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## *The President's Letter*

Please accept with tongue planted firmly in cheek, and with no obligation, implied or condoned, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all...and a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2010 (the year we make contact), but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great. (not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country or is the only "AMERICA" in the western hemisphere), Without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, choice of computer platform, gas guzzler or hybrid, or sexual preference of the wishee.

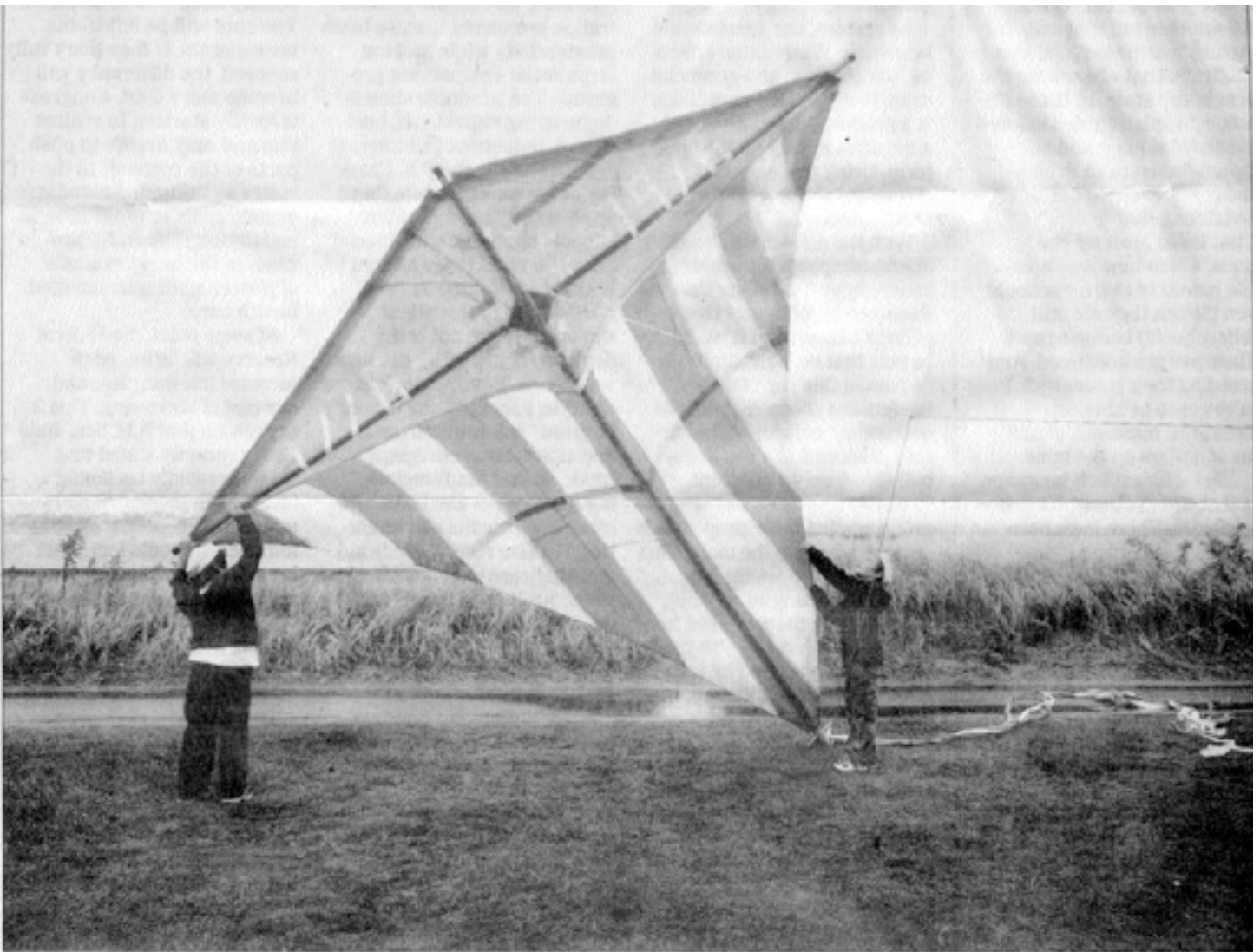
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Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Merry X-Mass, Festivus for the rest of us, Bah Humbug, Happy Chanukka, Prayerful Ramadan, Happy Kwaanza, Happy New Year. Learn something new Next Year!

