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SJKF Shines!

at the 2024 Long Beach Island (LBI) Invitational Kite Festival

By Agusta Wind

Having some time to reflect on the LBI fly that took place on Oct 11th and 12th,
I came away with many favorite moments. The beautiful weather combined with a great group of kite flyers made for a memorable weekend.



First off... I got to fly my original 3 meter owl anchored to a post while watching the tents going up from the top of the dune. For a person who avoids assembly of anything, it was the equivalent of a nice back rub.

Next...The welcome breakfast at Wally's with the kite fliers and our hosts from the LBI Chamber of Commerce. I was able to continue my



tradition of sending a photo to people that know exactly where we are and hoping to see them next year.

On Friday and Saturday it would be just standing near the ocean looking back toward kites flying and seeing a lot of good commotion going on around SJKF field. Charlie Brown, the train, lego man, bubbles, kids kites and of course "What the Duck" rolling around the field like it was scratching an itch. The mighty duck was a great sight.









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On Saturday it was the three trucks parked perfectly and staring down the beach from King's field with Billy's pink cheetah in front occasionally doing tricks on the line.

Jack Skeleton and the Space Racer kites made for interest-

ing pairing in a show of changing displays.

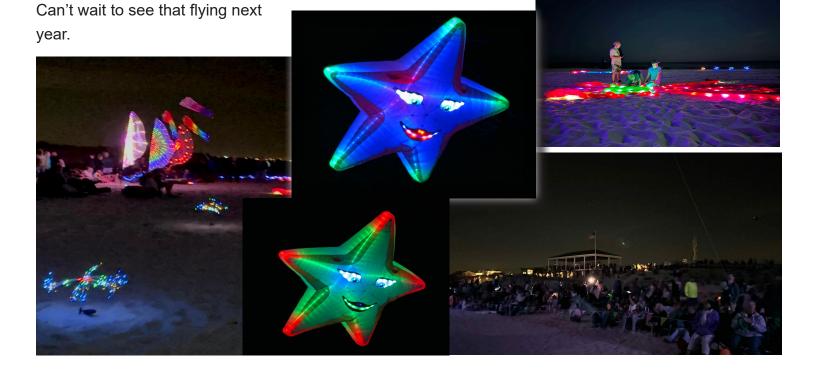
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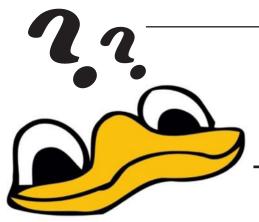
68th street looking way up in the sky seeing Rolf's (Zimmermann) pilot and saying to township administrators "now that's a good sign". Wind was at a high altitude and from west. Thinking that was about all we might be able to do, he proceeded to inflate his incredible lighted star and illuminate the beach like a giant campfire. On a perfect October night.

And lastly....seeing the motel turning in to a kite clubhouse and watching Kevin Sewell ordering a kite from Rolf ...in a rocking chair....with his Jamaican pilot spread over the gravel driveway....fanning through many fabric swatches. I had a great seat next to them and heard at least 3 languages spoken...all in English.









Presidential Ponderings Duck Droppings

-by Mike Dallmer

DID YOU KNOW???



The SJKF was founded on October 1st, 1994, at the AKA Convention in Wildwood, NJ. This was recently celebrated at our Anniversary Bash in September 2024!



I hope everyone is doing well and living the good life. I know a few of you are under the weather and we all are thinking of you for a fast recovery. The weather doesn't know what it wants to do other than not rain, soon it will steady out to cooler temps, and we will need the heat on. As a safety thing, please think about installing a CO and Gas meter, something like this from Amazon: Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Detector Plug in Wall, WESHLGD Combination Carbon Monoxide and Gas Detector, 4-in-1 CO and Gas Detector for Home/Kitchen(CO & Gas Alarm with Temperature Humidity) which is only about \$30.

SJKF FINANCIALS: Our starting Balance as of June 30, 2024, was \$8188.03 and as of August 31, 2024, was \$7,542.32 in the bank and \$105.00 in cash for a total of \$7,654.32.

