

KITE CRAZY



Sari Moore, Tom Sisson, Kathy Goodwind, Barbara Anne O'Neill and other WKA members join Seattle Times Kite Crazy's at the 2nd Annual Seattle Times Kite Festival

by BARBARA ANNE O'NEILL

KITE CRAZY is what I called the 2nd Annual Seattle Times Kite Festival, held at Magnuson Park Saturday June 10. The annual event is primarily for Seattle Times employees and their families and friends, but the Washington Kitefliers Association is always invited. This year some 20 of our members attended, and WKA Past President Tom Sisson won the Top Prize for the Best-Kite-Made-Out-Of-The-Seattle-Times category.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Seattle Times and their employees who provided the funds and support for the event, the

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(L to R): Barbara Anne O'Neill, Seattle Times' "Kite Lady" about to launch her delta kite; Face Painting specialist Kathy Wilson drawing a kite on Lisa, one of the many children she painted at the Seattle Times festival



News Break Cafeteria who provided the refreshments, and all the volunteers who helped set up and tear down all the gear at the park, and WKA members Kathy Goodwind and Ed from the Gasworks Kite Shop, Dan Schwenk, and City Kites for their special contributions to the event and to the special advance kite display in the foyer of the Times building, and last but not least, Tom Bryant, who brought all the gear back to the Times after

the show was over. And what a show it was! The wind did blow enough for more than 150 kites to "color the sky with kites".

I'm already looking forward to the next year's festival. If you would like to contribute some time and energy, contact me c/o Kite Committee, Human Resources Dept., The Seattle Times, P.O. Box 70, Seattle WA 98111.

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A giant kite restrained by a clothesline? Actually this kite is about the size of a dollar bill; This outstanding kite display in the auditorium foyer of the Seattle Times was put up by Kathy Goodwind and The Gasworks Kite Shop in advance of the Seattle Times Kite Festival

DAVID CHECKLEY MEMORIAL FUND

by DANCHEWENK

Contributors from across the US and around the world to the David Checkley Memorial Fund will be pleased to learn that the entire fund of \$1500 has been used to bring the excitement and joy of successful kitemaking to over 1,600 kids in the Puget Sound region. Tom Sisson made more than 60 presentations of his Trash Bag Delta class at schools and libraries in lower income areas of Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and Redmond. Materials were purchased by the fund, but Tom

donated his time for preparation and presentations. Said Tom, "A whole lot of kids learned to make and fly a kite without running." A hearty *THANK YOU* to all the contributors who made it all possible, and especially to Tom Sisson for his generous donation of much time and effort.

MORE MEMORIES OF JACK VAN GILDER

from OLIVIERO OLIVIERI, Direttore Responsabile, Cervi Volante, il bollettino del L'Associazione Italiano Aquilonisti (Rome, Italy)

I send you a copy of our last newsletter with a page for Dave Checkley and Jack Van Gilder ... thanks to Jack I have had the chance to complete my Kite Tales collection (on paper), and I think that in Europe I am one of the few kitemen to have this. Like in other countries, the real kite en-



Ken Conrad's train flying great at the 3rd Annual Bayside Kite Festival in Mukilteo on May 21st

thusiasts without personal interest to the diffusion of our beautiful hobby are not very many ... I remember that Jack was one of the oldest American kite enthusiasts at the time of Bob Ingraham, so his dedication and engagement was very long and stable ... in Italy are very few that have known [about Jack Van Gilder], they nevertheless have a great debt: without him kiteflying around the world would not be the same ...

from HELEN BUSHELL, Secretary, Australian Kite Association

Our contact with your association has been extremely valuable in keeping Australia in touch with developments in the USA. Although I did not meet Jack Van Gilder, I knew that behind your organisation stood a strong and loving personality. We are sorry that he is no longer with you but feel that his influence and enthusiasm will be as infectious as before as it permeates the next wave of enthusiasts. Jack made us feel that we belonged to the world fraternity, and this is what kiting is all about ...

