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THE LONGEST BEACH — WSIKF 1989

by BARBARA ANNE O'NEILL

Well here we go again folks, another "kite crazy" time. Yes, that's what the 8th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival turned out to be — at least for me. This is how my experience went:

I could only think "kites" as off I went at 3:00 a.m. for my drive from Des Moines (WA) to Long Beach (WA). Even though this was my first time, I had no fear driving alone as my excitement could have filled the biggest wind sock. I must tell you here I had no idea just how big wind socks could be until I saw the ones on the beach at the festival.

I'm sure those of you who don't have "kite fever" (yet!) would think I was crazy to be taking off alone at that hour, but with my few precious kites, in my old reliable car, I was bound for my beyond my wildest dreams kite festival. The closer I got to Long Beach, the faster I felt my heart beating. I got there at sunrise and it was wonderful. I spotted a large banner strung across the road welcoming all kite flyers. Right then I knew this was the place for me!

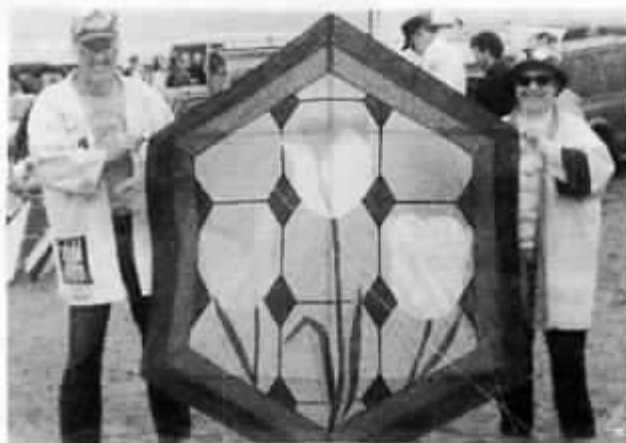
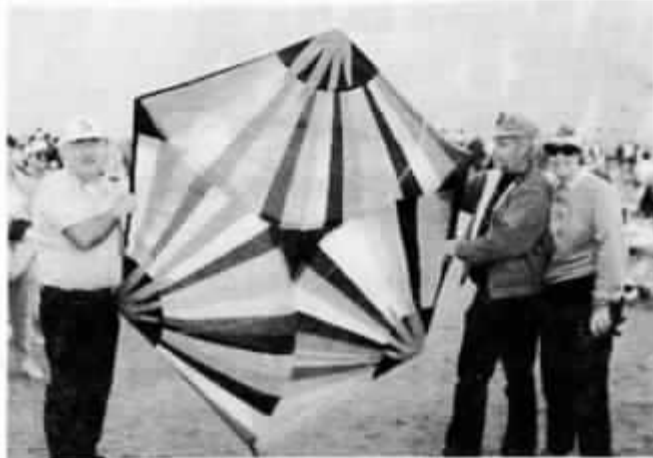
In the two days I spent there I must have talked to 2,000 people — and if I missed anyone, there will always be next year. So many WKAers were



East meets West — WKA President Darryl Stephison (right) and Seiko Nakamura (of the Japan Kite Association) right after launching Eiji Ohashi's arched trains of 1,989 kites

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there: WKA President Darryl Stephison and his wife Kathy, Newsletter Editor David Julian, our 1989 nominee for Kiteflier of the Year Tom Sisson and his wife Jean, Vi Van Gilder, Gene Smiley, the Schwenks, Kathy Goodwind, Julian Wolf, and

dozens of others I recognized but could not name. So many people, so much kite stuff, and so many kites of all shapes and sizes. What a show, even when the sky was overcast.

There was no wind the last day so we set the

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Larry "Ben Franklin" Zilar and his array of red, white and blue masterpieces; sand sculpture contest on the beach (where was the wind?); Pat Button's giant pig wind sock



world's record for the least number of kites in the air at a major kite festival. We all knew the wind was just tired from all the rest of the week's work. I loved every minute I was there and the long trip was definitely

worth the extra effort. I'm already looking forward to next year!