SJKF'S HOLIDAY PARTY: 12/8/2024 Randi's Restaurant and Bar, from noon till 3 pm. Location,

Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 Contact Cel Dallmer cdallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 Same place as the last few years. Mark your



calendars, this is the must-do event of the year!! If you sign up and ATTEND there is a good chance you will get a year's membership free, and the cost of the party returned. If that isn't an incentive to attend, I don't know what is. There will be a flyer in with your election ballots.

SJKF ELECTIONS:

Elections are taking place shortly; we have three people running along with write in candidates. Watch your mailboxes.

They are:

President: Mike Dallmer

Vice President: Ben Huggett

Director at Large: Rich Cairncross

YOUR MEMBERSHIP: most memberships expired on 10/1/2024 so you need to renew. Check your membership card(s) to be sure or drop me an email mikedallmer@verizon.net to check. The cost for a year is \$15 for an individual

and \$20 for a household.



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-by Mike Dallmer

The Children's Kite Workshop at Radnor Library was ok, quite a few registered attendees did not attend. Out of 50 who registered, only 25 attended so we will owe Radnor Library 25 kites next year.

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops in 2025; Paul Keeler has voluntold to present this year's workshop in February with the subject being Devil Balls. I hope to continue the SJKF give to the members with the cost of \$0.00, but that is up to the members. This will only be for the members, others who attend will have to pay a fee.



We will also have a second workshop this year in April with the subject

to be determined. Got any suggestions, I am open to them. I am looking for a simple kite plan that is a guaranteed flier.



2024 Presidential Flying Pig Award: This year's winner was Dawn Webber for all her work behind the scenes and for helping Joe at events. She works tirelessly and never complains, even when she is not feeling well! At Wildwood, the Summer BBQ and Anniversary she is always there with a smile.

Emails: if you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know, drop me an email to let me know and I will fix that issue!!!

Speaking of our calendar, I am looking for a volunteer to enter our events on the AKA Website at Add a Calendar Event | AKA

American Kitefliers Association Please let me know if you are interested in keeping this calendar up to date. I will give the events so all you have to do is enter them on the website by filling out the form.

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

Mike Dallmer, President

Calendar of Events for SJKF, updated as of 7-11-2024.

Please contact the people listed to make sure the event is still taking place and watch your emails for updates!

11/17/2024 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlblZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

11/30/2024 Kites with Lights, Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@ kittyhawk.com

12/8/2024 SJKF Holiday Party. Randi's Restaurant and Bar, from noon till 3pm. Location, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 Contact Cel Dallmer cdallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092.

1/15/2025 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

1/19/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIbIZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

2/12/2025 (Saturday) SJKF Winter Workshop: Paul Keeler will be guiding us in making the Devils Balls that he makes. Cost not yet determined. Time: 10:00am -4pm room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ. Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@ verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information.

2/14 - 2/17/2025 Maryland Kite Society's 45th Kite Retreat. It will once again be at our lovely Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. There will be lots of special events and celebrating. . . you don't want to miss it. One of our featured presenters will be one of Europe's most talented and productive kitemakers — we'll have more details soon.

3/16/2024 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIbIZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

3/29/2025 Blossom Kite Festival at the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington D.C. 10 AM - 4:30 PM Blossom Kite Festival - National Cherry Blossom Festival Rain Date: March 30, 2025

4/12/2025 Mullica Hill Library Give Back Workshop Time is 2PM-3PM. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. This is the give back program we do each year. Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092.

4/12/2025 Workshop 2 Tentative

4/25 - 4/27/2025 Maryland International Kite Expo (MIKE FEST), Ocean City, MD. Location: 4th, 5th and 6th Streets.

5/3/2025 Kite at the Pier (Rain Date 5/4/2025) Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com

5/11/ 2025 - Mother's Day

5/18/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIbIZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

5/23 - 5/25/2025 - Wildwood International Kite Festival Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@ skyfestivals.com The must do event with the fabulous wideopen beach to fly on. Also, the world famous SJKF Friday Night Social!!!!