Gary Quinton



JIM VAIKNORAS/Staff photo

Anthony and Matthew Conti launch a kite belonging to Bob Reichert of Lawrence. The 16-foot bicentennial bow kite from 1976 was flown at the Salisbury Reservation back then. The Contis recently decided to fly it again and brought it to the Salisbury Reservation earlier this week. This isn't your modern-day kite made of nylon and steel rods, they say. This one is made from sheet plastic and wood. The Contis' father, Rich, flew kites with Reichert when he was a boy.

## New England Kiting Calendar. For full listings go to [www.KONE.org](http://www.KONE.org)

Jan 1 2010: Nahant Beach, MA, Brenton Point, RI. So. Portland, ME.

Jan 16, 17 TISCK , Treasure Island, FL

Jan 23, 2010 -Box kite making workshop, Westbrook Maine. Contact Tony Heeshen

**FEB ??? KONE Annual meeting and elections. date and place TBA**

March, 20 2010 - Hampton Beach Spring Celebration, Hampton, NH

April 25 2010, Bose Mountain Kite Day. Framingham, MA.

September 11, 2010 \_Cappricio Festival, Ogunquit , ME.



## NH TECH FEST

I participated in NH Tech Fest last weekend. I made kites, I gave demonstrations, I talked about physics, I talked about mathematics and I had the students "test fly" some kites so that they would better understand how drag affects the wind range of a kite.

I gave out all of the KONE membership forms that I made the night before!

The organizer said, "I liked what you did. I thought it was educational and interesting."

Glenn

P.S. I built small kites and one of my students said, "We have enjoyed our kite all weekend."

here's the radio show from NHPR... <http://www.nhpr.org/node/27877>

## NEW MAIL LIST CREATED

As most of you know, Marty Sasaki was the technical guru behind the NEKite list. Marty was the "go-to" guy whenever there was a problem on/with the list. I am the "list-owner" and Marty was the tech guy who made it all happen.

Since Marty is no longer with us and I have no idea how to fix any technical problems ... and they have started to crop up ... I have started a Yahoo Group to replace this list.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NE\\_kite/?yguid=255783510](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NE_kite/?yguid=255783510)

# *AKA Convention Report*

The AKA Nationals were held in Rochester MN in October. Although the weather was cold and windy, the flying fields were huge and unobstructed. Only a few KONE members went to the Nationals this year. However, they represented us well. Jackie and Dick Maciel came home with nine first and second place awards between them.

Jackie competed in both sport kite flying and kitemaking. On a cold and windy day she was unopposed in the Novice Ballet class (all the other novices elected not to come or not to fly). In the EIEIO she placed ahead of Stoney Stonestreet and Mike Mossman for another first.

She also entered two categories of kitemaking. In sport kite building her stack of ten green and black hyperkites finished first. In the figure kite category she entered a nine foot tall hypodermic needle (remember, Rochester is the home of the Mayo Clinic). Not only was this the winner in the Figure Class but it was the second highest scoring kite in the competition, missing the Grand National Championship by .25 points to John Pollock of Montana.

Meanwhile Dick came well armed. He entered seven kitemaking categories and won two first place and three second place awards. His firsts were in Trains and Rokaku. His seconds were in Cellular, Bowed and Delta.



## EASTERN LEAGUE RAFFLE

The tickets for the Saber II raffle have sold out. We'll be announcing the winner of that drawing as soon as Robbie does the drawing, so stay tuned!

But now, a new raffle - Ron Graziano has agreed to dust off his sewing machine to create a Machine! For more information on this raffle, go to <http://www.easternleague.net/TISKC/Machine.html>. There is a ticket limit of 50 tickets for this raffle, and I suspect they will go QUICKLY, so don't wait! Get in your order while you can!

Of course, this raffle will help to fund the return of the Treasure Island Sport Kite Championships, which will take place on January 16-17, 2010, in Treasure Island, FL. To register for TISKC 2010, go to <http://www.easternleague.net/TISKC/registration.html>.

