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MAKERS FAIRE

KITES PRESENTED BY BEN HUGGETT

Cel and I had the pleasure of visiting Ben at his booth at the Philadelphia Makers Faire on Sunday, April 6, 2025. I had never been to one before and this turned out to be remarkably interesting.

When we arrived around noon, Ben had already had things set up and was in full swing as a representative of the AKA and

SJKF. His booth was full of interesting kites from his collection, most on display he had made, which fell right under his subject **"Learn about Kitebuilding with the AKA."** From my observations, Ben is a fabulous and valuable person in our hobby, Kite flying, he knows history, fabrics, thread, rods, and building. I cannot say enough about him.

For the two hours we were there, many people stopped by and asked questions which Ben always had answers to, I even helped at times pushing SJKF. He is such a good steward of the kite world as he continued to tell people who stopped by about events happening in our area, especially the Penn Treaty Park and Wildwoods International Kite Festivals.

- MIKE DALLMER

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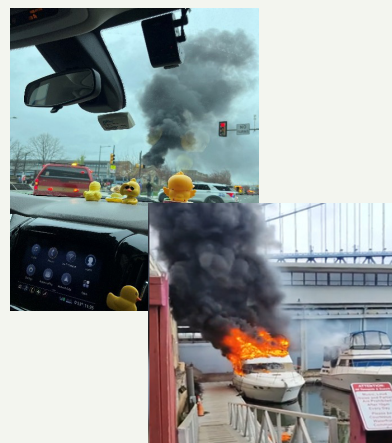


We look forward to meeting seeing these people again.

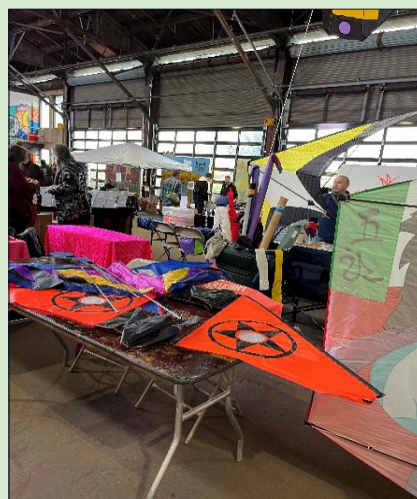
Unfortunately we ran a little late. But here is the reason why. When we got close, a boat was on fire right next to the Cherry Street Pier where the event was taking place!! We passed the place once before the fire crew arrived and by the time we got turned around, we couldn't get close to the pier. We ended up parking at Peens Landing and walking the ¾ of a mile to the Makers Faire. Of course, when we arrived, the whole pier was evacuated because of the fire, and we joined Ben and John Pittman outside. WHAT EXCITEMENT.

Donna and Mel also tried to attend but because of the fire, they when home.

All in all, it was an enjoyable day, the Makers Faire was fun, Cel and I enjoyed it.



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MAKERS FAIRE, PA

NEED A DUCK THING?

I recently got 2 new duck things, not like I don't have enough. The mug, Cel surprised me with and the shirt was aquired from Five and Below but the wave sold it!!!



SAFETY

REPORTED BY VARIOUS PEOPLE BUT TAKEN OFF FACEBOOK.
PUT TOGETHER AND COMMENTED ON BY MIKE DALLMER

I saw these posts on Facebook and it made me think, are we becoming complacent flying kites, especially large kites and wind objects. I know we all try to be vigilant when we fly kites but let us think about safety again. Here are a few pointers:

- 1) Field Safety- try to keep the uniformed at a safe distance from dangerous situations. It is tempting for a lot of people to see how it works but it is our duty to make sure they do it safely.
- 2) Anchoring- make sure you are anchored correctly and check those anchors often during the day.
- 3) Lines- check your flying lines to make sure they are in good shape, not only will you be protecting your investment but you will also be protecting the public.
- 4) Never, let me repeat never leave your kite/kites unattended. I know they are flying steady but it only takes a second for things to go from good to bad.
- 5) The show doesn't have to always go on! If conditions are questionable, please error on the side of caution. Yes, that large duck looks good but what if that storm on the horizon approaches faster than you thought and gusts and shifts hit?
- 6) Lines again- we fly on strong lines and a line wrapped around a finger or ear will easily win, please be careful and diligent in watching you stuff.
- 7) Launching- make sure that if your flying line is laid out on the ground that no one is straddling it or standing near it. Sometimes the kite does not go straight up but sweeps the ground. It the kite takes more than one person to launch assign one person on line safety, it will be there responsibility to make sure all is clear.

