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6th ANNUAL FORT WORDEN KITEMAKER'S CONFERENCE BIGGEST AND BEST EVER

by LLYLE MORGAN with photos by JACK VAN GILDER



One of more than 50 group shot photos of the happy attendees at the 6th Annual Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference

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Thursday March 2nd at 6:00 a.m. I received a frantic call on my answering machine from Jack Van Gilder who said, "Well, it looks like we have a financial disaster on our hands." Fortunately Jack was wrong. Kitemakers, we discovered, are an extremely hardy lot and no amount of ice, snow, high winds, or weather warnings would keep them from the 6th Annual Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference. In fact we only had two no-shows, but we had an equal number of people calling on Thursday asking if they could still get in. I was worried about getting to Ft. Worden since I had no snow tires. I rushed out to buy some, but in the time it took to mount them, all the ice had melted.

A small advance party including Diane Bilotti, Frances Hall, David Dunaphant, and me arrived on Thursday to begin setting up. As we arrived at dusk, a small herd of deer marched gracefully around the snow covered parade ground, and suddenly we were overwhelmed with the natural beauty of this wonderful setting.

Friday Morning began with a flurry of activity as more early arrivals began to converge on the site, setting up their items for sale. By 11:00 a.m. the Mail Art Exhibit was complete and people began to wander in, look around, look a bit more closely, and then smile as they discovered the wit



The teaching experience: Greg Greger at the head of the class

and creativity contributed by the Mail Artists from around the country. Frances Hall did a terrific job of organizing this exhibit. We hope that the tradition of instant tradition works here and we will see a similar show next year.

Registration went smoothly except that the room keys weren't ready until late afternoon and the second dormitory had no individual room keys at all. Luckily we were all good friends and it added to the spirit of trust and closeness between us.

The conference was officially opened by Mel Hickman (OR), followed by Joe Vaughan (PA), the first keynote kitemaker who shared his expertise in single line controllable (fighter) kites. After the brief lecture, we all went upstairs and enjoyed

watching him dance and fly his kites indoors.

Then we began to separate into individual classes and a whirlwind of kitemaking began. The classes were so well prepared that it became obvious to everyone from the beginning that the weekend retreat would be over much too soon.

Friday evening featured what was supposedly a silent auction, but it was so noisy I became hoarse from yelling over the cacophony of a hundred voices competing for places in front of the bid sheets. The most hotly contested item was Cody kite donated by Harold Writer that sold for \$110.

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Clockwise: Scott Skinner with half-finished design by Margaret Greger; Kay Buesing & Joe Vaughan take a moment to relax in the hospitality room; Margaret Greger lends a helping hand in Angela Dittmar's fabric class; Dan Kurahashi displays some of his traditional Japanese kites



Altogether we raised more than \$750. I appreciated all the donations, but I especially want to thank Peter Powell, Joel Scholtz, and The Kite Store (CO) for their generous donations. After the auction excitement subsided we all moved to the dormitory and enjoyed a spectacular slide show by Frances Hall as well as munchies and much conversation.

Saturday morning started with classes and our keynote kitemaker Bill Lockhart (TX) who, along with Betty Street (also from TX) encouraged the conference attendees to be creative with color, shapes, and designs. They shared some extraordinary techniques using traditional American quilt patterns. After Lunch Scott Skinner compared his quilt and applique technique to Bill's and gave us





The slide presentation of the WSIKF at Long Beach last summer by David Bogie (waving) was so well received that it got an encore performance; nationally prominent attendees (l-r), Scott Skinner (CO), Bill Lockhart (TX), Margaret Greger (WA), Debbie Cooley & Eric Forsberg (OR); Chairman Bob McGaughy supervising the Silent (?) Auction

even more great ideas. Toward the end of Scott's discussion, the topic turned to bridling, and Scott explained his method of Edo kite bridling which involved garage doors, cracks in driveways, and hours of painstaking and frustrating adjustments. Dan Kurahashi was squirming the whole time. When he couldn't stand it any more, he offered his own comments and contributions and what followed was a very lively discussion of traditional Japanese bridling techniques. At one time Dan pointed out that Scott was using a composite of bridling techniques from the different regions of Japan.

More classes followed, including Debbie Cooley's Ft. Worden Lighthouse Delta. Before our very eyes she transformed one of my photos into a gorgeous applied kite.

The Saturday evening banquet was mercifully short, followed immediately by a wonderful slide show of the WSIKF by Dave Bogie (ID) and an encore performance by Frances Hall.

Sunday morning after breakfast, Dave Bogie and Frances Hall took the traditional 50+ camera shots of the group and then the group fly was rained out. Oh well, we'll still have something to look forward to next year. Lunchtime featured a mass birthday party for the nine attendees who celebrated birthdays during the conference. WKA



Stan Swanson, Scott Skinner, & Dan Kurahashi at the after-party

Members won prizes for the Best Kite Being Made at Ft. Worden (Lynn Lary, OR) and Favorite Mail Art Piece (Suzanne Sadow, WA), but the award for the Best Kite Exhibited at Ft. Worden went to a member of the BCKA. After Lunch the organizing committee met and approved the dates of Mar 2,3,4 for the 1990 7th Annual Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference.

I especially want to thank Joe & Faye Richey, Don & Shirley Allen, Mel Hickman, Diane Bilotti, and Frances Hall for their



extraordinary efforts, and all the other volunteers and teachers who made this event biggest and best conference ever.

