



WOW, Two SJKE Winter Workshops!!!

--by Mike Dalmer

Can you believe that we had two Winter Workshops? The first one was on February 23, 2023 and instructed by Kevin Shannon who really Volunteered (not Voluntold!!), thanks Kevin for taking the time to do this from your busy schedule! Kevin taught us how to make a Helix Kite.

Kevin was well prepared with finding a source for the fabric and all the other needed hardware as well as precutting the fabric which make assembly fairly easy. Almost everyone who attended, 19 of us: Kevin, Cinda, Hinda, Steve, Larry, Nancy, Donna, Mel, Ben, Scott, Joyce, Howard, Cel (feeding us), Mike, Rich, Wendy, Ron, Joe and Andy (visiting) left with a completed sail with few completing everything, even the bag!

The exciting thing I thought was how many members of SJKE showed up, more than 21% of our

members. Granted they got free kits and free lunch but still, they spent time as a kite club having a good time.

The total cost of this workshop including lunch was \$647.00. Think about this, we had 17 people who built something, imagine that!! That is exciting for our club.





Our SJKF Second Winter workshop, Whale/Dolphin hosted by Mike Dallmer on March 11, 2023 at the Mullica Hill Library. I spent a few days preparing examples of each different stage of construction, these were then hung on the walls of the library. I was surprised that everyone who showed up: 12, Hinda, Steve, Joe, Dawn (entertaining and helping Cel), Kevin, Donna, Mel, Mike, Cel (feeding us again), Andy (lunch), Larry and Nancy, had Freddy Dolphin kits but nothing was started.

It seemed (unintentional pun) the order of the day was seam ripping, I think at one point everyone was doing it. No matter how much sewing that was done however, no one finished the building of the Dolphins. I will see if we can schedule another workshop in the Fall, if we can get the library. What I found very interesting, Nancy and Larry brought one kit and each was building one side of the Dolphin at the same time, I cannot wait to see the final product. Still, it was nice getting together with everyone again. The cost of this to the club was only \$146.18 for lunch.

A little bit about SJKF Workshops! Our workshops are mostly aimed at the beginner kite builder, so you shouldn't be afraid to try. Our instructors are very patient and willing to teach. If they are busy, you most likely will be in a class with participants



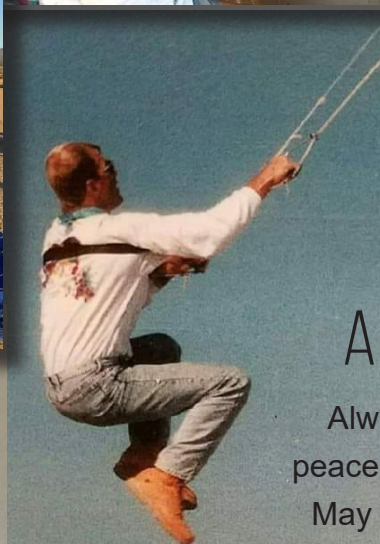
who have plenty of kite building and design, these people too are willing to help.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our instructors, you too make what everyone likes about SJKF.

Peace, Hope and Direction . . .

By now, through emails, messages and calls, that John Smith, one of our founding fathers and the first President of South Jersey Kite Fliers, passed away on March 5th, 2023. John lived in Blackwood, N.J., during his time as President and most recently was living in Glendale, Arizona. John is survived by his loving wife Cynthia Smith, daughter Britt Markwell and grandchild Devin, Alayna and Brayden.

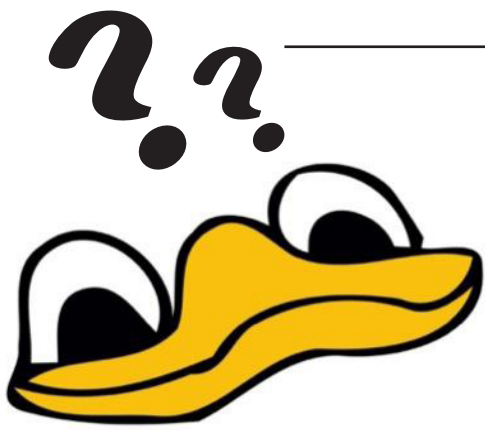
Rest in Peace John...(John Boy)



A KITER'S BLESSING.

Always rejoice in the blessings of peace, hope, and good wind direction. May your line always be strong and always loose so you may soar to new heights as you watch over your fellow kite fliers and friends.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

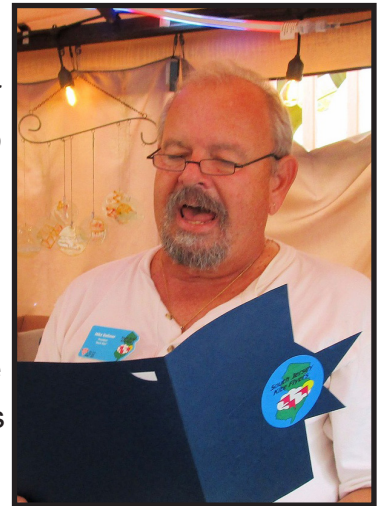


Presidential Ponderings & Duck Droppings

By Mike Dallmer

Hello Fellow Kite Fliers, I have a question, is it Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer out? One thing I know by sure, when you walk outside you don't know what to expect!

