

## 1990 Japanese Festival Kite Tour

by Dorthea Checkley

Since 1972, the Checkley's have been bringing kitefliers to Japan to join up with the kitefliers of Japan, and under the auspices of the Japanese Kite Association.

The Festivals this year will include Miho, on the Pacific, with a wide fabulous beach, with Mt. Fuji looking down on you, and large ocean going ships passing by constantly. Because of its superb kite flying quality, the JKA has added an additional day and night to our visit here. Then onto another beach town, Sagara, small, (we walk to the kite area, non-tourist), where another century old kite festival is held each year. Their kites are large, highly photographic, and the town incredibly hospitable. Unlike Miho, where kitefliers from all over Japan will have assembled with their kites, Sagara has a heady nucleus of kitefliers of their own. And, of course, members of JKA will be staying with us the whole time.

After Miho, we travel to Hamamatsu for the biggest, most spectacular sporting event in the world. Thousands of kitefliers on the vast field trying to cut down their neighbor's kites. For sight, sound, and overwhelming sensations, nothing can beat it.

And the last Festival, at Showamachi, the site of a



new kite museum, will be an incredible first for the JKA ... with huge kites from all over the world, as well as from all the areas in Japan that make and fly those mind-boggling apparitions in the sky.

As in the past, there is a great deal of wonderful hospitality offered to the foreign kitefliers, and it is a constant people-to-people experience.

The Kite Tour will depart Seattle April 25, and return May 6, flying Thai Airways. The price is the same as the last two years, \$2300. If this year's Kite Festival Tour fits into your plans, please call Dorthea Checkley (206) 284-5350.

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## The 16th Annual "Protest the Bowls" Kitefly

by Suzanne Sadow

It would be hard to call this year's event a kitefly, as there were really no kites flying for more than a few moments — it was, nonetheless, a major kiting event.

Some of you may wonder why (or whether) anyone, no matter how enthusiastic about kites, would rise up on New Years morning, fill a thermos, bundle up, load the car, and go off to spend a cold, misty, windless day at Golden Gardens (attending a kitefly)... But many hearty folks did come and make a success out of this traditional event. Enough people to polish off a tremendous pot of Dorthea Checkley's world class spaghetti-for-the-masses, at least 300 hundred cookies (homemade by WKA moms), countless simmering weenies a'la Duane Davis who shared his grill with Llyle Morgan, who ladled out several gallons of hot spiced cider, as well as numerous other snacks and goodies anonymously delivered to the food table.

Some came early, namely Tom and Jean Sisson, Darryl Stephison, Gene and Vera Smiley, Duane Davis,

and Ken, Suzanne and Nina Conrad (not as early) and set up a brilliant, spacious, "heated" tent for shelter.

Ken displayed some silk festival banners, which indicated the doomed wind to the rest of the kitefliers.

Aside from munching, we did things like: trying to get up kites anyway, and taking closer looks at kites that were on the ground (Kathy Goodwind's stunning Roka-doodleku and Llyle Morgan's very elegant new hand-painted heron rokakku were exceptional examples among plenty of others!), we exchanged greetings, chatted about kites, kitefliers, and other things, and we acknowledged the passing of two dear kiting friends (and greats) Dave Checkley and Jack Van Gilder, remembering times when we shared New Years Days and other days with them. Some stood and shivered, some walked around. WKAers came from near and far just to be a part of the New Years Day Kitefly, which was as near to perfect as a kitefly without wind can be.

—Looking forward to New Years Day 1991!

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Secretary: Position Available

# Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

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## University of Kite '90 Update

by Stan Swanson

With six weeks to go, we are now over 85% registered, and with pre-registration we have already exceeded last year's recorded attendance. If you have not sent in your registration yet, do it today! We expect to sell out completely in a few weeks so on-site registration will most likely not be available. Through an oversight in proofreading by no less than four people, the dates of the conference were omitted from the registration announcement in the last WKA Newsletter. They are March 2 through 4. If you have preregistered your spot is being held and you should receive your registration packets soon if you haven't already received one. Lee Toy's samari painting on tyvek class starts at 1:00 pm on Friday, so get there early. There's lots to do and no where near enough time to do it all. Pins have been extremely popular and we have had to order 100 more. T-shirts, however, have not received much interest, with only 15 being ordered to date. As our minimum order is 72 shirts, we may be forced to cancel the Lee Toy designed shirts. The class schedule is now complete and offers 48 hours of instruction — certainly something for everyone. Maurizio Angeletti was a late cancellation as an instructor, but he assured me he will be at WSIKF and AKA-Seaside, and he hopes to attend Fort Worden next year. Instead of an auction this year, we will be conducting a raffle of donated items to benefit the future conference operating expenses. Fifty cents gives you a chance at a Lee Toy fighter or Joel Scholz bird. Be sure to bring the prize kites of your collection to display.