DAVID CHECKLEY KITE EXHIBIT AT CHILDRENS' MUSEUM — February 15

On Wednesday evening February 15, Duane Davis, Bob Hanna, Francis Hall, Margaret Holzbauer, and Darryl Stephison opened a box containing Japanese kites collected by David Checkley. It was a visual treat but somewhat intimidating because none of us had ever handled these kites before. After a bit of fumbling, we began to assemble and hang the kites. It looked like more of a job than any of us had bargained for. We wished we had more help. Then Francis had an idea that saved us a lot of labor. Four or five kites at a time were hung from monofilament lines stretched between points on the ceiling. The

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results were surprisingly good. About 45 kites and a dozen paintings were hung from the ceiling and walls. There are bird kites, hatas, edos, rokakus, and more. All are hand made and hand painted. Anyone who appreciates the art of Japanese kite making should visit the Childrens Museum. It is located on the lower level of the Center House at the Seattle Center. Many thanks to those who came on short notice to make this exhibition possible. Thanks also to Tom Sisson for setting it up and to Dorothea Checkley for the use of David's kites. Finally, thanks to the Childrens Museum for their donation to the WKA Treasury.

1989 STUNT KITE NEWS

News on the National stunt kite scene comes from the Hawaii Challenge March 10-12 in Honolulu, sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, Crush soft drinks, Kite Fantasy, and the Hawaii Kiteflyers Association. Thanks to Robert Loera and Barbara Skaggs of Kite Fantasy, I was flown over to officiate the opening of the National Stunt Kite Championship season. Located at the foot of Diamond Head, Kapiolani Park was not only the site of the Hawaii Challenge, but it will also be the site of the 1989 AKA Convention. There is a great wide open space, right across the street from the white sands and turquoise water of Digne Beach. The balmy tropic breeze swoops across the park, which is surrounded by a breathtaking backdrop

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of lush foliage and volcanic ridges, a perfect stage for the incredibly confident and aggressive local whiz-bang flyers to do their stuff.

Robert Loera's approach seemed to be just the reverse of other similar events I have attended, but as the competition unwound I began to see the method to his madness: it had all seemed too laid back with the Team Innovative being the only scheduled event for Friday, but it turned out to be the bait for the crowd to come back for more. On Saturday they were ready for the Team Precision and Team Ballet Open and Experienced classes. So the crowd was even more tantalized to return for the grand finale. Sunday began with the Novice Precision, followed by the Individual Ex-

perienced Precision and Ballet. By afternoon the crowd had really swelled for the Individual Open Precision and Ballet, but the real crowd pleaser was the Individual Innovative event, featuring Ron Reich's unusual performance with three Spin-offs and Malcom Moore's interpretation of a poignant love story. But it was the unorthodox performance of the NEOS OMEGA Revolution I™ that really brought the house down.

Two new groups premiered at this event that were extremely entertaining. Hawaiian Delights, team featuring Priscilla Nagao, Mitch Onoyama, and Nadine Koba, flew in designer coordinated outfits. Sponsored by Eric Streed of Top Of The Line team, this new all-woman team made their mark by winning several events. The Top Of The Line team featured their new fourth member, Pam Kirk, who proved very able to hold her own with these giants of two-string competitions.

As usual this event was run with a tremendous amount of volunteer help from the Hawaii Kiteflyers Association. Without help from this and other local clubs, none of these major events

could take place. In order to keep the event within some tight time frames, some of the local Open class flyers actually stepped out of the competition — what a sacrifice! For those planning to attend the AKA Nationals, Sheraton's Princess Kaiulani Hotel is just gorgeous and within walking distance to the park. Parking is limited, so don't plan on carrying too much, and it will be great time!

Winners in this year's Hawaii Challenge included:

Individual Precision Experienced: Burt Hooker

Individual Ballet Experienced: True Turtollet

Team Precision Experienced: Hawaiian Delights

Team Ballet Experienced: Hawaiian Delights

Individual Precision Open: Malcolm Moore

Individual Ballet Open: Ron Reich

Team Precision Open: Top Of The Line

Team Ballet Open: Top of the Line

Team Innovative: High Performance

Individual Innovative: Revolution I™

FT. WORDEN SAFETY FORUM

Ft. Worden's 6th Annual Kitemaker's Conference provided the perfect place for a much needed discussion of safety guidelines and field etiquette that need to be developed to include some of the more aggressive and potentially dangerous forms of kite flying. Representatives of four different kite clubs attended this panel in order to voice their concerns and suggestions. Flying fields are experiencing increasing numbers of kiteflyers, many of them using the new high-tech dual line power kites. This has not only caused some congestion, but recently it has also caused the heating of tempers over who has the right to fly, where and when.

Mike Button of Bellingham's Squalicum Kiteflyers opened the discussion by relating to the group his concern about the possibility of the loss of state park grounds for informal flies. He mentioned that organized events have more built-in safety features than informal gatherings. At the latter, the inexperienced flyer may not always be receptive to safety suggestions from experienced flyers. Mike voiced his fear of retribution for trying to help a kiteflyer who is out of control and doesn't know the potential danger. On some occasions, rather than get into what he described as "hand-to-hand combat" with discourteous newcomers, Mike and his group have chosen to pack up their own flying gear and just watch. This hard-

by KATHY GOODWIND

ly seems like the fair way to share the skies, so the panel was asked to put forth ideas for alleviating this kind of occurrence.