EIJI OHASHI AT LONG BEACH

by KAY BUESING

For four days in May, young and old on the Long Beach Peninsula were awed by the kite skills of Eiji Ohashi and his wife Eicko. Ohashi spent two days teaching kite making to 387 kindergarten through third grade students, each of which is now the proud possessor of rice paper and bamboo stick kites, which they decorated themselves.

On Friday and Saturday local kite flyers helped the Ohashis fly 1989 kites in long arched trains to honor the WA State Centennial. Each kite in the arches has two thin bamboo pieces for vertical sticks and a piece of piano wire for the cross stick. This allows the kites to be flown forwards or backwards. The seven arches of kites crisscrossed one another, latticing the sky and providing a rustling accompaniment to the sound of the ocean. Kitefliers helping Ohashi included Ray Nelson, Jerry Sinotte, Jo & John Thorson, Jeff McKinney, Tom Driscoll, Scott Cowell, Steven Pickering, Lucy & Michelle Zorich, and Lisa Westlund.

Ohashi plans to return to Long Beach to fly his kite arches and other kites at the Washington State International Kite Festival, August 21- 27 at Long Beach.



Above: In honor of the WA State Centennial, Eiji Ohashi covers the sky over Long Beach with 1989 kites specially designed to fly in arches.

Below: Long Beach kite enthusiasts assist Ohashi with the launch



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

from DARRYL STEPHISON, WKA President

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Darn it, I've got to complain. We have had some poor planning at kite flies lately. Whoever is in charge of weather has fallen down completely. We've been becalmed in Bellevue, Pasco, Walla Walla, Mukilteo, and Magnuson Park. We've been drenched at Marymoor Park, Fort Casey, and Westport. It's enough to make a guy take up Trivial Pursuit (come to think of it maybe that's what we have been doing). Before any of the sponsors get thoroughly angry with me, we had a lot of fun at all of these places; but it wasn't always kiteflying. One of the things that keeps me going to these events is that they seem to attract the kind of people I like. There is a camaraderie, a linking of kindred spirits that makes me want to be with these people even when we are just sitting on plastic chairs at McDonalds waiting for the rain to quit.

Speaking of planning, quite a lot of work has gone into planning for the Washington State International Kite Festival, not only by the Long Beach people but also by the WKA and AOK. Lots of help will be needed on the field. If you are going to be there, consider lending a hand. If we all help, the festival will be a lot better for everyone.

If you are trying to get a hold of me, please note that my daytime phone number has changed (657-5797). It's a work phone but don't be afraid to call. The secretary is very nice and she doesn't mind taking messages.

PIN DESIGN CONTEST After the end of this year, we will not order any more of the Washington Centennial WKA pins. A new pin will be sold after the centennial pins are gone. Do you have a good idea for a new pin design? Would you like to see your design on everyone's hat? You could win valuable prizes for the best design. Prizes include:

- One year free membership in the WKA.
- A custom made windsock courtesy of Klig's Kites.
- A mint copy of "Kites" (A Golden Guide). This delightful little book is no longer in print - a real collector's item.
- A hand made kite by Harold Writer.
- A free WKA pin — your design.

Send your design to the WKA Pacific Science Center address before September 30, 1989. Designs will be judged on artistic impression, originality, and applicability to pin manufacture. A panel of judges will be selected by the WKA Board.

KITES NEEDED As many of you know our dues do not cover all of the expenses of the WKA. One of the ways we get additional revenue is through kite exhibits. The Museum of Flight, the Children's Museum, and the Pacific Science Center exhibits are examples of such events. We have had some very impressive and successful exhibits. In most cases, we have depended on volunteers who have donated their kites and their time to make these exhibits possible. Now we would like to improve the quality of our exhibits by developing an inventory of kites belonging to the WKA. In this way we would always have a number of kites that we can count on. Volunteers will always be important, but when only a small number show up, they won't feel like they have to empty their kite bags to make the exhibit a success. Perhaps you have a kite or two that look good but just don't seem to fly like you had hoped. If you think they might look better in a window or hanging from a ceiling than they do wobbling around the sky, please consider making a donation to the WKA. Please contact me or Tom Sisson, and we will make sure that all donated kites are tagged to show the name of the donor.

from Kelci Williams, WKA Secretary

Just a quick note to introduce myself as the new secretary of the WKA. I was appointed to the position when Jody Hagaman moved out of the Seattle area, which made it virtually impossible for her to continue. I'm sure that we all appreciate the hard work that she has done and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her.

