



**KITE AESTHETICS**—Richard Robertson, right, gets his prize-winning kite off the ground Sunday at Zilker Park during the park's Kite Flying Contest. Rob-

ertson's entry won first place in the most unusual category. Judges called the kite the most aesthetic entry. (Staff Photo by Jim Dougherty)



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Hello Dick & Family

That was a hum dinger of an article I just read in Kite Tales.

I have been wanting to write to you for some time but somehow never did get around to it.

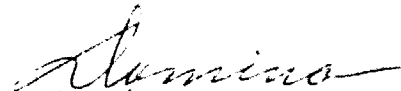
Enclose an article which you may enjoy reading, you do not have to agree with me but it is a good start.

lately we have been involved in Sky Diving units these are roughly 120 sq ft and realy something to watch as compared with the round conventional parachutes.

Dick for my own curiosity. just about how much time did you and your help spend in making the large Airfoil shown in Kite Tales? No doubt youwilll agree that it takes plenty of patient, accurate fabrication, more patiant, time and more patient along with some frustration and all of a sudden the darn thing is completed and flies well AMEN.

Keep em flying Dick and I know every member of AKA are proud of your kiting.

Sincerely yours,

  
Domina

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Mr. Domina Jalbert  
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Dear Domina,

I can't tell you how pleased I was to get your letter of congratulations. I am so proud of the parafoil that I could bust by buttons. The enclosed is the best picture to date that has been taken of it. It was taken on the Gulf Coast at Rockport where, along with 7 other families, we bought an old tourist court the first of September. This old court has been our summer vacation spot for 20 years and my wife has been going there since she was two years old. We took the sign down when we bought it and converted it to a flag pole where I fly the Texas Flag and my AKA banner. The Robin you sold me years ago flies in the court yard each trip.

I tried to estimate the number of hours we put in on the parafoil and I even went so far as to break down each operation, such as measuring, cutting the pieces, hemming, etc etc. I believe a reasonable estimate of total man-hours would be between 80 and 100. If we made another one, I'm sure we wouldn't make the same mistakes and the time would be considerably less. I might mention that Bob Ingraham was mistaken about my shroud lines in Kite Tales. As you can see in the picture I made three banks of shrouds and I used four lines to connect corresponding ventrals. Each bank was tied to a heavy nylon cord in the same manner you tied my Robin.

In October we were invited to fly our kites at the Texas Hot Air Balloon Race in Wimberly, Texas. The idea was that they feared too much wind and they needed something going on. Well, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves even though we didn't have enough wind for kites since the balloons did well. There were a number of skydivers who bailed out of the balloons and attempted to land on the air strip. One fellow rode his O'Brien Hang Glider under a balloon, cut loose, and glided to the "X" on the landing strip. I'd like to see one of your units in action.

Thanks again for your letter. It was a real morale booster.

Sincerely