Pat Button, also of SK, felt that store owners needed to make more of an effort to stress kite safety to their customers. Shirley Allen suggested that manufacturers should put warning labels on the kites prior to distribution. Eric Forsberg pointed out that dual control safety tips were presented in David Gomberg's new book, *Stunt Kites*. AOK's Don Lary noted that he includes the Boy Scout safety rules when packaging his kite products. Robert Riley from BCKA described an innovative approach used in Canada. They have an agreement with the kite store owners to have new purchasers of stunt kites referred back to them for instructions on proper safety and use. Dan and Dixon Schwenk of the NAPMT asked specifically what it would take to disseminate the information, who needed to be reached, and what was needed to get the word out. The consensus of the panel included these guidelines:

- Kite safety is the joint responsibility of the kite manufacturer, retailer, and user, and that cooperation between them was essential.
- The safe use of the kite should be promoted as much or more than the kite itself
- Kite safety and courtesy are best taught by

example; big name flyers should emphasize safety more

- Organized events should be required to have sound systems strong enough to alert the onlookers to any potential hazards

- Kite clubs should set up safety workshops to instruct new members of safety and courtesy considerations

- Posters, brochures, and pamphlets explaining and promoting kite safety and courtesy should be distributed through kite clubs, retail stores, and at kite events.

- Club newsletters should include more reporting of accidents and near misses, including information on how they might have been avoided

- Volunteer safety monitors need to have a more streamlined method of dealing with unsafe flyers and spectators

- Utility and other companies who publish kite safety warnings should be informed about the possible hazards of the new high power kites

- A label should be attached to each kite sold, warning the user about potential hazards

- Part of club membership should include an oath or other acknowledgement that the member will maintain the safety and courtesy standards of the club

- Retailers could require purchasers to sign some kind of safety and courtesy agreement

Most of the suggestions put forth by the panel seem to be very workable, while others may require more thought. In any case, this forum was great beginning for kites to verbalize and share their concerns about safety and courtesy issues. What is obviously needed is a definitive set of rules for safety and etiquette on the flying field. I'm sorry to say that several incidents were described where kite flyers were short-tempered, discourteous, and outright unwilling to take words of caution gracefully, some even swearing at passers-by or intentionally dangerously buzzing crowds. As a group, we WKA members have got to turn this around. Mike and Wilma Brown of Ocean Shores Kites have an innovative plan for their upcoming Welcome Spring Kite Festival. Any participant judged to be a Bad Attitude kite flyer will be subject to the following: (1) Public ridicule over the P.A. System, (2) wearing a 10-lb. "I have a bad attitude" sign, and (3) having the spars and lines removed from their kites.

I would like to thank all the participants and spectators for voicing your concerns at the forum.

Anyone willing to help compile and put together a set of safety and courtesy guidelines should contact Kathy Goodwind at 206/633-4780 or 632-6151. Your help is much needed and your efforts will be appreciated.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

from DARRYL STEPHISON, WKA President

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To me, the Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference is the kickoff of a

new season of kiting. It's a sort of ritual celebration that renews our spirits. After several months of anticipation, the season is finally here. This year's Conference met and exceeded the expectations of even the most avid Ft. Worden fans. Lyle Morgan and the rest of the Conference organizers, teachers, and volunteers deserve our highest commendations for a job well done. Let's all pledge to pitch in and make next year's Conference another success.

Take a look at the calendar of events. I am sure that you will find an interesting array of activities this spring. Some of these activities need your help. Take Kids Day for example. It's not much to ask. Bring your kites and a picnic lunch and have fun and while you are there show a few kids how

to fly a kite. With your help it will be a memorable day for the kids and all of us. The Bayside Kite Fly at Mukilteo will perhaps take a little more work. We will probably have to get together some night for a hot cutting party to make the trash bag deltas for the kids. We also need to think about a schedule and safety provisions. If we work together it will be easy.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about plans for the Washington State International Kite Festival in August. We would like to make this a part of the Washington Centennial Celebration. I have pledged WKA support to organize and run the Saturday activities which will climax this event. Please plan to help with this event.

Some of us are looking even further into the future. At the AKA Convention last October, our friends to the south in the Associated Oregon Kites, were selected to host the 1990 AKA Convention in Seaside. I attended the AOK annual

meeting in Portland in January and I pledged the support of the WKA to help make this convention a success. I am sure that we all want the AOK to be successful and I am also sure that many of you will lend a hand when needed. Along the same lines, you might want to start thinking about this year's AKA Convention that will be held October 4th through 8th in Honolulu. I am planning to go and I hope many of you will join me. The AOK will have representatives there to help their planning for 1990. We can help them and have a ball ourselves. Let me know if you plan to go.

Disturbing words were heard from Mike But-ton at Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference. Mike had stopped on Friday morning at Ft. Casey to confirm plans for a series of Fun Flies at the Fort this summer. All of us who enjoyed last summer's fun flies there were looking forward to another great season. But the ranger at the park says kiteflyers are becoming a problem! Most of you have either read or heard about things that happened last Labor Day. Fortunately, in spite of some past problems, we will be allowed to come back this summer. Lets put our best foot forward and show the park people that we appreciate this valuable resource. Part of the conversation Mike related to me indicated that fliers at organized events may not be as much of a problem as those who show up on their own on other weekends. That got me to thinking. We didn't look very organized that Labor Day. Many of the people who passed through the park probably didn't know that the WKA existed. They could see that a lot of people were flying kites apparently without any objection from the park rangers. Some of the kite flyers were even doing some pretty strange things with kites. Did some of those people who wandered through that day come back another day and try these things themselves? We make an

impressive show when we get together, but are we making the right kind of impression? Unfortunately the precautions we take and the consideration we give to other kiteflyers and spectators are not necessarily the things that make an impression. We need to find a way to tell non-members the things that are important to us. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

from Jody Hagaman, WKA Secretary

Do hope you were able to dig your way out of the snow that we had a few weeks ago. Spring really is around the corner so get your kite gear ready, as your cabin fever is about to end. Check the calendar for upcoming events and remember that during the entire month of April there is a kite display at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. A lot of members have contributed their valuable time and kites for the pleasure of others to enjoy.

