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Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

First American Kite Museum Opens During WSIKF

The City of Long Beach Invites You to the Featured Checkley Japanese Kite Collection Exhibit

compiled from submissions by Dorothea Checkley and Kay Buesing

England has one, France has one, Italy has one, Japan has three kite museums! And now, on the 24th of August, America will have the first museum dedicated solely to kites when the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Washington celebrates its grand opening during the Washington International Kite Festival, the week of August 20-26, 1990.

David Checkley's Japanese Kite Collection, the backbone of the museum, will be the museum's first exhibit. There are more than 250 kites in the collection. Dan Kurahashi, Japanese Kite expert, Checkley collection cataloguer, and author of kite books says, "The collection is the finest and most representative outside the museums in Japan."

David Checkley of Seattle, who died in August of 1988, was a founding member of WKA, and had been an avid and dedicated collector of Japanese kites for 18 years. During those years he made more than 47 trips to Japan, meeting and making friends with almost all the great kite masters in Japan, and visiting the innumerable areas that are renowned for specific kite designs. His kite designs included some as large as a room in a modern house, from such areas as Shirone and Hamamatsu. Others are so small that the kite line they require is almost invisible. All the kites are handmade, most of them signed by the maker, all handpainted, and even the kite line is generally made by hand. They are made of the strong handmade paper called *washi*.

The kite collection was donated by Dorothea Checkley, Checkley's widow. Her donation of his entire Oriental kite collection is a great honor to the museum. The Museum is also observing the housewarming of its first permanent residence. The building, donated by the City of Long Beach, is located in a newly

acquired park site. The museum adjoins the great expansive sand beaches of Long Beach, Washington, perhaps the finest kite flying area in the nation.

To honor the exhibit and commemorate the memory of David Checkley, twelve Japanese kitefliers and enthusiasts, old friends of Mr. Checkley, led by Mr. Maasaki Modegi, President of the Japanese Kite Association, will attend the Grand Opening. This event, for museum members and guests, on Friday, August 24th at 6 P.M., will be a combination of American and Japanese traditions of celebration. Dorothea Checkley will host the Japanese kite flyers before they leave for Long Beach.

The opening of the museum will take place during the spectacular week-long kite festival. Expert kite devotees from Canada, France, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, with tens of thousands of Americans there to compete in the kite flying or to watch with awe the incredible display of hundreds of varieties of kites painting the sky, and to take part in the fun and festivities.

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RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

WKA Pizza Feed

Wednesday, August 22nd

during the Washington International Kite Festival in Long Beach, Washington

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Catch up with friends while enjoying Chico's pizza and your favorite beverage.

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See Page 10 for information.

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World-Renowned Kitefliers at Long Beach

submitted by Kay Buesing

International fliers expected at WSIKF 1990 include:

Pierre Fabre, a French kite designer and artist who won the 1988 Dieppe International Kite Festival Grand Prix award and created a series of larger kites (6-10 meters) called "Sky Signals" whose graphics, colors and shapes are new to American skies.

Jorgen Moller Hansen, a Danish graphic design teacher who produces kitestacks both with Eddy and flare kites. Kitestacks are a three dimensional presentation of the kite train. He is also known for his unique parafoil graphics and expandable box kites.

Maasaki Modegi, president of the Japanese Kite Association, and ten Japanese kitefliers and enthusiasts will fly kites such as the yakko, Edo, rokkaku, birds, fighters, and stunt kites.

Other foreign kitefliers who have indicated they will be in Long Beach include Mark Sommerville from New Zealand; Marizzio Angeletti, Italy; and Robert Smith, England; plus Art Ross and other members of the British Columbia Kite Association.

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The WKA NEWSLETTER welcomes contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Those submissions in keeping with a resurrected mission of this newsletter—**helping people know how much it is to fly a kite**—will be given priority for publication. Mail typewritten manuscripts and standard black and white or color print photos (include the name, address, and daytime phone number of the source) first class (so they can be forwarded) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return to Andris Wollam, WKA Newsletter Editor, 5051-148th Ave. NE #J202, Bellevue, WA 98007-3033. The deadline for all submission is the 15th of the month prior to issue. (Sept. 15th for the next issue.) All submissions will be considered for publication.