OBSERVATIONS OF THE WSIKF AT LONG BEACH

by KAY BUESING

- New competitions added variety and fun this year. Also, giving prizes 1st - 4th in some competitions, grouping by kinds of kites, and adding the Masters class in some categories nearly doubled the number of prize winners.
- Having kites displayed on the ground as well as in the air generated a lot of very positive comments as well as a flurry of picture taking. It also gave the kitemakers lots of wonderful

feedback, whether or not they won prizes. What was done out of near desperation because of a lack of wind turned out to be so wonderful we'll incorporate it next year.

- The energy, artistic talent, and aeronautical skills of the kite makers and flyers was exceptionally good this year. Every day outdid the last.

ANNUAL "KITES, KIDS AND KAKES" CRUISE — Sept. 3

by JIM & CHARLOTTE LOSKI

On September 3rd we were invited to participate with Tom Sisson and other Washington kitefliers helping disabled children and their families fly kites. Our hostess was Alyce Campbell, owner of Seattle Harbor Tours. She and her crew rolled out the red carpet for about a dozen disabled kids, their parents, siblings, rehabilitation helpers, plus 10 WKA members, miscellaneous family and friends. All the kids were treated like royalty with kites, balloons, cake, ice cream, juice, and a very personable clown. The weatherman cooperated fully with one



Tom Sisson teaching kids to make kites at the "Art in The Park" fair in Everett

of Seattle's finest days.

By the time the boat left the pier numerous kites were finding the wind. Quite a few bit the deck amongst the furniture and bodies but there were plenty of kites waiting their turn. Most importantly, the kids had a blast. With a little help from a friend they were able to watch their very own kites climb with the wind or dip to a watery grave in the Sound (each event drew equal cheers from onlookers). Our thanks to Tom Sisson for allowing us to participate in a very rewarding afternoon.



WINGS OVER WASHINGTON — July 29

from BARBARA ANNE O'NEILL

There was a wonderful turnout for our Wings Over Washington kite fly at Magnuson Park in Seattle on Saturday July 29th. Although we were a little short on wind, we had no shortage of kites and spectators. We "colored the sky" with a great collection of kites — for a while!!

It was a beautiful day and we had delicious cake served by WKA members to all who participated in this Official Washington State Centennial event.



Clockwise: Barbara Anne O'Neill holding the official Wings Over Washington Flag; Marge Moore; Barbara O'Neill, Gene Smiley, Jeani Schwenk, Darryl Stephison, Tom Sisson, Larry Zilar, Marleen Zilar, and Kathy Stephison ready to cut the cake; there was some wind (but not enough for this parafoil); Larry Zilar and Jeani Schwenk discussing techniques of "no wind" kite flying



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

from DARRYL STEPHISON, WKA President
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope everyone enjoyed the Washington State International Kite Festival as much as I did. The weather wasn't the best it has ever been for the festival, but I can't complain (some people won't let me). Once again we were treated to a kite exhibition that probably can't be matched anywhere in the country. The international guests showed us things some of us might not have imagined. Kiteers from all over our own country showed some pretty impressive kites and kiteflying. The Northwest is also blessed with our own treasure chest of internationally recognized kitemakers and kiteflyers. With so much talent in this corner of the country, we are bound to have an outstanding festival. Although we sometimes take them for granted, kitemakers like Doug Hagaman, Kathy Goodwind, Stan Swanson, Jerry Sinotte, and Margaret Gregor attract other outstanding kitemakers to give us a display that many parts of the country are not so lucky to see. Add to this the kite the kiteflying and entertaining talents of people like the Stunts-R-U's team, Larry Zilar, the North American Powerkite Manlift team, Lyle Morgan and Al Axton and we have a cast of stars just from one state. Add again some likewise impressive talents from Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia and how could we lose?