I have been guilty of all these so please don't consider this a lecture, it is meant to be informative. A source on more information on kite flying safety is <http://www.gombergkites.com/faq/faq-s.html> The article is by Peter Lynn and written in 1997 about large kites but it is useful for all kites and though old still applies today!

I also got this at <https://www.gombergkites.com/nkm/safety.html> but think we all need to read this at least once:

KITE SAFETY

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Whether you are flying alone or in a busy park, 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.

Consideration of Others

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

Reducing risks

- Kite lines conduct electricity so do not fly near overhead power lines
- For the same reason do not fly in electrical storms
- 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.

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EMPTY PLACE IN THE SKY



CAROL MINGERAM

Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, I hate to say this but long time SJKF member, Carol Mingeram, passed away on August 27, 2025.

Rick and Carol were members of SJKF from 9/2003 till her passing. Rick and Carol often attended meeting in their early days of SJKF Membership lately, the only time we saw them was at the Wildwoods International Kite Festival where they helped with the Friday Night Social and Rick ran the silent auction often with Carol at his side. Recently they have split their time between Wildwood, where they had a house and there home in Ringwood, NJ.

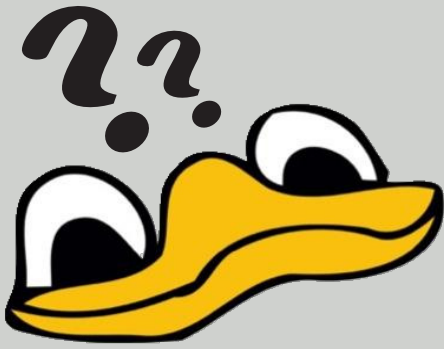
Carol and Rick were inseparable and from what I have seen were the perfect couple if not that, they were an excellent example what everyone hopes for.

Mat Carol, who has influenced many, rest in peace and say a prayer or whatever you do for Rick and her family.

SJKF *Notables*

BY MIKE DALLMER

- 10/1/1994 SJKF was founded in Wildwood.
- 4/19/1998 SJKF By-laws passed.
- SJKF's 1st auction raised \$444.00.
- January 1998, Russ and Pat Mozier find the Mullica Hill Library for SJKF meetings for June July and August (Sunday hours not avail.)
- 2/8/1998 First Meeting at Mullica Hill Library
- 5/26/2001 SJKF Mother Kite Makes its debut.
- March 2004, it is announced that you can now receive WindWriters electronically saving SJKF funds for printing and mailing the newsletter.
- March 2004: the first increase in dues was announced, dues went from \$10 to \$15 for an individual and \$15 to \$20 for a family.
- Feb 2004; SJKF low on funds a raffle was established raffling of a "kite festival in a bag."
 - Ron Jakubowicz was hopeful we would sell all 500 tickets before our anniversary bash in October. Tickets are \$5.00, with one lucky winner taking everything, an estimated value of the items is over \$2,000.00.
- 2004 Holiday Party; 432 were sold for a total of \$2,160.00. Winner was Darren Weider of RI.
- 2006 SJKF is AKA Kite Club of the Year!
- Sept. 2007: All memberships expire on 10/1.
- An Empty Place in the Sky - Scott E. Spencer 07/02/1959 – 11/18/2008
- 2011 was the first Holiday Party at Randi's Restaurant and Bar.
- Innaugral Long Beach Island Kite Festival planned for from 10/9/15 – 10/12/15.
- 1st Flying Pig award given to Cel Dallmer.
- 11/15/2019, SJKF breaks \$10,000.00 in our treasury!!!
- 3/8/2020 COVID shut everything down!!!
- 5/11/2020 Our first Zoom meeting, we have learned to love them! Thanks Rich!!
- 2020 Anniversary Bash CANCELED, ZOOM meeting held in its place. Even the AKA Convention in Ocean City, MD was canceled.
- 12/6/2020 Holiday Party Canceled
- 5/2021 Jack Benny makes his first public showing at Wildwoods.
- September 2021, SJKF Treasury is over \$17,000.00. AMAZING!
- 2021 SJKF is AKA Kite Club of the Year, AGAIN!
- 8/2023, the First Summer BBQ at the Dallmers to prep for the Anniversary Bash.
- 10/2023, the SJKF EZUPs make their debut, EZUP were \$5,336.9



Presidential Ponderings & Duck Droppings

BY MIKE DALLMER
SJKF PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT REPORT

STATE OF SJKF CLUB

As reported by our Treasurer, Cel Dallmer, our starting Balance as of February 28, 2025, there was \$7479.99, as of February 28, 2025, there was \$4,491.29 in the bank and \$1,462.00 in cash for a total of \$5,953.29. This is not too bad considering we ordered and paid for 2,000 kite kits and all the necessary supplies needed to complete them.

