



The 38th Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off (OABTIIOPBCKFABO)

By Mike Dallmer



WOW, what a beautiful day!!! Sunny, some winds, good friends, a fun time and warm for November 5, 2023. Did you ever wonder

why we use the change to Daylight Savings Time instead of a December date, the warmth is the main reason!! It was so nice that there was no need to wrap the Pavilion in a tarp or plastic, we just went for it.

This year many SJKE members and Glenn Pedro showed up. SJKE members that were there were: Cel and I (head Judges), Cathy Bialuk, Peggy and George Foster, Debbie and Tom Smith, Debra and Trip Bowlby, Rich Cairncross, Howard Lamhut (Our Photographer) and Andy Selzer!

The baked goods, which must have peanut butter in them, this year were really hard to pick a winner from as all entries were delicious. However after much debate winners were chosen with Rich coming in 1st, Debbie was 2nd and Cathy third.

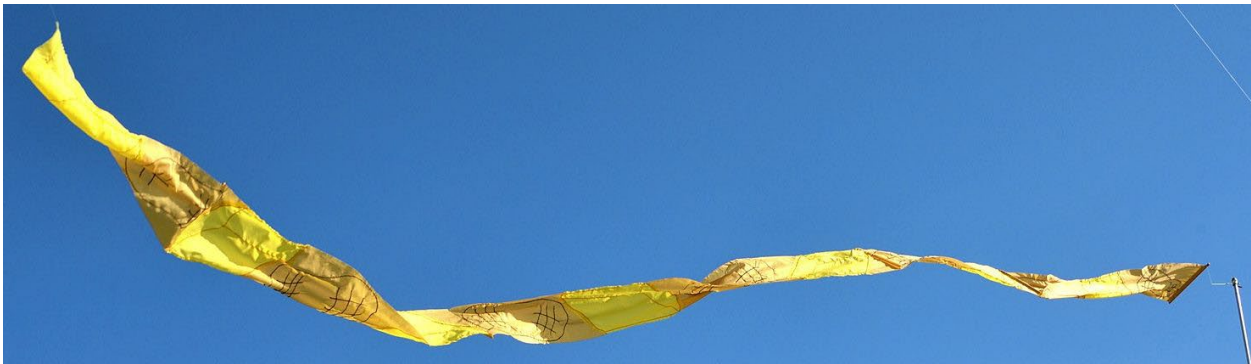
The winners were awarded a jar of peanut butter, as an encouragement for next year's event which just happens to be on November 3, 2024, The 39th Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off.



Baked Goods Winners 2023



Next there was the kite or kite related item based on Peanuts or Peanut Butter Theme which this year only had 3 entries. There was a first time entry by George who made a Peanut theme tail/banner.

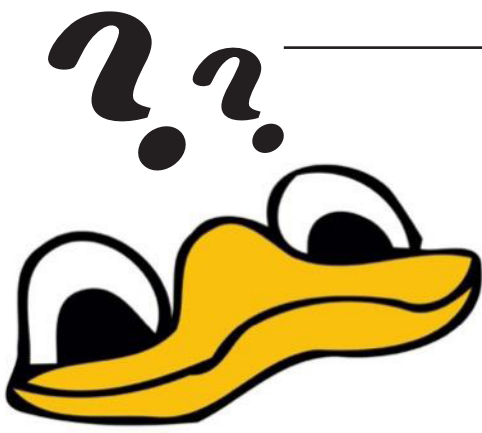


2nd Place was Rich with his very creative Winder

3rd place to Debbie for her peanut Drum Box



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Presidential Ponderings & Duck Droppings

By Mike Dallmer

Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, here we go again, after 700+ days our area was hit with back-to-back snowstorms and people forgot how to drive in the white stuff, so please be careful out there. Also we are getting hit again but this time there are three things out to get us: Covid, RSV and the flu. Personally Ken and 3 grandkids had Covid but they are all ok now. I am finally able to use my right arm but not 100%, it is getting there, yippee!!



State of SJKF, as of December 31, 2023, we had \$10,645.00. in our Treasury, this after paying for the 2 E-ZUPs and the Holiday Party, not bad if you ask me. As of January 25, 2024 we have 102 members, the highest number of members since October 2010 when to go to the SJKF Social at Wildwoods you had to be a member to participate in the social. SJKF is still in good shape, especially with the 102 members.

Holiday Party: was a great success with 40 members in attendance and the entire party only costing SJKF Club \$1,807.00.

