



Mr. Lee is know around the 'Green' for flying words along with his Kites - some of his seasonal sayings are illustrated in our photos. "HAVE A HAPPY" "WE WISH YOU A MERRY XMAS" And "HAPPY EASTER."



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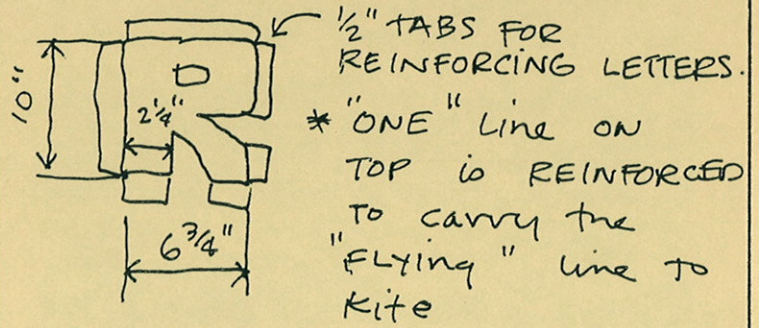
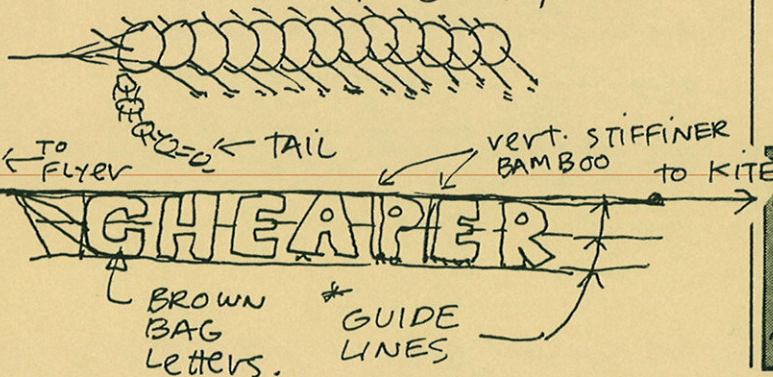
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The characters are kites Mr. Lee has given names: may may - The majorette, Mee Lan and Mee Lai are Pandas, snow white and Mr. Lee. Some have journeyed from North Carolina - over 4 years ago to share the Air at The Green.

Mr. Lee had recently flown "DIANNE for Mayor" perhaps.

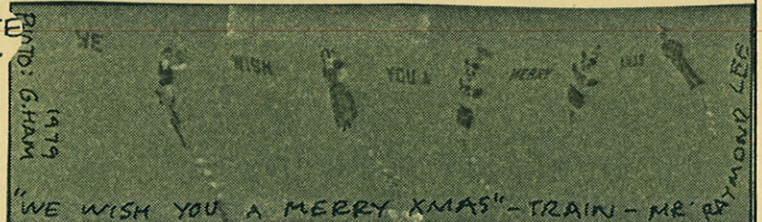


who ever decides to run for president, should give him a call. "Cheaper by the dozen" a word set for, what else? a 12 sectioned centipede.



Bamboo Slivers are used to Reinforce Vertically Every FEW Letters.

Among the other "Names" Mr. Lee flies include "8-Ball" - a billiards kite, "Thunder-God" - a kite with 3-hummers - and "Three's a crowd" - a light wind centipede kite to mention a few.



tails of the city

-- The Marina Green's grass is growing with all the rain, but only the joggers are stomping it down as kiteflyers are low in ~~numbers~~ show.

George Ham has some new kites in the air, one being a multi colored J3. He has also created an amazing tapered tail that is waiting for strong winds to set it aloft.



Tom Henry flashes his heart kite through the skies in solitary flight or in colorful trains. When the winds are low in velocity, a mere flick of the wrist sets the heart kite in motion, but cardiac arrest has been known to occur. His streamlined 14 ft. deltas ~~are~~ when flown in formation take on the appearance of the Air Force flying in formation.

High flying Joe methodically puts his kites out-of-sight and attends to feeding his pigeons with one hand while fondling his kite string with the other hand.

Sam Usher motored down from Sacramento, with Nancy in tow, and splattered the sky with some very impressive kites and highlighted by his roller kite.

Lee Tuz makes an occasional appearance, and was once seen actually flying a "heavy air" box kite.