Pray for no snow and we'll see you March 2nd!

## Three Mysteries of Fort Worden

by Sari T. Moore

In 1988 Jack Van Gilder and I went up the hill at my request to try to find the viewpoint of a 1923 photo that was in a reference book of the Seattle Public Library that I had copied. We went up a path and then onto the road up the hill. At the top we found an unexplained unmarked monument. It consisted of an empty stone chair under a structure like a bus shelter and nearby a huge cement block on a base and some smaller loose blocks of cement laying around nearby. Being tired we took some photos and then walked back downhill.

In 1989 I got close to that viewpoint, but was badly hindered by brush and scotch broom. If I had gotten to the same spot it would have been a beautiful comparison photo.

A friend of ours who was in the juvenile corrections system and stayed in Ft. Worden between in the 1960's told me this tale. I don't know whether it is authentic. He said, "Me and my friends stayed in building #227. One night we went up the path that was nearby our building to the top of the hill. We didn't care that it was off limits to us. We were curious as to what was up there. We found a shed by the path up there. We went into the shed and found a hole with an open door to it in the shed. My friends climbed down into the hole and saw a large dark room there. Then they climbed back out of it. By this time we were all scared and we ran out of there. Later we told our authorities about that night. The next time we went up there the shed was burnt out and the hole was gone."

Did you know that in order to put in the R.V. parking spaces they had to remove two Quonset hut buildings? There were some buildings in the foreground of the 1923 photo that were removed about that same time, too.

# Official Business

## OFFICERS REPORTS

### President's Letter

by Darryl Stephison

Well here we go for another year of kiting. This time I have a little better idea of what it takes to be president. I don't know if that means I will be able to do a better job. Maybe I won't make the same mistakes (I'll have to find new ones).

One thing I know is that it takes a lot of people working together to make this Association work. I have had help from some really great people this year. Thank you all. In my copy of our membership list I highlighted all the names I could recognize. In case you are interested, there are about 700 names on the list right now. I recognize about 150 of those names. I think it's a credit to our Association that over 20% of the members are active enough that the president recognizes them. About half of the names I recognize, I can think of some activity during the year that they helped out with in some way. That really makes me feel good.

In spite of this, I'm not satisfied. This year's calendar has nearly 100 activities identified this early in the year. To keep up this pace, we need more help. To those of you who have helped in the past, thank you so much. Please keep it up. To those of you who have been watching from the sidelines, come on in and lend a hand. You don't need to be an expert. All you need is a liking for kites and other people.

One of the things I need help with is ideas. Early last year we made some changes in our bylaws, hoping to involve more people in the running of the Association. Has it helped? I don't know. We changed from six general membership meetings to twelve but attendance is low. The average attendance is only about 20 people.

We changed from five board members to 13 and six board meetings to twelve. We added regional board members. Quite reasonably, these regional board members have not wanted to drive to Seattle for board meetings. The Seattle people haven't wanted to drive to another part of the state for a board meeting.

Last year, we had general meetings at Fort Worden, Kenewick, and Fort Casey, and a board meeting at Long Beach. What should I plan for this year? I would like to hear from some of the people who haven't been to any meetings. What would make you come?

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### Election Results

by Darryl Stephison

The 1990 election votes were counted on January 5. Twenty five ballots were returned. Four of these were not counted because of inconsistent or confusing marks. (It was later determined that these four ballots could not have changed the results no matter which way they were counted.) The results were as follows:

#### For President:

Darryl Stephison 21

#### For Vice President:

George Van Staveren 6  
Chris Kitterman 4  
Don Murphy 3  
Dan Moore 2

#### For Secretary:

John Repka 18

#### For Treasurer:

Kelci Williams 17  
Charles Whitaker 3

#### For Past President:

Tom Sisson 20

#### For At Large Board Members:

Kathy Stephison 19 \*  
Gene Smiley 15 \*  
Steve Millsbaugh 12 \*  
Sally Gulacsik 11 \*  
Dan Moore 7  
Jeni Schwenk 1  
Stan Swanson 1

\* The top four vote recipients become board members.