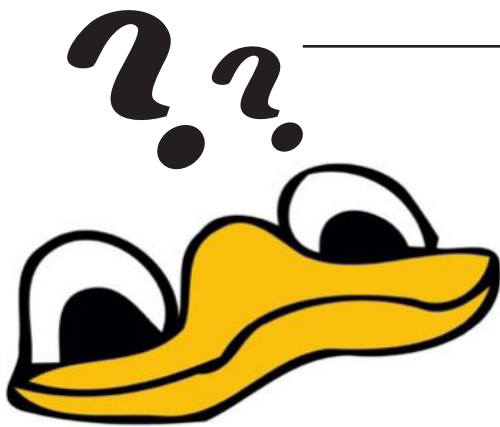
Workshops: SJKF is planning two SJKF Workshops this year, February 24, 2024, and April 13, 2024.

1) February 24, 2024: We will be building a new SJKF Large Banner and a Banner celebrating our 30th Anniversary. Anyone who wishes to work on this club project is welcome. You will also have the opportunity to build your very own SJKF Personal Banner. The kits are free but limited. You must sign up for this workshop. Ben will be hosting it but I will be organizing it so make your reservations by contacting me, mikedallmer@verizon.net. Deadline for registration has passed, but if still interested, please contact Mike Dallmer...he might have taken his happy pills that day and will let you in. Also, when registering, please let him know what you are working on.

2) April 13, 2024: 2nd SJKF Workshop of 2024, subject to be determined.

Location and times for both workshops: Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information. SJKF will be providing lunches for both workshops.

March 16, 2024 (Saturday) will be the 2nd 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.



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WindWriters: will now be published four times a year in the months of January, April, July and October. This was voted on at the Anniversary Bash in September. Why, it is getting harder to get contributors to write

articles. We have 102 members with a lot of information and experiences out there (year round!), so please show your support as a member by contributing to this newsletter. It can be informative, a happy thought about a flying experience, creating something spectacular, sharing plans, helpful sewing hints or perhaps sharing your flying expertise on the field but here in the newsletter. . . afterall, you have got to be tired of reading what I have to say!!

Elections: Thank you everyone who took the time to vote in our elections! Fifty-four Ballots with 102 possible votes were sent out, 27 returned. There were no write-in votes.

Results:

President: Mike Dallmer- 54 votes

Vice President: Ben Huggett – 54 votes

Director at Large: Richard Cairncross – 54 votes

Sky Festivals Production is looking for someone to take over the Wildwoods International Kite Festival Auction!! The Dallmers are retiring and are willing to train someone this year.

Our Calendar: I have tried to add all events I could find in our calendar, these events are mostly SJKF but there are Kites Over New England Events along with Kitty Hawk Kite Events. If you know of any events, please send them to me so we can add them to our list.

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.

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

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

From the President . . . *Thank You!*

I would like to thank Andy for his many years of service to SJKF. This year Andy made a tough decision to let someone younger run to be on the Board, Andy isn't leaving us, he will still be here to offer and guide us. Andy is one of 2 founding members of SJKF that are still members of SJKF, the other being John Roze. Andy has served in many positions on the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary and Director at Large for a total of 26 years. Andy has contributed to SJKF in many ways, his expertise in Sport Kites and Fighter kites especially. Andy has also taught workshops both for SJKF and others. Andy has also served the AKA as Fighter Kite Chairman. Andy thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for SJKF, you only may now open your envelope!!!

Sew What?

How to Prevent Needle Gumming With Basting Tape

Credit: Salrite.com

Item # X-HT-300515

Basting tape is one of our best-selling products. It's incredibly useful for keeping fabric layers together when hemming and joining panels. As much as we love basting tape, one of the downsides to using it on your projects is that it can sometimes gum up your needle when you're sewing. This frustrating side effect shouldn't deter you from using this fantastic product. In today's blog, we're going to pass along our tips on how to prevent needle gumming when sewing with basting tape. We'll also give you our recommendations for which type of basting tape to use with various fabrics.

First, let's briefly compare and contrast our two most popular basting tapes: Basting Tape for Canvas and Basting Tape for Sailmaking & Vinyl. We'll discuss the properties of each and which applications we recommend them for.

SEAMSTICK BASTING TAPE FOR CANVAS

This is an aggressive basting tape — for a very important reason. Many marine canvas fabrics like Sunbrella® have a protective or water-resistant coating on them. This is, of course, extremely advantageous for their overall purpose as awnings, biminis and covers, but it also means that tape doesn't stick well to the canvas. The adhesive on our canvas basting tape is engineered to work itself into the fabric's fibers when pressure is applied so that the bond holds incredibly well.

