

NEIL THORNBURN

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THORNBURN

Was in the San Jose Mercury News, clipping! Got the weather man canned!

Birthplace:

Sun Dial Alberta, Canada 1916 February 26nd! 82 this month!

Both Parents us citizens, had to get citizenship in US

Mom born in Kansas, Dad born in Ontario, Canada

Has lived in San Jose for the past forty years

*Susanne Ville, grew up there. Lassen county. Lumber town.

Got degree at CAL

Mom was married before has 2 half brothers and 1 brother. They all dead.

Profession:

Teacher, Orchestra leader during WW 2. Elementary Education Teacher, San Jose area, Monterrey area! Principal for a few years.

Family:

Married and his wife a parapalegic, can't talk, walk, etc. They have help

3 children, boy and two girls! 8 grand children, 4 great grand daughters

Son and daughter live in San Jose area, on in Yosemite

Grandchildren live in area (Santa Clara Valley) except for on in San Luis Bisbo

Interest in kites:

Super Kites 3, Apologia:

What he likes:

*Delta Wing, mostly

*2 stack, in Super Kites 2

*Kennard Principle (wing out in front that added lift)-less pressure on wing and applies lift, polyeth plastic, tyvek, pulling straight up over my head, 1000 ft of string

*Never bought a kite, he always made his kites.

*Making kites now, Thunderbird

*Big banner for wedding, polyeth stuff, makes banners out of garbage bags. For colorful banners uses plastic table clothes. Plastic is nice, it is translucent, bright.

*working on a big thunderbird, fixing it up! Still flies kites today!

Spars are ripped pine, clean it and bamboo vines split it, connect it to the pine and it is strong.

*Doesn't make kites to sell and never has.

*Goes to Children's Discovery Museum and have a class on Kite making, they make sled kites. Uses Safeway bags and tubing from plastic shades! Loves to do it, everyone is successful!

*Doesn't go to kite festival due to wife, who is parapalegic, can't talk, move!

*Has an RV, used to tour kite festivals, sell books, etc.

Loves poetry. He was reciting so much to me over the phone! Memorizes poetry to get to sleep! It is easy to write if you memorize

Flies the highest at kite festivals, and they are straight up!

Sit on chair and think beautiful thoughts, painting the sky!

Plays the eukallae, sings and plays clarinet and sax. Likes to dip into all the arts.

Just a real sweet man that loves to talk.