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## Election Comments

by Darryl Stephison

This is the first time we have voted by mail. In past years when we voted at the January meeting, there were about 20 to 30 people present. We had hoped that voting by mail would encourage more people to participate. We thought that if we were lucky perhaps 40 to 50 ballots would be received. Some of the comments made to me indicate ways we can improve.

We did not have any biographical information on the candidates (often there was very little at the January meetings). Some people did not receive ballots (apparently there were errors in stuffing the last newsletter). Some people did not like the validation process (because it removed the element of secrecy). This had not occurred to us because the January meetings were not particularly secret. The printing of the ballots was confusing as it wasn't perfectly clear where to put the mark (before or after the name). Also some people asked why we were voting for Past President. I should have made that more clear. Our immediate past president has chosen not to be involved any more so I have had to fill the position by appointment. Putting Tom's name on the ballot was my way of asking for your ratification of the appointment.

Finally an item of particular concern is that, in at least one case, the person on the ballot may not have realized what he was in for. On learning that he had been elected Secretary, John Repka informed us that he did not want to take on that responsibility at this time. At this time we do not have a Secretary. If you are willing to help or know anyone else who might, please let me know

## Secretary's Snippets

by Kelci Williams

Kite flying has become a big part of my husband's and my life over the last year or two and one of the main reasons for this change has been the friends we've made and support we've received through our association with the WKA and its members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their help and patience with me as I "learned the ropes" of being your Secretary.

A few people stand out in particular. The "ice was

broken" when we walked into our first meeting and were greeted by a smiling Tom Sisson. Though he tries to stay in the background, Tom is one of the driving forces behind the WKA and is the perfect example of an active member. He is always there when you need him, willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Whether its helping kids make kites; folding, stapling and stamping newsletters or just answering questions and giving advice, Tom can be counted on - I think volunteer must be his middle name. No one deserved to win the Steve Edeiken Award for Kiteflyer of the Year more than Tom. A hearty congratulations and many thanks for all that you do Tom.

Another hard worker in a difficult position is Darryl Stephison. I appreciate the support and confidence that both Darryl and his wife Kathy have given me and look forward to working and flying with them in the future.

Bob Hanna and Margaret Holzbauer are another pair of dedicated members who put out an awful lot of effort and get little recognition.

Others I would like to mention include: Gene Smiley - another one who is there when you need him; David Julian - a good editor who was always willing to help; Diane Bilotti - my mail messenger; Joan and Garth Westoff - they welcomed a couple of strangers with open arms; Jeani Schwenk - a shy newcomer who boldly volunteered to take charge of the WSIKF for '89 and did a great job; Jean Sisson and Vera Smiley - the wives who quietly toil over hot stoves and soapy dishes and never seem to be properly appreciated; and all of the kite shop owners (most of whom I've met and made a little richer) - they're always informed and helpful.

These are just a few of the members who stand out in my mind after completing my stint as Secretary. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each of you and to all the members of the WKA.

# Official Business

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## Last Minutes

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

### General, December 2, 1989

Present: Darryl Stephison, Morrie and Kelci Williams (later joined by David Julian, Barbara Anne O'Neill and Tom Sisson)

Darryl cancelled the meeting at 10:30 AM due to a lack of quorum.

### Board, November 20, 1989

Present: Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Kathy Goodwind, Stan Swanson, Llyle Morgan, Kelci and Morrie Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Darryl who then recapped what occurred at the November general meeting. Kelci gave the Secretary's report and Tom reviewed the Treasurer's information.

Tom mentioned that there is a golf course in Seattle that may have a facility available for a party if we wanted to consider it.

Stan spoke about the progress being made in the Fort Worden plans and presented a chart of the proposed classes and speakers. Llyle mentioned that she is working on the safety pamphlet and should have a preliminary copy available by the next board meeting.

Work is progressing with the education committee. Tom would appreciate any suggestions for additional designs to be included in the Teacher's Packets.

Election ballots are to be included in the December newsletter as are Fort Worden sign up forms.

Darryl announced that the new newsletter editor would be Andris Wollam - she will start with the February 1990 issue.

