

WILDWOOD AND THE EAST COAST STUNT KITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

— by Roger Chewing



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Mentors. I have had numerous in my life. And I am grateful for them. My father taught me to work hard and respect others. He owned Cunningham’s Hardware in Morrisville, PA. In 1981, when his appliance showroom became available, I offered to open a gift shop in the vacant space. I always had an intention to one day own the hardware business, and did not like the empty space. So, relying on local craftsmen and artists, we opened the Meadow Mouse Gift Shop in 1982. Initially, we offered affordable gifts, greeting cards, antiques and balloons. As it happened, my parents, Adrienne and George were good friends with Olan and Bernice Turner. Olan had many diverse interests, including antique clocks. As generous as Olan was, he offered to place some of his clocks in the gift shop on consignment. On one of his many visits, Olan asked me if I had thought of selling kites, noting I had plenty of ceiling space. I said no (knowing nothing about kites) but I was interested in the notion. Olan then offered to introduce me to Fran Gramkowski. Little did I know where this path led.

After making arrangements with Fran and Mary Gramkowski, we set a meeting to get together. Fran agreed to place kites in the Meadow Mouse on consignment and on the night he showed up, my eyes were opened to a new world. Fran had a mail order kite company, High Fly Kite Company, and he arrived with an amazing selection of kites. A wealth of knowledge, Fran shipped kites and kite making materials all over the world. The kites Fran brought to us were from a large variety of makers. Soon, the Meadow Mouse ceiling was filled



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with kites from the Nantucket Kiteman, Go Fly A Kite, Vertical Visuals, White Bird, Kites of the Four Winds, Greens of Burnley, Monday Lunch to name a few. Not many kite stores had this variety thanks to Fran. Many other kites would follow and I was on a giant learning curve. The Meadow Mouse had become the showroom for High Fly Kite Company.

Shortly after Olan invited me to join him at Washington's Crossing Park in New Jersey for an Audubon Day festival where he was flying kites. On that day, Olan was flying a six pack of Rainbow Stunt Kites. There were beautiful, unlike anything I had seen. I was hooked. Hooked on sport kites and the possibilities. Sport kite popularity burst into the world of kiting in the 1970s with the popular Peter Powell Stunt Kite. Other kite makers entered the field with new designs, and as the 80s progressed, soon, the Meadow Mouse racks were filling up with sport kites. Peter Powells led to Trlbys, Rainbows, Hyperkites, Skynasaurs, Flexifoils, and Top of the Line Hawaiian Kites. The 80s exploded with stunt kite enthusiasm. It was during this time that Don Tabor popularized team flying. The Top of the Line team of Dan Tabor, Joel Bargabus and Eric Streed were exciting spectators with their squadron team performances. The innovations that grew with this new style of kite flying were exciting crowds and inspiring kite enthusiasts. The AKA

started to judge sport kites at their annual conventions, but the potential for something more was out there.

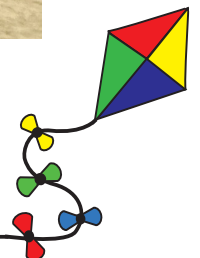
Around that time, an informal committee formed to discuss stunt kite competitions. Olan Turner invited Fran Gramkowski, Mike Carroll and myself to explore the idea of writing up the guidelines for a competition. The AKA had previously judged maneuverable kites, but there were so many new possibilities we put together the first rules book for stunt kite competitions. There was Ballet - choreographed flight to music, precision flying and also team flying. We met at the home of Olan Turner in Yardley, PA and here is where we wrote the first sport kite rules book.

Mouse to run a family kite day. I remember the event was a hit with the Wildwoods, but it was the expanse of their beach that was an invitation to offer a different kind of event. And in 1986, the East Coast Stunt Kite Championships was born. It was the first ever event for stunt kites with a brand new rules book. When announced the enthusiasm spread across the country. Flyers poured into the Wildwoods for the annual Memorial Day event.