Washington Kitefliers Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people discover all the joys of kite flying. To become a WKA member, send your name, address, and telephone number, along with a check for \$10 (outside the U.S. please add \$2 for additional postage) to Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. Membership will include an official WKA membership card entitling the bearer to discounts at certain kite shops and a one year free mail subscription to the WKA Newsletter.

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Squalicum Picnic and Kite Fly Next One During Labor Day Weekend

by Darryl Stephison

On the Sunday before Memorial Day, Kathy and I drove to Mukilteo. The cars were lined up a mile up the hill waiting for the ferry. It had been raining since we left home, I was fighting the flu, and it looked like a two hour wait for a ferry. I am sorry but I gave up and turned around. If anyone actually made it to Fort Casey and actually put up a kite, my hat's off to you.

On July 15 it was a completely different story. It was a beautiful day - warm and clear. I got a late start but people told me I didn't miss much because the wind didn't come up until about noon. Some people got there about 9 am. Apparently all I missed was the mosquitoes which were now blown away. The first thing I did was give my little dog a walk. When I got back Mike Button said, "Somebody said 'look there's a cute dog.' I turned around and it was just you." Thanks Mike. I said hi to Harold Writer and we congratulated each other for making it to Fort Casey on a day when it didn't rain. The winds were light but there were several deltas, some conynes, and a few stars. I tried a train I put together out of old One Sky One World kites. It was pretty bad, half the kites seemed to want to fly up-side-down. After a little while, I felt I had embarrassed myself enough in front of my friends. I put the whole mess back in the box and gave up. Stan Swanson tried to make a train out of his new six pointed star kites. He didn't have much luck either. That made me feel a little better. The wind did get better as the day went along. Pat Button flew a "killer" elephant which occasionally wiped out another kite. Mike Button flew the Scott Skinner patchwork kite he won at Fort Worden. It's not the best flying kite in the world but it looks pretty good. Mike also set up a teddy bear drop to the delight of daughter Sarah and some of the other kids. Ron Button flew his bat. Don Allen flew his new train of delta conynes. Later in the day when the wind was stronger, Mike Allen flew his Hagaman parafoil with the 65 ft. spin sock. A young man and woman who I didn't get to meet put on a pretty good show with stunt kites. There were a few other stunts but it gets kind of crowded with more than three or four people flying at once there. That tends to weaken the enthusiasm. All together it was a good day. I left feeling a little tired but otherwise feeling good.

The next picnic will on Sunday September 2. We will have a General Membership Meeting on the field at about 10 am. Kite flying will start about noon. Please join us.

Westport Kite Festival is a Winner

by Kelci Williams

It's been a year or so since my husband and I first started hearing about what nice fun flys the Westport Windriders put together at the end of each month. Unfortunately, due either to other obligations or to distance prohibitions, we haven't been able to make it to one of their monthly gatherings.

We got a taste of what we've been missing when we attended the annual Westport Kite Festival. We arrived around mid-day on Saturday and were directed, by a very nice gentleman, to the area of the beach better suited to our non 4 wheel drive vehicle. After choosing a spot to park, we decided to check out the action and look for acquaintances.

Since we missed the first 2-1/2 days of the festival, we really can't comment on how the field activities were handled. We did, however, attend the banquet on Saturday night at the VFW hall and were happily surprised. For a mere \$6.95 each, we enjoyed an all-you-can-eat meal which included three kinds of chicken, hamburgers, salads and other dishes, dessert and punch. The food was great and the camaraderie even better. Three cheers to Jeri from Pic-a-Patch Kites and her helpers for putting on such a great feast!

The awards ceremony followed dinner and, here again, we were pleasantly amazed. Many of the trophies given incorporated a 5" X 7" photo of the winner and their kite in a lucite frame. These came in varying formats and were very nicely and professionally made.

