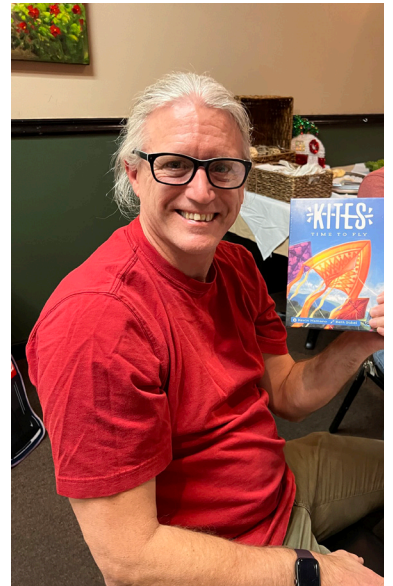


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HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 4, 2022, South Jersey Kite Flyers had their annual Holiday Party and I think everyone had a blast. We had good food, Kite Bingo, Raffle Baskets, Kites, Cash, and a Kite Game. The baskets were created by Donna McGee and Melanie Morgan and as you can see... What a sight! Thank you so much Donna and Mel for your time and effort which always makes the raffle baskets the main attraction! Everyone who attended got a free year's membership and the fees they paid to attend the Holiday Party returned to them, we had that good of a year!



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Naming of AINS Foal Tako Kichi

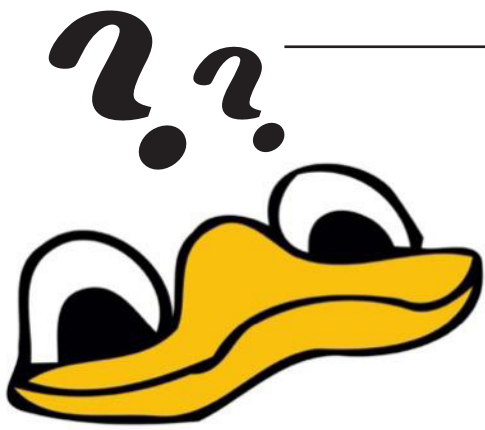


The chestnut filly, N2BHS-AIOU, is now the newly coined “Tako Kichi”. Congratulations to Jo-Ann Rasmussen (MD) who held the winning ticket in the Name That Foal fundraising raffle. She chose the name Tako Kichi for its loose Japanese translation, kite crazy, in honor of the kite flying hobby she shares with her spouse, Rich Miller. In her own words, Jo-Ann shares what this naming opportunity and their passion for kite flying have meant to the pair.

“Tako Kichi is a phrase that is used world-wide, especially by those in the international kiting community, referring to those who are passionate about kites and kite flying. My husband and I have been involved in kiting for over 40-plus years, we describe it as a “hobby out of control” as it started with just one small kite and grew. We have a collection of kites from all over the world, from miniature kites to ones that are 50+ feet long, and many that Rich has made including our band of “Assateague Sky Ponies” that represent several Assateague horses including Annie Laurie, Autumn Glory, Charcoal, and Coco, a few generic horses, unicorns, Pegasus, mer-horses (hippocampus), and there will soon be a Tako Kichi sky pony.

We have enjoyed visiting Assateague for several decades, enjoying nature and participating in a variety of activities including kayaking, biking and hiking. However, Assateague Island National Seashore has become one of our favorite places to fly kites and to share our favorite hobby with others. Talking with other park visitors is one of our favorite things to do while flying kites. Kites are a way to “break the ice”, meet other people and put a smile on someone’s face. It’s fun to launch a pile of fabric, watch it take shape in the breeze and hear children yelling out with enthusiasm what they think it is...a cat, horse, whale, dragon, turtle, etc. There are also many other “kiters” enjoying the island, from children running with and flying a simple toy kite, kite boarders & kite surfers jumping waves or sailing along the coast, Kite Aerial Photography enthusiasts capturing bird’s eye views of the island, kayakers sailing bayside using a kite/wind power, campers flying kites anchored to their RV’s as a site marker and of course those that are “Tako Kichi” like us flying large show kites, art kites, and dual & quad line controlled sport/stunt kites on the beach.

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Presidential Ponderings & Duck Droppings

By Mike Dallmer

Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, as the New Year begins, things are looking busy with many activities and flies for you to participate in. It is amazing what goes on behind the scenes, putting on any festival or fly, small or large, requires many hours of work!