SEAMSTICK BASTING TAPE FOR SAILMAKING & VINYL

We know, the name sounds very limiting. It sounds like this basting tape is only meant for sail material and vinyl. And while it is great for these materials, it can also be used for certain applications where you want a less aggressive and less sticky tape.

This basting tape is not nearly as sticky and powerful as our basting tape for canvas and upholstery. What that means is that basting tape for vinyl is great to use



with lightweight home décor fabrics. These fabrics are thinner than typical marine canvas fabrics. If you use the canvas and upholstery basting tape with such thin home fabrics, there's a very high risk of your needle gumming. Plus, with such light fabrics, you don't need the extreme holding power of canvas basting tape, so the basting tape for vinyl will still adhere well and hold your layers together perfectly, with the added benefit of not gumming up your needle.

Here is a chart comparing the two basting tapes:

As you can see in the chart above, basting tape for vinyl has far less adhesion strength than basting tape for canvas. That's why it works great for lightweight materials.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT BASTING TAPE

When should I sew through basting tape?

Sewing through basting tape adds an extra level of water resistance to your seams. Essentially, as the needle penetrates through the tape and exits the fabric, the tape is drawn up and "plugs" the stitch hole. This is useful for outdoor projects where you need ultimate water resistance. Projects like biminis, dodgers, awnings, shade sails, canopies and covers could all benefit from this technique.

The overlapping and semi flat felled seams are two of
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2024 *Calendar of Events*

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As of 2-4-2024. Please contact the people listed to make sure the event is still taking place and watch your emails for updates!

2/24/2024 SJKF Winter Workshop: Subject to be determined. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for more information

3/16/2024 (Saturday) 2nd 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

3/17/2024 (Sunday) Hampton Beach Saint Pat's Day Kite Fly. Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more info.

3/17/2024 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>

3/23/2024 Sea Life Fly, Hampton Beach State Park Hampton NH near the drawbridge. Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

3/29/2024 – 3/30/2024 Fly into Spring Easter Eggstravaganza. Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

3/29/2024 57th Annual Great Delaware Kite Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park on Good Friday, in 2024 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

3/30/2024 Blossom Kite Festival at the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington D.C. 10 AM - 4:30 PM Rain date: 4/2/23 Blossom Kite Festival - National Cherry Blossom Festival Dates are Subject to Change

3/30/2024 (Saturday) Ronnie Mazzotta Memorial Lynn / Nahant Beach March 31 rain date. Rain Date 3/31/2024 Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

3/31/2024 Easter

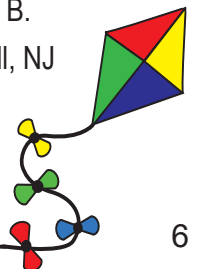
3/31/2024 Easter Day Fun Fly, Fort Williams Park Cape Elizabeth ME Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for info.

4/6/2024 – 4/7/2024 Fly into Spring in Fort Walton Beach, FL Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

4/6/2024 (Saturday) Return to the Beach, Nahant Beach Lynn MA Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

4/13/24 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 for more information.

4/13/24 (Saturday) 2nd SJKF Workshop of 2024, subject to be determined. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 for information



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4/6/2024 Creative Alliance and Friends of Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD presents BIG Baltimore Kite Festival. Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD for information: <https://creativealliance.org/event/the-big-baltimore-kite-fest-2024/>

4/14/2024 (Sunday) 3rd Annual East Brunswick Kite Festival, Location is the East Brunswick Community Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick, NJ. More information coming as soon as I receive it. Contact Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or (215) 722-4092 or Elayne Risley at 2017risley@gmail.com or (732) 651-0503

4/13/2024 (Saturday) Kite Month Fly, Colt State Park Bristol RI Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for information.

4/15/2024 Deadline for submission of articles for next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

4/20/2024 Kite at the Pier Contact Rain Date 4/21/2024 Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 /bpelton@skyfestivals.com

4/26/2024-4/28/2024 Maryland International Kite Expo on the beach in Ocean City, MD between 4th and 6th Streets <https://kiteloft.com/kite-festival/maryland-international-kite-expo/> contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

5/12/2024 Mother's Day

5/18/2024 (Saturday) Bug Light Fun Fly, Bug Light Park South Portland ME Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

5/19/2024 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>

5/24/2024 – 5/27/2024 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!!!!