In addition to the prizes given to the competitors, there was a drawing held exclusively for the volunteers who had helped put the festival together. Each volunteer was given tickets to put into their choice of two bags. At the end of the evening, one ticket from each bag was drawn and the lucky winners walked away with either a set of Cyborg stunt kites or a Hagaman 50 parafoil. Boy, did we envy them.

Certainly, this is an example from which others can learn. Most volunteers are lucky if they receive a thank you. To even get a chance at winning such nice mementos of appreciation must make one feel like their efforts have indeed not gone unnoticed.

We'll be making a concerted effort to get down to Westport more often in the future. Congratulations again Westport, on a job well done!

ERRATA

Gasworks Kite Shop and Goodwind Kites were inadvertently left off the WKA discount list last issue due to an editing error. Apologies to Kathy Goodwind for this error for which I take full responsibility. -Editor.

by Darryl Stephison

Kathy and I arrived late on Thursday afternoon. The winds were strong but the beach was nearly deserted. We were told that there were several people there during the day but they had all left. Maybe they were drying out - we hit some serious rain on our way. There was a lot of noise coming from the Mutineer in Grayland, so we went in. Sure enough there they were. The helpings were generous. The staff was friendly. They didn't seem to mind a bunch of rowdy kitefliers taking over the place.

Friday was a beautiful day for kiteflying. The temperature was warm, the wind was moderate, and the skies were clear. It was great day for the stunt kite competition but we had decided to fly our big kites. That day we saw one of the best kite shows we had seen in quite a while. Doug Hagaman was there of course with his magnificent parafoils. So was Art Ross from Vancouver and half the people in Bellingham. Ben Franklin was there with the rest of the Zilar clan. There were many more. We looked for a stump, but they just weren't right. So we shifted to 4-wheel low and proceeded to rearrange half the stumps on the beach. Then we put up our biggest kites with lots of laundry. Most of the others were doing the same and soon we had a wonderful profusion of color standing out against a perfect blue sky.

On Saturday, the competition shifted to single line. We entered and did respectably but the winds were a little light to really have fun and put on a good show. So we relaxed and put up whatever deltas would fly. Then we sat back and enjoyed the company of good friends. It was a fun day for kids with kite decorating, sprints, a reel out, and a teddy bear drop from one of Doug's parafoils. A couple of kids made off with great looking teddy bears. (Unfortunately they wouldn't let me enter.) Saturday night we had a great feed at the VFW Hall followed by award presentations. Some of the winners had gone to Long Beach but it was still nice. We had a short General Membership Meeting afterward but the people who stayed were mostly the same ones who show up in Seattle for meetings. That was a little disappointing.

On Sunday, we stuck around for the Rokkaku Challenge. The rules were the same rules we will use at Long Beach. It was the first time I know of that they were used. I wanted to see how they would work. There were only two teams entered but they had fun and that's what it's all about. By the way, the kids beat the old pros in two straight matches. You guys better practice some more.

When I left, I thought "Westport has done well again." I have always had fun at the Westport Festival. Keep up the good work out there!

Official Business

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Darryl Stephison

Well the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here again. As you can see by the **Kite Calendar** we don't have much scheduled. Nobody ever wants to do much in late July and early August. I assume that they are all home putting the final touches on their newest creations for Long Beach. Maybe they just want a break between all the activities of Spring and the "big one". I've seen a few new kite designs and a whole lot of new laundry. Socks, tails, banners, and flags, it seems to be the year for frills. I kind of like it. Of course the action kites are busy. They are out there in the fields and on the beaches practicing, trying to perfect precision maneuvers or the newest routine. Whatever the case, I am looking forward to seeing it all on the world's longest beach. The response to calls for help with Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday events from Jeanni Schwenk and myself has been quite gratifying. A few more volunteers may be needed. When we all pitch in, it's a lot easier.

In these long hot days, it's hard to think of the end of the year and the start of a new one, but that's what I would like you to do. Our next Board Meeting is at Long Beach and our next General Meeting is at Fort Casey. By the end of those two meetings, I would like to have a nominating committee. I need two or three people to recruit new officers and board members for next year. The nominations will be presented at the November General Meeting at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. The nominations will be published in the December newsletter and voting will be by mail again. It's hard to believe that there are only two General Meetings left in the year. Please start thinking about who you might like to represent you on next year's board.