Just wanted to send a reminder out to everyone that the early registration period for TISKC 2010 ends on January 1. Anyone registering for TISKC before then will receive significant discounts on their registration fees, so don't wait!

Here's how you register: go to <http://www.easternleague.net/>

[TISKC/registration.html](http://www.easternleague.net/TISKC/registration.html), fill out the online form. Done. If you want to pay your registration fees online with a paypal account or any major credit card, click on the "Donate" button on the page that comes up when you submit your form. Done. The whole process only takes a minute or two.

I'm told there will be another online raffle coming for TISKC, so stay tuned for that. In the meantime, check out the TISKC web site at <http://www.easternleague.net/TISKC/> for more information on the event.

Thanks,Thanks,

Marc A. Conklin

Commissioner

Eastern League Sport Kite  
Association

[www.easternleague.net](http://www.easternleague.net)

## FLYING THE MAINE SKIES

I know, winter is here and we are not thinking much about kites (although Petra is upstairs finishing a beautiful kite right now) but Tony O got me thinking about our flying for next year. Since some of us need to

schedule vacations and work schedules far in advance, I decided to work on 2010 kite flying for our Maine kite flyers.

Please look at our schedule. It is subject to changes and additions. If you have a suggestion or change please let me know. I just put together our usual events with some themes here and there. Want another theme? Let me know.

<http://sites.google.com/site/noreasterskites/Home/calendar>

Remember our New Years Day Kite fly and Potluck, January 1, 2010 of course.

Tony H



## AKA NEWS

Wow, where did the year go? I hope yours was filled with lots of kite flying and good times with friends and family. Most of all, I wish for each of you an even better 2010 and a wonderful holiday season.

The latest issue of *Kiting* will soon be showing up in your mailbox. Our editor, Phil Broder always does a great job, but this issue is way above average. Great convention coverage is included and other events around the world. Some extras are posted on the website. Look for *Kiting+* to check these out. On the *KITING +* page is the link to the mystery indoor kite flyer contest, featuring photos of 18 unidentified indoor kites. Whoever can name the most wins an indoor Rev, generously donated by Revolution and Ben Dantonio. Have fun... it's a lot harder than you'd think.

Send your guesses to [Kiting.Ed@aka.kite.org](mailto:Kiting.Ed@aka.kite.org). Remember, if you don't enter, you can't win.

Most of the KAP shots displayed in Rochester are also in *KITING +*.

Making a trip yet this year? Don't forget that Motel 6 now offers a discount to AKA members. You will find that link in the Clubhouse also. With every reservation the AKA makes a dollar or two also. Every little bit helps that bottom line!

All the issues of *Kiting* from 2008 are now archived in the Clubhouse. Issues from 2007 will be posted soon.

Did you know that if you sanction an event, that a special advertising rate in *Kiting* to promote your event is being

offered? All ads, articles and pictures for the next issue of *Kiting* need to be received by 1/15/2010. This issue will be in the mail by 3/1/2010. Contact the editor at [Kiting.Ed@aka.kite.org](mailto:Kiting.Ed@aka.kite.org) for more information on running an ad.

Good news on the convention front. I am thrilled to report that due to the efforts of many, but especially Maggie Vohs of Cameo Management, the 2009 convention made a profit of just over \$1000. Thanks go out to all our sponsors including the Minnesota Kite Society, Craig Christensen, Brooks Leffler, and Cameo Management. An even bigger thanks goes out to the Kahler Hotel who gave us many, many items for free instead of charging posted rates. There are still some 2009 convention pins left and a few items of clothing. Contact the office to order.

The AKA now has a Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/theaka/> Pictures of every award winner are posted along with other pictures from convention. We'd like to include pictures of your events in their own folders also. Please contact David Bush, [region5@aka.kite.org](mailto:region5@aka.kite.org) with your pictures. Let us know what you would like to see included.