On behalf of the WKA, I would like to thank Jeanni Schwenk for a fine job of organizing the Wednesday and Saturday events. Jeanni raised her hand at the April meeting when everyone else sat on theirs. It was not an easy job for someone who had not been through all of it before, but she met the challenge in a commendable fashion. Thank goodness there are people like her who will raise their hands. Many thanks also to Jean Sisson and her "crew" who put together the Thursday night spaghetti feed. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the good company. Jean recognized last year that picnic needed some better organization and she took it on herself to come up with something better - good job. Don Allen deserves some thanks too for spending more than two full days on the field working - first as a judge, then as a pit boss. I don't know whether you can call that week a vacation, but I'm sure glad he spent his week off with us. Thanks to John Nilan for running something new for WSIKF, the fighter

kite competition.

Let's hope it continues in future years. Thanks to Jerry Sinotte for giving us another "new" event, one with some real controversy, the Rokkaku Challenge. We should do it again, but with some slight changes. My personal thanks to Ron Button and Mel Hickman who helped me with the Best All Around Kiteflyer competition. Without them I could not have done it. I also appreciate those who entered the competition and stuck it out. Through three tough hours on the field, these people demonstrated a broad range of kiteflying skills that only a few can match. I admire their talent as much as those who show great skill in a more limited spectrum. Many others contributed to making the festival a success. When I looked at the list of volunteers, I was amazed. The list was as long as our mailing list. It was certainly gratifying to me to know that so many people were willing to lend a hand.

With all the good feelings I have about the festival, I know there is room for improvement. I have talked to many people and I have listened to many complaints. I have some of my own. Now I would like to hear some suggestions, some positive plans for improvement. And while I am impressed with all the volunteers, I would like to see a few more who will work on the festival in January, of all times, because with something as big as WSIKF, you have to start that early to make a significant change. I'm still listening and I'll be looking for you when the planning starts.

While I am thanking people, there are a few people I am overdue in saying thanks to. Thanks to Jody Hagaman who did a very fine job as secretary for the first part of this year. Jody took the job seriously and did her very best. We need more people like her. I don't know why they would move to where all that wide open space and good winds are. Thanks to Bob Hanna who, since the middle of last year has served as our Treasurer "pro tem". I haven't figured out why that suffix was tacked on. All I know is that Bob did as fine a job as we could expect. I never thought of him as a temporary replacement. Thanks also to Bob for organizing the Bayside Kite Fly in Mukilteo. Bob is another person who raised his hand when it looked like no one would help. He did an excellent job of organizing the event which was a money maker for us and a lot of fun. I hope he is

happy in his new home. Thanks to Kathy Goodwind who took time away from her kitemaking and retail business to help put on an outdoor kite show in Bellevue and raise a little money for WKA. Thanks to Larry and Marleen

Zilar who let us use their house for the May meeting complete with tacos and Marleen's pickled asparagus. It was a warm and friendly meeting that we all enjoyed.

LAST MINUTES

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

BOARD, July 26

PRESENT: Darryl and Kathy Stephinson, Stan Swanson, Bob Hanna, Kelci and Morrie Williams, Tom Sisson, Margaret Holzbauer and Lyle Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Darryl and Kelci gave a recap of the previous General meeting. Tom Sisson mentioned that he received the check from the Children's Museum and that a collection of kites had been sent to Long Beach for the Kite Museum. Bob Hanna gave a Treasurer's report and noted that he had not yet received a check from Mukilteo. Bob then requested that we appoint a new Treasurer since he would be moving out of the Seattle area. The balance of the meeting consisted of a discussion about the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for the Fort Worden Kite Conference. Since many issues were unresolved, it was decided that there would be a special Board Meeting following the next General Meeting on August 5, 1989 at Lyle Morgan's office in Seattle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

BOARD, August 24

PRESENT: Darryl and Kathy Stephinson, Stan Swanson, Kelci and Morrie Williams, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Larry Zilar, Mike Button, Garth Westhoff, Lyle Morgan and Shirley Allen

Darryl called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM and pointed out that the main reason for the meeting was to talk about the By-Laws for Fort Worden. A recap of the previous Board meeting was given by Kelci.