I hope that you will all bear with me as I "learn the ropes". I'm a novice at this as I only joined the WKA last year. If you have any requests, suggestions or complaints, please let me know and I will try to act on them. It is not hard for kite flying to get into the blood, as both my husband and I will attest. It is an enjoyable endeavor in which the whole family can participate. We're looking forward to the upcoming festival at Long Beach and hope to see and meet many of you there. Let's all color the sky!

LAST MINUTES

[Summaries and highlights of the meetings. Full minutes are available from the WKA Secretary.]

BOARD, May 24

Present were Darryl and Kathy Stephenson, Bob Hanna, Tom Sisson, Lyle Morgan, Margaret Holzbauer, Diane Bilotti and Kelci Williams. Darryl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Pacific Science Center and then reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Bob Hanna reported on the current status of the treasury. Darryl requested that a one page Financial Report on the Ft. Worden Conference be prepared. Darryl made a motion to appoint Kelci Williams to the position of Secretary of the WKA (replacing Jody Hagaman who has moved). The motion was seconded by Lyle Morgan and the vote was unanimous. The importance of beginning work NOW on the next Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference was emphasized by both Darryl and Lyle. Officers should be elected at the June 3rd meeting so that they can begin setting up the organization. Among other things, the costs involved, work to be done and prices to charge must be determined. Darryl and Kathy communicated the latest information from Long Beach regarding the International Kite Festival. Volunteers are still needed for the Senior event to be held on Wednesday and for the bicentennial events to take place on Saturday.

The WKA has been asked to exhibit kites at the new Bellevue Place complex. Tom Sisson suggested that we consider putting together a permanent collection, with contributions from association members, that could be used for this and/or future exhibits. Pins and Patches were the next topic of discussion. Darryl proposed that a "New Pin Design Contest" be held. We need a volunteer to organize the competition. This would involve getting a donation (from either a WKA member or a kite shop) to use as a prize, setting a submission deadline, finding a judge, and presenting the prize. Contact Darryl if you are interested. It was decided that since all but four of the Board members reside in the Seattle area, Board meetings will continue to be held in Seattle while General meetings will be held at various locales throughout the state. It is hoped that "One Sky, One World" day will be announced by the Mayor on the news and that the WKA can get some publicity and recognition from the event. A meeting of the Safety Committee is slated for May 31st. The upcoming summer activities were mentioned with hopes that many members will both participate and enjoy them. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

MEMBERSHIP, June 3

Members present included Darryl and Kathy Stephenson, Bob Hanna, Tom Sisson, Kelci and Morrie Williams, Margaret Holzbauer, Sari Moore, Darlene Wetter, Gene Smiley, Barbara O'Neill and David Julian. The meeting, held at the

Lake Union Burger King, was called to order at 10:10 AM by Darryl. The minutes of the May 24th Board Meeting were reviewed by Kelci. Kathy mentioned that she had a supply of pins and patches for anyone who needed them. Bob Hanna then gave a Treasurer's report. Darryl announced that Mike Button of Bellingham has volunteered to act as chairperson for next year's Ft. Worden Kitemaker's Conference. Help is needed on this project, which is being set-up as a separate entity. The paperwork is being processed and there was some discussion about the fiscal year being different from the WKA's for accounting purposes. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Darryl or Mike Button. The discussion then turned to the upcoming Washington State International Kite Festival. Tom related the latest news from Long Beach and the planning group there. Among other events, there will be a Rokkaku challenge with the participants wearing costumes, a Washington Centennial costume/kite contest, prizes for the oldest and youngest kite flyers and a Senior Day complete with a Big Band stunt ballet. The Best All-around Kite Flying award will be given on Saturday when there will also be professional and international demonstrations and an attempt to launch the biggest kite in the world.