6/14/2024 – 6/15/2024 Rogallo Kite Festival Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

6/15/2024 (Saturday) Hank's Critter fly Bug Light, South Portland ME Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information

6/16/2024 Father's Day

6/22/2024 (Saturday) Greg L. Celebration of Life Fly, Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester / Boston MA Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information

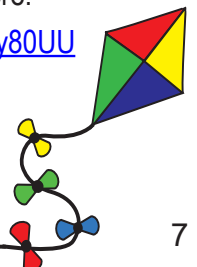
7/4/2024 RWB Fly, Bug Light South Portland ME till it gets too crowded for the fireworks. MA Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information

7/4/2024 July 4 South Portland ME, Brenton Point (traffic willing) Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

7/6/2024 – 7/7/2024 Newport Kite Festival (I'm guessing on this date, but tradition says the weekend after the 4th) Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

7/14/2024 (2nd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before:

<https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>



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7/19/2024 -7/20/2024 Wright Kite Festival Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

7/20/2024 Jackie Lamoureux is planning a Celebration of the Life of her husband Greg on Saturday, July 20 around 1:00 p.m. (definitive time forthcoming) at the Marlboro Country Club. A luncheon is a part of the celebration. No formal service and those who may wish to speak about Greg are welcome and encouraged to do so. Please bring photos, etc., that'd be great as well. If attending, could you please bring kites to line the hall of the Country Club, to be placed up against the wall.

8/10/2024 Vintage Kite Fly, Bug Light South Portland ME Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

8/17/2024 Pigs Can Fly / Potluck, Colt State Park Bristol RI Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for information.

9/7/2024 (Saturday) 23rd annual Capriccio festival Ogunquit ME Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information.

9/8/2024 – 9/14/2024 AKA 45th Annual Convention, Seaside, Oregon

9/13/2024 – 9/14/2024 Outer Banks Kite Festival Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

9/15/2024 (3rd Sunday) 30th 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

9/19/2024 – 9/22/2024 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://kite loft.com/kite-festival/sunfest-kite-festival/> contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kite loft.com

10/13/2024 One Sky One World – a sky near you

10/15/2024 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby Djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 19111

11/3/2024 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.

11/17/2024 3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: <https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZlbiZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09>

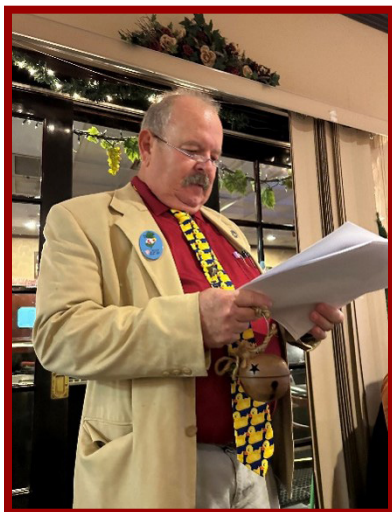
11/30/2024 Kites with Lights Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for More information 877-FLY-THIS or events@kittyhawk.com

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 or snail mail: 306 Friendship St., Philadelphia., PA 19111

SJKF Holiday Party 2023



Were you there? If not, you really missed a fun event! There are plenty of reason to attend: membership renewed if you come, you get the party free, Your President, a free gift from the club (this year was a SJKF Buff), kite friends, just friends, kite talk, kite bingo, fabulous baskets made by Donna Mc Gee, free any kind of drinks provided by SJKF, great food, a SJKF face to face meeting, Me, election results, grand prize from the baskets in the form of \$100.

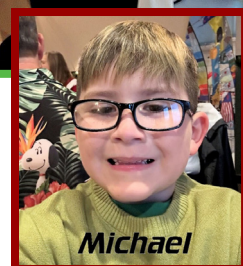


For the 13th year, the SJKF Holiday Party was held at Randi's Restaurant and Bar in Northeast Philadelphia and was attended by 41 out of 90 members. One of



Happy Winner

the funniest things that happened and not many know this, during the meeting when I was talking about the Board of Directors for 2024, I mentioned that Cel Dallmer would be continuing as our Secretary, great-grandson Michael, went over to Cel and congratulated her on her position!! At least he was listening!!!!



Michael

Most of the photos used in this article were taken by my 5-year-old great-grandson, Michael!!!

Great Kite Festivals You Say!!!!