Darryl nominated Kathy Goodwin as Treasurer to replace Bob Hanna. The board unanimously voted Kathy in as our new Treasurer. It was noted that we received \$500.00 from Mukilteo. Darryl asked for a post-critique of the Long

Beach Festival to include suggestions, problems, what worked, what didn't, etc. Since the WKA will be required to do a lot more for next year's festival, ideas from our members would be appreciated. The Fort Worden By-Laws were then discussed. The following items were voted upon and approved: Fort Worden will be a subsidiary of the WKA, Fort Worden will have its own Board to be overseen by the WKA Board, the members of Fort Worden will be the people who attend and those members will vote for the following year's Fort Worden Board members and Officers, the fiscal year end would be April 30th, the board is to report to WKA four times a year, and all assets would be subsidiary to the WKA. Other points were discussed but not yet finalized. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, September 3

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by President, Darryl Stephinson who announced that Kathy Goodwin had been voted in as the new WKA Treasurer. Kelci Williams gave a Secretary's report. Darryl mentioned that we received \$200 from the WSIKF for our services during the Long Beach festival. A new draft of the Fort Worden By-Laws was distributed by Darryl to be reviewed by the Board members and finalized at the next Board meeting in September. Dan Schwenk said that the Safety Committee had nothing new to report at that time. A reminder from Darryl that anyone wanting to submit a pin design for the contest must do so by the end of September. The pin and patch inventory is quite low. The possibility of ordering more '89 pins (in a limited quantity) was mentioned.

There was an open discussion about the Long Beach Kite festival. It would be helpful if members could write down their thoughts and send them in to the WKA for consideration in planning next year's festival. Upcoming events were reviewed: AKA Convention in Hawaii; One Sky, One World; etc. Future meeting dates were recapped and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Anderson, Tacoma
Brent Artz Jr., Federal Way
Edward Behrend, North Bend
Clarence Bowling, Tacoma
Ronda Brewer, Lincoln City OR
Earl Bricker, Tacoma
Francis & Donna Caldwell, Port Angeles
James Campbell, Bellingham
Jim Carnwath, Kirkland
Catch The Wind, Lincoln City OR
Keith Church, Kent
Paul Conrad, Centralia

John Cornelius, Sunnyside
Roger Downing, Seattle
Ralph Edgington, Forks
Gary Fox, Milton
Georgia Franklin, Seattle
Steven Gore, Tacoma
Sonny Hamner, Reedsport OR
Philip Harter, Renton
Leonard Hogg, Reedsport OR
Dick Langlois, Everett
George Lazara, Enumelaw
George Maurer, Glen Ellen CA
Margaret McCormick, Port Angeles

Allen Minner, Fall City
Richard Mityng, Bellingham
Todd Monroe, Yakima
Emma Lou Nachatelo, Ryderwood
Richard Peck, La Canada CA
Jon Reinschreiber, Lake Oswego OR
Dan & Jeani Schwenk, Bothell
Russell Snelson, Tumwater
Paul Stappenbeck, Seattle
James Stevenson, Manitoba Canada
Cecil Wildermuth, Kent
Gene Zemke, Renton

REGIONAL REPORTS

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

by LARRY "BEN FRANKLIN" ZILAR

Well here we are back on the Eastern side of Washington State. The WSIKF in Long Beach was a great event according to Bill & Connie Lester of Spokane. Bill said, "Even though the wind was poor, I had a wonderful time just talking and visiting with old friends. We don't always have time to just renew friendships, and this year we had time." Weil & Sharon Mudrow of Walla Walla won a free set of next year's banquet tickets so they will be back, and I hear that there are a lot of new people in the Walla Walla area who are getting in touch with each other just to exchange ideas. The Yakima area is growing with leaps and bounds due to the efforts of the Stunts-R-U's team. The Yakima Valley Kite Flyers are a very enthusiastic group to be around. The Tri-Cities area has a lot of new people who are excited about kites and are hoping to get together this winter with the help of Greg Greger. We are still waiting to hear from the Omak and Wenatchee areas.