A huge thank you to those who work behind the scenes to get them pre-assembled for the workshops, Mel Morgan who from what I understand does the bulk of them, Donna, Mel's sidekick in this endeavor and of course Cel, who builds and organizes the pre-build of the kite kits, THANK YOU GUYS!!

Our membership is holding steady right at 99.

Hello Kite Flyers, please stay vigilant as Covid and measles cases are still present. Despite it being spring according to the calendar, there are frost warnings tonight, April 16. Let's hope this is the last of the wintry weather and spring can truly begin.

My back problems hopefully in the next few weeks will finally be solved by putting a few nerves to sleep.

Devil Ball Workshop: Thank you, Paul (and Tina), for making this possible and thank you again Paul for showing up at the April Workshop to help those who attend finished their devil balls. Nineteen SJKF Members were at the initial workshop and the second one had 6 members attending to finish their Devils. In the end, 35 Devil Ball Kits were distributed, one each free to the members, the rest were sold. I expect to see these at an event right next to the Red, White, and Blue Beach Balls that Kevin instructed us in. Stay tuned for next year's workshop(s), I have an idea already, but I am a bit fuzzy on it.



Kathy Bialuk (right) and Donna McGee and Melanie Morgan (left) at the Devil Ball Workshop

The Wildwoods International Kite Festival is fast approaching, and this year's event is looking like another great time. Rumor has it that there are going to be a few new attendees whose kites we haven't had the pleasure of seeing yet. Then there

are the other things to attend during the 4-day event, the opening of the beach/ocean by elected officials, the Friday Night Social put on by SJKF (if you would like to donate food, please let cdallmer@verizon.net know), the night fly, day fly, Scott E Spencer Kite Makers Competition, Kite Auction, Kite Sales Tent, Friends, Fellow Kite Flyers, and everything else. This event is a must-see! The dates are May 23 -26, 2025.



Regional Director: Have you heard the AKA Region 2 has a new Regional Director, our very own Ben Huggett!! Ben wears many hats, and I think he will do a fantastic job as our representative. Wish Ben the best of luck.

On May 10, 2025 we also have an oldy but goody coming back!! We will be at the 8th Annual Philadelphia Kite Fly and Food Truck Fair at Penn Treaty Park from noon till 5pm. We will be building kites there and can always use help because previously the kite building had been terribly busy.

Children's Kite Making, if you don't know already, is one of the major fundraising efforts of SJKF. This, along with our Anniversary Bash Auction, 9/14/2025 (2nd Sunday),

EMPTY PLACE IN THE SKY

PATRICIA PUGLISI



It is with heavy heart that I was informed that Wendy's Mom, Pat, passed away Friday, 4/12/2025.

Wendy Norwitz information:
wnhockey@yahoo.com
 1515 Snug Harbor Rd
 Shady Side, MD 20764

Pat was a proud alumnus of Northwestern HS class of 1958, a lifelong Washington Redskin fan especially (Sonny J. #9) Pat absolutely loved the East Coast waters; from the Chesapeake Bay, to Ocean City, MD and down through Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Pat was a proud descendent of the donators of the land and original "keepers" of the famous, Cape Lookout Lighthouse in North Carolina.

Pat was an avid reader and collector of cookbooks, wine, Redskin memorabilia, snow globes and lighthouses.

Throughout her amazing life Pat enjoyed several careers which began with working as the switchboard operator at family owned Fulford's Colony / Appliances and as a childcare provider and private seamstress while her children were growing up. Pat also served as a secretary for several different

PRESIDENT REPORT CONTINUED



supplies most of our funding for the year. The kite building is a fun event, but Cel, Donna, Mel and Nancy could always use help, especially if a large crowd is expected to attend. The events that come to mind are: East Brunswick Kite Festival, Philadelphia Kite Fly and Food Truck Fair at Penn Treaty Park, and the LBI Invitational Kite Festival which is a 2-day event.