The following is a completely updated copy of the new bylaws as I had promised in the April issue.

Washington Kitefliers Association Bylaws (As of March 3, 1990)

Article I. Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be:

Washington Kitefliers Association

Article II. Address

The address of the organization shall be:

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

Article III. Purpose

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

Article IV. Membership

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

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

member in recognition of extraordinary and exemplary service to the association.

- B. Individual and Family memberships are open to any interested persons who pay the annual dues as established by a majority vote of the membership.
- C. Each individual membership shall be entitled to one vote and each family membership shall be entitled to two votes. Each life membership shall be entitled to one or two votes, depending on the type of membership prior to the granting of the life membership. Association memberships shall have no vote.
- D. The term of dues-paying memberships shall be from the first day of the month following acceptance of application for membership until the last day of the twelfth month following. Membership shall be terminated for non-payment of dues 30 days after written notice. Memberships renewed after termination will be subject to a \$2.00 reprocessing fee. The term of association memberships shall be as long as reasonable exchange of publications and information continues.
- E. To each member there shall be issued a membership card showing the organization name, the member's name, the period during which the membership is valid, the signature of the president, and any other information the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate.

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

Article V. Membership Meetings

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the first Saturday of odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November) or at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, for the purpose of conducting business of the organization including, but not limited to, changes in the bylaws or dues, approval of the budget, approval of policies, or for the education and enlightenment of the members. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum of at least nine members is present.

Article VI. Elections

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

Article VII. Board of Trustees

- A. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president, standing commit-

tee chairmen, and representatives of affiliated kite clubs which apply for board representation. All officers and Board members must be members in good standing.

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

Article VIII. Duties of Officers

- A. Officers of the Association shall consist of:
1. President, who shall act as the executive of the Association.
 2. Vice-President, who shall perform the duties of the president in the officers' absence, and such other duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees.
 3. Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all funds of the Association, receive monies due and payable to the Association and deposit such monies in a financial depository selected by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall distribute funds to pay the obligations of the Association according to policies set forth by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall regularly report the financial status of the group to the Board and to the general membership.
 4. Secretary, who shall keep minutes of the meetings of Board of Trustees and of the members. A summary of the meeting activities shall be included in the newsletter.
 5. Kite club representatives shall represent the interests their respective organizations to the statewide organization.
 6. Standing committees shall be responsible for

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Official Business

the following major functions and special interest areas;

Newsletter
Membership
Products
Special Events
Education
Safety
Merchants

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

Article IX. Amendment of the Bylaws

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

MEETING MINUTES

General, April 7, 1990

Officers Present: Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Tom Sisson, Kelci Williams, Gene Smiley and Russell Ford.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Darryl Stephison.

Darryl mentioned that the club still needed a Secretary. With the establishment of the Membership Officer position (held by Russell Ford), the Secretarial duties have been greatly reduced. Kathy Smith volunteered to take the job and was elected by a unanimous vote of the members present.

The Treasurer's report was given by Kelci Williams. The information supplied did not include the Fort Worden data which was still being compiled.

Russell Ford gave a membership update - out of roughly 500 members, there are approximately 170 due for renewal. A special mailer has been sent to these people.

The 1990 pins were available. A discussion about the price of pins and their distribution to enrolling members ensued. It was decided to table the discussion until the next board meeting.

There was a reminder to get newsletter articles in on time.

Tom Sisson mentioned that 86 children made kites at the Kid's Day kitemaking classes held at the Museum of Flight.

The upcoming AKA convention was discussed. WKA has arranged for a block of rooms at the Huntley Inn in Seaside. Anyone who is interested should contact Darryl.

Darryl then discussed the current situation with WSIKF. We will be participating in this year's festival and could use some volunteers. If you can help, call Darryl or Jeanne Schwenk.

Next Board Meeting - April 18th. Next general meeting - April 28th at the Zilar's in Kennewick following the Kiona Winery fly.