BFKS would like to express our thanks to all those who participated in the "Wings Over Washington" centennial event on July 29. While at the WSIKF I heard many comments from the event chairpersons and participants in the event. "100 Years 100 Kites Plus" was the theme and kite fliers truly put up a show on that day around the state. Long Beach, Westport, Ocean Shores, Seattle, and Spokane — talk about the "Kite Flying Capitol Of The World". The State of Washington must have set some kind of a record that day by having kites flying in so many cities at one time and people participating for a one time event. This may become another challenge as soon as the WKA declares our whole state the "Kite Flying Capitol Of The World".

The "Wings Over Washington" event was planned over

two years ago in coordination with the 1989 Centennial of Washington. It was to encompass aviation history in Washington for the past 100 years. It was supposed to be an extravaganza, and it was! Military and civilian aircraft, skydivers, hang gliders, hot air balloons, paper airplanes, and even kites flew that day over our state. We as kite fliers should be proud and excited for the fact that we were included and recognized — yes recognized! Chuck Reese of the Westport Windriders brought with him a certificate in a hard bound "Wings Over Washington" folder signed by Governor Booth Gardner thanking the Kite Flying Community of Washington State for their "Color in the sky" and help in making this a great event. The certificate was on display at the new "World Kite Museum" in Long Beach during the WSIKF and has been donated to it as part of Washington history in kite flying. Thank you again, all of you who flew kites in Washington that day and may we continue to grace the skies with color and make history happen with wonderful, positive events like this one. "An event well done!" to Chuck Reese, Barbara Anne O'Neill, Jim Buesing, Bill Lester, and Mike Brown. It couldn't have been done without you. Keep up the spirit, and fly with a safe hand.

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.]

KITE GROUP BOISE

from DAVID BOGIE

Boise held its annual kite festival in April. Morning rains threatened to wipe out the event but more than 300 folks showed up as the sun came out. Our normal wind conditions meant we had an unusually short festival this year. Nothing had to be dragged out of the sky to be judged as nothing flew. The KGB helped with advice, workshops, and demonstrations (by running backwards. WKA members Sue & Greg Clark drove down from Naches WA to participate and they took home some hardware! First Place plaques were

awarded for their train of 200 Safeway Eddy kites (Longest Train) and the Purple People Eater Delta (Largest Kite). They stayed with the Bogie family, returning to Naches just in time to depart for Japan.

For additional information about the KGB contact David Bogie, Kite Group Boise, 1411 W 25th, Boise, ID 83702 [Watch the Kite Calendar for KGB sponsored events in Idaho — 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.]

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.]

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

The current newsletter from the Westport Windriders features articles about their participation in Wings Over Washington, techniques for dyeing kite fabrics, reports on recent western regional festivals, the recipe of the month, Westport tide tables, plans to build a hot air balloon, and the calendar of WW events. There is also a new feature called

Kiters Profile, a short biographical sketch of a WW flyer.

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.]

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

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Due to the expansion of my duties and required working hours in both of my jobs, regrettably, I am forced to resign my position as Editor of the WKA Newsletter, effective after the December issue. It has come to the point where I only have Sunday days and Monday and Tuesday nights to accomplish everything else in my life including publishing the WKA Newsletter. As you know, during my tenure for the past few years, and during my apprenticeship under the tutelage of Jack Van Gilder, we have attempted to put out one of the best kite newsletters in the world. And as you might expect, maintaining that level of quality takes a lot of time — time that unfortunately I no longer have.

Darryl Stephison has asked me to send out the call: we are looking for a new Editor. The job requires some knowledge of computers, word processing, and desktop publishing, and about 30 hours every other month. If you would be interested, I will be happy to show you the ropes and share the system I have been using. It is my hope that the next Editor will take an active part in the production of the December issue. Please call WKA President Darryl Stephison at 206/657-5797 if you would be interested in this wonderful and rewarding position.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped to get this issue out, albeit a little late, especially Tom Sisson, Barbara Anne O'Neill, and Kay Buesing. [Kay — Please thank the City of Long Beach for the certificate, but it really was no trouble at all to take the Ohashi's and Nakamura

San to Long Beach. Could we get the mayor to actually sign it?] Kay also sent me a complete list of the award winners from the WSIKF kite contests, which, unfortunately, we did not have space enough to run. My apologies to Julian Wolf who submitted a terrific article, but due to a momentary lapse in my mental faculties (another casualty of my current time crunch), it will not appear until the next issue.