SJKF Calendar, I could really use someone's help as I am still looking for a volunteer to enter our events on the AKA Website. 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.

Check us out on Facebook, South Jersey Kite Flyers 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!

companies involved in the rapidly emerging computer industry. Pat along with her daughter Wendy, owned and operated the Artistic Needle, a small stitching/needle- point shop loved by many. In her spare time, Pat was a successful chicken farmer on MDs eastern shore. Pat also volunteered her time and energy to the community, serving as a USO dancer in her youth, as a volunteer at the 5th District Volunteer Fire Department in Clarksville, MD and serving on the bereavement committee at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, MD. Pat was also an enthusiastic member of her gourmet club. This kind, beautiful, generous and just plain amazing woman will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the "Foundation fighting blindness" <https://donate.fightingblindness.org/webdonation>.

EMAILS?



Not getting emails from me, please let me know as there were a few kinks in getting things transferred to my new computer!! Please email me at: mikedallmer@verizon.net





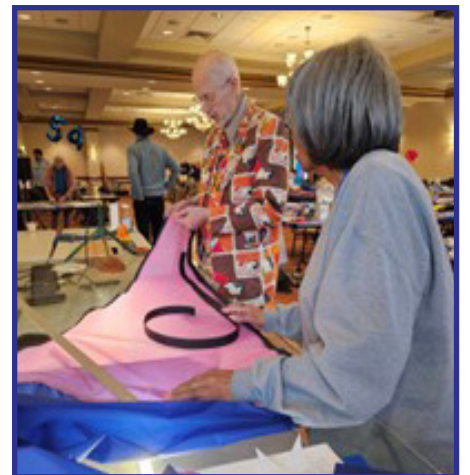
BY NANCY KRABLIN

2025 MARYLAND KITE SOCIETY WORKSHOP

President's Day weekend is the traditional meeting of the Maryland Kite Society. 2025 was the final year at Turf Valley Golf resort, where excellent facilities have seen many kites created over 15 years. Ben Huggett is the "shepherd" for MKS, thus had multiple responsibilities during the Friday PM to Monday AM workshop "weekend." He organized the 45th Sapphire Anniversary contest and created MKS Banners while the balance of the attendees worked on one of the three kite projects.



Carsten Domann, from Germany, instructed many in creating The Hunter's Fence. Jon Trennepohl instructed making The Tumbling Box and Mike Mosman ... consistent contributor to MKS and many other workshops ... guided the construction of his interpretation of Mike Dertien's version of Martin Powell's High Aspect Ratio Delta. Mike and Harold Ames also assisted new kite makers in the finer points of sewing machines and dealing with kite fabrics. Adam Grow provided much insight into fabrics, part of his series- Sew What?



Karen Burkhardt and Adrienne Balmer again efficiently managed registration while Tanna and Glen Haynes with Adrienne received auction donations. Cathy Mosman again set up and managed a large bag raffle. Phil Broder provided materials from his traveling kite shop throughout the weekend.

This year several of the participants experienced making their very first kite... and at least one learned to use a new sewing machine! There were several "work-shoppers" under 30! Saturday's delicious dinner was served in a lobby just outside our workspace at Turf Valley.

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2025 was MKS Sapphire Anniversary. The banquet was "sapphire adorned"- lots of vibrant blues accented both tables and club members! Vibrant ant blues accented both tables and club members!

The bag raffle drawing and auction followed the Sapphire Banquet. Over 250 items were presented in the loud auction and Cathy pulled tickets from over 100 bags at intervals throughout the evening. The 2025 MKS Sapphire Auction raised \$5,910. Much gratitude to Tanna, Glenn, Adrienne, and Cathy and to all who donated items to make this possible!

At about 5 PM Saturday. . .the room went dark, machines stopped humming, and conversations changed focus! The Chinese Carry in dinner was enjoyed in a room that had emergency power instead of among the worktables. Lots of tales . . . real and "tall" were shared, laughter erupted, new friends made, and old acquaintances refreshed as projects were by circumstance sitting unchanged on worktables! When the lights came on at about 10 PM, a few may have done some sewing, but most of us concluded there were too many errors to be made at that late hour and moved upstairs to enjoy a long night's sleep.