By Sky Festivals Products/ Beatrix Pelton

Well say no more, at least two great kite festivals will once again be heading our way again in Region 2 this spring/summer!



We'd love for you to join us once again at the 8th annual Kites At The Pier (KATP) kite festival on Saturday, April 20 with a rain date of Sunday, April 21 in Long Branch, NJ. Festival hours are from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. While the beach depth isn't as wide as we'd ideally like it to be, there's plenty of space to fly. If you're interested in attending, please reach out and let me know! There's ample designated parking; restrooms aren't too far away; and plenty of options to feed your belly (and if you're a large kite

flyer, there's an additional perk here). We also gather at a local restaurant on Friday evening to break bread and engage in some wonderful camaraderie!

The other great kite festival is of course, the 38th annual Wildwoods International Kite Festival (WIKF) and always over Memorial Day weekend which this year is from Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27. As always, there are lots of wonderful activities to keep one busy throughout the weekend. A new overflow motel a short distance from the host hotel is in the works; we are working on the return of some international guests; and there just **may be**

a very nice workshop you may find intriguing to participate in. The Registration Form will be on our website within the next few weeks so be sure to check back often and you can always find the most up-to-date information on our Facebook page, "Wildwoods International Kite Festival".



There are some other wonderful kite festivals to attend so be sure to get the most out of your kite exposure time this season and hit up all of them, small or large – none of us are getting any younger and the more we can all act as kite ambassadors, the longer this absolute crazy-fun thing called kite flying will last!

the most popular seams for outdoor canvas projects. When sewing these seams, we recommend sewing through the basting tape. Marine canvas fabric like Sunbrella is inherently thicker and often more tightly woven than home décor and upholstery fabrics. The layers of canvas “clean” the needle as the needle exits the fabric assembly; therefore, the needle is less likely to gum up as with lightweight, loosely woven fabrics.

WHEN SHOULD I NOT SEW THROUGH BASTING TAPE?

The simple answer is: if you don’t need your seams to be waterproof. For most home, hobby, craft and upholstery sewing projects, you should not be sewing through the basting tape. This is especially true for projects that you sew with wrong sides together and then turn the assembly right side out (think cushions and pillows, bags, fabric toys, etc.). If you sew through the basting tape when making a cushion, and then turn the assembly right side out, the tape will be visible on the right side of the fabric.

This is where basting tape width comes into play. You always want to select a basting tape narrower than your seam allowance. When you adhere the tape, make sure you are lining it up with the very edge of your fabric. This ensures that you will most likely not sew through it when you hem and sew fabric panels together. This is why we recommend the 3/8-inch or 1/4-inch width for most upholstery projects that have a 1/2-inch seam allowance. If you’re concerned about sewing into the tape, choose the 1/4-inch-wide basting tape. It will still hold your fabric in place and you won’t have to worry about your needle sewing through the tape.



We’re using 1/4-inch basting tape to sew a pillow cover.

HOW DO I REMOVE BASTING TAPE FROM MY FABRIC?

The thing about basting tape is that it’s meant to be incredibly sticky. It’s designed to hold your fabric layers together prior to sewing — if it’s not sticky, it’s not doing its job. The downside of this, though, is that it can be very difficult to remove if you’ve accidentally placed basting tape on the right side of your project or if you can see the tape through a seam when you turn your cushion or pillow right side out.

Unfortunately, there’s no easy way to remove basting tape. After testing and using basting tape for years in our project videos, we’ve found two options for removing basting tape from woven fabric. You can use your fingers, tweezers or pliers to carefully and patiently pick away at the tape. This process can be time-consuming depending on how much tape you need to remove. The other option is to leave the tape. After time and use, the tape will collect dust and debris. It will become brittle and dry, and at that point, it is easy to pull the tape off of your fabric.

If you have basting tape stuck to your vinyl window material, we’ve had great results removing excess basting tape using 3M™ Specialty Adhesive Remover (#108984). Simply apply the adhesive remover to a clean, soft rag and then softly rub away the basting tape glue residue.

TIPS FOR SEWING WITH BASTING TAPE

1. Change your needle frequently or clean your needle with rubbing alcohol or adhesive remover.
2. To prevent needle gumming, run your needle through a bar of Ivory® soap before installing it in your sewing machine. The soap residue will help keep the tape from sticking to the needle.
3. When applying basting tape, we like to rip the tape at the edge of the fabric panel instead of cutting it off. The ripped tape edge makes it much easier to pull off the transfer paper.