The pin design entries were judged and the winner is ...RON KREBS! Congratulations! Slight modifications are necessary to accommodate a pin, but we are hoping to have the new pins in time for Fort Worden.

Gene asked how the Long Beach International Kite Festival critique was coming - we need to prepare for next summer now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

## WSIKF Planning

by Darryl Stephison

Another year is under way for the Washington State International Kite Festival. After listening to many comments about last year's WSIKF, I put together a proposal for some changes in this year's WSIKF. These were discussed at the December board meeting. On January 13, a planning kick-off meeting was held at the Long Beach City Hall. Additional discussions are needed before any changes are announced. The next meeting is planned for February 10 in Centralia. An exact time and place have not been set. It is also expected that a meeting will be held at the Kitemakers Conference at Fort Worden. Again, an exact time and place have not been set. I have mentioned before that planning and operating WSIKF is difficult and takes many people. If you are interested in becoming involved in this activity, please let me know. I can then let you know when the times and places are set.

## Pin Contest

by Darryl Stephison

Congratulations to Ron Krebs of Union Gap for the winning entry in our WKA pin design contest. Four designs and a couple of variants were submitted by two people. The selection was made by the board at a regular board meeting. The designs we received were all well done and each had its good points. The selected design was modified slightly and the new pins have now been ordered. With a little luck maybe we will have them back by Fort Worden.

In the meantime, I have sent the windsock from Klig's Kites, a copy of the Golden Book of Kites (an unused copy of an out of print book), and a Harold Writer box kite. By the way, if you are not familiar with Harold's kites, ask me at the next fly and I'll show you one. Harold is a true kitebuilding craftsman. If you like good workmanship, you would appreciate his kites. I have also asked for Ron's membership to be automatically extended by one year. I will send him one of the new pins when they come in.

I would also like to thank Barbara Anne O'Neill for her submittals.

## Kite Flying is "Habit-Forming"

by Barbara Anne O'Neill

Kite flying can be habit-forming. It's an exhilarating experience in itself; then combined with other wonderful kites and the great outdoors, this "habit" makes for a healthy activity. Why is kiting a healthy activity? A habit, we, as kites, can be thankful we share. With the new year 1990 ahead, what a wonderful thought that we could indulge in something that is good for us. At this time of year many people are trying to break some habits one way or another. So let's look at some attributes of kiting.

- Fresh air — Naturally we all know how good fresh air is for us.

- Physical — Lots of upper body movements and walking. Sometimes even running, (after a falling kite)!

And how about the good feeling of camaraderie? After all, when we're having fun and enjoying the good company of other kites...isn't that healthy? You bet!

Then there's the feeling of accomplishment. It's not easy, sometimes, to get the kites to fly and many are hand made. It takes alot of tender loving care to keep them at their best.

Another plus for this healthy activity — It's hard to smoke a cigarette while trying to control that object in the sky. Also it's hard to be a couch potato. So along with bright eyes and big smiles (happy, watching kites and other wind toys coloring the sky), these all add up to a "habit-forming" delight.

Now let's mention some safety hints. It can't be a healthy activity if it's not safe. Right? A couple of "rules of thumb." Keep your eyes on your kites and string. Watch out for potholes and other objects you could trip over. Protect yourself from wind and sunburn. Don't get too wet, cold or tired. Take a break once in a while. A trip to the restroom or for food would keep the body happy. Wouldn't do for our bodies to tell us to "go fly a kite" and not mean in the sky! Just a joke! I don't want you to think that this kiter (me) is lacking a sense of humor. Speaking of humor... that's also important. I'm sure sometimes we do look funny running after our toys or tangled up to our elbows in kite string. But if that's a part of the price of our "habit" ... we should be so lucky!

So fellow kites, remember too...kiting simply distracts us from our everyday worries. ... of life; and each time we fly we are bringing excitement and awesome beauty to share. We are also making a statement of a healthy activity. Keep up the "habit-forming" habit of flying.

## Turkey Fly

by Darryl Stephison

About two dozen tough kitefliers responded to the call for "just a bunch of turkeys." We had wind for this one. I couldn't complain about that. Unfortunately we also had rain and cold. We put up a rain-fly and put a big pot of spiced cider on the camp stove. We all put up some sort of kite for a while but soon we were all kind of soggy and cold. We huddled around the camp stove and scarfed doughnuts and drank hot cider. The camaraderie was good but after a while even the tough ones were ready to give in. We broke camp and headed for home. In only a few days our kites and clothes were all dry again.