Please pay attention to the Expiration Date on your newsletter mailing label. You can pay your dues anytime before the expiration date and be assured of uninterrupted information. According to the new Association By-laws, if you get dropped for non payment or late payment of dues, a reinstatement penalty of \$2 will be assessed.

Please remember that SAFETY is a very important part of kite flying. All kite flyers are encouraged to practice safe flying at all times. Be especially courteous, kind, and polite to the spectators. After all, they are not only potential kite flyers, but also possible future WKA members. You are the one in control of your kite lines, and spectators are often unaware of the possible dangers. All WKA members, single and dual line alike, are encouraged to promote safe kite flying at all times.

Happy Spring, enjoy the new season, and FLY SAFE!

LAST MINUTES

BOARD, February 22

The meeting was called to order at the Pacific Science Center by WKA President Darryl Stephison. It was agreed to adopt the revised redistricting plan presented by Darryl. The boundary lines will now be Counties rather than the previous Zip Code delimiters, with Snohomish County split into the Northern and Central Zones (see the Membership Meeting below).

Darryl pointed out that the By-Laws were not clear about how the at-large Board members were to be elected. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that Article 8, Section 6 be changed to read: The at-large board members will be elected by the general membership.

Don Allen indicated that he had not received any notice of any meetings of the Safety Committee. Lyle Morgan indicated that the Forum on Kite Safety at Ft. Worden could be a great help to the committee. Lyle also indicated that there would be a workshop by people who were experienced with building kites in a classroom setting, and it was suggested that this could add to the information proposed for the teachers' packet.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to order 500 pins using the Washington Centennial logo designed by Lyle Morgan.

Jack Van Gilder brought up how difficult it had been to get members to volunteer to serve as officers for the WKA. He indicated that as some reward for the large amount of work performed by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor, a stipend of no more than \$500 be paid to them each year. It was pointed out that this year's budget did not contain any provision for an expenditure of that kind. After much discussion, including mention that WKA Newsletter Editor David Julian and Treasurer Pro-Tem Bob Hanna had refused to accept any payment for services, it was moved, seconded, and passed that: A stipend of no more than \$300 be paid during 1989 to the secretary only. Jack Van Gilder volunteered to type out an appropriate contract.

Lyle Morgan reported on the status of Ft. Worden. Registrations are nearly sold out, and several people who had not been previously listed, including Debbie Cooley, had agreed to join the staff. Darryl indicated that he would be appointing a committee to report on the finances of Ft. Worden and provide a clear definition of how, where, and why money is spent.

Coming events were discussed, with special emphasis on the Pacific Science Center show.

Darryl Stephison reported on the meeting concerning the upcoming WSIKF at Long Beach. (See the separate article).

MEMBERSHIP, March 4

As of press time, no official minutes were submitted, but the following items were presented by WKA President Darryl Stephison:

WKA BOARD REGIONS

Tom Sisson and David Julian made a first cut at dividing the state into Regions by sorting the membership list on zip codes. While this was a useful step in setting Regional boundaries, it was apparent that some improvement was possible. In an attempt to draw the boundaries on a state map, it was found that the Central (Metropolitan) Region included all of Clallam county. A member living in Forks would be part of the Central Region. The Central Region also went south as far as Morton and Randle. The South Region was a narrow strip along the Columbia from Long Beach to Goldendale. While Everett was in the Central Region, it was surrounded on three sides by the North Region which included Mukilteo, Snohomish, and Monroe. In an attempt to make a better

map, Region boundaries were moved to county lines except for the North/Central line which divides Snohomish County into two parts. This plan was presented by Darryl Stephison to the WKA board which approved the plan. The following is a list of the counties in each Region:

CENTRAL: King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish (South).

NORTH: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish (North), Whatcom.

WEST: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Thurston.

SOUTH: Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum.

EAST: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chellan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima.

WKA BOARD ELECTION

An election was held at the March 4 General Membership Meeting at Fort Worden to fill out the WKA Board according to the new Bylaws. Thirty-five ballots were cast. A few members living in the Central Region voted in one or more other Regions. These votes were discounted. The following results were tallied:

To fill the vacant position of past president:

Tom Sisson 27 votes

To fill the positions of Regional Representatives:

North Shirley Allen 6 votes
West Chuck Reese 2 votes
East Larry Zilar 7 votes
South Jim Buesing 3 votes

To fill the positions of At Large Board Members:

Rod Yarger 28 votes
Jack Van Gilder 27 votes
Kathy Stephison 27 votes
Lyle Morgan 23 votes
Gene Smiley 17 votes
Sari Moore 5 votes
Jim Buesing 1 vote
Margaret Holzbauer 1 vote

Rod, Jack, Kathy, and Lyle will therefore fill these positions.

WKA NEWS NOTES

Barbara O'Neill will be in charge of the Wings Over Washington kitefly July 29 at Magnuson Park. This is part of the official Washington Centennial Celebration. Barbara says she needs volunteers to get started on the project right away. Call her at 206/878-5772

Garth Westhoff is assembling a publication of all the best places to fly kites in the Pacific Northwest. He needs to know the approximate size, location, facilities (restrooms, shelters, etc.), and your comments about your favorite flying fields. Call him at 206/827-1857 •

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND BUDGET

Item	1987 Actual*	1988 Actual*	1989 Budget
BEGINNING BALANCE	1476.23	2514.34	5322.55
INCOME			
Dues	2038.00	2380.75	4000.00
Pins & Patches	417.39	751.00	1850.00
Teachers Packet		43.50	120.00
Events	4974.00	8630.41	9355.00
Donations	795.00	250.00	
Other Income	871.82	566.34	150.00
Total Income	9096.21	12622.00	15475.00
EXPENSES			
Newsletter	2034.85	2150.08	2100.00
Pins & Patches	1047.71		1000.00
Teachers Packet		45.00	300.00
Events	4173.58	7389.00	8950.00
Administration	28.12	487.62	2425.00
Other Misc Expenses	773.84	872.08	500.00
Total Expenses	8038.10	10943.00	15275.00
ENDING BALANCE	2514.34	5322.55	5522.55

* for information purposes only, contains errors which cannot be explained due to lack of information in the account books.