The State of South Jersey Kite Flyers, as of December 31 ,2022 we have \$12,662.77 and cash box has \$1,552.00 great total for ending the year is \$14,214.77 we also have 90 members currently

The SJKF Elections are over and your Board of Directors and Volunteers for 2023 are:

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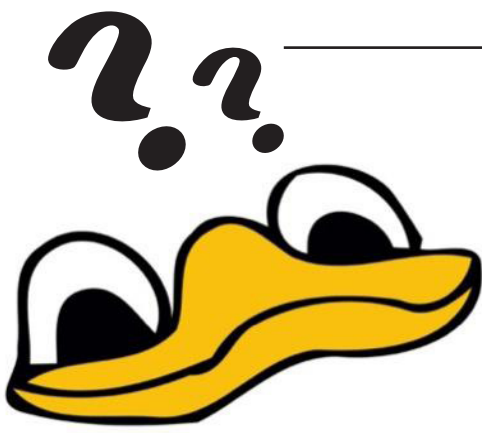
Membership: Mike Dallmer, Sr.



Did you notice that there is a new Webmaster? Russ Mozier decided to step down from this position after serving for 22 years. I put out an email and Steve Clarke stepped up. Thanks, Russ, for all the many years of service, it is greatly appreciated. Steve has a few ideas about updating the website and giving it a fresh look. Do you have any ideas for what you would like to see, send either steveclarkeb@gmail.com or mikedallmer@verizon.net an email.

This reminds of me something, why have I been President of SJKF for 19 years and counting? This is why, you guys make my job fairly easy!! I need help, you step up, Steve is one example. Other examples in no particular order, Cel, Ben, Debra, Chris, Donna, Nancy, Mel, Larry and Rich come to mind off the top of my head. All these people answered a call or saw a need and stepped up. That is one of the reason I continue to serve you as your President! Thank you.

Did you come to the Holiday Party? IF not, you missed a fantastic event. Again, this year was a lot of fun and could not be that without the work of a few people, Cel, Donna, Mel and Chris, thank you. We had Baskets, Food, \$100 Prize, Free Memberships, Mike Money (as it is called) and Kite Bingo. This year's prizes for kite bingo were pretty good, if I do say so myself... Also, those who showed up got their money back that they paid to attend the event, what else can you ask for? Here you go, those who attended the event also got a small knife with SJKF engraved on it... (See me if



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you attended to get this as they came in after the event due to shipping error) So, will we see you in 2023, I sure hope so!!!

Don't forget, we are having 2 Winter Workshops this year, attending is free and SJKF will be providing lunch at both.

1) The first is on 2/25/2023: Kevin Shannon will present a Helix Tail/ Line Laundry. You must sign up for this one as space and kits are limited. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information.

2) The second is on 3/11/2023 SJKF Whale and Dolphin Workshop. You will bring your kit, old or new and you will get help and guidance provided by yours truly on these fabulous kits. Again, registration is needed so we know how much food to get. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information.

Speaking of Peter Lynn Kits, 26 Freddy's Dolphin kits, 14 Whale kits and 1 Flying Pig (next year's Presidential Award) were ordered on 11/8/22. Due to not having whale kits in stock they were only shipped on 1/12/2023 and arrived 1/17/23, only 5 days from New Zealand, wow. The cost of each will be: Dolphin: \$53.00 + shipping to you or pick up and Whale: \$62.00 + shipping to you or pick up. Now I just have to print out the instructions and pack and ship those who want them shipped.

This year plans are already being made for Wildwoods International Kite Festival taking place on May 26th till the 29th. Sky Festivals is working hard to find a host hotel as the one we used last year had a major fire two weeks after we were there.

Watch your emails, as soon as I know the hotel, I will pass it on to you. SJKF will again be hosting the Friday Night Social along with sponsoring the Scott E. Spencer Kite Makers Competition. We also plan to sponsor a guest again this year.

If you have or hear of an event that is not listed on our calendar, please let me know so it may be added.

[Check us out on Facebook, South Jersey Kite Flyers and on the web at \[sjkf.org\]\(http://sjkf.org\)](#)

Finally, thank you, thank you, and thank you!! For being a Member and making my job fulfilling by leading a great bunch of people!



