



*A Jacques Letourneau kite*

ing with the huge group of Quebec quad fliers. Some of the Quebec flyers include Veronique Regimbald, Jean-Pierre St-Denis, Sylvain Gagnon, Dominic Guimond and Jessica LaMarche. I flew beside kite historian Meg Albers and was impressed with her varied kite collection. She has beautiful kites large and small and even one or two prototypes from people like Martin Lester and Peter Lynn. Thom Shanken is also a well-known kite historian. He was there flying his own kites with 2011 AKA award winner Kevin Reynolds. Kevin has some fantastic huge colorful foils. Don Tuff and Kim Linehan just picked up a new Martin Blais foil and basket. Martin's kites are covered with clownfish and sharks and were the jewel of the show kites.

This year's night fly was second to none. The, music, lights and choreography were put together by Normand Girard. Helping him was expert Rev flyer Patrice Perron. Patrice is the only kite-flier at the event who actually lives in Saint-Honore. It's a huge job to organize all those lights, music, and fliers. The night flight started simply with some funky music. Then, the spotlights were turned on to reveal a deep sea wind



*A pair of Robert Trepanier qudlines.*

Marc Ahern. He is the air traffic controller at the airport and our personal kiting weather guy for the weekend! Marc would give us weather reports each morning and advise on what was landing and taking off on the open runway. He would also wander the fields a few times each day to give us current wind forecasts and warn of any changing weather conditions. I recall in 2008 that Mark walked out to the flying field to tell us all to take our kites down immediately. He said we had 15 minutes until a major rain and lightning front would cover the

garden. The banners and ground display fluttered in the fresh night winds. The scene quickly took to life as a troupe of mermaid dancers emerged from the wind garden. What a terrific performance! Kites were added a few at a time until the sky was filled with kites of every type. Everyone involved enjoyed it immensely! I have seen several large scale night flies before, including Verdun and Dieppe, but this stands out as the best I have ever participated in.

You can't forget the fine hosts of this kite event. Special kiter's liaison, Henri Bouchard, drove around in his little white golf cart all weekend. He told a few jokes here and there, but more importantly made sure all was well with everyone. I will always remember



*A delta by Eric Curtis and Anne Sloboda*

field. He was 100% correct with his 15 minute prediction. It rained so much that day that Mark took us on a personal tour of the control tower!

Brigitte Bussières and Lucien Villeneuve are the husband and wife team who organize this fine event. Three days of flying and a perfect night fly, what more could you ask for? 2013 will mark year fifteen. Brigitte and Lucien are promising that it will be the biggest event yet! Thanks to all of the festival organizers and festival volunteers. It was my third trip to Saint-Honore and it was the best one yet! ☺



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