Monday morning Carsten was at project tables bright and early, helping folks like us who REALLY wanted to leave the workshop with a completed kite! (I had looked at the video . . . concluding that if Larry and I worked on one kite JOINTLY there was some hope of finishing . . . ever so much better than returning to PA with two incomplete projects! With Carsten's outstanding guidance, we only had tails to finish in Downingtown.) There was no time for a "Hunter's Fence" photo, but we flew ours with Cassie Shook and Dave Rike in Corolla the end of March!

Mike invited us to visit their new home on our way out of the area. He supervised the construction of a truly visionary, unique home for the Mosman's! He and Cathy both have spacious workrooms; light pours into the fluid living spaces and nature welcomes outside every window. Many thanks for sharing this amazing home with those who attended MKS 2025!

The MKS Retreat will be at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville, MD in 2026. Details on the MKS website and Facebook page in the future. Hope to join the creative MKS crowd again next year!

ANNUAL "GIVE BACK" WORKSHOP

- NANCY KRABLIN

- Saturday April 12, SJKE held our Annual "Give Back" at Gloucester County Library. Cel and Mel helped 22 kids make sled kites on a cold and rainy Saturday- PERFECT for flying kites inside! The club had both meeting rooms with the divider wall open, so there was plenty of space for the delighted kids to run circles around the craft tables!



the first done with his second of two bouncers in original colors!

- Before the afternoon workshop, Cel and Mel assembled more kits, rolled into slap bracelets, in preparation for future kite making events. The club used our entire inventory of well over 600 kits at Long Beach Island last October! Cel, Mel and Donna will make sure we are prepared for an even larger beach workshop next fall!

- Lots of Devil bouncers are ready to add humor and color to future festivals!

- The balance of the day's returning attendees- Larry and Nancy, Ben, Walter, Kevin and Mike- were assisted by Paul Keeler, who very generously agreed to return to Mullica Hills from Bethlehem to complete the Devil Ball Beach Bouncer projects from our last workshop at the library.



- Deb and Tim stopped in with their granddaughter to check on our progress, share a few of their winter's adventures and wish us well!
- Thanks to Paul's experienced advice and patience. Everyone finished their projects. Ben, of course, was



PHOTOS BY MIKE DALLMER



KITE SAFETY

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Limitations of Self and Equipment

- 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 kite anchors are strong and secure enough to hold your kite
- Be wary of attaching hard items to kite line - think of what would happen if the line breaks or is cut by another kite
- At some point your skills, strength or equipment will fail you, try to fail SAFE!

Five-year-old accidentally lifted into the sky by massive kite, dies from 20-meter fall

By **Hai Nam**, Thanh Nien News

HO CHI MINH CITY - Monday, March 16, 2015 07:00 Email Print

A five-year-old boy died falling from a giant kite flying some 20 meters in the air after his legs accidentally got entangled in the kite strings at a field in Ho Chi Minh City on Sunday. The boy, Van Minh Dat, followed his mother, who sold drinks to kite flyers and spectators, to the Dong Dieu kite field in Hoc Mon District at around 4 p.m. According to Dat's aunt, who witnessed the accident, the giant kite, which spans around 15 meters, was being launched by a members of the Saigon Kite Club. The kite fell to the ground a couple of times as they were struggling to pull it up in the air due to unstable breeze. In one such falls it knocked down a table and some chairs near the drinks stall of Dat's mother, the witness said. Dat may have come near the kite to pick up some fallen soft drink bottles and gotten trapped in the kite lines. Strong winds flew the kite up right at that time, she said. The aunt said she rushed to pull him down but in vain since the kite soared so fast. The kite was about 20 meters in the sky when one or several strings snapped. Dat tried to grab on to another line but failed, and fell to the ground. The boy was rushed to hospital but he succumbed to his injuries soon afterwards. According to eyewitnesses, the entire accident took place in just around 30 seconds. The members of the Saigon Kite Club, which owned the kite, said they were practicing for an upcoming kite festival in the beach city of Vung Tau. A kite-flyer of another club told Thanh Nien there were some people tasked with preventing children from approaching the kites but somehow they did not notice Dat. Authorities are still investigating.

Kite festival horror as child is dragged 65ft up to sky before falling to his death

•13:43, 16 March 2015

•By Gareth Roberts

•The tragic accident happened on Sunday in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, when five-year-old Van Minh Dat's legs were caught in the ropes of the kite. He initially survived the shocking fall but later died in hospital from his injuries.