Mr. Raymond Lee relayed his Christmas greetings to all through his train of kites. (See illus. on p. two).

Roland and Jeffrey Paris have been busy building deltas and other assorted kites.

But where are all the other enthusiasts? Your side-stepping maneuvers are going to become rusty, as well as your ability to stand in one position for hours. ~~2~~

aka convention kite fly



wood Ellis sent some photos from the 2nd Annual AKA's Kite Festivals: its looks pretty enjoyable: the Prof. Waldorf's Box Kite was seen on "PM Magazine" Article recently aired.



announcement

Vol. 2 No 3, No 4 & No 5 ??
 No. You haven't missed Kite flyers Issue Nos 3-5 there arn't any - we've gone to a salander year!! (who's we're not sure - the Chinese New Year is Feb. The year is the year of the ~~Money~~ monkey "Gung hay fat Choy!"



Japanese kite tour APRIL 25- MAY 10-1980

Dave Checkleips "Kite tour" 1980 is taking reservations for those interested: write "KITE TOUR" % "THE KITE FACTORY" Box 9081 Seattle, wa. 98109 -Ph: (206) 284-5350 OR Send self addressed-stamped envelope to kiteflyer for a Xerox info. sheet.



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KITE FLYER SCHEDULE OF KITE FESTIVALS

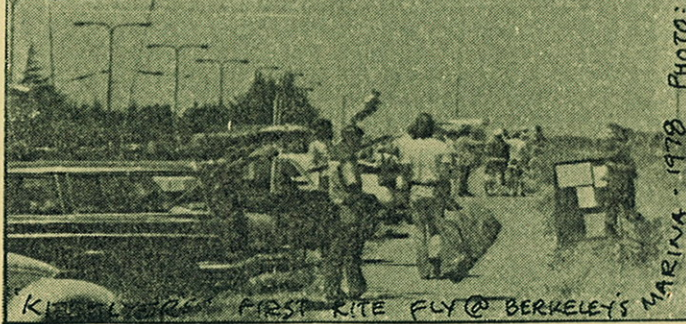


PHOTO: MARTY DOUGLASS
MARINA - 1978

KITE FLYER'S FIRST KITE FLY @ BERKELEY'S MARINA

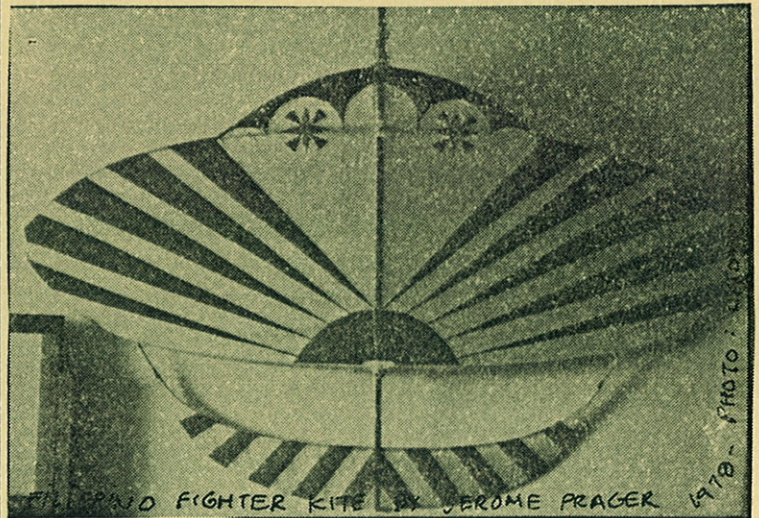
FEB. 24 - IT'S ALMOST MARCH AND WE COULDN'T WAIT FOR A KITE (we hope it stops raining too!) FLY!

MARCH 23 - THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE MONTH WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO IT ALL--SO WE'RE TOLD.

JULY 27 - BERKELEY THIRD ANNUAL (BUT WE DID MISS LAST YR.) FOUNDERS DAY KITE FLY!

SEPT. 28 - YOU NAME IT KITE
FLY

JUNE 15 - FATHER'S DAY (UNCONFIRMED) THIS IS USUALLY A BIG BASH SPONSORED BY THE BIG MONEY GUYS?!?



1978 PHOTO: ...

ILLUSTRATED FIGHTER KITE BY JEROME PRAGER

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