Board, April 18, 1990

Submitted by Vin Smith

Present: Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Russell Ford, Kelci Williams, Steve Millsbaugh, Sari and Marge Moore, Andris Wollam, and Vin Smith.

Darryl called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and read the minutes of the previous general meeting.

Kelci gave a Treasurer's report. She also mentioned that the figures did not include the updated Fort Worden data, that no invoice has been received from the pin manufacturer, that a billing received from the insurance company needs to be reviewed and updated, and that billings to advertisers have not been kept current. Darryl volunteered to contact those in arrears.

A report on the status of memberships was supplied by Russell Ford. We are beginning to get some response from the renewal notices. Options for printing, updating and distributing current membership forms were discussed.

The suggestion about providing pins with membership enrollment was discussed. It was decided that there were too many potential problems involved (i.e. lack of inventory, record keeping, etc.) and therefore dues would remain at \$10.00 and pins would be sold at \$5.00 each to everyone.

Andris Wollam gave a newsletter update. There was a discussion about the distribution of newsletters, the inclusion of

store discount information, and the possible use of second-class postage. Andris will check on the postage requirements and that along with the advertising policy will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Tom talked about Kid's Day at Gasworks Park and the mix-up in dates, times, etc. between the WKA newsletter and the sponsor's pamphlet.

The current correspondence from WSIKF was read by Darryl. Since their response wasn't clear, Darryl will pursue the matter.

Upcoming events were reviewed.

There was a discussion about the use of the WKA logo by members. This will be followed up at a later meeting.

The possibility of changing the WKA logo (stationary, etc.) was presented and tabled until a later date.

A motion was made to begin a 1991 pin design contest now so that we can get a head start on next year's pins. The motion was passed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 20, however it may need to be changed. Members will be notified of any changes.

General, April 28, 1990

submitted by Juanda Krebs

The burgers were great! The temperature was 80 and the winds were 10-12mph for the Kiona Winery Fly. The truth be known... the burgers at the Zilar's home were great!

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Stephison.

The Treasurer's report was read and discussed. There is approximately the same amount this year as last year at this time. The rap-up meeting for Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference we be held soon to find out what the final amount to be disbursed is. Darryl stated that there is good accountability and good records kept for the Ft. Worden Conference.

The new WKA pins, designed by Ron Krebs of Yakima, are available for \$5 each. The increased cost of the pins will help keep the cost of dues down. Pins, dues, donations, and kite flies are the only means for the Washington Kitefliers Association to generate income.

All input for the newsletter should be on time. It is distributed on the 1st of even numbered months so material should be received by the 15th of the previous month.

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Classified Ads

1990 WKA PINS! - Available now for US\$5 each or lots of 25 for \$75. Order pins from: WKA Membership Secretary, Pacific Science Center, 200-2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.

CLASSIFIED ADS - any items relating to kites or kitefliers only 10¢ a word (\$3US minimum) per issue. Display ads also available. Send to: Andris Wollam, WKA Newsletter Editor, 5051-148th Ave. NE, #J202, Bellevue, WA 98007-3033 (206)869-1387.

CALENDAR LISTINGS - Send pertinent information of your event (before September 15th for inclusion in the next issue) to Darryl Stephison, WKA President, Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Ave, N., Seattle, WA 98109.

KITE RETAILERS - Contact the newsletter editor to be sure to be listed as a member/merchant honoring a discount to WKA members.

RENEWALS - Renew your WKA membership and don't miss the next informative issue of this newsletter. Remember, too, that many local kite retailers honor a discount to members. Check the expiration date on your address label now and if due to renew it's \$10 for US members and US\$12 for others.

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED - Send your favorite photos of WSIKF people, kites, events to the WKA Newsletter to share. Contact Andris Wollam, Newsletter Editor, 5051-148th Ave. NE, #J202, Bellevue, WA 98007-3033 (206)869-1387.

OFFICIAL WKA TEACHERS PACKETS Build seven kites and teach others how. Packet includes plans for an eddy kite, a cobra, a delta conyne, 2 sleds, and 2 deltas - \$2.00. Order packets from: WKA Secretary, Pacific Science Center, 200-2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.