Footage shot on a mobile phone shows the moment terrified spectators realize the boy has been carried up with the kite.

The clip then shows him plummeting back down to the ground - but we have chosen to edit this section out.

The boy's parents reportedly sell beverages to kite fliers and members of the public in the Dong Dieu area in Hoc Mon District.

Live Leak

Tragic: Van Minh Dat plunges from the kite after he became wrapped up in its ropes

This is an area where people often fly kites of various colours and sizes, regularly attracting a lot of spectators, including children.

At about 4pm, Dat was standing next to a huge red kite that was about to be flown by the Saigon Kite Club in preparation for a kite festival.

While a group of people were trying to fly the kite, which has a wingspan of 59ft, Dat



<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/world/boy-5-dies-after-falling-from-giant-kite-in-ho-chi-minh-city-vietnam-20150317-1m0pme.html>



had managed to get under the kite's wing without anyone noticing, according to the Ngami Lao Dong newspaper. Stunned onlookers dashed to pull the kite back down as it took off but failed to rescue the boy, the newspaper said.

3rd North Jersey Spring Warm-up Indoor Kite Event - MARCH 1, 2025



-By Doug Stout



The 3rd North Jersey Spring Warm-up Indoor Kite Event was held on March 1, 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm, and sponsored by the South Jersey Kite Flyers and Falcon Aero Designs LLC. This event was held in the Byram Lakes School Café, which is a cafeteria and auditorium with a stage. The school is located in Byram Township, in the beautiful rolling hills of Sussex County, NJ, just north of Exit 25 on Interstate Route 80. Kite flyers came from around the tristate area, from New York, eastern Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. We were blessed to have 12 kite family members and about 30 Byram Township family members attend this event.

Mike, Ceil, Donna, and Melanie of our club did a fantastic job in managed the kite building and flying for the attending children, while Michael Stuligross and I help the attendees fly ultra-light indoor kites. The children had a fabulous time building and flying their kites indoors,

and the smiles on their faces were priceless. I was truly fortunate to have my daughter, Christina Wyka, son-in-law, Tom Wyka, and my two granddaughters, Izzabella (Izzy) and Evalyn (Evie) attend and experience building and flying kites indoors. A representative of our local paper, Township Journal, attended the event and took several pictures that were used in their paper. One of those pictures made the front page, with my granddaughter, Izzabella Wyka, flying the SJKF kite she built.

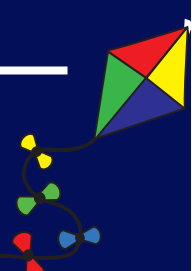
I provided a selection of my ultra-light kite designs for others to fly. My Hawk 24 and triple stack of AeroDiamond 12s tethered to a 10 foot pole were a big hit. In the afternoon, Michael Stuligross and I were able to develop their new indoor single line kite routines for an upcoming virtual kite festival on April 5, 2025. We were able to record Michael's routine for that virtual kite festival.

Kite flyer family members that attended were: Douglas Stout, Michael Stuligross, Mike Dallmer, Ceil Dallmer, Donna McGee, Melanie Morgan, Rick Mingeram, Troy Krieder, Carrie Krieder, Haddie Krieder, Jeff Wallace, and Neredia Aviles. I provided the sound system, with music streaming throughout the day. Thank you to South Jersey Kite Flyers for funding the cost of using the room for this event. Thank you to Donna McGee for the great donuts. Thank you to Falcon Aero Designs LLC for the pizza lunch and water. Thank you to the Byram Township Board of Education for allowing us use of this room for the kite event, and for my use of the school to practice indoors since January 2017. In closing, thank you to all the kite flyers and families who came and made this event a remarkable success! Looking forward to planning, hosting and running this event again in the future.



2025 Calendar of Events

south jersey kite flyers club



5/10/2025 (Saturday) 8th Annual Phila Kite Fly and Food Truck Fair at Penn Treaty Park. Noon till 5. No Rain Date SJKF Will be building kites at this event and can always use help with that. For more information contact Mike Dallmer at mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092

5/17/2025 Bug Light Kite Non-Festival Fun Fly, South Portland ME. KONE Event

5/18/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite): <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhnbUNyUEFBROTog>

5/18/2025; 1-4 pm - Camp Hill Fly; Fiala Field, Camp Hill, PA. New this year, a kite decorating competition from 2-3pm.