One of the winners at convention, Bill Rodriguez, sent me this note: "At the 2009 Kite convention Awards Banquet I received a publicity packet. I sent it in to my newspaper (San Jose Mercury News) but got no response. However, I also sent in the publicity notice to my employers Intranet daily news page. My employer is Signet Testing Labs, Inc., which is a subsidiary of URS Corporation. URS liked the article and added

some of their own take on the story. That article was published in the The SOURCE (intranet webpage) on November 9, 2009. URS has about 56,000 employees worldwide and that webpage is accessible only to URS employees" Congrats to Bill and many thanks for helping to promote the AKA.

As you think about gifts for the holiday season, everyone would appreciate an AKA banner.

Contact Mel [atxd@aka.kite.org](mailto:atxd@aka.kite.org) to order your very own. Cost is only \$170 for the 16-foot tall banner that comes complete with pole.

The gift that keeps on giving all year around is the gift of membership. Again, contact Mel at [xd@aka.kite.org](mailto:xd@aka.kite.org) to arrange for a special envelope with a card and the current issue of *Kiting* included. We can help with your surprise.

AKA patches, embroidered, 3.5 inches x 3.5 inches are available for only \$3. That price includes postage. These are perfect for jackets, hats, and shirts. If you have a growing child, this is the perfect item. As the size changes, just move the patch to the new item of clothing. Order from the AKA office, [xd@aka.kite.org](mailto:xd@aka.kite.org).

Are you a club Webmaster or member merchant? Do us both a favor and include a link to the AKA on your website. All the code anyone could want will be found on <http://www.aka.kite.org/link2us.html>

2010 will bring new programs, more *Kiting*, more friends, more fun, just more of everything. This is something you want to be a part of. continued page 7

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The AKA is a volunteer membership organization that depends on each and every one of you to continue and grow. You can renew at any time at: <http://aka.kite.org/mbrship.shtml>

Keep flying, keep building, keep imagining what can be, but most of all, keep having fun with friends.

Time to fly

Barbara Meyer, AKA president

The events listed below are generated from the AKA calendar. Events do not have to be sanctioned to be included on the calendar. Please contact the organizer for final details.

12/20/09 Ohio - Black Swamp Air Force Detail

12/31/09 California - San Diego Kite Club Fighter Kite Competition Detail

01/01/10 District Of Columbia - Wings Over Washington New Year's Day Foolish Hat Fly Detail

01/01/10 Washington - PROTEST THE BOWLS KITE FLY Detail

01/01/10 California - San Diego Kite Club New Year's Day Fly Detail

01/01/10 Virginia - It's Too Darn Cold To Fly A Kite, Kite Fly Detail

01/01/10 Wisconsin - Kite Society of WI & IL Detail

01/03/10 District Of Columbia - Wings Over Washington First Sunday Fly Detail

01/03/10 Virginia - RAF First-Sunday-Fly Detail

01/07/10 Oregon - OREGON KITEMAKERS RETREAT Detail

01/15/10 Florida - 13th Annual Treasure Island Kite Festival Detail

01/23/10 Washington - WESTPORT WINDRIDERS FUN FLY Detail

01/30/10 Texas - 10th Annual SPI Kite Fest Detail



Revere Beach Festival



# The Wildwood buggy bash

Twice a year, in the spring and the fall when crowds are gone, the NJ buggy club has an informal gathering of traction kites and landsailers at Wildwood, NJ. The last one was during the first weekend in October. Four local traction kites decided to make the 7+ hour drive down despite the less than ideal weather forecast. I had never been to Wildwood before, and was looking forward to seeing what it was about.

Wildwood is a summer vacation beach town that is winding down once October comes. The beach is about 5 miles long and faces South East. At the southern tip there is coast guard property; which is basically a wildlife refuge. As you head north there are many small hotel/motels and then a convention center. After that there is the boardwalk and an amusement park with a large roller coaster that can be seen the whole length of the beach. It is a great place to fly kites of any variety and an especially good place for traction kiting. It has a unusually wide area of beach between the buildings and the high tide mark. It is perhaps a quarter of a mile wide, and somewhat firm. It can be buggied on, although having wide tires helps. There are several drainage pipes/ditches as well as pylons and piers along the beach that you have to be aware of and make for a fun "obstacle course" while buggying.