BE HEARD! Chances are, you didn't return the questionnaire from last issue to voice your opinions about the upcoming Kitemakers Conference. Send them in now or write to K. Williams, 18030 NE 155th Pl, Woodinville, WA 98072. (206) 788-6355.

MEETING MINUTES

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There was considerable discussion about the Washington State International Kite Festival and WKA's role there. Hopefully there will be some clarification on these issues soon.

Darryl wanted all to know that Board Meetings are open all members and everyone is welcome to attend.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Board, June 20, 1990

submitted by Kathy Smith

Present: Russell Ford, Steve Millsbaugh, Jean Schwenk, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Kathy Smith, Darryl Stephison, Kelci and Morrie Williams.

Darryl called the meeting to order and reviewed past meeting minutes and thanked Win Smith and Juanda Krebs for submitting minutes.

Kelci Williams submitted the financial statement of WKA which also included a final reporting on the accounting of the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. She has reviewed and organized all financial records for the association and reports that the records are in good order.

Russell Ford has mailed reminders to all members who had not renewed their membership as of March, 31st. He has had a 60% response on the mailing. A discussion followed as to opportunities for people to rejoin and further follow-up on renewals.

A discussion was held regarding the distribution of the WKA pins. A motion was made by Tom Sisson, seconded by Kelci Williams, and approved by members present, that WKA pins may be sold in lot batches of 25 for \$75; individual pins to be sold to members and the public for \$5 each. Lot batches of pins will be distributed to kite shops for retail sale at the above costs. The pins are now available and are beautiful.

A discussion was held regarding the production and distribution of the newsletter in a timely manner. Meeting production deadlines are a problem due to lateness of materials turned in and volunteer time to assist in the production.

Possible sites for the 1991 Kitemakers Conference were reviewed. A questionnaire will be distributed to members in the next newsletter to get input for the conference.

Darryl reported on WKA involvement in the Washington State International Kite Festival. WKA will receive \$400 for the of volunteer time in support of the event. The City of Long Beach is the sponsor of the

event. WKA and the Association of Oregon Kitefliers organize the kiting competitions, i.e. competition rules, judges, arrangements of fields, etc. Concern was expressed that with the amount of time and work donated by WKA volunteers, the City of Long Beach should value that assistance more.

WKA support of the AKA Convention in Seaside, Oregon in October was discussed. WKA volunteers will be needed for the Fly Mart.

Kelci has contacted kite shops for advertising in the WKA Newsletter; if a kite shop pays for a full year of advertising in advance they will be given a discount.

Darryl reported on the Bayside Kite Fly in Mukilteo, the Bellevue Ashwood Center Kite Day, and Bainbridge Island Kite Fly. WKA participation in these events generates income for the Association. Darryl presented a schedule of future events.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on June 30, 8:00 P.M. VFW Hall, Westport City Park, Westport, WA. The next Board meeting will be held on August 22, 7:00 P.M. Super 8 Motel, Long Beach. The following General Membership Meeting will be held September 2, 10:00 A.M. Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island.

General, June 30, 1990

submitted by Kelci Williams

The meeting, held in the VFW Hall in Westport, was called to order at 8:04 PM by Darryl Stephison.

Darryl appointed Kelci Williams to take minutes and gave a quick summary of past meetings in lieu of a Secretary's report.

Kelci then gave the Treasurer's report which included data for the 1990 Fort Worden conference. An events statement was also supplied.

Darryl reviewed the membership status, the products available and their prices and the newsletter.

There was a brief discussion about Fort Worden 1990 and 1991. This was followed by a talk about the WKA events at WSIKF and the AKA convention.

A review of upcoming activities was then supplied.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.



Welcome New and Returning Members!