WKA Membership Applications are now available. Call me at 206/637-0130 and I'll be happy to send you some. WKA Membership Rosters are also available from WKA Secretary Kelci Williams for the cost of materials and postage. Rosters are for information only and are strictly **not for commercial purposes**. Rosters are available in a variety of formats (print-outs, mailing labels, etc.) *Deadline for the December issue is November 10.*



Newsletter Editor David Julian; this applied kite, a present from some fans, flew at Wings Over Washington (Magnuson Park) and Ft. Casey

MORE HOT AIR — OUR READERS TALK BACK

from Glenda Huntington, Admin. Asslt. to Booth Gardner,
Governor of Washington

Governor Gardner has asked me to thank you for your recent letter inviting him to attend the One Sky, One World International Kite Fly For Peace on October 8, 1989. The Governor's schedule during that time is currently committed and he regrets that he will be unable to accept your invitation.

from Jean Sisson, WSIKF WKA Picnic Committee

Just a word of thanks to the people who helped me on the WKA picnic in Long Beach. It was a huge success as everyone can confirm there was "no food left". Thanks to: Angela & Dieter Dittmar, Vi Van Gilder, Vera Smiley, Cathy Stephison, JoAnne Crewes, Joan Westhoff, Tom Sisson, and all those nice people who helped us with the clean up.

from Jean Schwenk, WSIKF WKA Activities Chairman

A great big thanks to all the volunteers that helped at the WSIKF events this year. You helped make my job easier and more enjoyable, while you made this year's festival a huge success! Thanks again to all the volunteers, especially Ruth Hogg, Sally & Chris Gulacsik, Tom & Jean Sisson, Stan Swanson, Kathy Goodwind, Dan Schwenk, Kathy & Darryl Stephison, Gene Smiley, Kelei & Morris Williams, John Nilan, Jim Day, Mel Hickman, Ron Button, Pat Button, Diane Button, JoAnne Crewes, Shirley Allen, Jerry Sinotte, Lyle Morgan, Don & B.J. Martindale, L.B. Day, Jody Hagaman, Creda Axton, Holly Schultz, Barbara Anne O'Neill, Kenny (from Great Winds), and Michelle.

from Chuck Reese, member AKA, WKA, AOK, Westport
Windriders

I spent all of last week at the WSIKF at Long Beach WA and enjoyed it in spite of the lack of good winds for flying a lot of the time. The one exception was the Rokkaku Challenge. I was shocked and dismayed that an event at a festival sanctioned by the AKA and WKA would allow such an exhibition of all the things kiting does not stand for. Normally there are rules for a Rokkaku Challenge but it was decided to have a "no rules, no holds barred" event ... of tacking and pushing people over, of teams when eliminated joining together an attacking teams who still had a kite in the air, of participants grabbing lines and physically pulling kites from the air. There was very little evidence of good kite flying and even less of good sportsmanship. One of the worst things was the announcer, a well-known kiter, inciting the teams to "do anything" to get the other teams' kites out of the air. I was disgusted with the spectacle and ashamed that it was presented to the public as acceptable behavior for kites ...

Kiting has been working to make a good impression ... and to promote safe kite flying. This one event left, I'm sure, the impression in many peoples' mind that kites are a rough and rowdy gang. The local paper from Long Beach featured a spread of pictures of the festival and included one that portrayed the Rokkaku Challenge as "anything goes to bring down the opponent's kite".