Fran remembers seeing the banner over Rio Grande Avenue saying "Welcome Kitters". And today, so many kite fliers have visited the Wildwoods, with its lavish beaches, great wind conditions and hospitality.



In 1985, Jackie Fortino from the City of Wildwood Tourism had contacted the Meadow



Another World Music Festival

—By Nancy Krablin



Another World Music Festival was held September 12-14, 2025 on Winkelblech Fields off Pine Creek Road, Woodward, PA. The program for the 3rd Annual festival included a feature with a picture (perhaps taken at Wildwood) of a kite filled sky, several white easy ups and the Keystone Club banner. The brochure read "This year, AWMF will be featuring a new treat for the senses, not music, but something just as exciting..KITES! AND not your regular, run-of-the-mill kites, these kites are quite extraordinary. We kept our eyes on the skies all weekend because you never know what you might see up in the air!"

Three stages presented music from Friday afternoon until late Sunday. "Donna the Buffalo" was likely the most known artist on the program, singing at 10:30 p.m. Saturday night. Moving from stage to stage was convenient and timing of acts made it possible not to miss a performer!

Though many of the attendees had not been conceived by the original Woodstock in 1969, the sense that this was sort of a "Woodstock Wannabe" event crossed my mind more than once! There were vendors including several distilleries and a "general store", food stalls and coffee- but not before 10 am!

This is a drive in or camping event. PRIMITIVE camping- but we did have our own Port-a-Potty! There was not water on site and no open flames are allowed outside the fire rings (retired tractor tire rims) provided. "There's ALWAYS wind here"! Have we heard THAT before? IF wind reached 5 mph, all those who answered the call to come fly would be shocked- but a good time was had by those of us who did! Rich Cairncross had his beautiful leaf (indoor) kite fly in all compass directions within half an hour!

Camping for the weekend were Phil and Carly Broder, Rich Cairncross, Scott Wyandt, Nancy and Larry Krablin. Day fliers included Todd Little and Diane Paul, Adam and Joyce Grow. Always uber prepared, Ben's truck included an ice cream freezer, smoker for pork brisket, and several 5 gallon jugs of water. We had coffee in the morning and a campfire well into the evening!

It there is too much wind.. If there is no wind... fly banners!! Ben Huggett's incredible banner display provided color and visual interest all day Friday and Saturday. More color was added to the array with banners created by Phil Broder, Rich, and the Krablin. Though flying was not a viable option, those who "answered the call" had a gorgeous weekend at Winkelblech Fields! Perhaps in 2026, there WILL be wind in the valley!





KITE FLYING SAFETY

*With our flying season fast approaching, I thought now is a good time to remind everyone of kite safety.
Gathered by Mike Dallmer.*

Some Borrowed from Kitty Hawk Kite's Website *Tips for Attending a Kite Event*

- Bring sunscreen and apply often—it's sunny out there!
- Stay hydrated by bringing a water bottle or grabbing drinks from vendors.
- Dress for the weather in lightweight layers and comfy shoes.
- Pack a beach chair or blanket to relax and enjoy the show overhead.
- Bring a shade to help stay out of the sun and stay cool.
- Snacks, always important.
- Hat to help to stay cool and sun protection.

Cape Coral Kite Club Website *Kite Flying Guidelines*

Kite flying is super fun, and some basic rules will help keep you safe.

- Avoid flying your kite near other people that are also flying kites.
- Don't fly your kite close to roads or highways. If your kite were to land in a roadway, it could cause a traffic accident.
- Keep clear of large trees, buildings, electric power poles, signs, etc.
- Never fly your kite in winds speeds above 20 miles per hour (MPH) If the wind picks up, you should stop flying the kite.
- Don't fly your kite in stormy weather and if you hear thunder roar, get indoors quickly. A wet kite string is conductor for lightning!
- Wind can be a powerful force, so wear cut resistant gloves when flying larger kites to keep your hands being injured by the line.
- Don't allow young children to fly kites without adult supervision.