5/23 – 26/2025 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!!!!

5/25/2025 Memorial Day Kite Fly, South Portland ME
KONE Event

6/6–7/2025 Rogallo Kite Festival, Kitty Hawk Kites
www.kittyhawk.com, Contact Caitlin Skapars 252-305-5561 or events@kittyhawk.com

6/14/2025 Hank's Kites & Critters, South Portland ME.
KONE Event

6/15/2025 Father's Day

6/21/2025 Rock the Beach, Nahant, MA. KONE Event

6/21/2025 Need a Dels @ Colt Park, Bristol, RI. KONE Event

7/4/2025 White & Blue Kite Fly, South Portland, ME.
KONE Event

7/12 – 13/2025 Newport Kite Festival, Newport, RI.
KONE Event

7/13/2025 (2nd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhnbUNyUEFBROTog>

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

7/18 –19/2025 Wright Kite Festival, Kitty Hawk Kites
www.kittyhawk.com, Contact Caitlin Skapars 252-305-5561 or events@kittyhawk.com

7/19/2025 Birthday Kite Fly, South Portland, ME
KONE Event

7/20/2025 Summer Kite Party at Sam Lewis State Park near York, PA. Kite Hill overlooking

the Susquehanna is all ours for the day. The BBQ will be lit, bring your kites and your picnic, and come out for a fun day.

8/3/2025 Kite Day at Apex Orchard, 11AM till 2PM, 225 Peckville Rd, Shelburne Falls, MA. KONE Event

8/16/2025 Vintage Kite Fly, South Portland, ME. KONE Event

8/17/2025 (Sunday) 18th Annual Elliot's Legacy Kites for a Cure Time: 4-7pm, Location at the Conover Pavilion, located onsite at the Deal Casino Beach Club

8/30/2025 SJKF Summer BBQ at the Dallmer's Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa. 19111 Time: 11am -5pm or until all the kites are catalogued.

9/12 – 14/2025 Kites at Another World Music Festival in Woodward, PA. Stay tuned for details about how we're adding kites to this outdoor music fest on a big farm not far from State College. Keystone Kites

9/13 – 14/2025 OBX Kite Festival, Kitty Hawk Kites
www.kittyhawk.com, Contact Caitlin Skapars 252-305-5561 or events@kittyhawk.com

9/14/2025 (2nd Sunday) 31st SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. At the Dallmer Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila, Pa 19111. Festivities start

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around noon, Kitefliers time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once-a-year SJKF auction.

9/18 –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

9/29/2025 – 10/4/2025 46th Annual AKA Convention in Niagara Falls, NY

10/10 – 11/2025 LBI Invitational Kite Festival.
.. Stay, tuned for more information.

10/15/2025 Deadline for submission of articles for 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.

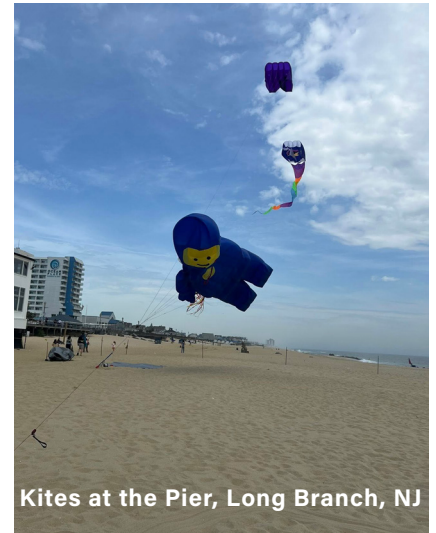
11/16/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password

(kite) as before:

<https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy8oUUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBROTo9>

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



Kites at the Pier, Long Branch, NJ



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Kite Flying Returns to Penn Treaty Park!

Kite flying returns to Penn Treaty Park for the first time since 2019. A challenging site for everyone except the kids. (posted by Ben Huggett of SJKF).



Ben Huggett is at Penn Treaty Park - May 10, 2025

An original, full size Raptor Delta signed by Joel Scholz, and I put it in a tree. Fly'em like you stole them.



BUILDING COMMUNITY – ONE KITE AT A TIME!

**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	_____
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**Join online at www.kite.org

Send this form with your payment to:

American Kitefliers Association

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 ☐ RenewalMembership 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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