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PLEASE CHECK WITH THE EVENT CONTACT
FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR EVENT.

1/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

1/15/2023 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting. Meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnSmhUbnYUFRQT09>

1/20/2023 -1/22/2023 Cocoa Beach Kite and Beach Fest. Minuteman CSWY* Cocoa Beach. For information kenne.cbms@gmail.com

1/21/22 Keystone Kiders Winter Workshop, Ben Huggett is leading the workshop on Keystone Banners that are about 4' tall, and made of UV-resistant 200D banner nylon. Two options available: the standard Keystone Kop with a 4-color diamond kite, or a personalized Keystone Kop with a kite of your choosing. Contact Todd Little at rokkaku6@aol.com or (717) 975-2852 for more information.

2/17/2023 -2/20-2023 Maryland Kite Society Winter Retreat at the Turf Valley resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. For information contact Jon Burkhardt takokichi@comcast.net www.mdkites.org

2/17/2023 -2/18/2023 Flying Smiles Fun Fly, Corolla NC –<https://flyingsmileskites.com/pages/february-fun-fly-weekend-2023>

2/25/2023 SJKF Winter Workshop: Kevin Shannon will present a Helix Tail/ Line Laundry.

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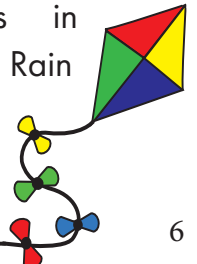
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4/1/2023 – 4/30/2023 April is National Kite Month

4/1/2023 Kite Build at the Mullica Hill Library. from 1pm-4pm. Location 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. This is the give back program we do each year. Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information.

4/1/2023 Blossom Kite Festival at the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington D.C. 10 am- 4:30pm Rain date: 4/2/23. Dates are Subject to Change (tentative)



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4/7/2023 56th Annual Great Delaware Kite Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park on Good Friday, in 2022. Registration starts at 10am and entrance fees for cars to enter Cape Henlopen State Park which will be collected at the entrance to the park - \$5 per car for Delaware license tags and \$10 per car for out-of-state. For more information, call the park office at 302-645-8983. To participate in festival contests, contact the Lewes Chamber of Commerce at 302-645-8073 2022 Great Delaware Kite Festival | Lewes Chamber of Commerce (*tentative*)

4/7/2023 – 4/9/2023 Fly into Spring Easter Eggstravaganza. Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

4/9/2023 Easter

4/15/2023 (Saturday) 2nd Annual East Brunswick Kite Festival, Rain Date 4/16/2023 Location is the East Brunswick Community Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick, NJ from 11:00-3:00 SJKF will be doing Children's Kite Making. Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 or Elayne Risley 2017risley@gmail.com or (732) 651-0503

4/22/2023 (Saturday) Kites at the Pier. Rain Date 4/23/2022 Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com

4/28/2023 – 4/30/2023 Maryland International Kite Expo contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

5/14/2023 Mother's Day

5/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

5/21/2023 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>

5/26/2023 – 5/29/2023 Wildwood International Kite Festival. Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com. The must do event with the fabulous wide-open beach to fly on. Also, the world famous SJKF Friday Night Social!!!!

6/16/2023 – 6/18/2023 51st Annual Rogallo Kite Festival. Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

6/18/2023 Father's Day

7/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

7/15/2023 -7/16/2023 45th Annual Wright Kite Festival (at Wrights Brothers Memorial) Nags Head, NC. Call Kitty Hawk Kites for information 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

7/16/2023 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password

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9/8/2023 – 9/10/2023 Outer Banks Kite Festival. Nags Head, NC. Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

9/9/2023 (Saturday) Brick Township Kite Festival. Rain date 9/10/2023 Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com

9/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

9/17/2023 (3rd Sunday) 28th SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. At the Dallmer Household, Philadelphia, PA. Festivities start around noon kiteflyer's time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once a year SJKF auction.

10/7/2023 – 10/9/2023 9th Annual Long Beach Island International Kite Festival. For information go to <https://lbifly.com> or the Facebook "LBI FLY International Kite Festival" (tentative)

11/5/2023 The 38th Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off will be held on the boardwalk in Seaside Park, NJ. Contact Cel cdallmer@verizon.net or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 215-722-4092 Remember, bribes are accepted.