Use a magnetic Lubricator Box with Sewers Aid to help eliminate sticking and rub the needle with the aid as well.



Are you a Member of the American Kiteflyers Association?

I recently asked our club through email, "how many of you are American Kiteflyers Association members and the results surprised me, out of 102 South Jersey Kite Flyers members, 40 responded that they were and then I did a little research on the web and found another 12 members of the AKA for a total of 52 AKA Members!! Not bad but we could do better. Remember, some of our events require insurance and the AKA Insurance that we get only covers those that are AKA members! To become a member of the AKA, fill out the membership application below. Thanks!

Membership Application				
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not publish my name in the Directory	
Name _____				
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City _____		State _____	Zip _____	
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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)

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Local kite club **SJKF**

Join online at www.kite.org

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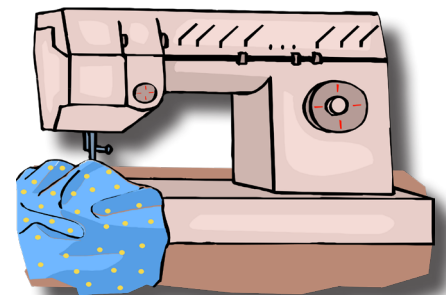
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Ronald Mazzotta – Sewing Machines for Sale as of 2/14/2024

NOTE: Retail prices may be incorrect. Selling prices are negotiable, reasonable offers accepted.

- 1 Janome New Home DC2015 - Model 809F – (used) - (List Price \$399)
<https://www.janome.com/machines/sewing/dc2015-2/> (This is the machine Ronald was using most recently)
- 2 Janome New Home - Model 8077 – (used) - (List Price \$650)
<https://www.janome.com/machines/sewing/8077/>
- 3 Two (2) Bernette - Model b05 Academy (NEW) – (List Price \$399)
<https://www.bernette.com/en-US/models/bernette-05-academy>
- 4 Pfaff Tipmatic 6122 Jeans & Satin (used) – List Price \$900
<https://brubakerssewing.com/product/pfaff-6122-heavy-duty-sewingmachinepre-owned/>
- 5 Sears Kenmore Portable – Model 9708 (used). List price \$?
- 6 Sears Kenmore - Model 158.17800 (used). List price \$175.
- 7 Necchi Q132A (NEW) – (List Price \$529)
https://www.mynecchi.com/products_detail/25.htm
- 10 Reliable Barracuda 200ZW – (used) – Heavy Duty – (List Price \$579)
<https://www.sewingmachinesplus.com/sewing-machines-reliable2000u33.php>
- 11 Elna J3210 Jeans Sewing Machine (NEW) - \$500
<https://new.elna.com/us/en/models/explore/explore-3210/>



Closeup of Rich's Winder



Adult Delicious Bribes!!



Then there were kites, some new and a old red, white and blue kite.



Olan Turner kite made by Ed Spencer.



Even Mr. Peanut Showed up!





"Those who go" know that Cel and Mike Dallmer make the SJKF Christmas Party a special, festive way to begin the holiday season! They REALLY dress for Christmas.

Cel has every table equipped with holiday pencils, bingo stampers and assorted "table swag" making SJKF's party at Randi's jolly and bright! When we must reluctantly vacate, Cel encourages us to take home the "Swag" from our table.

After 55 Christmases, we have boxes of ornaments! My Mom gave us a special one every year. Larry's creative sisters have gifted many original pieces. Our best man and wife made and mailed an ornament as their Christmas greeting for the first five years of their marriage... not to mention those purchased at Peasant Shop, Ten Thousand villages, JJ Newberry, Macy's, local hardware stores, etc. etc. Even on a 12' tree, there are usually leftovers!

Nonetheless, as I am much better at cleanup than being there early to prep... the last several years we have returned to Brookwood with several colorful, unbreakable tree ornaments. Last year someone randomly hung a few decorations on trees along the Struble trail, where we bike or walk

several times a week. I added those picked up at the SJKF party to this "trail elf's" Decor.

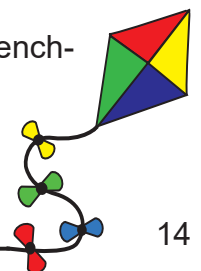
Cel had upped her table decor again in 2023... cute, colorful tinsel fringed little trucks and houses along with more "traditional" ornaments. When asked how much storage she had for SJKF Christmas decorations, Cel pointed to one plastic tub. I told her what I had done last year and Cel encouraged me to take a few houses and trucks for our "trail elf" project. We twist tied our holiday spirit near several benches along the trail Dec. 10.