From SJKF New Members Information packet. *Kite Safety Guidelines*

1. NEVER FLY A KITE IN WET OR STORMY WEATHER
2. NEVER FLY A KITE NEAR POWER LINES
3. NEVER FLY A KITE ON WIRE
4. NEVER FLY A KITE OVER STREETS OR HIGHWAYS
5. NEVER FLY A KITE NEAR AN AIRPORT
6. NEVER FLY KITES OVER CROWDS OF PEOPLE
7. TRY TO AVOID ROCKY FIELDS

The American Kitefliers Website

While kiting is perfectly safe under ideal conditions, practicing safety while flying kites will ensure that you have excellent experience in the field.

Whether you are flying alone or on a busy field, it is good to remember the 3 C's of kite safety: Caution, Courtesy, and Common Sense.

Parks, beaches, and playgrounds can be crowded, with many different activities competing for space. It is each kite flier's responsibility to fly safely so that we continue to be welcome at our favorite windy places. Be Considerate of Others

- Do not fly close to or over roads where drivers could be distracted.
- Watch out for other people who are not aware that kites can be dangerous. Do not allow your flying line(s), particularly those of maneuverable kite lines, to touch any bystander.
- Do not fly noisy kites in crowded places.
- Be careful not to scare animals, particularly horses with riders.
- Be careful not to fly where you might scare nesting birds.
- Avoid other kites, kite lines, and kite fliers.
- Clean up after yourself. Take all of your materials and trash home with you.

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- Be wary of attaching hard items to kite line – think of what would happen if the line breaks or is cut by another kite.

Be safe! Be cautious, be courteous, and use common sense. You'll have a great time and everyone else will too.

Reduce Your Risks

- Kite lines conduct electricity; do not fly near overhead power lines and do not fly in wet or stormy weather.
- Never use wire or metallic line to fly a kite and always keep your line dry.
- Do not fly within 5 miles of any airport's boundaries.
- The flying lines on larger kites can hurt your hands. Watch out for line burns. If you fly a large kite, wear gloves.
- Be aware of who or what is behind you as well as in front of you.

Know Your and Your Equipment's Limitations

- Be aware of the limitations of your skills and strength and do not fly anything too large for the conditions or try anything too complicated near other people.
- Be aware of the power and limitations of your kites.
- Make sure your kite anchors are strong and secure enough to hold your kite.

FAA kite safety regulations to keep in mind:

- Altitude Limits: Kites must not be flown at altitudes greater than 500 feet above the ground or 500 feet below the base of any cloud formation.
- Visibility Restrictions: Flying is prohibited in areas where ground visibility is less than three miles.
- Airport Proximity: Kites cannot be flown within five miles of the boundary of any airport
- Safety Zones: Always fly in open fields or near the shore, away from trees, highways, and houses to avoid potential hazards.
- General Safety Tips: Follow the 3 C's of kite safety: Caution, Courtesy, and Common Sense. Avoid flying near power lines, do not fly noisy kites in crowded places, and be aware of your surroundings.

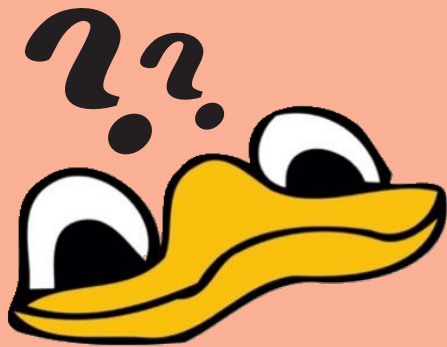
These regulations are designed to ensure the safety of both kite fliers and the surrounding environment. Always adhere to the FAA's guidelines to maintain a safe kite flying experience.

February Winter Workshop

February 21, 2026 is now the official Peter Lynn Heart Kite Kit Workshop along with some old project kits hanging around that Ben Huggett has; they are a heavy-duty sand anchor and/or a personal banner.

These are available to those who want to participate but did not order a PLK Heart Kite Kit.