Sad news, founding member and first president of SJKF, John Smith passed away suddenly on March 5. (See article) This makes, Andy Selzer the only founding member that is still a member of SJKF. Doug Janelle and John Rose are two other founding members, however, they are no longer SJKF members and Gloria Olschewski, I haven't heard anything from her or about her since 2009.

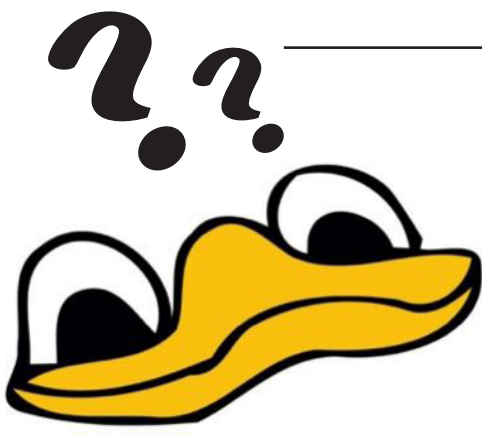


State of SJKF, as of February 28 ,2022 we had \$12,422.69 in our Treasury and 90 members. Not bad, however, with the expected purchasing of our two new SJKF Designed EZ-Ups we are going to fall below \$9,000, the first time in 2 ¼ years. Nothing to worry about as we have a few up coming events, especially our 29th SJKF Anniversary Bash Auction on September 19, 2023 (3rd Sunday) which again this year is already shaping up to be out of this world!

SJKF has six Peter Lynn Kites Freddy's Dolphins Kits and four PLK Whale kits for future use, these may show up in the Anniversary Bash Auction. Speaking of Peter Lynn Kits, 26 Freddy's Dolphin kits, 14 Whale kits and one Flying Pig (this year's Presidential Award) were ordered on November 8, 2022, all ordered kits have either been picked up or mailed and paid for, thank you everyone for putting up with the delay but being very timely with paying once they were delivered!

SJKF is holding an EZ-UP Top and Valances design contest with the date of April 18 as the deadline for submissions. Once they are submitted, your voting board will look over the designs and choose, with the hopes of having these EZ-Ups by the Memorial Day Kite Festival in Wildwoods, but no promises.

This year plans are already being made for Wildwoods International Kite Festival taking place on May 26-29th. SJKF will again be hosting the Friday Night Social along with Sponsoring the Scott E Spencer Kite Makers Competition.



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Well Wishes . . .



From **Laura Berg** on March 18, 2023, had knee surgery on March 10th, "Miserable. Was still in the hospital. (as of March 18th) Tough, VERY tough, surgery was extremely rough, but successful. On Monday, went to stand up with PT helping and hurt my back. Finally, after some nerve blocks, I'm able to move I couldn't do a thing without screaming in pain! Set Rehab back big time."



From **Pete Dolphin** on March 19, 2023: "I am getting stronger, my next scan is in a month. So far, all the scans before have shown improvement. Most of the cancer has shrunk or disappeared. I will not be coming to Wildwood this year; I am not able to drive 1200 miles each way and coming by plane does not make sense"

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 Fliers and on the web at 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!*

Flyers or Fliers?

What Is the Meaning of Flyer and Flier?

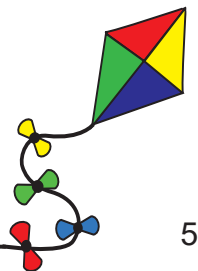
There are two main definitions of the word flier. It refers to people who fly, for example, passengers on an airplane, animals, or objects, albeit more unusual. It can be used for people who operate flying objects from the ground, such as kites. When using this definition, the more common spelling in American English is flier.

Generally speaking, pilots of large aircraft are not referred to as "fliers," yet pilots of smaller planes,

particularly hobbyists, can be called fliers.

Secondly, a "flyer" is a piece of paper distributed to publicize an event, service, or product, often used in advertising and marketing. Synonyms of flyer include handbill, pamphlet, circular, and leaflet.

- Debra Bowlby, Editor



2022 Calendar of Events

south jersey kite flyers club



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

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=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnSmhtbUNyUFBRT09>

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

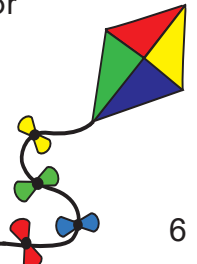
7/15/2023 Submission deadline for Windwriter's articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

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

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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



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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=Yy80UUJmbXZlZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>

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.