Some of our décor had "moved to private residences" or so I assume, as when I picked up the ornaments to put away for next season. our ornaments were gone from several trees. Next season we will



not "elf" the trailhead!

As we see along boardwalks, many benches along the Struble trail have been dedicated to individuals. One bench along "our" trail is dedicated to a





From Table Swag to Struble Trail "Elfing" (continued)

man who recently passed away at age 99. He walked the trail daily and made it his custom to engage other walkers and part with "have a nice day!" Larry and I hung about a dozen ornaments in several trees across from Bob's bench. Under "his watchful eye", on New Year's Eve, I collected ours and packed these away to enjoy again in 2024... and I shall henceforth try to greet fellow walkers as he did... "have a nice day on our trail!"

Though the Struble Trail will never be a place to pull out a kite- like flying, it is heartwarming to be among the many who enjoy fresh air, sighting the occasional great blue Heron, hawk or occasionally an eagle along the trail. Some may look forward to the visit of trail elves again!

Empty Space in the Sky

Elizabeth Betty Folmer

Long time SJKF Member (10/2009–11/2023)
Elizabeth Betty Folmer passed away Sunday, 11-12-2023 after a long health battle.

Elizabeth Ann Folmer (Brown), of Browns Mills, formerly of Trenton, passed away on November 12th, 2023. She was 84 years old.

Elizabeth was born on July 9th, 1939, to the late Charles Brown and the late Dorothy Bradley.

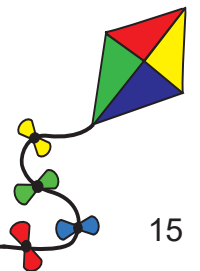


Loving mother to Stephen Folmer, Jr. (son), Connie Folmer (daughter- in -law) and Lisa Ann Willoughby (Daughter). She was the beloved grandmother to Ian and Brielle Willoughby and Jack and Eva Folmer.

She worked as a graphic designer for the state of New Jersey for over 25 years. She enjoyed the beach, coffee, flying kites, and loving her dachshund, Heidi.

From Lisa Willoughby (daughter) . . .

Thank you to all the family and friends who visited her, reached out to support her and gave us prayers along her journey. She will be missed. I hope she is sailing away with a coffee in her hands and her little dog Heidi by her side now."



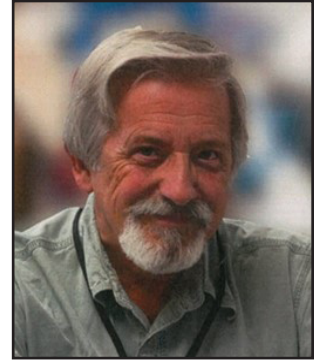
Empty Space in the Sky

Gregory James Lamoureux

JULY 1, 1945 – DECEMBER 23, 2023

It is with heavy heart that I tell you that Greg Lamoureux, previous owner of Seaside Kites who supported SJKF, he was also SJKF Member and the AKA Region 4 Director passed away.

Gregory James Lamoureux of The Villages, Florida passed away on Saturday December 23, 2023, at the age of 78. He was born on July 1, 1945, in Hamtramck Michigan.



Greg joined the Navy in 1964 & fought in the Vietnam war. He remained in the Navy until he retired after 22 years of service and his retirement service was held on the USS Constitution. He was a member of the AKA American Kitefliers Association and was elected as the region one director for the Northeast. After moving to Florida he was then elected to region 4 director. In addition to Sea Side Kites, Greg & Jackie ran a program Kites for Kids, where he taught kids how to make and fly a kite of their own.

Preceded by his parents Eva and Jerald Lamoureux and grandson, Christopher Lamoureux.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Lamoureux, children Michael Lamoureux Sr. & wife Jessica, Kristen Caisse & husband Chris, stepchildren Cheryl Bacon & John Bacon & grandchildren Michael Jr., Elizabeth, Skylar & Lorena, his sister Dale Engel & brother Mark Lamoureux, and great granddaughter, Lily Lamoureux. His family will be celebrating his life in the summer of 2024 in his former home state of Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his honor to the AKA at www.kite.org.

There will be 2 memorial flys for Greg:

June 22, 2024 (Saturday) Greg L. Celebration of Life Fly, Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester / Boston MA
Contact Ralph Reed reed3@comcast.net for more information. The second Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 20 at around 1:00 p.m. (definitive time forthcoming) at the Marlboro Country Club. Lunch is a part of the celebration.