Presidential Ponderings & Duck Droppings

—By Mike Dallmer, President



PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Kite Flyers, As I'm writing this, we all, no matter how close or far away you are, are waiting for the biggest snowfall we have had in 6 years, wow. As of this morning, the latest I have listened to the news, we are expecting 12" + light fluffy snow starting late Saturday (1/24/26 and ending on Monday (1/26/26). This should be fun and a great time to tune up your flying equipment!!!

Elections Results: Election Committee Report: 24 ballots were mailed with the possibility of 98 votes. 21 Ballots were returned!! WOW!

Results:

President:

Mike Dallmer - 40 Votes

Write In: - 0

1st Vice President:

Ben Huggett: - 40 Votes

Write In: - 0

Director at Large:

Kevin Sewell: - 40 Votes

Write In: - 0

STATE OF SJKF CLUB

As reported by our Treasurer reported by our Treasure Cel, as of December 31, 2025, there was \$4,848.39 in the bank and in cash \$921.00 for a total of \$5,768.93. Included in this report was the cost of the Holiday party plus the purchase of 800 kite kits.

Since this report, SJKF has also put out money for Peter Lynn Heart Kite Kits, most of this will be returned once the kites are distributed and paid for those who ordered the kits. Membership is 91 members, this after those who haven't renewed in 2025 were removed from our membership list.

We welcome Kevin Sewell to the SJKF Board of Directors and thank Rich Cairncross for his service over the past couple of years. This will be my 22nd year as your President and 13th consecutive years!! (the 75 years of peanuts world gold ingot was available for a short time from Walmart)

SJKF Winter Workshop to be held on 2/21/26 has changed due to circumstances beyond our control, Kevin and Cinda Shannon will not be able to attend or present the 2/21/2026 SJKF Winter Workshop, the Bed Sheet Kite. Because of the things going on in Kevin and Cinda's lives. The subject of the February





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PLK (Peter Lynn Kites) Hearts: We ordered 46 PLK Heart Kite Kits in various colors along with 4 flying line sets and 4 bridle tools. 17 people along with 5 for SJKF. They are here and right now it looks like each kit is going to cost \$55, I hope to distribute them at the February workshop unless you want them shipped for an addition fee or make arrangements to pick them up at 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa 19111. March (3/14/26) and April (4/26/26)

Workshops: The March workshop will be a continuation of the February PLK Heart Kite Workshop, and the April will be decided in the future.

4th North Jersey Spring Warm-up Indoor Kite Event. Doug reported he has selected Saturday, March 7, 2025. For the Indoor kite event. The club, as in the past, will help support this indoor flying event to the tune of \$300.00 He is requesting the club to assist with the cost of the event. Also, kids kite building will also be available from the club.

Maker Faire Philadelphia 2026 would

SJKF like to participate in this event on April 19 at the Cherry Street Pier on the Waterfront. Ben participated last year representing the AKA and Cel and I visited along with John Pitman. This is a great way to expose SJKF to the public building kites. We will need help. Please let me know if you will be helping. There is an admission but if you are helping SJKF, you may be able to get a pass, please let me know if you will be helping/Ben will explain.

4/25/2026 (Saturday) 5th Annual East Brunswick Kite Festival, Location is the East Brunswick Community Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick, NJ We will be building kites as we have been in the past! Help is always appreciated both building and flying kites... Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 or Elayne Risley 2017risley@gmail.com

4/26/2026 (Sunday) Beat Ben Franklin Fun Run, East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. Event starts at 10am. All types of events are taking place and SJKF will be doing demos. The flying area looks fantastic from the pictures I have seen.

Our Calendar: As you will see, I have added **KONE (Kites Over New England) events along with Kitty Hawk Kites events, I do this to help you with YOUR Calendar. If you have or know of any other events that you would like to see added, please let me know and they will be added.**

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

4th North Jersey Spring Warm-up Indoor Kite Event

Saturday, March 7, 2026, 10 am to 3 pm

Byram Lakes School Café

12 Mansfield Drive, Byram Township, NJ



★ Event Description and Activities ★

The purpose of this event is to have fun, refine your skills, learn new ones, and introduce people to the joy of indoor kite flying.