... Was there any thought by the organizers ... of the possibility of physical injury that was present in the way the event was handled? Who would have been liable ... Would AKA or WKA insurance have been required to pay for an injury? I hope that in the future if the Rokkaku Challenge is staged that it is done by the rules and presented as an exhibition of kite flying skill, rather than the way it was at Long Beach.

from Charlotte Beall, Seattle Children's Museum

Thank you for the generous loan of Japanese Kites used during our Japanese exhibit "Stepping Stones: Toys & Folklore of Japan's Children". The kites were especially appreciated by all visitors as they entered the Museum. The kites greatly enhanced the children's awareness of Japanese culture and added to the enjoyment of the exhibit. I greatly appreciate your patience in putting up this exhibit together and for your support of the Museum and its programs.

from Alyce Campbell, Seattle Harbor Tours (to Tom & Jean
Sisson)

We would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your wonderful assistance on our [Labor Day] "Kids, Kites, and Kakes" cruise. Your participation is a tradition we are very appreciative of, and we feel secure in knowing you will help bring the kids and kites back to the pier with few mishaps and many happy memories. Even though the turnout wasn't as high as expected the day went very well. The children, as you know, enjoyed it immensely. Also the special kites that were brought on board made it more exciting for everyone. Once again, thanks very much for your help; we look forward to your joining us for this event again next year.

from Jenifer Stopher, Easter Seal Society of Washington

Our sincerest thanks to all of you who volunteered and participated in "Kids, Kites, and Kakes". Your enthusiasm, commitment, and support of the Easter Seal Society of Washington's clients and their families is exceptional. ... those families who did go on the cruise had a marvelous time! You offer a very special experience for these youngsters. They are undeniably proud of their kites and talk about [the cruise] for months (literally). Thank you for caring enough to help "broaden their horizons" and provide a wonderful family-oriented activity. Please know that your efforts are recognized and deeply appreciated. The Easter Seal Society of Washington is proud to be associated with an organization such as yours, and we look forward to continuing this special tradition.

from Marlene & Larry DaRos, Iowa Wind Riders

We want to thank all the wonderful people who helped make our time at WSIKF fun and exciting. We're planning some kite projects this winter to keep us busy and have a "few" patches to get done! We were especially touched when asked to assist the kids on Children's Day activities. Don & Lynn Lary did a super job and showed it takes special caring and patience for it all. They were great!

IN THE WIND

ONE SKY, ONE WORLD INTERNATIONAL KITEFLY FOR PEACE — October 8

The Fourth Annual One Sky, One World International Kite Fly For Peace will take place at different locations around the world on Sunday October 8. This year's event will be sponsored in Seattle by the WKA at Gasworks Park from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Charles Royer has proclaimed October 8, 1989 as One Sky, One World International Kite Fly For Peace Day throughout the City of Seattle.

This kite fly for peace will bring together communities world wide reflecting universal

dedication to a peaceful future and love of life, and the sharing of the great air ocean by all peoples. Everyone everywhere is invited to join this tribute to peace, either as a kite flyer or spectator. For more information contact Barbara Anne O'Neill, 206/878-5772.



CRANBERRY FLY, SOUP & PICKLE EXCHANGE — October 21 - 22

Join us for LONG BEACH KITES' laid back kite fly. As usual, snacks and beverages and facilities will be provided on the beach. Saturday night, rather than in a higgledy-piggledy fashion as before, will be a quasi-organized into a social soup and slide show at the Peninsula Golf Club

House. The menu for the evening will include Kay Buesing's bean soup and zucchini pickles, Jerry Sinotte's clam chowder, Sally Nelson's "End of Garden" soup, Marleen Zilar's asparagus pickles, Kate Talbot's bean pickles, Mary Yoshimi's bread. Uncle Jim promises beverages.

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE KITEMAKING COURSE

Beginning in January TCC will offer a kitemaking course taught by WKA member Jim Davis. Kite Making I is an introduction to the joys of kitemaking, a review of the history of kites, and discussion of the different types of kites. The "frustrationless sled" kite will be made in the first session. Subsequent lessons will include sewing the "bird delta" and the "optic box". Other course topics will include where to fly, where to find more information about kites, where to purchase kite making materials, and "how to make my kite fly". A course fee, materials fee, textbooks, and

supplies are required. Contact Jim Davis, 1369 Bel Air Rd N, Tacoma, WA 98406, 206/759-5616 for additional information and specific course requirements. Kite Making II will be offered in April and will include further discussions of the topics above plus the construction of the "star box" and the "dart stunter". [I am presuming that there will also be some discussion about kite safety — Ed.] This course information is being released to WKA members in advance because the course is limited to 18 students.

