



Cherry Blossom Festival

Many activities around the Cherry Blossom Festival are available for local kites. April 10th Nishi and Fukushi, Japanese master kite makers, arrive to begin building two Neputa and some kites. Help is needed for these projects; particularly April 20/21, when the Neputa is moved to and set up in the Flag Pavilion, and April 25, when anyone able to help in the clean up will be especially appreciated! Leave your name with Milly Mullarky, 453-9698 if you can help.

April 14th kitefliers will be presenting a pre-game show from 7:00 to 7:20 at the Kingdome. Prizes from last year's kite fly will be presented at that time. Anyone interested in participating please contact Kevin Sanders at 243-2268.

April 16th there will be a kite fly at Gasworks Park at 12 noon. The prizes will be presented at 4:30pm the same day. Everyone is particularly encouraged to bring and fly oriental kites at this contest.

Anyone interested in entertaining Nishi and/or Fukushi during their stay here, contact Dave or Dorothea Checkley, 284-5350.

CORRECTION

Kevin Sanders, new WKA president's current address is: 3434 S.144 Seattle, WA, 98168. Kevin would like those wishing to form carpools to contact him (243-2268).



Tom Sisson teaches Bill Armstrong at WKA kite making classes.



Bill puts his learning to use.

WKA member Bill Armstrong presented a week long kite building and flying program for interested students at Overlake School during their project week.

Kites: the wind in your hands

Be sure to visit the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle's International district before the 25th of May. "The Wind in Your Hands" an exhibit of Asian kites, opened there on the 25th of March, and will run for two months.

In a little less than one month, Kit Freudenberg, the museum's new curator, managed to collect a wealth of information, plan a schedule of kite related events, accumulate a remarkable and diverse collection of Asian kites from local collectors and builders, and create an interesting exhibit!

Included are some one-of-a-kind chinese and Korean kites in addition to traditional kites from Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan, India... Both useful and entertaining panels of information, photos, and illustrations accompany the display of kites. **DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!**

Of particular interest to WKA members might be the Saturday April 23rd, 10 to noon, demonstration by Larry Chinn on how to construct his famous owl kite. Also, on Thursday May 12, 7:30 to 8:30, Suzanne Sadow will present a mixed media show of kites. Please call to reserve a place.

The Wing Luke Museum is located at 414 8th Ave. South, Seattle, WA. 98104 (623-5124). The museum is open tuesday - Friday 11:00 to 4:30pm and Saturday noon to 4:00.

WKA members present at the opening of this show, Ken Conrad, Suzanne Sadow, Larry and Frances Chinn, Dave and Dorothea Checkley, and Vi and Jack Van Gilder, give this exhibit rave reviews and encourage us to be sure and see this show before May 25th.



Pictures from the Wing Luke Museum display provided by Dave Checkley and Jack Van Gilder.



The 10th Annual Kite Show

The 10th annual kite show was an incredible success!! Tom Sisson worked long and hard to put together a truly outstanding show. He had written to kite clubs all over the world, which allowed us to have panels with pictures and information from a wide variety of kite communities. WKA members put together an amazing display of miniature kites, which were all rumored to fly! Suzanne Sadow designed a paper kite with our logo on the front for us to help children make (and did we make them! approximately 1500!) Steve Tarilton headed up a more sophisticated kite workshop making tissue delta-coynes.

The attendance at the Pacific Science Center that weekend was extremely high! 2631 on Saturday and 2079 on Sunday for a grand total of 4700!

Harold Writer made a wonderful box kite mobile that Kathy Goodwin from Suspended Elevations purchased after the show for \$40...which Harold donated to the club.

At the moment there are plans being completed to establish a permanent, and perhaps portable, display of the rest of the miniature kites.

The Science Center will be donating \$500 to the WKA. Thanks again to Tom Sisson for a really great show!



Steve Tarilton and Milly Mullarky working with the tissue paper delta-coynes.



Tom Sisson helping with the paper kites.