Have an event that you want listed, send it: Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 306 Friendship St., Philadelphia, PA 19111

SJKF T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

Show your SJKF pride and keep Joe Kay (aka Grumpy) busy during retirement! He is now offering to make SJKF t-shirts. Men's crew neck and Women's V neck and most sizes available. Colors offered are grey, navy and black.

\$15 for sizes SM – XL
\$18 for sizes 2XL – 4XL
Shipping additional.



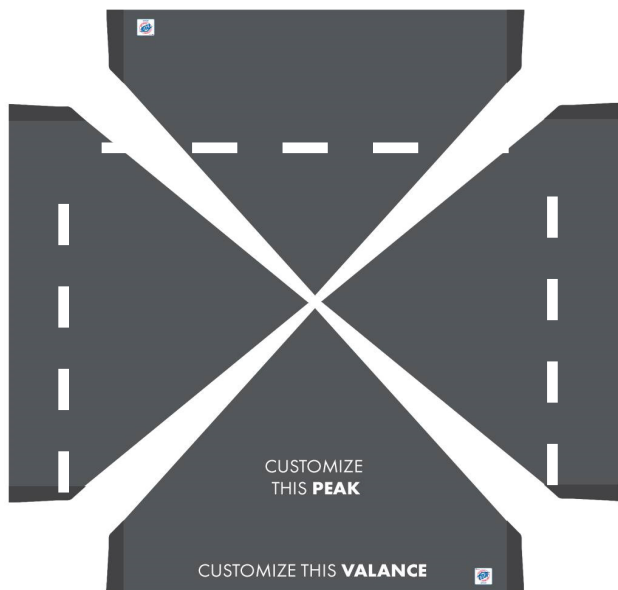
Any order received by Saturday 4/29 will be delivered in Wildwood. Please send your order to jkay676@gmail.com and once the order is confirmed, payment arrangements will be made.

BEACH SHELTER DESIGN CONTEST

All right, all right, all right. Time for club members to get their creative ideas out. SJKF is going to purchase two 10 x 10 beach shelters for kite festivals and events. In order to promote the club, these are going to be fully customized with whatever design we want on all four top surfaces and valances (fancy term for side pieces around the top) of each shelter. Overall, that's 8 potentially different surfaces for design or artwork. In general, we expect both shelters to be erected side by side - so artwork that flows from one to the next is an idea.

Give us your design ideas on or before April 18. Our general theme is promoting SJKF and kite flying. Anything from original artwork to reproduced photographs can be included on our panels as they will be dye sublimation printed. Please - family friendly and no copyrighted materials. By submitting artwork, you are agreeing that SJKF has the unrestricted right to use the artwork for any purpose in perpetuity. Our plan is to have this ready for unveiling at the Wildwoods International Kite Festival on Memorial Day Weekend.

Any questions or comments or design ideas message me with Facebook Messenger or at benhuggett@gmail.com



Deadline for Submissions is April 18, 2023

- by Ben Huggett

Hello Fellow Kite Fliers, in preparation for our new Ez-Ups, sjkf.org, our website now has a QR Code:

<https://myqrcode.com/app/qr/9b8f445e>



South Jersey Kite Fliers



Membership Application

☐ New Member
 ☐ Renewal
 ☐ Reinstatement
 ☐ Do not publish my name in the Directory

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

URL _____

Other family members joining _____

Visa/MC/Discover/AMEX # _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Membership Dues	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	Amount
Individual (Kiting via 3 rd class mail)	\$48	\$94	\$140	_____
(Kiting via 1 st class mail)	\$60	\$118	\$176	_____
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Sponsor	\$150	\$300	\$450	_____
(Kiting via 1 st class mail, includes tax deductible contribution)				
Additional family members in same household (Per person add \$8/year)				_____
Additional donation dedicated to the Kites for Kids Programs				_____
Please remit in US \$ (Sorry we cannot accept Canadian cheques)				

For information call 609/755-KITE (5483)

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Local kite club _____

Join online at www.kite.org

Send this form with your payment to:

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PO Box 699 • Cedar Ridge, CA 95924

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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!

Name _____

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: _____

WindWriter Newsletter:

☐ Electronic Newsletter (This saves SJKF a few dollars per year) ☐ Mailed Newsletter



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

10-1 through 12-31	\$15.00
1-1 through 3-31	\$11.25
4-1 through 6-30	\$ 7.50
7-1 through 9-30	\$ 3.75

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

10-1 through 12-31	\$20.00
1-1 through 3-31	\$15.00
4-1 through 6-30	\$10.00
7-1 through 9-30	\$ 5.00

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