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## From the Editor

by Andris Wollam, WKA Newsletter Editor

The content of the newsletter depends almost entirely upon your submittals of timely photographs and articles. With my schedule, I can attend few events and enjoy experiencing them vicariously as much as other readers do. I'd like to thank those who contributed to this issue and those who helped make a smooth transition of editors even smoother: Darryl Stephison, Kelci Williams, Ken Conrad, and David Julian. David prepared me well for the task at hand and I appreciate his willingness to share experiences as editor as well as his knowledge and WKA Newsletter files.

I have undertaken the task of newsletter editor in an effort to serve WKA members and I've been listening to members' opinions and incorporated a few changes in this issue. This issue was produced using a different kind of computer and printer which may make it more readable. Please let me know your thoughts about the newsletter and I will attempt to reflect that feedback in upcoming issues. It is my personal goal to be as flexible and responsive to members as possible, so please contact me with your opinions.

I would like to include kite tips and techniques in upcoming issues of the newsletter. If you have safety tips, kite plans, suggestions, construction or repair methods to share, or technical questions, please submit them.

Between newsletters my residence will change. Continue to send submittals to: Andris Wollam, 5051-148th Ave. NE, #J-202, Bellevue, WA 98007-3033; or call (206)869-1387. (Apologies to those trying to reach me by phone while my machine was out of order.) New address information will be available in the next issue.

# Letters

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**From:** David Bogie  
**Kite Group of Boise (KGB)**  
**To:** Darryl Stephison

Personally, I think a potato pin - even one traded for a "Wings Over Washington" pin (which I'm not entirely sure I ever received), IS a validly air-related pin. I mean, the pin is actually modeled after a lighter than air craft that J. R. Simplot (the infamous Potato King of the Entire Planet) contracted to have constructed for one of the Forbes Hot Air Balloon Meets. This is little known fact and you probably shouldn't spread it around too much or I'll have to start bringing spud pins with me everywhere. So - how much more air-worthy can a pin get?

By the way, the balloon never really flew. Simplot's boys were trying to diversify their dad's millions into various alternative energy sources one of their pet schemes was marketing methane - which as everyone knows is a by-product of the dairy industry. Anyway, they figured pumping the giant spud full of bovine gas would be a perfect publicity stunt so they (unbeknownst to the rest of the balloon crew) substituted their tanks of cow farts for the propane in the gondola. When the balloon pilot opened the stopcock and hit the striker...to put it mildly, the nylon erupted in a smelly fireball that took out five neighboring hot air sculptures (a castle, a Mickey Mouse, a giant rubber stamp, and two standard shaped but beautifully colored envelopes). The incident was quickly hushed up and all the witnesses were bought off (it must be GREAT to have that much money!).

There's nothing left of the entire incident but those little brown pins, lovingly crafted to commemorate the (one and only) giant flying spud. Obviously Marleen deserved the award in Hawaii.

**From:** Darryl Stephison  
**To:** David Bogie  
**Kite Group of Boise (KGB)**

I made up the part about the trading of pins hoping to get a laugh. I expected to get caught, but I expected to be in trouble with Marleen rather than the KGB. As for the laughs, I'm sure I laughed much more than anyone who read my article. Thank you very much for setting the record straight with such an enlightening story.

By the way, I enjoyed the story so much that I did a little research. It seems that one of JR's boys lost most of his hair in the unfortunate incident. He could no longer tolerate the direct sun in the high plateaus of Idaho. Being unable to find a hat suitable to his liking, he moved to Seattle to avoid unnecessary exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays. Soon after, he came up with the scheme of selling freeze dried geoduck. But the giant mollusks were found to be 98 percent water and shrank to only 3/4 inch in the process. The resulting product reminded him so much of the ill-fated potato balloon after its maiden flight, that he sent three bushels of the product development rejects back to his brothers. One of the other boys decided to stamp them "Idaho" and attach pin backs. The pins have since been foisted on hundreds of tourists and unsuspecting Washington Kitefliers.

**From:** Barbara Anne O'Neill, Coordinator  
**Re:** "One Sky — One World"

A long overdue "thank you" for everyone who helped with our 1989 Kite Fly "One Sky — One World" at Gas Works Park (Oct. 1989). Time just slips away but I do appreciate everyone's help and support. Those of you who were there that day know we had an "absence of wind," but folks still had a good time even if the wind was somewhere else that day.