An observer stands in front of the miniature kite display, with the children's kites displayed in the background and WKA member's kites overhead.

Thanks to Dave Checkley for these pictures from his trip to Singapore.



Mike Pawlow and Jilly Pelham prepare to launch their Cody Centipede.

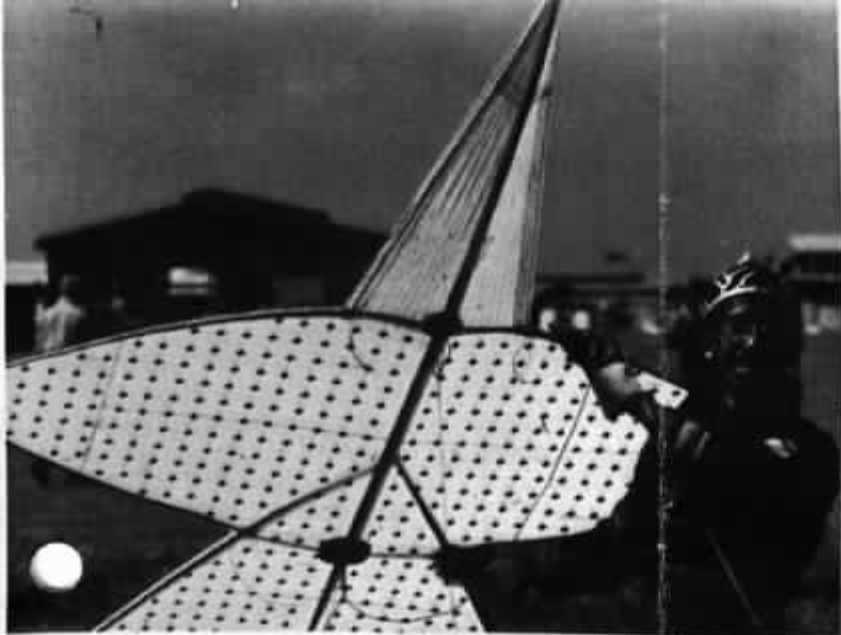


One of the Dutch team's huge Cody kites, part of a four kite man lifting train, being launched by Gerard Vanderloo and helper.



Cody style centipede made and flown by Mike Pawlow and Jilly Pelham of the U.K.

World's largest kite from Holland takes a nose dive during a lull in the wind. The two control lines (on each side) were manned by 10 Hollanders and 40 men from the Singapore Armed Forces. The main line was tethered to an Army personnel carrier and broke the axle of one truck during one of these touchdowns on Sat., so another vehicle was brought up on Sunday.



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"Superman" Prinya, captain of the Thai team from Bangkok, helping with the launch of a traditional CHULA fighter kite made by Karo Suchid of Bangkok.



One of the prize winning Singapore centipedes, with unique 3-part "discs" in flight. It has 100 discs and is almost 200' long.

KITEFEVER U.S.A.

W.K.A. Seattle area members who traveled south for the March 20th Kitefever U.S.A. Kite festival on the Columbia River, were Norm Smith, Doug Hagamon, John Dietrickson, Kevin Sanders, and the Bob McCort family. They report a good turnout of about 50 to 75 people with lots of families. The wind was light, when there was some, but the time was well spent meeting many of the A.O.K. (Associated Oregon Kitefliers) members who came up for the event. Perhaps we can have A.O.K./W.K.A. joint flies in the summer?! Bob McCort recieved the award for "Kite Flier farthest from home". Hopefully this will become an annual event! Congratulations Bob Hamilton and Dale McLean for putting it all together!

KUDOS

Tom Sisson was awarded a \$50 gift certificate for dinner at the Americas Cup restaurant as a token of appreciation and esteem from the members of the W.K.A. for his excellent work as retiring president and particularly his enourmous contribution to an extremely successful 10th Annual Kite Show.