The Bellevue Place exhibit will probably be done in September for one week (including two weekends). Donations of kites for a permanent collection to be used at exhibitions are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Darryl summarized what happened at the meeting of the Safety Committee. They are putting together ideas, words and sketches for an 8 1/2" X 11" handout of kite safety do's and don'ts. Tom thought it would be a good idea to add new designs to the Teachers packets. The 1990 pin design contest will be judged by Tom Sisson and should be completed by October. More information about the contest will be supplied later. Darryl gave a run down of upcoming events before adjourning the meeting at 12:05 PM.

BOARD, June 21

Present were Darryl Stephenson, Stan Swanson, Tom Sisson, and Kelci Williams. Darryl called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and noted that there was no quorum. Kelci gave the secretary's report and Stan gave an updated treasurer's report in Bob Hanna's absence.

Tom submitted the Fort Worden By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to Darryl for review. There is no more information about the Bellevue Place exhibit yet. The upcoming WKA Pin Design Contest was discussed. Stan talked about the possibility of putting together a Jack Van Gilder slide show. Janine joined the meeting and spoke about the upcoming International Kite Festival events and WKA's participation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

REGIONAL REPORTS

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

[As of press time no information about BFKS activities was submitted — Ed.]

For additional information about the BFKS contact Larry or Marleen Zilar (509) 586-2664, John or Linda Zilar (509), or Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951. To get

your BFKS Patch (and free BFKA Membership), send a self-addressed 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.]

SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS

[As of press time no information about SKF activities was submitted — Ed.]

For additional information about the SKF contact Don or Shirley Allen, Squalicum Kite Flyers, 505 Bakerview #114,

Bellingham, WA 98226, 206/733-3777 [Watch the Kite Calendar for SKF sponsored events in the Northern Region — Ed.]

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

The Westport Windriders have had a busy summer season according to their latest local area newsletter. Articles included information about the 4th Annual Westport Kite Festival June 23-25th at Twin Harbors State Park (including a two-page insert of all the contest winners and another two-page insert of thank-you's to the volunteers), Tal Streeter's attempt at the World Record for the longest tail (once again, the wind did not cooperate), past WW potlucks

and fun flys, along with the usual array of fine regular features. [I was particularly impressed with the "Fun and Safety Tips" handout — Ed.]

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.]

YAKIMA VALLEY KITEFLYERS

[As of press time no information about YVK activities was submitted — Ed.]

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

OFFICIAL WKA CENTENNIAL PIN — red, white, blue, and gold, \$3.00; **OFFICIAL WKA PATCH** — 3" square, green on gold, \$3.00 **BUILD SEVEN KITES** and teach others how — official WKA Teaching Pack includes plans for 2 sleds, 2 deltas, eddy, cobra, and delta conyne, \$2.00. Kelci Williams, WKA Secretary, Pacific Science Center, 200 - 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for WKA Seniors (Wednesday August 23) and Best of the Best (Saturday August 26) events at the WSKF in Long Beach. Contact Jeani Schwenk, WKA Events Chairman, 206/481-9009 (evenings)

PFAFF 130 INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINE in like-new condition. Excellent machine for kite making. Complete with manufacturer's table and lamp. Really must see to appreciate! Will be available for viewing at 511 Boren Ave N in Seattle. Asking \$535.00. Call Jackie or Doug for appointment at 206/682-2541

PART-TIME RETAIL SALESPERSON WANTED for kite store. Call Charly, 206/869-7255 for further information.

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

My apologies to Tom Sisson for inadvertently misplacing his special tribute to Jack Van Gilder. It was just one of those things that just vanished into thin air. I'd like to think Jack took it with him.

Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and artwork for this issue, especially those of you who got your information in before the deadline, and those of you who submit your information on diskettes in IBM or ASCII format. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the time I can save by not having to retype all that text.

One word of advice to advertisers, however. Camera ready artwork is dark black on white. Sending me your business card or other advertising in light blue tones is like sending me a blank sheet of paper. Light blue is used for invisible

markings to line up the graphics on a page and is known in the printing industry as "non-photo" blue. Printers love to sell this color to unsuspecting buyers because they have to go back to the original printer to get more cards or ads (they keep the black and white camera ready art on file).

Please welcome our new display advertiser sponsor **AERIAL DELIGHTS**, 7805 Leary Way NE, Redmond 206/869-7255. Charly Whittaker informs me they will be open 7 days a week and will even open after regular hours under certain circumstances.

On a less positive note, Kitesport at Crossroads Mall is no longer in business. Tom Mallard's customers can reach him c/o **AERIAL DELIGHTS**.

The new WKA Membership Applications are now avail-

able. Call me at 206/453-8895 and I'll be happy to send you some. WKA Membership Rosters are also available for the cost of materials and postage. The rosters are for information only and are strictly not for commercial purposes. The

rosters are available in a variety of formats (print-outs, mailing labels, etc.) *Deadline for the October issue is September 3, the day of the General Membership Meeting.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Delton & Renee Adams, Yakima
Edward Alden, Bothell
Michael & Diana Aurigemma, Seattle
Roy Barnes, Bremerton
Robert L. Beal, Vaughn
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Grandmaster Kites, Millerville, PA

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Jim & Rose McSparran, Snohomish
John & Jane Meredith, Redmond
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Charles & Barbara Strmiaka, Yakima
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Lee and May Trotter, Wenatchee
Jim & Wendy Truitt, Des Moines
George E. Wade, Bellingham
Robert L. Windom, Issaquah
Michael Winters, Keyport
David Wood, Seattle
Sam H. Wright, Camas
Yakima Valley Kites, Selah

MORE HOT AIR — OUR READERS TALK BACK

from Charles Royer, Mayor of Seattle

Thank you for your contribution in making KidsDay '89 an outstanding success. Seattle's 5th annual celebration for youth drew more participation, offered more events, and created more smiling faces than ever before.

A great favorite of KidsDay '89 was the "Paint the Sky" Kite Fly. When I arrived, more than 1,000 kites were in the air over Gas Works Park — truly a spectacular sight!

The assistance of the Kiteflyers Association is always one of the key ingredients to the success of this event. The technical experience of your members and the enthusiasm with which you assist the novice kite flyers is appreciated.

KidsDay would not be possible without the support and hard work of people like you. Your commitment to the success of KidsDay is appreciated. I have always been proud of Seattle and its interest in children and families. KidsDay remains a wonderful vehicle to showcase our city and to remind our youth that we are all dedicated to making Seattle a better KidsPlace.

Thanks again for your involvement.

from Vi Van Gilder

"It's amazing where this silly little hobby has gotten me!" was a favorite saying of Jack's. One place he liked is Holden Village, formerly a mining community now a Retreat Center located high in a mountain valley near Lake Chelan. This became a working vacation getaway where we helped children of all ages learn to make kites.

Last winter Jack was already planning ahead and lined up a successor, Greg Greger of Richland to carry on the tradition. In June Greg introduced the kids at Holden Village to the Conover Eddy, a kite he described as another "easy to make, old never fail". I was glad to have been there, as sort of a bridge between the retreaters and the kite community.

I treasure the last issue of the WKA NEWSLETTER, and I look forward to seeing more of my dear kiter friends at Long Beach ...

IN THE WIND

The 8th Annual WSIKF will be held at Long Beach August 21-27 and will feature some of the best of the international kiting community. As of press time, the lineup of foreign visitors will include:

Peter Malinski (W. Germany), a jack-of-all-kites builder and flyer, will exhibit a 26 cell delta conyne, a variable box kite (that is twice as tall as he is in any of its transformations), Stairway to Heaven, and other exotic kites.