WASHINGTON KITEFLYERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS (As of February 22, 1989)

Article I Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be:

Washington Kiteflyers Association

Article II Address

The address of the organization shall be:

c/o Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

Article III Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to foster and encourage enthusiasm for kiteflying, interest in the aesthetics of kite design, the study of aerodynamics relating to the design of kites, and the study of the history of kites; and further to promote safety in kiteflying and to perpetuate the art and science of kiteflying through education.

Article IV Membership

A. Washington Kiteflyers Association shall have four classes of membership as follows:

1. Individual
2. Family; may be granted to two or more persons residing at the same address.
3. Associations; a non-dues-paying, non-voting membership granted to kite oriented organizations for the purpose of exchange of publications and information.
4. Life; a non-dues-paying, voting, individual or family membership which may be granted to a WKA member in recognition of extraordinary and exemplary

service to the association.

B. Individual and Family memberships are open to any interested persons who pay the annual dues as established by a majority vote of the membership.

C. Each individual membership shall be entitled to one vote and each family membership shall be entitled to two votes. Each life membership shall be entitled to one or two votes, depending on the type of membership prior to the granting of the life membership. Association memberships shall have no vote.

D. The term of dues-paying memberships shall be from the first day of the month following acceptance of application for membership until the last day of the twelfth month following. Membership shall be terminated for non-payment of dues 30 days after written notice. Memberships renewed after termination will be subject to a \$2.00 reprocessing fee. The term of association memberships shall be as long as reasonable exchange of publications and information continues.

E. To each member there shall be issued a membership card showing the organization name, the member's name, the period during which the membership is valid, the signature of the president, and any other information the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate.

F. Any member shall be free to terminate membership at any time, with remaining dues non-refundable.

Article V Membership Meetings

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the first Saturday of all months or at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, for the purpose of conducting business of the organization including, but not limited to, changes in the bylaws or dues, approval of the budget, approval of policies, or for the education and enlightenment of the members. No business

shall be conducted unless a quorum of at least nine members is present.

Article VI Elections

- A. Elected officers shall serve a term of one calendar year.
- B. An election committee of three members shall be appointed by the Board to canvass the membership for nominees for new officers and Board members. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the November meeting, or by write-in vote. All nominees must be WKA members. All nominees shall be published in the newsletter and all ballots shall be returned by mail and counted by the election committee. Ballots must be received by December 31.

Article VII Board of Trustees

- A. The Board of Trustees shall consist of thirteen members: the elected officers, the immediate past president, four at-large trustees, and four regional representatives. All officers and Board members must be members in good standing.
- B. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to conduct the business of the Association except that specifically assigned in the bylaws to the membership. The Board shall provide leadership to fulfill the goals of the organization. The Board shall develop policies regarding expenditure of funds, the sponsorship of activities, and the scheduling of events. All policies shall be approved by the membership. In February, the Board shall present a report of general income and expenditures, an accounting of property, and a proposed budget for the income and expenditures for the coming year, for the amendment and approval of the members attending the February membership meeting.
- C. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by appointment of the president and approval of the Board members.
- D. Meetings of the Board shall be held ten days prior to the general membership meetings, or at the discretion of the president, with the president acting as chairperson. At least one board meeting per year shall be held in each of the four regions. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum, consisting of five trustees, is present. Meetings shall be open to members and invited guests who, at the discretion of the chair, may speak, but may not vote.

Article VIII Duties of Officers

- A. Officers of the Association shall consist of:

1. President, who shall act as the executive of the Association.
2. Vice-President, who shall perform the duties of the president in the officer's absence, and such other duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees.
3. Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all funds of the Association, receive monies due and payable to the Association and deposit such monies in a financial depository selected by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall distribute funds to pay the obligations of the Association according to policies set forth by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall regularly report the financial status of the group to the Board and to the general membership.
4. Secretary, who shall keep minutes of the meetings of Board of Trustees and of the members and shall keep a register of members' names addresses and telephone numbers. A summary of the meeting activities shall be included in the newsletter. The secretary shall keep a record of any items collected, purchased, or distributed on behalf of the organization, an report on the status of the property at least once per year at the February membership meeting.
5. Regional representatives shall be elected by the WKA members residing in their regions and shall represent their region's interests to the statewide organization. The geographic boundaries of each region shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.
6. At-large Board members shall be responsible for major functions of the organization as determined by the Board such as, but not limited to, events, education, publications, safety, etc. At-large Board members shall be elected by the general membership.

- A. Any officer or board member may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties. Requests for recall must be published in the newsletter and passed by a majority of the members voting at the next general membership meeting.

Article IX Amendment of the Bylaws

- A. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws of this Association shall be first accepted by the Board of Trustees before being submitted to the membership, at which time it shall be adopted by the Association if it is approved by two-thirds of the members voting at that meeting.

REGIONAL REPORTS

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

[As of press time no information was submitted to the WKA Newsletter.]