11/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

11/19/2023 3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnSmhnbUNyUFBRQT09>

11/24/2023 – 11/25/2023 Hangin' with Santa and Kites With Lights, Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for information 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

12/?/2023 SJKF Holiday Party. Location and Date to be determined

President's Note: Though these dates are accurate at time of printing it is best to check with the contact to make sure the proper dates are listed.

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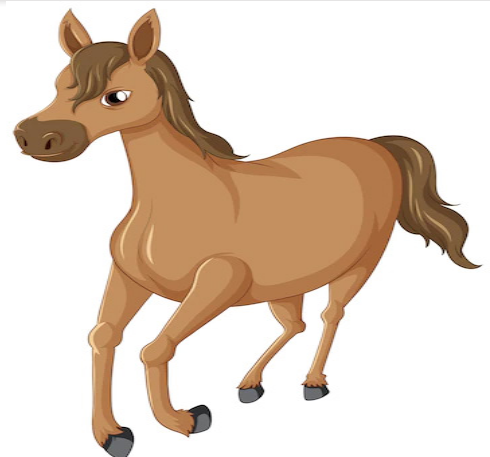
Naming of AINS Foal Tako Kichi

We hope Tako Kichi will run like the wind as she grows up and lives her life wild and free on Assateague Island!”

Thank you, Jo-Ann, and all of those that participated in the raffle to name this wild Assateague foal which raised \$3,050.00 for the direct benefit of Assateague Island National Seashore. All financial contributions support AIA’s mission to promote the awareness, education, and stewardship of Assateague Island National Seashore’s wildlife and natural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Tako Kichi is the newest addition to the Foster Horse Program and can be fostered here <https://assateagueislandalliance.org/collections/assateague-island-horses/products/n2bhs-aiou-taki-kichi>

PRESS RELEASE SOURCE: Assateague Island Alliance



Love is in the Air!



On Sunday January 8th Pat and I celebrated our 57th wedding anniversary with dinner at Bahama Breeze, one of our favorite restaurants here in Orlando. The bride and groom ducks (shown below) were a gift from Mike Dallmer at a surprise 50th Anniversary Party at Fort Mott in Pennsville NJ.

Several SJKF members were there. We have been members of SJKF for 25 years, almost half of our married life and we miss the many things we have done with them.

Our most recent kite fly was with our local kite club in December 2022 where we flew our Peter Lynn Workshop Whale.



WINTER WORKSHOPS 2023!



On February 25, 2023, SJKF Winter Workshop:

Kevin Shannon will be presenting a Helix Tail which is Line Laundry or a kite tail. Kevin has volunteered to purchase the fabric with SJKF providing the funding for all the necessary parts. Kevin has also volunteered to cut out and prepare the kits. Interested to see one in action, go to: <https://youtube/XOM2ZwH81KQ>

The cost to members will be zero but you must attend the workshop and it will be on a first-come first-served basis. Initially I am asking that we limit the kits to one per household attendee. Others may attend Please contact Mike Dallmer at mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 to reserve your spot!!!

PETER LYNN WHALE OR DOLPHIN KITE BUILD

On March 11, 2023, SJKF Second Winter Workshop

will take place where we will be building either the Peter Lynn Kites Whale or Dolphin that you ordered. It does not have to be from the second order, it can also be from the first order or finish what you started at the 2022 workshop. At the first workshop in August a few members completed Freddy's Dolphins but there were more than I that did not, here is your opportunity to finish. Got other projects that need completion, come to the workshop, there should be a few knowledgeable kite builders there to help finish that as well.

**Membership Application**

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☐ Reinstatement
☐ Don't publish my name in the directory.

Membership Dues

	1yr	2yr	3yrs	Amt
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Canada, Mexico, and Overseas	\$50	\$98	\$146	_____
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(Kiting via 1st class mail, includes tax deductible contribution)				
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(609) 755-5483

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SJKF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Help us get to know you! Fill in the form below. Return this application along with your check payable to SJKF and you're in! Welcome to the club!

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Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership ☐ New member ☐ Renewal

Membership Type ☐ Individual ☐ Family

(For family memberships, list additional names below. Circle name if under 10 years old)

Favorite Kite(s) _____

Signature: _____

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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1-1 through 3-31	\$11.25
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7-1 through 9-30	\$ 3.75

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4-1 through 6-30	\$10.00
7-1 through 9-30	\$ 5.00

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