Eiji Ohashi (Japan) has created trains of more than 2,000 kites that fly in arches. He'll also fly ido, rokkaku, and other traditional kites.

Gerard van der Loo (Holland) and his ten-man team will fly individual favorites as well as the world's largest kite for the first time ever in the United States.

Maurizio Angeletti (Italy) who flew at the WSIKF in 1987 will return to decorate the sky with controvento, mille stelle, and Gemini box kites.

Confirmed North American participants include: Doug Hagaman, Kathy Goodwind, Ken Conrad, Bill Gobel, Joe Stanley, Bill Lockhart, Betty Street, Scott Skinner, Joel Scholtz, Marleen & Larry Zilar, Margaret & Greg Greger, Mike Sterling, Tom Mallard, Art Ross, Dan Kurahashi, Don & Lynn Lary, Ray McConnell, Leonard Hogg, Stan Swanson, Al Axton, Tom Caldwell, Tom Sisson, Mike Boyce, Linda & David Dunaphant.

This year's event will also include several new events and divisions:

Rokkaku Challenge

Centennial Costume & Kite Extravaganza

Most Beautiful and Small Kite Competition Categories

(Boxed, Bowed, Stickless, Delta, Trains)

Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Competitions (Special Kite Train Division)

The Calendar of Events includes:

Monday (August 21) — Opening Day, early birds tune up kites

Tuesday — Handcrafted Kites

Wednesday — Children and Senior Citizens Competition

WKA EVENTS AT LONG BEACH

by JEANNISCHWENK

This year WKA will be coordinating the events taking place at the WSIKF for Seniors, Wednesday August 23, and for the Best of the Best on Saturday August 26.

There will be three competitions for Seniors:

Flotsam & Jetsam Kites — contestants will sign up and build kites from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Collect

anything and everything from the beach and dunes to build a kite that will "fly" (at least some). Tape and string will be supplied. Building and flying in Field A, judging from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Oldest Kite Flyer — Registration from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contestants will fly from 1:30 - 2:00

Big Band Ballet — Seniors will compete for the best stunt kite routine accompanied by big band music, Field B, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contestants may develop their

LONG BEACH 8TH ANNUAL

Washington State International
Kite Festival



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August 21-27, 1989

Long Beach,
Washington

Thursday — Individual Competition (Single Line), WKA Picnic

Friday — Stunt Kite Competitions, Fireworks, and Night Fly

Saturday — Best of the Best, including Best All Around Kite Flyer Competition, Kite Association Competition, Manufacturer and Professional Demos, Stunt Kite Demonstrations, Rokkaku Challenge, Centennial Costume & Kite Extravaganza and the Awards and Appreciation Banquet (Advance Reservations are required)

Sunday (August 27) Open fly and attempt at surpassing WSIKF record for number of kites in the sky

routines in advance of the event.

Storytelling — this year this favorite Senior event will be non-competitive. Storytellers register from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Favorite kite stories begin at 2:00 at the sound stage.

Best of the Best events on Saturday will include:

- Boomerang Demonstration and informal throwing seminar by Doug Dufresne, 10:00 a.m. in Field A.
- Best All-around Kiteflyer — competition from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 in Field C.
- Fighter Kite Competition — open entry, any kite, any skill level, but no cutting of lines. Field B, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- Professional Demos* — available for manufacturers (or their reps) of commercially available kites, Field B, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Participants must register in advance of the festival.
- Candy Drop — Art Ross's perennial favorite for kids of all ages, Field A, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- Northwest Power Kite Manlift Team — a professional demonstration of this exciting variation of the sport. Field A, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- International Guests — demonstrations by our guests from the international kite community, Field B, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- Rokkaku Challenge — Field C, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Sky Garbage — wind art competition. Anything suspended from a kite may be entered. Register from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., judging at 2:00.
- Centennial Costume And Kite Extravaganza — centennial kites and costumes, Field A, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Peoples Choice Award — nominate your favorite kite/kiteflyer during the entire week. Categories include cellulr/box, stunt kite/performer, applique, figure/novelty, train, large kite, and grand champion. Nominations from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., votes counted 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Winners' Circle — all winners of the events of the week present themselves and their kites (kites will not be flown). Field A, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration for all events will be at the table near the sound stage. Detailed copies of the rules for events will be made available to the applicants. If you have any questions pertaining to the WKA events or rules, contact Jeani Schwenk, 206/481-9009 (evenings). As always, due to the whims of the wind, times of all events are subject to change.