For additional information about the BFKS contact Larry & Marleen Zilar (509) 586-2664, John & Linda Zilar (509), or Greg & Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951. To get your BFKS Patch (and free BFKA Membership), send a self-ad-

from Larry "Ben Franklin" & Marleen Zilar dressed stamped envelope and \$3.50 (US\$) to Larry Zilar, BFKS, 1030 W. 14th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99337. [Watch the Kite Calendar for BFKS sponsored events in the Eastern Region — Ed.]

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

The Westport Windriders have chosen a design by Leroy Peoples to represent their club and they promise pins, patches, tee-shirts, and sweatshirts bearing the new logo will

be available soon. Their small but first-class newsletter now contains two new features, a gossip column Heard on the Westport Winds and the Tide Tables.

For additional information about the WW contact Chuck Reese, Westport Windriders, P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA

98586, 206/875-6385 (evenings). [Watch the Kite Calendar for WW sponsored events in the Western Region — Ed.]

SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS

The Squalicum Kite Flyers have been compensating for the lack of balmy breezes and the arrival of freezing temperatures by building kites (there will be at least six new hand-made kites flying over Squalicum Harbor this spring), long tails, and having pot-lucks. Our December pot luck at Mike and Rhonda Allen's was a planning meeting for our scheduled summer flies. The January get-together at Michael and Diane Button's was a special time because Ken Conrad, Susanne Sadow, and Nina joined us, bringing with them the video of Ken's China trip, and showing us a number of the beautifully hand-crafted kites he brought back with him.

The highlight of the winter was the filming of our senior members Bill & Marian Carter by Bellingham's channel 10 for a children's program. The Carters are among our most enthusiastic flyers. It is especially exciting to see Bill's

mother, Juliette Carter, a great lady 90 years young, sharing in that enthusiasm. It is not uncommon to see her flying one of her kites from a lawn chair on any good day.

On February 25 the wind was brisk and six families gathered at the harbor and flew until sunset. We really filled the skies with three Hagaman parafoils, numerous other single line kites and at least four stunt kites going at one time [the Squalicum Kite Flyers have at least one of nearly every stunt kite mad — Ed.] and it was fun to watch Mike Allen work with his new Neos Omega Revolution I™ — the new quad-line stunter.

Remember — the only requirement to be a Squalicum Kite Flyer is to hold a line at Squalicum Harbor, your kite or one of ours. Come join us anytime the breezes blow and the sun shines!

YAKIMA VALLEY KITEFLYERS

The Yargers and the Willsons have begun their own area group, complete with newsletter (The Kite Chronicle), pins, and patches.

For additional information about the YVK contact Rod

Yarger, Yakima Valley KiteFlyers, 209 N. 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902, 509/453-4679. [Watch the Kite Calendar for YVK sponsored events in the Eastern Region — Ed.]

CLASSIFIED ADS

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CLASSIFIED ADS — any items related to kites or kite flyers only 10¢ per word (\$3 minimum) per issue. David Julian, WKA NEWSLETTER Editor, 10254 NE 21st Place, Bellevue WA 98004. (206)453-8895

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I am really disappointed in the underhanded activities of some of our WKA members in recent weeks. It was reported to me that one of our members wrote a letter signed "A Kite Flyer", complaining about some minor incidents that happened at Ft. Casey last year that was distributed to several WKA, AOK, and AKA members. Some others at Ft. Worden complained about the headline article in the last issue of the WKA NEWSLETTER ostensibly because they felt that man-lifting was somehow too dangerous or otherwise inappropriate for a kite magazine. Well now it's my turn to complain.

First, if you have any complaint, opinion, viewpoint, line of bull, or whatever, I'll print it as long as you sign your name to it. Second, if you've got a valid criticism of our editorial policy, we'll change it. But I'll be damned if I'm going to

change policy because some kiteflyer in Bellingham, who doesn't even have the courage to put his own name to his opinions, refuses to face the facts of life for the 1990's. And those facts are these: (1) there are going to be a lot more park users and a lot less park space in the coming years, and more kiteflyers will be flying high-tech stunt and other large and potentially dangerous kites; (2) if you are going to represent yourself as the leader of an organized group, you are going to have to accept the responsibility that goes with it; and (3) in every group of people, there is a certain percentage that will not behave in a responsible manner, regardless of what you or anyone else tries to do about it.

I am, and lots of other WKA members are, getting pretty tired of this petty bickering, and I

am going to put it to rest once and for all.

About last year at Ft. Casey, this is the bottom line: if the Schwenks or Dan Nordgaard were seriously endangering anybody, the park ranger would have shut them down immediately. The author of the previously mentioned letter complained that where they used to be treated with a casual attitude by the park people, now they are being required to sign permits. By requiring you to sign a permit, the rangers are formally recognizing you as the leader of a legitimate organization and are assigning you the responsibility of monitoring your own group's behavior, not the behavior of every kiteflyer in the park. For you to take that assignment of responsibility (which is something the rangers would have required all along if they had taken your group seriously) as a personal affront is ludicrous; to think that the ranger's responsibility for safety in the park is diminished in any way simply by your signing a permit is naive at best; and to think the park would be closed to kiteflying because of the irresponsible actions of a few people who were not even members of your group borders on paranoia. In fact, Ft. Casey Park Ranger Ken Hagaman told me directly that he expects occasional incidents to happen, and that to his knowledge no consideration has ever been given to the possibility of closing the park to kiteflying. Blatantly misrepresenting that fact does nothing to foster and promote harmony. In fact it takes away from the credibility of the valid points made in the same letter about etiquette and common sense approaches to courtesy and safety. The Schwenks already publicly apologized for any problems they might have inadvertently caused at Ft. Casey months ago. So let's quit dredging up last year's news, take a deep breath, and realize that how we behave toward each other on and off the flying field directly reflects our true values. If we can't be cooperative, safe, and friendly toward each other, why would anyone else want to join us?

