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KTA TRADE SHOW

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The annual Kite Trade Association Convention and Trade Show was held Jan 15-20 at the Sheraton Park Central Hotel in Dallas, TX.

The registration opened at 3:00pm on Tuesday Jan 15 with a KTA Board of Directors meeting in the late afternoon. During the evening a round table discussion was held for the retailers, wholesalers and manufactures on the topics of long term benefits for employees, inventory control & maintenance and how local regulations can hurt your business, plus industry sponsorship of events.

Weds the 16th a session was held on the "Training in the Workplace" by Mr. Dick Ruhe. The importance of customer satisfaction and going the extra mile to make the customer "King" or "Queen".

During the next three days the industry trade show opened and showed the very latest in kiting technology to all in attendance.

64 manufactures rolled out the "red carpet" to at least 160 wholesalers and retailers from throughout the world. The overall tone was very up-beat and positive for the future of kiting and kite flyers.

KTA awards were given for retailer of the year, excellence in manufacturing, best media presentation, best new kite related product, outstanding publication and most significant individual contribution.

Many new manufactures emerged with new products for all our "kite dream bags".

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"CIRCUS IN THE WIND '91"

By Jeri

While collecting my thoughts and doing some back ground work on our "Kite Festival" in June, some questions arose. How do we want to present ourselves and "Kiting" not just to our kite peers, but to the interested spectators? How rigid a structure do we want to work from?

We call ourselves "Kiting's Fun Capital" so why not have a theme that sounds like fun, "Circus In The Wind '91"?

Our club is run without rules and by-laws, doing what we do by group consensus or whoever has an idea going forward with it, trying hard to be strictly social. So in keeping with our "laid back" approach to things we are trying to plan a family affair with the emphasis on fun, with some competition to keep it interesting. Prizes within our means, social gatherings not too expensive so everyone can attend and get to know one another better.

Our judges of events are not credential packing, but are chosen from volunteers who come forward wanting to help. Some come forward with the help of a shove and a pull. These people are all experienced and knowledgeable "Kiters" that travel the "Kiting Community". They do their home work and give as fair of an assessment as possible to each event. None of our winners names or their points go into any national or international records, so this takes us back to the fun side and having a good time together which is what it's all about.

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WINDRIDER WEDDING

By Creda Axton

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon, with a slight nip in the air and just enough wind to keep a delta up.

The bride was outwardly calm and the groom was nervous, but the wedding went perfectly as Denise Cyford married Shannon Beardsley.

The ceremony ended with a beautiful sunset and was followed by a potluck at the Lions Club which was decorated for the event in teal blue and anemic cranberry.

After a short kite meeting wedding cake and punch were served.

A number of the guests accompanied the bride and groom to Cowboy Bobs before the couple left for their honeymoon cruise to Mexico.

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