We did have a proclamation from our mayor of Seattle for our One Sky — One World "Kite Day" and a local TV man dropped by to put us on TV. Though we couldn't get many kites up in the "wild-blue-yonder," we did our best and looked good on TV.

Again, my sincere thanks to all my fellow kites for joining us. Anytime we can get together for a fly ... it's worth the effort, wind or no wind.

Looking forward to the 1990's "One Sky — One World," and remember on that day, no matter where you are, put that kite up — for peace! Keep flying.

# Regional Reports

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## kite group boise

from David Bogie

We celebrated One Sky, One World with our largest ever gathering of kgb operatives. As usual, the wind failed to materialize but we had a terrific time anyway. We got plenty of press from the local paper and all three TV stations sent crews. They all wanted us to run around pulling our kites so they'd have something to shoot (weekend news folks are such dolts).

We're making plans to caravan to Fort Worden where I will be doing another class with Kite Post on improving your kite photographs.

One of our people has licensed a design to a major kitemaker and my wife and I are making kite rubber stamps.

The Boise City Festival of Kites will be held in on April 7, 1990. Ya'll come.

P.S. Sonny: Sorry, I lost your letter. Write again!

For additional information about the kgb or the Boise City Festival of Kites, contact David Bogie, kite group boise, 1411 W. 25th Boise, ID 83702 (208)383-2463 or (208)336-2038 evenings.



Tom Sisson displaying his Steve Edeiken Memorial Kiteflyer of the Year 1989 Award Plaque.

--photo by Barbara Anne O'Neill

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## Classified Ads

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## Regional Kite Organizations

### Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contacts: Larry or Marlene Zilar (509) 586-2664

Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951

To get a BFKS Patch (and free BFKS Membership), send a SASE and \$3.500 (US\$) to Larry Zilar, BFKS, 1030 W. 14th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337.

### Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contacts: Don or Shirley Allen (206)733-3777.

505 Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA.

### Yakima Valley KiteFlyers

Contact: Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679

209 N. 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

### Westport Windriders

Contact: Chuck Reese ((206) 875-6385-evenings

P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA 98586.

## Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championships

from Kathy Goodwind

Long Beach, Washington will host the Fourth Annual Pacific Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championships on June 29, 30, and July 1. This competition, originally part of WSIKF, will feature three days of dual line competition with sport kite practice and competition fields dedicated for the entire weekend. This is an effort to reduce the stress on the City of Long Beach and event volunteers and improve crowd control. Stunt kite flyers of all skill levels are welcome to compete, and flyers with kites of all kinds are also welcome.

Competition classifications will be expanded to permit novice through open competition for cash prizes and medallion trophies. Participants will compete in the official American Kite Magazine Stunt Kite Circuit, judged by nationally registered judges and scorekeepers using the official AKA rules book. First through 5th place winners will accumulate points toward Grand Nationals ranking.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the event, contact Kathy Goodwind c/o Gasworks Park Kite Shop, 3333 Wallingford N., Seattle, WA 98103, (206) 633-4780 or (206) 632-6151.

## Ocean Shores Kite Festivals

from Mike Brown

Ocean Shores will host two events this year. "Festival of Colors" formerly called the Welcome Spring Kite Festival, is May 4 - 6, 1990. "Festival of Colors" will feature three days of kiteflying and an antique aircraft fly-in and display, pancake breakfast, salmon bake, carnival, kids games, arts and crafts, all kinds of music and dancing, and more.

Our second event of the year will be our annual "October Kite Festival" with the One Sky, One World Kitefly and count. The dates will be October 12 - 14, 1990. Both of these events have been getting bigger and better each year. We think it's because we tend not to get too serious and instead emphasize the FUN.

Contact the Ocean Shore Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-76-BEACH or Mike Brown at Ocean Shores Kites (206 289-4103 for more information.

## AKA Convention 1990

by Darryl Stephison

On October 10-14 this year, the American Kitefliers Association will hold its annual convention at Seaside Oregon. Tom Sisson and I and our wives stopped there for a while after the Long Beach meeting to check things out. Most of the activity will be at the Shilo Inn right next to the turn-around on the promenade, but their rates are a bit high. There are a lot of other places nearby that are quite reasonable.