KITE HUMOR

from GERRY OSBORNE

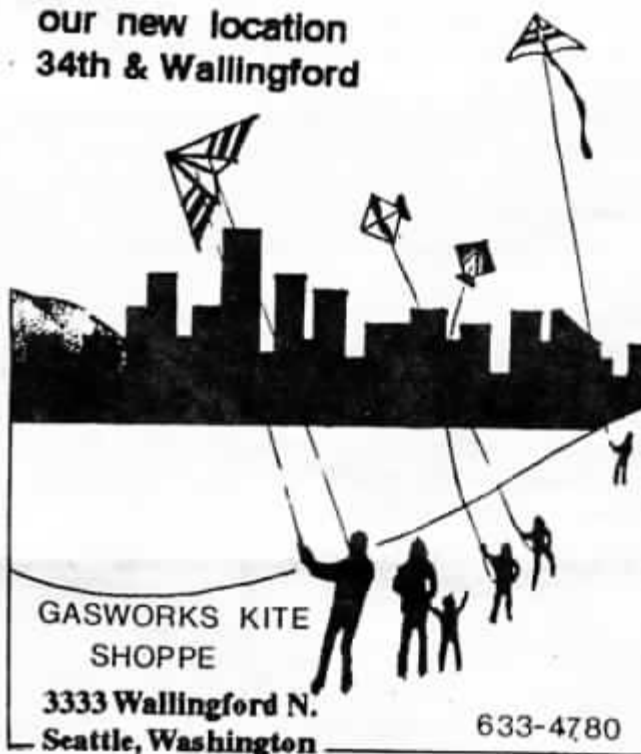


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KITE CALENDAR

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 7 (Sat), Fall Kite Festival, Manzanita (OR), 503/368-5492

October 7-8 (Sat-Sun), October Kite Festival, Ocean Shores (on the beach), 9am, Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce, 800/762-3224, observing One Sky, One World on Sunday

October 8 (Sun), One Sky One World International Kite Fly For Peace, Gasworks Park Seattle, noon to 4pm, Barbara O'Neill, 206/878-5772, Seattle Mayor Charles Royer has proclaimed October 8 as One Sky One World International Kite Fly For Peace Day throughout the city

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

October 14 (Sat), Night Fly, Redmond (Marymoor Park), dusk, Aerial Delights, 206/869-7255, bring light sticks

October 21-22 (Sat-Sun), Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Long Beach (Bolstad Street Access), Long Beach Kites, 206/642-2202

October 25 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, 7pm, Darryl B. Stephison, 206/657-5797

October 28 (Sat), Fun Fly and Potluck, Westport (Twin Harbors State Park and Kila Hana Clubhouse), All Day (Potluck at 7pm), Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877, a WW sponsored event

October 31 (Tues), Halloween Night Fly, Redmond (Marymoor Park), dusk, Aerial Delights, 206/869-7255, bring light sticks

November 4 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, Burger King (S. end of Lake Union), 10am, Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797, will include nominations for next year's officers

November 4 (Sat), 3rd Annual Turkey Fly, Blue Lake Park in Troutdale (OR), Cal Skate & Kites, 503/223-0409

November 19 (Sun), Just a Bunch of Turkeys Trying to Fly, Magnuson Park, noon, Darryl B. Stephison, 206/657-5797, [Darryl just threw this in because we didn't have any official kite events thing else in November — Ed.]

November 22 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, 7pm, Darryl B. Stephison, 206/657-5797

November 25 (Sat), Fun Fly and Potluck, Westport (Twin Harbors State Park and Kila Hana Clubhouse), All Day (Potluck at 7pm), Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877, a WW sponsored event

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