

## **Mr. Skydancer**

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of David Davies the creator of the quad-line Skydancer from Interactive Kites.

David was well known on the kite scene before we started getting interested. He never had any customers – only friends - and we were proud to be two of them.

David knew everyone that had bought a kite from



him personally – he always had time to speak to them and let them try the latest kites when they saw him quietly filling the sky with colour over at the back of a festival – he always seemed to be there – look for the horseshoe shape of the kite, expertly flown, with the twin tails – and then his big hat protecting him from the sun.

David had developed what I believe was an early French concept into a masterpiece of his own. He ate, breathed and slept Skydancer. He would argue, vehemently, that it was the “best kite in the world” and always continued to try to tweak develop it to justify that.

We visited David and Sue many times at their house where we were made to feel very welcome. Sometimes David would ask us to meet up with people who were having troubles learning the four line skills of flying the Skydancer and we were always happy to do so. For a while last season, we tried to feature the Skydancer at our festival demonstrations when conditions allowed.

David’s kites were all hand crafted. He did look to get Skydancer mass produced but could never get his desire for quality matched with an affordable price. Probably not many knew that David was once a pilot so he had a good idea about weather and often talked about the excitement of the challenge of man against nature. He also had a love and great knowledge of photography and music.



David will be missed by all of us. Wouldn't it be good if someone could organize a mass fly of Skydancers at one of the festivals in celebration of his work?

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