6/15/2025 Father's Day

7/13/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIbIZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

7/15/2025 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

9/18 - 9/21/2025 The Kite Loft's Sunfest Kite Festival in Ocean City, MD USA Hosted by The Kite Loft September 19-22, 2024 On the beach between 4th thru 6th Streets https://kiteloft.com/kite-festival/sunfest-kite-festival/contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

9/21/2025 (3rd Sunday) 31th SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. At the Dallmer Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila, Pa 19111. Festivities start around noon, Kitefliers time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once a year SJKF auction.

Tentative, date may change because of AKA Convention or Sunfest

10/15/2025 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

11/2/2025 The 39th 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.

OH...THE MEMORIES.

-by Mike Dallmer

This picture came up while I was looking for others and I thought I would share it with you all as it was a momentous time in my life and you may have heard something about this picture.

This picture was taken at MIKE/MASKC in 2004 in Ocean City, Maryland. This was the first major kite event that Cel went to after her dreaded hospital stay of over a year.

From left to right there is: Janette Van Mears, Betty Hirschman, Scott E Spencer, and Mom Catherine Dallmer. And of course, in the wheelchair is Cel Dallmer.



-by Mike Dallmer

SJKF CLUB IS 30 YEARS YOUNG!

-By Mike Dallmer

Being it is the 30th Anniversary of our club, I figured it is time that I give you a little history of the South Jersey Kite Flyers.

The club was founded on October 1st, 1994, at the AKA Convention in Wildwood, NJ. The original members were Doug & Claire Janelle, Lee and Ted Johnson, Gloria Olschewski, Mike & Harry Owens, Kerry & John Rose, Laurie Ross, Vi (Brown), Andy Selzer, John Smith, and Scott E Spencer. These are the 14 original members and unfortunately, 6 have become Fallen Angles. Our first President

was John Smith, other Presidents were Scott E. Spencer, Andy Selzer, Brain Bozart, Ron Jakubowicz and me who has been President for 20 of those years.

There was a time when the club was on the brink of going broke but It was saved by an auction of special things from our kite makers and artists, I believe the year was 2001, that was a long time ago, we are no longer in that as we have over \$8,000. Our membership numbers were inflated for a while, back when Rio was still in existence because to eat free at the Friday Night Social, you had to be a member, and if there was more than one in your party, that was cheaper. SJKF also does well with children's kite making, it helps our treasury tremendously. We are often asked by the AKA, how we are so successful; I say because of our members and what they do. We are the only club that has been awarded the AKA Kite Club of the Year because of what we do.

At the beginning most of the original members were sport kite flyers but over the years SJKF has transitioned to single line kites. We always held workshops but they were random, maybe every 2-3 years but we have gotten to the point now where we hold at least one a year.

SJKF is a club that is looked up to now and we share whatever knowledge we have with anyone who asks, you do not have to be a member to ask us questions. I am proud to serve as President!





SJKF 30th Anniversary Bash!

-by Mike Dallmer

Wow, what a day. Busy but fulfilling. I hope you all had a good time and thanks for attending and spending money!! The total for the Auction was \$3,013.00 minus the cost of the food which was \$500.00. The pictures say the rest I will say.





















The Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitation Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off. (OABTHOPBCKFABO)



The OABTIIOPBCKFABO is a spoof on how serious sport kite competition was many years ago, 39 to be exact. Olan and his wife, Bernice, started the event many years ago and it was always held in December when it was cold as anything. There are prizes and attendance awards for the best homemade Peanut Butter edible and kites with a Peanut Butter theme. Bribing the judges was also acceptable and encouraged! Attendees can go on the beach there and fly kites if they choose.





Sometimes we walking down judges are not enter is normally the kite part, to help me if

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get someone

the boardwalk to judge, other times the chosen from those in attendance did the contest of edibles. Cel, my wife the head judge for that part. As for I am the head judge, and I get Cel there is tough competition.