The Hawaii Kitefliers Association is hosting the 1989 American Kitefliers Association Convention October 4-8. Competitions will be held at Queen Kapiolani Park (one of the most beautiful locations on Oahu) just five blocks from the convention headquarters at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel. Since parking at the park is very limited, a shuttle between the P.K. and the park has been arranged. The advance registration fee is \$100 (\$125 after August 15) and includes admission to all convention events, all competition entry fees, box lunches on the flying field Thursday Friday and Saturday, dinner Friday night, and the Saturday night Polynesian Revue.

This year's Comprehensive Competition will feature the usual categories (Delta or derivative, Centipede/Train, Soft or semi-rigid, Flat or bowed, Novelty/Figure, Cellular, and Cooperative. In addition two new categories have been added: Most Innovative Single-line Kite and Multiple Line Stunt Kite. If you have any questions about the competition, contact Scott Skinner at



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KITE CALENDAR

August 5 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting,
Burger King (S. end of Lake Union, Seattle), 10am,
Darryl Stephison 206/657-5795

August 19 (Sat), Fun Fly, Marymoor Park (Redmond),
contact Charly Whittaker at Aerial Delights
206/869-7255 for time and specific location

**August 19 (Sat), "Warm-up for Long Beach" and
Westport Windriders Potluck**, VFW Hall (211 E Pacific
St, Westport), all day (7pm potluck), 206/268-0877 or
206/875-6385, a WW Event (3rd Saturday avoids
WSIKF conflict)

**August 21-27 (Mon-Sun), Washington State International
Kite Festival, Long Beach (WA), Kay Busing**
206/865-5744

August 24 (Th), Official WKA Picnic, Big 8 Motel (Long
Beach WA), 5:30pm, Jean Sisson 206/725-3615 or
Stan Swanson 206/782-1472

August 24 (Th), WKA Board Meeting, Big 8 Motel (Long
Beach WA), 7pm, Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797

**September 3 (Sun), WKA General Membership
Meeting**, Fort Casey (Whidbey Island), 10am, Darryl
Stephison, 206/657-5797

**September 3 (Sun), Fun Fly, Fort Casey (Whidbey
Island)**, 11am or following the meeting, Mike Button,
206/733-7380, an SKF event

September 17 (Sat), Fun Fly, Marymoor Park (Redmond),
contact Charly Whittaker at Aerial Delights
206/869-7255 for time and specific location

**September 23 (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and
Potluck**, Kila Hana Camperland, all day (7pm potluck),
206/268-0877 or 206/875-6385, a WW Event

September 27 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific
Science Center, 7pm, Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797

**September 29-October 1, (Fri-Sun), 11th Annual
International Kite Festival, D River Wayside (Lincoln
City, OR), 503/994-9500**

**October 4-8 (Wed-Sun), American Kiteflyers Association
Convention**, Honolulu HI (Princess Kaiulani Hotel and
Queen Kapiolani Park), Romeo Collado, 808/677-4888

October 7 (Sat), Rockaway Beach Stunt Fly, Rockaway
(OR), 503/355-2700

October 14 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting,
Burger King (S. end of Lake Union), 10am, Darryl
Stephison, 206/657-5797 (second Saturday avoids
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