Richard Blair of Yakima, WA
Charles (Rocky) Blakewood of Camas, WA
Alyson Boyd of Seattle, WA
Phillip Briscoe of Seattle, WA
Gary Button of Bellingham, WA
Anthony Cyphert of Bothell, WA
John Edgar of Bothell, WA
Vic Esphpeter of Tacoma, WA
Stewart Fletcher of Cook, WA
Richard Krog of Puyallup, WA
Craig Lyle of Walla Walla, WA
Dale Morgan of Mountlake Terrace, WA
David Raab of Federal Way, WA
Robert Ritchie of Washougal, WA
John (Andy) Robinett, Jr. of Everett, WA
Robert Runyan of Seattle, WA
Jack Sandusky of Edmonds, WA
Mark Smith of Pullman, WA

The photographic print cupboard is nearly bare. Please submit prints to the newsletter editor which are in sharp focus and high contrast. Make sure to identify the flier and kitemaker (if different). Prints should be submitted in a timely manner following events. Plan to share your best shots of Long Beach, Westport or other events in the October issue by sending them in before September 15th.



Regional Reports

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 \$3.50 (US\$) to Larry Zilar, 1030 W. 14th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337. Make checks payable to Larry Zilar.

Pierce Co. Kitefliers Assoc.

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

Contact: Matt Palmer

3340 East 11th Street; Tacoma, WA 98421

(206) 627-1653

Membership is now \$5 annually. Sorry about that, fellow kites, but stamps and newsletters cost money. All members receive the club's quarterly newsletter *Kite Flight*. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

We have moved our club meetings to the Main Frame Kite Shop in Tacoma because we outgrew McDonalds. Currently there are 150 members. For further information contact the club at the above address or Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

505 Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA.

See article about last picnic. The next picnic is on Sunday September 2. WKA General Membership Meeting at about 10 am, kite flying will start about noon. Join us!

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

Contact: Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679

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

According to *The Kite Chronicle*, Winter 1989, the second annual Yakima Valley Kitefliers' Fun Fly will be held Labor Day weekend. Call to confirm.

Westport Windriders

Contact: Chuck Reese ((206) 875-6385-evenings
P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA 98586.

Please see articles about the Westport Kite Festival in this issue.

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, OR 97225.

Hosts of of the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) Convention October 10-14, 1990. Membership US\$7, includes bi-monthly newsletter.

British Columbia Kitefliers Assoc.

P.O. Box 35653 Stn. E, Vancouver, B.C. Canada
V6M 4G9. Membership \$8.

Members of this organization will be participating at WSIKF 1990. Members Ray Bethell and Robert Riley of the "Vancouver Hi-Fliers Stunt Team" placed first in team precision events last year.

WKA Membership Has Benefits

The following retailers will honor a discount to members of the Washington Kitefliers Association or American Kite Association as indicated. Please be prepared to show your membership card and present it before a sale is rung up.

WKA/AKA:

Catch the Wind Kite Shops, OR, (800)227-7878 for nearest location.

Gasworks Park Kite Shop and Goodwind Kites, 3333 Wallingford N., Seattle, WA (206)633-4780.

Great Winds, 402 Occidental Ave. S., Seattle, WA (206) 624-6886.

Long Beach Kites, 104 Pacific North, Long Beach, WA (206)642-2202.

Tim's Bike Shop, 2507 Broadway, Everett, WA (206)259-5929.

Yakima Valley Kites, 123 Pleasantview Drive, Selah, WA (509)575-6172.

WKA:

Aerial Delights, 7805 Leary Way NE, Redmond, WA (206)869-7255.

City Kites, on kites and line only, 1501 Western Ave. #304, Seattle, WA. 622-5349.

Pic-A-Patch, 2549 N. Westerhaven Dr., Westport, WA (206)268-0877.

AKA:

Cloud Nine Kite Shop, Ocean Shores, WA. (206)289-2221.

Kites Aloft of Tacoma, 8834 Colgate Drive West, Tacoma, WA (206)564-5595.

OGO Fly a Kite, 2015-19th St., Everett, WA (206) 339-9334.

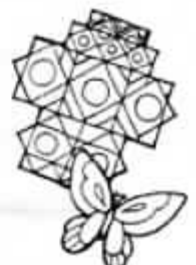
Windworks, Lopez Island, WA (206)468-3233.