From Beatrix Pelton's Facebook post: "It is with deep sadness that I share with you the passing of one of our very good friends and fellow kite family, Greg Lamoureux. God summoned Greg today, Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 p.m. for his angel wings. Greg had been ill for quite some time with multiple health issues and had been in the hospital since this past Tuesday. He is of course survived by his beloved wife Jackie who is doing her best to keep it together. Please keep Jackie in your thoughts and prayers as she begins to work through the mourning process of having lost her best friend & soul mate and as she begins the unfamiliar next chapter of her life."

Jackie Lamoureux, 4398 Tuscaloosa Path, The Villages, FL 32163

2nd North Jersey Spring Warm-up Indoor Kite Event

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10 am to 4 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.*
- *Experienced indoor kite flyers available to assist in teaching people on how to fly kites indoors. Indoor kites will be available for use.*
- *Experienced indoor kite flyers available to provide coaching and feedback on indoor kite routines.*
- *Kite flyers can practice and demonstrate their indoor kite routines. Sound system will be in use during the event.*
- *If there is interest, an informal indoor practice competition will be run in the afternoon.*

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
1st Indoor Event held on March 7, 2020.



SJKF: A Perspective from a “New-bee”

By Maryann Way



Kiting can be a personal experience and yet so much fun when shared with others.

Because of a deep personal loss for my friend Kathy, I decided to introduce her to kiting. It's a sport I have loved for many years, a sport that can bring a quiet solitude to one's soul. And Kathy's kite brought her that peace. She now loves kiting. To know Kathy is to understand when she likes something she gives it 110%. She now was all in, but I had limited knowledge.

This is where Beatrix became a personal guide for us. Her kindness and knowledge swept us up like an indoor kite flying high in the outdoor winds. Before we knew it, we were off to Wildwood

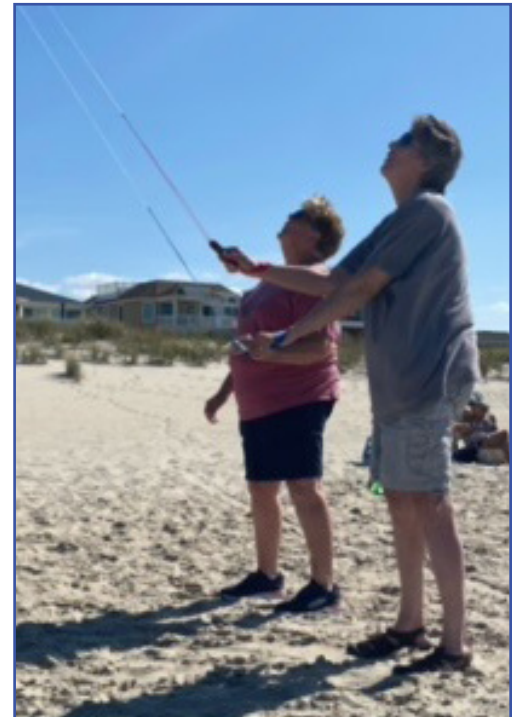
2023 under the guidance of Beatrix. We then met so many people from SJKF! All members in attendance were welcoming and friendly. We were “green” and needed to learn as much as we could from all the members and professionals. I'm afraid we may have worn some of you out with our numerous questions and our need for you to “show” us. Everyone was patient and understanding. Our “New-bee” enthusiasm couldn't have been easy to handle . . . yet everyone did!

We all met again at the Brick Kite show. Kathy and I pulled into the parking lot and who was there to greet us . . . our guiding light Beatrix! She greeted us with so much enthusiasm and friendship. She quickly told us what we needed to do and off we went to the beach to meet and greet the SJKF members. Oh my gosh . . . it was a truly heartwarming day. Those of you who were in attendance that day will remember how HOT it was with little wind. Kathy and I decided a cold drink was needed so off to the pavilion we went. And there we met Donna. We got our drinks and the three of us sat in the shade on the pavilion. Donna was eager to share with us all of the club activities and we learned all about the super large kite flights. Thanks Donna!

Neither of us have belonged to a “club” before. How lucky we are to have found SJKF! Thank You to ALL!

Happy New Year!

Maryann Way and my friend Kathy Gebhardt too.





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 ☐ Renewal

Membership Type ☐ Individual ☐ Family

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

Favorite Kite(s) _____

Signature: _____

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

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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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