- Indoor kite flying for kite flyers and people new to kiting.
- No entrance fee to attend, observe, and fly kites indoors.
- Experienced indoor kite flyers available to assist in teaching people on how to fly kites indoors. Indoor kites will be available for use.
- Kite flyers can practice and demonstrate their indoor kite routines. Sound system will be in use during the event.
- Kite building workshop will be ongoing during event, with no age limit. Markers will be provided to decorate each kite. The nominal cost for each kite kit is \$6 per kite, which includes the flying line.

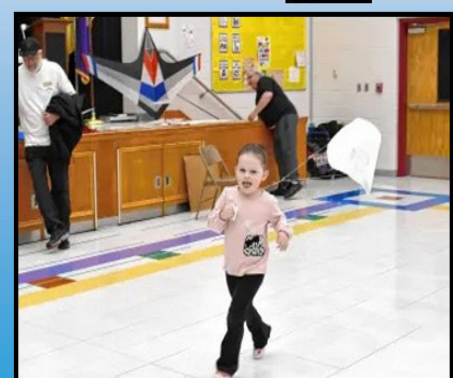
If you plan on attending, please RSVP to:
falcon.aero.designs@gmail.com

Directions and local lodging information available on request.

Event sponsored by:
Falcon Aero Designs LLC and the South Jersey Kite Flyers



The following pictures are from the previous Indoor Kite Events.

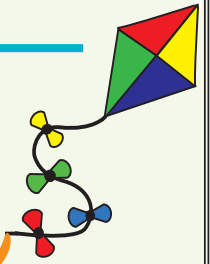


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Calendar of Events for SJKF, updated as of 2/1/2026. Please contact the people listed to make sure the event is still taking place, watch your emails for updates!

2/7/2026 (Saturday) KONE (Kites Over New England) Annual Auction and Business Meeting. At the China King Super Buffet, 755 Main Street, Haverhill, MA. NOON to 3:00PM.

2/13/2026 - 2/16/2026 Maryland Kite Society's 46th Kite Retreat. Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, just off Route 50 in Grasonville on Maryland's Eastern Shore. One of our featured projects will be Chris Hanson's Hargrave Double Box Kite, Rich Cairncross will also be a featured presenter with his ultra-light Sweet Gum Leaf single-line indoor kite: sewing machine. Other presentations will include Ben Huggett's no-sew Delta Conyne, Adam Grow's "Sew What, Part 4" talk about getting the most out of your sewing machine, and one or two more projects featuring kite designs that you haven't seen before. Phil Broder will be there with lots of kitemaking supplies from his Fly Market Kitemaking Supply Company. Sleeping accommodations are at the Holiday Inn Express, 2 miles away from CBEC. Room rates start at \$89.00 per night plus tax. You can call (410) 827-4454 for a reservation (room code is MKS)

2/21/2026 SJKF Winter Workshop, PLK Heart Kite Workshop presented by Mike Dallmer or Old Projects Presented by Ben Huggett Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Meeting room A (not the kitchen)

Time is 10:00am till 4:30pm. There are limited tables for sewing, if you have a foldable table, please bring one for sewing.

3/7/2026 (Saturday) 4th Indoor Fly at the Byram Lakes Elementary School, Byram Township School District, 12 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope, NJ 07874. Time is Noon till 4 pm. There will be free time to fly. Contact Doug Stout for more information falcon.aero.designs@gmail.com

3/13/2026 -3/15/2026 Flying Smiles Fun Fly Weekend. We will be flying at the Whalehead Club or the Shad Street Beach Access, depending on which way the wind is blowing. We will know each day what to expect and make the call day by day! Both locations are within half a mile of the shop, so it'll be easy to change locations if the wind shifts. We will also set up some indoor time at the Pine Island Racquet and Fitness Center, and are also tentatively planning on a night fly (we'll pick which night when we know the weather for the weekend). Please register [2026 Flying Smiles Fun Fly Registration](#) if you're planning on attending..