About the policy of the WKA NEWSLETTER,

my goal is twofold. First, I try to cram as much important kite information into 12 pages as I can; and second, I consider the front page to be a huge display ad for the WKA. I am actively looking for front page photos and stories about people and events that challenge the imagination of the reader, where people exceed the imaginary limits of kite uses, and where WKA members participate in major national and international events. I want the first-time reader to recognize the WKA as a leader in the worldwide kite community, not just a bunch of local yokels holding kite strings, afraid to take any risks.

And finally, I have no complaint with the sudden rise in regional kite groups because, after all, we are all trying to promote kiteflying as much as possible. And I don't expect anyone to go out and actively recruit members for the WKA. But I am getting really tired of actively promoting your groups and regional events without any thanks whatsoever or even the slightest mention of the WKA or WKA (especially Seattle Metro Area) events in your regional newsletters.

On a more positive note, please welcome two new kite store advertiser sponsors, MAINFRAME KITE SHOP, 3340 E 11th St, Tacoma, WA 98421, 206/627-1653; and COOL RAIN KITES, 1107-F College St SE, Lacey, WA 98503 (College at Pacific), 206/459-5800. Stop in if you are in the vicinity and tell them you saw their ad in the WKA NEWSLETTER.

The new WKA Membership Applications are now available. Please do not hand out the old ones any more. Call me at 206/453-8895 and I'll be happy to send you some of the new ones or a master for photocopying your own. WKA Membership Rosters are also available for the cost of materials and postage. The rosters are for informational purposes only and are strictly **not for commercial use**. The rosters are available in a variety of formats (print-outs, mailing labels, etc.) *Deadline for the June issue is May 15.*

MORE HOT AIR — OUR READERS TALK BACK

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM KLIG'S KITES

(Handout copies of the following letter arrived too late to get circulated at Ft. Worden.)

Welcome to the Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference from Klig's Kites, 9600 N. Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, 803/449-2856! We hope that you enjoy every exciting moment.

June 10, 1989 marks the date of our 7th Annual

Klig's Kites Summer Games Kite Fly that will be held in Myrtle Beach. We, along with our co-sponsors, are eagerly anticipating this festive event and are extending our invitation to every kite enthusiast that we can possibly locate. For the past six years we have hosted this event which is loaded with a large variety of divisions (general

kite fly, most kites on one line, largest and smallest kite, most artistic and unique, fastest climbing, stunt kite, and our infamous night fly) with awards going to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finalists. We have had an ever-increasing amount of interest each year and promise on June 10th to give you the BEST Summer Games Kite Fly ever!

Also, call us on our toll-free line, 1-800-33FLY-HI, or write to us at the address above and request

our FREE 32-page kite catalog that is jam-packed with every kite necessity that you will ever need. Included are our already low prices along with an additional 15% discount to all Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference attendees (special discount limited to one order per person).

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IN THE WIND — WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

by DARRYL STEPHISON

A meeting was held Saturday February 11 at the Long Beach City Hall to discuss the Washington State International Kite Festival in August. In attendance were Kay Buesing, Eric Forsberg, Jody and Doug Hagaman, Don Lary, Jerry Sinotte, Kathy and Darryl Stephison, Rick Talbott, and Jerry Zorich.

A new parking area is being planned north of Bolstad behind the dune. It will hold about 250 cars. The concessions will probably be around that lot rather than along the road. About 100 new rooms are planned for construction in the Long Beach area.

The main subject of discussion was events and a rough schedule was set up.

Monday will be informal get acquainted day - no formal events. Tuesday will be hand crafted day, coordinated by Rick Talbott. Wednesday will be children's and seniors' day. Lynn Lary will coordinate the single line events, but coordinators are still needed for the junior stunt events and the senior events. Story telling was popular last year but it was agreed that senior events should not just be a duplicate of events on other days. Thursday will feature single line competition coordinated by Steve Warning. Friday will be stunt kite competition, coordinated by Maureen and Crunchy Christianson. (There will be no pro competition at WSIKF this year. Pro competition will be held June 10 and 11.) Friday night will be a night fly with no awards. Darryl Stephison offered the services of WKA to coordinate the Saturday events. It is hoped that this will be a Washington State Centennial Celebration Day. The Long Beach people will handle the welcoming ceremony, Jerry Sinotte will coordinate a Rokaku challenge (AKA Convention style), and Maureen and Crunchy will coordinate any leftover stunt events. WKA will provide coordinator(s) for the following events: manufacturer / professional demonstrations, foreign demonstrations, best all around kite flyer, and the Washington Centennial Event. This last event will award kites and costumes which exemplify the centennial theme.

The field layout will be different this year. There will be five fields between the Bolstad and Tenth street access roads. These will be used for competition and pre-competition. The

announcer stand will be centered between the two accesses. A sound system is planned which will cover the whole ten block area. An area north of Bolstad will be designated for large kites. Other areas will be designated for open flying of either single or dual line kites. Separation of these two areas will be enforced.

Another meeting was held Saturday March 18. Kay Buesing, Maureen and Crunchy Christianson, Jenny Forsberg, Don and Lynn Lary, Neil Simmons, Jerry Sinotte, Kathy and Darryl Stephison, and Rick Talbott attended. Each of the competitions was discussed in more detail.

Train kites may be added to hand crafted day. A new competition for most innovative sky laundry may also be added. Some of the events may be divided into novice and master classes. Children's events may be divided into more age groups because the middle age groups had too many participants. Roy Willson, Rod Yarger, and Greg Clark will coordinate the junior stunt competition. Senior events will include story telling. Antique kites have been suggested as another event. A coordinator is still needed for the senior events.