This is a fun event and normally 10 -15 people attend. It is a one-day event and depending on the weather, a lot of things may be open, no guarantee

though. It is nothing like LBI and you can tell by the description. If the weather is chilly or windy, we wrap the gazebo with tarps or plastic to help keep the wind down.

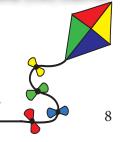


Location:

Seaside Park parking lot gazebo adjacent to the Sawmill, a Pizza, sandwiches and bar.

O Street and the Boardwalk, Seaside Park, N.L.

O Street and the Boardwalk, Seaside Park, NJ Time: noon till 4pm.



Hinda Kriegel, Steve Clarke and Cecelia (Cel) Dallmer

LONG BEACH ISLAND INVITATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL 2024 -by Mike Dallmer

This was the 10th kite festival on Long Beach Island, but this year it was a by invitation only which is a totally different format. The LBI Chamber of Commerce, (thanks Dan, Kevin, Adele, Jules), along with Passing Wind Kite Club and South Jersey Kite Flyers launched the inaugural Invitational Kite Festival and put one heck of a fantastic large kite show. This year's event was under different leadership and had a different format. Kite Flyers were invited to fly on designated fields and the invited kite flier could invite anyone they wanted to fly with them, however they did not get the extras of an invited flyer. There were 4 dedicated fields, SJKF, Passing Wind Kite Club, the Kings of Kite Flying and inbetween the fields was an Administration Tent with an announcer continuously thanking sponsors that donated to make this event possible. There was an open fly area with the Festival's major sponsor, AIR TECH who was generously engaging the crowd with small kite give-a-ways for spectators/families.

Wow, it turned out to be a great relaxed 2 days!!! From what I could tell, it ran smoothly without a problem. The Islander Motel at 1202 Central Ave, was the home-base for invited kite fliers in Ship Bottom was a quality Motel and the Inn Keeper(s) were very kind and accommodating.

This event was so well run and organized, before the event, we had a diagram of the flying fields along with a schedule, very nice touch!! The event was held on Friday and Saturday only, not Sunday because the island has a foot race the length of the island which we have experienced before when we stayed in Holgate, leave after 9 am, you were stuck in the race.



There was only one problem, the wind direction stunk, it was westerly, meaning coming over the dunes and homes. If you know anything about the wind, it is affected 10 times more when it is not a direct wind. The challenge for a kite flier is that love their kites, and no one wants to lose their kites or see them in the ocean if we have to let them out to high to catch the steady wind. This meant flying height was limited mostly by the width of the

LONG BEACH ISLAND INVITATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

beach. This also meant a very limited ground wind; this greatly limited the number of things that could be put on ground level.

At South Jersey Flying Field: The Dallmer's train "Amquack," was such a hit that it was out both days



and from the time I opened it till the time I had to put it away, there was constant traffic of children



and adults, when needed, running though it.
Mike Jr. and Jackson, my youngest grandson (18) tried to fly the ray on Friday, when that didn't work, Jack Benny came out and flew fairly well. Sunday, "What the Duck" was on the field, and I mean on

the field as he spent most of the time laying on its

side. Also on the SJKF field flying were Ron, Pauline and Sarah Klopp, Ben Huggett and Nancy and Larry Krablin along with the Clay's. The Klopps flew Snoopy and Charlie Brown along



Violet, their wind shade and then on Saturday I saw a pilot, Octopus, Hammer Head Shark and a Seahorse. Ben was flying his Great Wave-off Kanagawa Pilot with a Martin Leaster Diver and a couple of Premier Fish. In Ben's his spare time he was selling ducks.



Joe Kay was very popular with his bubble show going through 6 gallons of bubbles! Larry spent a lot of time fighting the wind with single line kites.