As usual, the best part of the trip was the people. It was great to meet new kites and their families, share the passion for our sport and start new friendships. Almost all the beach goers were very welcoming. They smiled and waved at us as we rode by. Many came to our base camp and talk about buggying and land sailing. They thought it looked fun and a few gave it a try.

Rick G and Paul L drove down on Thursday and buggied on Friday. When I spoke to Rick on Friday night he described it as the "best day of buggying in his life". Dean P and myself

drove down Friday night through heavy rains and were a little bummed that we had missed what turned out to be the best day of the bash and thought that Saturday was going to be a wash out. It was still raining hard when we arrived near dawn. We went out to breakfast and the rain stopped and the wind started to slowly pick up. The sun broke through the clouds and our spirits started to rise.

After breakfast we went to the beach. It was high tide and the wind was light and the direction was straight down the beach (less than ideal), but we started buggying. As the day progressed the tide went out. The wind picked up and shifted more and more onshore. It turned into a great traction day. We really lucked out. Todd from MD brought a Libre Spirit (modern buggy race kite) for us to try. It is a wonderfully fast and powerful kite and it is truly amazing how far traction kites keep progressing. I really loved it and want one.

Sunday was a challenging day with a offshore dirty gusty wind coming over the many buildings. Rick and Paul left early for the long trip home. Dean and I stayed quite a bit later than we had planned since we were having such a fun time and left for home in the late afternoon.

I know that many KONE members have been to Wildwood before and most are not traction kites. If you want to give traction a try, Wildwood is a great venue for it. Also, if buggying seems a little difficult for you might want to consider landsailing. The Blokart land sailers that they use there are small, easy to learn, and are not physically taxing. You can see a lot of videos and pictures on line at: <http://www.wildwoodbuggybash.com> . I had a great time at my first buggy bash and trip to Wildwood. For me it was certainly worth the long drive and sleep deprivation, and I am planning on more trips to Wildwood and more buggy bashes.



## Membership Report

## Club info:

### Please welcome our new member:

Max Dorman (a gift from Liz McGonagle)

### And say Thank You to our Renewing Members:

Dick & Ellie Schulz  
Charles Stewart & Dorothy Ross (for 3 years)  
Tracy and Larry Smith

### Expired Memberships (within 3-month grace period)

John Martin (August 2009)  
Amin & Kathy Pashapour (August 2009)  
The Reed Family (August 2009)  
Charlie Walstrom (August 2009)  
Mike Dioguardo & Mona Cohen (September 2009)  
Shawn & Patty Tinkham (September 2009)  
Dan Delpapa (November 2009)  
Peter Drayton (November 2009)  
Paul & Millie Duemmling (November 2009)  
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Donna Holcombe (November 2009)  
Robert Park (November 2009)

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## KITES OVER NEW ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

With Membership you will receive our monthly newsletter (*The Flypaper*), with a calendar of upcoming events. Check out our website at [www.kone.org](http://www.kone.org)

Are you a member of the American Kitefliers Association (AKA)? Yes (  ) No (  )  
KONE Membership: New (  ) Renewal (  ) Gift (  )

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Crotched Mountain is a special place for me. Ever since Archie asked me to be the announcer for their Family Day, wild horses couldn't keep me away. Many of us feel the same way. For those who don't know, the Crotched Mountain School is a facility for young people who have head, neck and spinal injuries. They do great work there and the Clients always amaze me.

Last year, we held an indoor competition in the gym there. At the end of the competition, I said on the mic, "Everybody flies." Paul Berard supplied his wonderful small kites and the KONE members pushed wheelchairs while we put some smiles on some faces.

This year, I planned another competition. Only a few of us could make it, so we decided to not compete, but do demos and get the Clients out there flying. Many images flash through my mind when I remember that time. I remember the smile on a Client's face, the enthusiasm of an other Client with her new flying skills.

After a bit, Archie started organizing the Clients and having them do the demos. Everyone applauded the amazing performances and the kids had a time they will remember for a very long time.

Thanks to all who came and gave of their heart to some very special kids. Next time, we'll have more KONE people, I'm sure.

-john

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