Some events in the individual competition may also be divided into novice and master classes. Trains and small kites will be moved to the start of the day but will be subject to weather. Several changes were suggested for the stunt competition. Because these were numerous and not yet firm, they will be reported on a later date. The Rokaku challenge will be expanded to allow any size kite. Teams will be a minimum three person. A LeMans style start will be featured. The best all around kite flyer event will be judged on flying skill with several different kites similar to last year.

Pot luck picnics were also discussed. The AOK picnic will be on Wednesday night and the WKA picnic will be on Thursday night. Jean Sisson will coordinate the WKA picnic. Friday night Long Beach will have a picnic for volunteers on the beach.

All information reported here should be considered preliminary and subject to change.

KITE CALENDAR

April 1 (Sat), WKA Membership Meeting, Museum of Flight (Red Barn, south end of Boeing Field), 10am, includes free Continental breakfast and tour of the museum, contact Darryl Stephison 206/657-7334 (Days)

April 1 (Sat), Eastside April Fools Fun Fly, Redmond, Marymoor Park near the Velodrome (signs will be posted), 2pm or after the Membership Meeting, Kitesport 206/641-0763

April 2 (Sun), 8th Annual Spring Tri-Cities Fly-In, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, Noon, Greg Greger 509/943-3951

April 8-9 (Sat-Sun), "Welcome Spring" Kite Festival, Ocean Shores, single line and stunt kite competition, Ocean Shores Kites 206/269-4103

April 8-9 (Sat-Sun), Texas Gulf Coast Stunt Kite

Challenge, Apfel Park (Galveston, TX), 10am-6pm, Junior-Novice-Experienced-Advanced Free-style and Precision competition, Surfside Flyers, 409/265-0668

April 16 (Sun), Planning Meeting for 1990 Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference, Suzanne Sedow's Residence, Call Suzanne at 206/527-5184 for the address and directions, everyone welcome.

April 16 (Sun), Taste of Skagit Kite Fly, Weaverling Spit (Anacortes), Fun Fly (part of a three-day event), Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, Alice Perry, 206/293-5800

April 22 (Sat), Kids Day, Gasworks Park (N. End of Lake Union, Seattle), Noon, Fun Fly and WKA will be sharing kites with kids, Cheri Harris-Smith, 206/874-8359

April 22 (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm

potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese
206/875-6385 (eves), a WW event

April 23 (Sun), Fun Fly, Gasworks Park (N. end of Lake Union, Seattle), Noon, Gasworks Kite Shop,
206/633-4780

April 26 (Wed), **WKA Board Meeting**, Pacific Science Center (Seattle Center), 7pm, Darryl Stephison,
206/657-7334

April 29 (Sat), Bellevue Parks Kite Day, Bellevue's Downtown Park (S. of Penney's at Bellevue Square), 10am, judging day for a kitemaking contest among Bellevue school children and they are looking for large and unusual kites from us, Co-sponsored by WKA and Bellevue Parks & Rec. Dept., Mick Mellor,
206/451-4106

April 29-30 (Sat-Sun), Kiona Vineyards Winery Barrel Tasting and Kitefly, about 12 miles west of Richland just off Hwy 82 (Signs will be posted), Larry Zilar 509/586-2664, a BFKS event

April 29-30 (Sat-Sun), 2nd Annual Surfsand Wayfarer Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach OR, 206/452-4470

May 6-7 (Sat-Sun), Preston Wine Cellars Annual Kite Festival, about 5 miles north of Pasco just off Hwy 395 (Signs will be posted), Larry Zilar 509/586-2664 a BFKS event

May 6 (Sat), **WKA General Membership Meeting**, Zilar Residence, Kennewick, immediately following the Preston Festival fly, Larry Zilar 509/586-2664 or Darryl Stephison 206/657-7334 for the address and driving directions.

May 12-13-14 (Fri-Sat-Sun), 15th Annual Walla Walla Balloon Stampede, WA-HI High School grounds, see 50 hot air balloons take off at 7am then fill the sky with kites, pancake breakfast, craft show, eats, bands, etc., Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce 509/525-0850 a

BFKS event

May 13-14 (Sat-Sun), Spring Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City OR, Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, AOK President David Gomberg,
503/994-3070

May 14 (Sun), Fun Fly, Gasworks Park (N. end of Lake Union, Seattle), Noon, Gasworks Kite Shop,
206/633-4780

May 21 (Sun) Third Annual Bayside Kite Fly, Mukiteo State Park, Noon, joint sponsorship by WKA and Bayside Realty, volunteers are needed to organize and operate this event, Shirley Monteith, 206/355-0200

May 24 (Wed), **WKA Board Meeting**, Pacific Science Center (Seattle Center), 7pm, Darryl Stephison
206/657-7334

May 26-29 (Fri-Mon), Kite Retreat, Texas Tech University Center (Junction, TX), \$75 includes housing, meals, and workshops (materials extra), Betty Street or Bill Lockhart 806/742-3027 or 744-7190 before 4/25 or 915/446-2301 after 4/25

May 27 (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, all day fun fly at Twin Harbors State Park and 6pm potluck at Kila-Hana Clubhouse, Chuck Reese
206/875-6385 (eves), a WW event

May 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Memorial Day Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach, Fun Fly all day both days, Long Beach Kites, 206/642-2202

May 28 (Sun), Memorial Day Kite Fly, Ft. Casey State Park (Whidbey Island), 11 am, Fun Fly, Mike Button
206/733-7380, a SK event

June 3 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, Burger King (S. end of Lake Union, Seattle), Darryl Stephison 206/657-7334

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