3/14/2026 DIY Peter Lynn Heart Kite Workshop (Part 2) at Mullica Hill Library 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 from 10am-4:30pm. Meeting room B. Contact Mike Dallmer for more information mikedallmer@verizon.net

3/14/2026 or 3/21/2026 KONE Fly at Hampton Beach, NH in March. A vernal equinox and St. Patrick's Day associated event. This fly traditionally takes place on the

beach in front of the Ashworth Hotel, New Hampshire.

3/15/2026 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlZnSmhtbUNyUFBROTo9>

3/28/2026 Blossom Kite Festival, on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

April is National Kite Month

4/3/2026 59th Annual Great Delaware Kite Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park on Good Friday, in 2025 Registration starts at 10 am and entrance fees apply 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

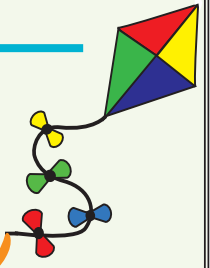
4/3/26 – 4/4/2026 Outer Banks Fly Into Spring, Nags Head, NC. Kitty Hawk Kites will be starting off the 2025 season with the annual "Fly into Spring & Easter Eggstravaganza!" Come join the Kitty Hawk Kites crew April 3rd-4th at Jockey's Ridge Crossing to celebrate the start of a new season on the Outer Banks.

4/5/2026 Easter

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4/5/2026 (Sunday) Easter Fly at Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. There are kite-eating-trees, so be forewarned. Start time around the 10-11am time frame. Pay for parking is the rule now with a two-hour minimum, except for the overflow lot which is free. KONE

4/2026 (tbd Saturday) Kite Day at Cogswell's Grant, 10am to 4pm. 60 Spring Street, Essex, MA KONE

4/11/2026 Kite at the Pier (rain date 4/12/2026) Location: Pier Village, long Branch. Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com

4/15/2026 Deadline for Windwriter articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

4/18/2026 SJKF Give Back Workshop Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Time is 1pm till 3:00pm

4/18/2026 SJKF Spring Workshop, subject to be determined. Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Time is 10:00am till 4:30pm

4/25/2026 (Saturday) 5th Annual East Brunswick Kite Festival, Location is the East Brunswick Community Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick, NJ We will most likely be building kites as we have been in the past!! Help is always appreciated both building and flying kites... Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 or Elayne Risley 2017risley@gmail.com

4/26/2026 (Sunday) Beat Ben Franklin Fun Run, East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. Event starts at 10am. All types of events are taking place and SJKF will be doing demos.

4/24/26 - 4/26/26 Maryland International Kite Exposition In Ocean City, Maryland. On the beach between 4th thru 6th Streets Maryland International Kite Exposition | The Kite Loft contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

5/16/2026 (Saturday) Bug Light Non-Festival Fun Fly at Bug Light Park. We just show up and have a fun fly, and it seems to be much more relaxed. Bring your chairs and snacks and your kites. The BIG STUFF is welcome. We start around the 10-11am. Rain Date is Sunday the 17th.

5/17/2026 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBROTo9>.

5/22/2026-5/25/2026 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 famous SJKF Friday Night Social!!!!

6/12/2026 -6/13/2026 the 44th Annual Rogallo Kite Festival / Outer Banks Rogallo Kite Festival – Jockey's Ridge State Park. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Francis Rogallo was a NASA scientist and inventor of the flexible wing. His inventions started

the sport of hang gliding, and his designs have carried over into the development of stunt kites, power kites, and hang gliders that are flown today. We invite you to join us and fly to celebrate Francis Rogallo and his many accomplishments. Kitty Hawk Kites and friends will be displaying amazing 30 – 100 ft kites on top of Jockey's Ridge State Park. Join us and fly a kite of your own, take part in FREE walk-up stunt kite lessons, kite coloring for kids of all ages, or just sit back, relax and enjoy the spectacular kites as they fly in the sky.

6/13/2026 (Saturday) Honoring Hank's Kites at Bug Light Park. This is the day that we fill the sky with memories of Hank. Bring anything you have from Hanks' collection or fly your own stuff, it's all good. Start time is around the 10-11am time frame. The rain date will be Sunday the 14th.