W.K.A. member Margaret Greger has been honored by her kiting compatriots by being the featured presenter at the Maryland Kitefliers Association retreat in mid Feb. Margaret has also been invited to speak at the Pacific Southwest Quilters and Fabric Artists convention in LA over Memorial Day weekend...and give a lecture on "They Fly, Another Dimension, Fabric Kites." Congratulations Margaret for some well deserved recognition! (Margaret would like to illustrate her talk with slides, and would like any help you could give her...before May at ! 1425 Marshll Ave. Richland WA 99352)



The Oriental miniature kites display with the children's kites in the background and Harold Writer's miniature box kite mobile, top center, at the Pacific Science Center.

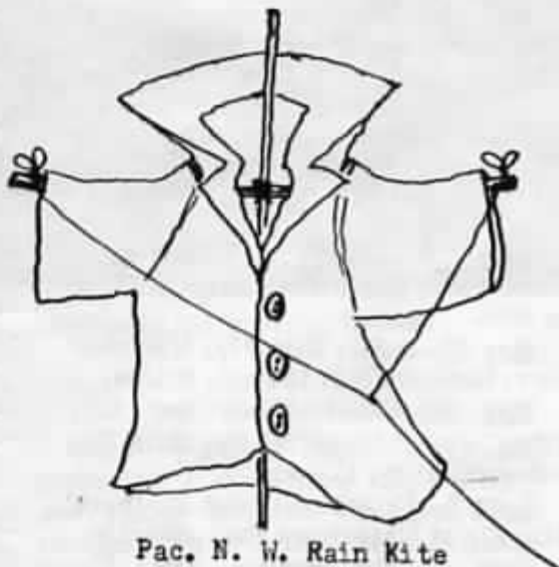


Peter Travis of Sydney, Australia, with one of his octagon or box kites. Peter has exhibited and flown kites in the U.S., Canada, England, Europe, Malaysia, and all over his native Australia. While in Singapore he conducted several kite making seminars.

ROKAKU KITE TEAM?

A challenge has been issued for a contest between rokaku kite teams at the Fall AKA convention. Anyone interested in participating in a WKA response to this challenge (even if you do not plan to attend the convention, you could participate in the making of the kite) please call Bob McCort [home 743-7081, work 382-2734] who has agreed to be contact person.

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Pac. N. W. Rain Kite

Bob McCort

CALENDAR

April and May...Wing Luke Museum Kite Display, 414 8th Ave. S. Seattle.

April 10...Nishi and Fukushi arrive.

April 10...AOK (Associated Oregon Kites) kite fly, Willamette Park, Portland, noon to 4:00.

April 14...Pre-game show at Kingdome. 7 to 7:20pm. Contact Kevin Sanders at 243-2268.

April 16...Cherry Blossom Festival Kite contest. Gasworks Park 12 noon.

April 17...Pacific Rim Kite Festival, Vancouver B.C., Vanier Park. Noon.

April 20/21...Help needed for Neputa. Contact Dave Checkley at 284-5350.

April 23/24...Cherry Blossom Festival Kite Making Demonstrations at the Flag Pavilion.

April 24...A.O.K. Kite Fly at Wilson High School, Portland, noon to 4:00.

April 25...Help needed for take down of Cherry Blossom Festival. Contact Milly Mullarky 453-9698.

May 1...Victoria Kite Fly, Clover Point, 12 noon. Prizes (\$5,000 worth?). Contact Bernard Stewart 595-1369 in Victoria B.C. for more info.

May 8...A.O.K. Kite Fly, Willamette Park, Portland Or. Noon to 4:00.

May 22...A.O.K. Kite Fly at Kelly Point Park, North Portland, OR. noon to 4:00.

May 29...A.F.S. Kite Fly, Marymoor Park, Redmond WA. 12 noon, Prizes.

May 30...Great Winds and City Kites' annual Memorial Day Kite Fly, Gasworks Park, 12 noon.

June 5...Parents without Partners' Kite Fly at Waterfront Park, Seattle.

June 5...5th Annual Kite Fly, Harrison Hot Springs.



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