The night fly, which I bought a brand-new lighted goldfish from Serena Dang, the winds continued to blow from the west on a narrower and crowded beach. Those who got there early and had a light-

weight kite put on a show, especially Rolf Zimmerman (from German) with his lighted star fish. You could see that from the main road and what a sight that was. (Photo by Kevin Sewell)



Then there was the Children's Kite Making with the South Jersey Kite Flyers!! Cel, along with Donna McGee, Melanie Morgan, Nancy Krablin, Dawn Kay and Chris May had a very busy Friday and Saturday. This year they were next to the SJKF Flying field at the bottom of the 20th street ramps, got on the beach and there, right in front of you, were the 2 SJKF Tents set up for kite making. Location,

Long Beach Island Invitational Kite Festival



location, LOCATION!!! Friday was so so with 105 kites made but on Saturday, my head was spinning seeing the nonstop crowds lined up from 10:45 am, when they were finished setting up, until they ran out of kites at 2:45pm. Those attending were at times 4-6 deep waiting their turn. People were desperate to spend money, after the kites were gone, they started asking for wind spirits which were primarily for those who are unable to fly kites but still wanted to get the same feeling as a kite flier. The motion of the wind spirits mimic the wind taking the kite causing a beautiful colorful sight.

I'd like to thank those who prebuilt the kites: Mel, Donna and Cel and those who spent their time both Friday and Saturday working with the Children: Cel, Donna, Mel, Nancy, Dawn and even Chris May who came down Saturday and spent the entire day under the SJKF Tents helping with the Children's Kite Making. We thought that 624 kites were plenty as we have never come close to that in a weekend at LBI but this location was the difference. When it was all over our treasurer had this to say, "After adding up the Venmo and cash the total is \$4117 which includes 624 kites and 45 wind spirits and donations. Thanks for all your help and support of the club!"



ing kites at 68th street, SJKF felt like we were part of the festival again. From the Breakfast with the Chamber, the Friday Night Pizza party to the Kite Flying, everything was well thought out! Thanks to all involved: The LBI Chamber of Commerce, Dan, Passing Wind Kite Club (Trip and Debra), SJKF, the spectators and anyone else involved in making this new version of LBIIKF (Long Beach Island Invitational Kite Festival) an enormous success. I look forward to many more years.





SJKF is going to the same location as last few years, Randi's Restaurant and Bar, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 http://www.randisrestaurantandbar.com/index.htm. The party will start at noon on Sunday December 8th and will continue until 3pm. We will be dining from their Sunday Brunch Buffet which includes: Pick & Peel Shrimp, Smoked Salmon/Lox and Tuna Salads, Spring Mix Salad, Pasta Salad, Roasted Red Peppers, Artichoke Salad, Chicken Salad, Tomato Salad with Red Wine Vinegar, Pasta Salad and Mushroom Salad, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Bagels with Butter, Cream Cheese, Assorted Danish and Pastries, Hot Buffet Side, Omelets Served from their Kitchen, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Bacon, Fish Dish, Chicken Dish, Meat Dish, Pasta Dish. Beverages included are Soda, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Juices and Mimosas

The cost this year will be the same as last few years, \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Children 3-12 years old \$5.00, under 3 free will be free.

Reservations are required and payment must be received by Monday, November 26, 2024. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please send payments to Cecilia Dallmer, 306 Friendship St., Philadelphia., Pa 19111. If you have questions, please email Cel Dallmer at cdallmer@verizon.net or call 215-722-4092

Extra Activities: Theme baskets will be made again this year.

This year's game will be KITE BINGO again.

Directions: From I95 North and South, take the Academy Road exit. Follow signs for Academy Road keep left at the fork and merge onto Academy Rd. (0.8 mile), turn left on Willits Rd. (1.4 mile), continue onto Welsh Rd. (1.3 mile), turn right onto Bustleton Ave (465 ft.), turn left onto Grant Ave (0.2 mile). Entrance to Randi's Restaurant and Bar in on right, head to rear of shopping center near movie theater, Randi's is in the left-hand corner.

If you are coming from New Jersey, go over the Betsy Ross Bridge or the Walt Whitman Bridge and take I-95 North. Follow the directions appearing in paragraph 1

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Please return all RSVPs with a check made out to: South Jersey Kite Flyers by November 26, 2024 to: Cel Dallmer | 306 Friendship St. | Philadelphia., Pa 19111 Reservations are required along with payment to insure your seat, *no exceptions*.

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