7/12/2026 (2nd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBROTo9>.

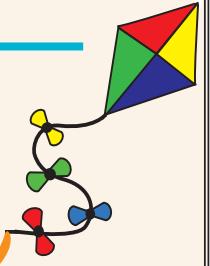
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7/17/2026 – 7/18/2026 48th Annual Wright Kite Festival at Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills, NC 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Price: \$10 Park Entrance Fee. Join Kitty Hawk Kites and the Wright Brothers National Memorial as we celebrate the legacy of aviation and the joy of kite flying at the 48th Annual Wright Kite Festival!

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8/15/2026 SJKF Summer BBQ at the Dallmer's Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa. 19111 Time: 11am - 5pm or until all the kites are catalogued.

8/15/2026 (Saturday) Vintage Kite Fly at Bug Light Park, S. Portland, ME. This fly is intended for all your older structures that otherwise see little to no flight time. Closet-and-garage-bound kites can rejoice. Any historic stuff is especially welcome even if it doesn't fly, because we all love a good show. Start time is around the 10-11am time frame. Rain date is Sunday the 16th. KONE

9/6/2026 Labor Day

9/11/2026 – 9/13/2026 Another World Music Festival

9/11/2026 -9/12/2026 Outer Banks Kite Festival – Jockey's Ridge State Park, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Location: Jockey's Ridge State Park, NC

9/12/2026 (Saturday) Capriccio Festival of Kites 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Ogunquit Main Beach, 115 Beach St, Ogunquit, Maine. KONE

9/17/26 – 9/20/2026 "King of the Wind" Ocean City Kite Festival" (Sunfest) - In Ocean City, Maryland. On the beach between 4th thru 6th Streets "King of the Wind" Ocean City Kite Festival | The Kite Loft contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

9/27/2026 32nd SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. At the Dallmer home, 306 Friendship St, Phila, PA. Starts around noon, Kitefliers time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once-a-year SJKF auction.

10/3/2026 (Saturday) Apple Fly at Romac Orchard in Acton, Maine.

This traditional fly on the side of Goat Hill is an opportunity to get your apple fix, while at the same time being afforded the opportunity to fly a kite on the side of an 800-foot hill. Even if the wind doesn't cooperate, you have the opportunity of going home with the fixings for apple pie or apple crisp - yummy. There will be hayrides, Storytime under the tent, a corn maze, and there is a hiking trail up the hill. Kites Over, New England - KONE

One Sky One World, October 11

10/09/2026 – 10/10/2026 LBI FLY Invitational Kite Festival.

Contact Debra Bowlby, Organizer @ djbowlby@me.com - More information coming soon.

10/12/2026 to 10/17/2026 AKA Convention, Muncie, Indiana

10/15/2026 Deadline for Windwriter articles. Send to Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

11/1/2026 The 41st 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 at cdallmer@verizon.net or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 215-722-4092 Remember, bribes are accepted.

11/2026 (tbd Saturday) KONE Fly at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire.

The flying area is expansive, and the tidal flow doesn't get in the way of flying. There is a heated

bathroom building on the edge of the sand. There are a few places for obtaining coffee or food if you don't mind walking a little way. If it's a chilly day the answer is to wear layers. If the wind is blowing from any of the westerly quadrants the launching process can be somewhat challenging but once above any building turbulence things tend to smooth out. It's a beach, so there could be some blowing sand if the wind is vigorous. In November parking is free and there are usually plenty of open spaces along the roadway to slide into. KONE

11/15/2026 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm.

Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBROQToQ>

11/28/2026 Kites with Lights – Jockey's Ridge State Park. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Times 4:00 - 7:00 PM Jockey's Ridge State Park

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.

Got an event that you want listed, send it: Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 19111



2025 Holiday Party

Photo's From The 2025 SJKF Holiday Party





Membership Application

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

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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	_____
Canada, Mexico and Overseas	\$60	\$118	\$176	_____
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)

Referred by _____

Local kite club **SJKF**

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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: _____



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

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