We would like to reserve a block of rooms at a nearby motel and invite all WKA members attending to stay at the same place. We have talked to the Huntley Inn which is only three blocks from the Shilo. It's fairly new and quite nice. Most of the rooms have queen size beds. The rate would be about \$49 to \$53 per night. We might get it a little lower if we can get more people. If you are interested, please give me a call or send me a card. If I can get enough people to get a discount, I will contact the Huntley and set it up. Please let me know by the end of April.

Also Tom and I will be organizing the Fly Market at the convention. Kathy Goodwind will be handling single line kite judging. Help will be needed in both of these areas as well as many others. Please plan to come and lend a hand. I think you will enjoy it.

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## Kite Calendar

- 2/3 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10 am, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797
- 2/10 (Sat), WSIKF Planning Meeting, Centralia, 12 noon, place to be determined, contact Kay Buesing, 206/665-5744
- 2/21 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797
- 2/24 (Sat), Fun Fly and Pot Luck, Westport, Flying all day at Twin Harbors State Park, Pot Luck at 6 pm at the Lions Hall (Westport City Park), contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877
- 3/2-4 (Fri-Sun), Seventh Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, activities start about noon on Friday, contact Mike Button, 206/733-7380, or Stan Swanson, 206/782-1472
- 3/2 (Fri), WKA General Membership Meeting, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, 5 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797
- 3/2-4 (Fri-Sun), Seventh Annual Hawaii Challenge, Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, contact Robert Loera, 808/924-0148
- 3/4 (Sun), WSIKF Planning Meeting, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, 8 am, contact Kay Buesing, 206/655-5744
- 3/15 (Thu), WKA Newsletter Deadline
- 3/24 (Sat), Fun Fly and Pot Luck, Westport, Flying all day at Twin Harbors State Park, Pot Luck at 6 pm at the Lions Hall (Westport City Park), contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877
- 3/28 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797

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# Kite Calendar

- 3/29 - 4/1 (Thu-Sun), Third Annual Reno International Kite Festival, Ranco San Rafael Park, Reno, contact Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, 702/827-7636
- 3/31 - 4/1 (Sat-Sun), Kite Fair, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, please come and help us teach kids to make kites, contact Tom Sisson, 206/725-3615, \$\$
- 3/31 - 4/29, Pacific Science Center Kite Exhibition, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, please come and help us hang kites on Friday night March 30 from 5 to 9 pm, the kites will be on display during the entire month of April, contact Tom Sisson, 206/725-3615, \$\$
- 4/1 (Sun), Ninth Annual Tri-Cities Spring Fly-In, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, 12 noon, contact Greg Greger, 509/943-3951
- 4/7 (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10 am, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797
- 4/7 (Sat), Sixth Annual Boise Kite Festival, Ann Morrison Park, Boise, contact Ginger Jewell, 208/384-4240
- 4/14 (Sat), All City Kite Show, Franklin Park, Spokane, contact Bill Lester, 509/327-2829
- 4/21 (Sat), Kids Day Kite Fly, Gasworks Park, Seattle, 12 noon, free kites for kids, your help is needed to show the kids how to fly the kites or just come and fly your own kites and have fun, contact Barbara Anne O'Neill, 206/878-5772, \$\$
- 4/22 (Sun), Taste of Skagit Fun Fly, Waverling Spit, Anacortes, part of a three day annual spring festival, come have fun and add some color, contact Kelci Williams, 206/788-6355
- 4/25 (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797
- 4/25 - May 9, Japan Kite Festival Tour, contact Dorothea Checkley, 206/284-5350
- 4/28 (Sat), Kite Day, Ashwood Center, Bellevue, 10 am, come fly kites with the Bellevue Parks & Recreation Dept., contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797, \$\$
- 4/28 (Sat), Second Annual Westport Trilby Challenge, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport, Pot Luck at 6 pm at Lions Hall, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877
- 4/28-29 (Sat-Sun) Surfsand Wayfarer Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach, contact Greg Keys, 800/547-6100
- 4/28-29 (Sat-Sun), Kiona Winery Kite Fly and Barrel Opening, Kiona Winery, twelve miles west of Richland off Hwy 82, contact Larry Zilar, 509/586-2664
- 5/2-8 (Mon-Sun), Kite School, Museum of Flight, Seattle, contact Tom Sisson 206/725-3615, \$\$
- \$\$ These activities help raise money for the WKA. Please help.

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