If your store honors a discount to WKA or AKA members and is not on this list, please contact Andris Wollam, Newsletter Editor, (206)869-1387.

Bainbridge Island Kite Fly

by Darryl Stephison

Kathy and I caught an early ferry to Winslow where we decided to explore the town. By the time we finished our ice cream it was starting to drizzle. Then we headed for the Battle Point Park. The rain was getting a little more serious. There we met Tom Sisson, Marge and Sari Moore and friends, Harold Writer and his wife, and Kelci and Morris Williams and friends. Tom was flying a trash bag delta and Harold was trying to get something up but the wind was decreasing and the rain was increasing. It wasn't much fun. Sari and Marge played on the swings a bit. We took an umbrella and watched the ladies slow pitch softball tournament. They acted like they didn't notice the rain. Sue Hylan from Bainbridge Parks Department came and apologized for the weather. I doubt if she had much to do with it. The park is quite nice. I think it would be fun to do a fly there in good weather. Finally, when people were starting to look rather sad, we called it quits. Many thanks to all who showed up. They are the "real kitefliers".



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1990 WKA PICNIC - COME JOIN IN THE FUN

The Washington Kitefliers Association would like to invite you to the annual picnic being held at the Super 8 Motel in Long Beach, Washington on Wednesday, August 22nd from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (approximately).

This will be a KISS party. No, not that kind of kiss ... you know - Keep It Simple Stupid. The fare will include Pizza from Chico's in Long Beach and beer or pop. Please Note: No one under 21 years old will be served beer.

To defray the cost of this extravaganza, there will be a \$5.00 per ticket charge payable at the door. Each ticket entitles you to 3 slices of pizza and 2 drinks. What a deal, huh?

This may be a real blowout. You **MUST RESERVE** your spot. To help us figure a head count and the kinds of pizza and beer or pop you prefer, please call Jean Sisson at (206)725-3615 or Kelci Williams at (206)788-6355 **BEFORE** August 20th.

Please give the following information when you call:

I/We would like _____ tickets to the 1990 WKA Picnic in Long Beach (@ \$5.00 each) to cover the cost.

I/We like the following types of pizza (one vote for each ticket): Combo _____ Hawaiian _____ Pepperoni _____.

I/We like the following beverage (one vote for each ticket): Beer _____ Lite Beer _____ Pop _____ Diet Pop _____.

Name: _____

We will need some help setting-up and serving. If you'd like to volunteer, please give us your phone number.

Thanks and hope to see you there!

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Kite Calendar

AUGUST

Aug 20-26, (Mon-Sun), Washington State International Kite Festival, Bolstad and Tenth Street Accesses, Long Beach, contact Kay Buesing, 206/665-5744.

Aug 22, (Wed), Pizza Feed, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 5 pm, contact Kelci Williams, 206/788-6355.

Aug 22, (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1-3, (Sat-Mon) Bandon Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bandon, OR, contact Frank or Janet at Freestyle Kites (503)347-3722. (From Windriders newsletter)

Sep 1-3, (Sat-Mon), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Pot Luck, fly all day at Twin Harbors State Park, pot luck at 7 pm at Lions Hall, Westport City Park, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877. Postponed due to WSIKF. (From Windriders newsletter)

Sept 2, (Sun), Kids, Kites, & Kakes Harbor Cruise, Seattle Harbor Tours, contact Tom Sisson, 206/725-3615.

Sept 2, (Sun), WKA General Membership Meeting, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, 10 am, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

Sept 2, (Sun), Squalicum Picnic, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, 12 noon, contact Mike Button, 206/733-7380.

Sept 15, (Sat), Seattle Parks Volunteer Thank You, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, contact Tom Sisson, 206/725-3615. The Seattle Parks Department puts this on to thank volunteers who have worked in the parks during the Summer. We are invited to fly kites and put on a little show. They provide the food.

Sept 15, (Sat), WKA Newsletter Deadline. Send submissions to Andris Wollam, 5051-148th Avenue NE, #J202; Bellevue, WA 98007 or call (206)869-1387.

Sept 22, (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Pot Luck, fly all day at Twin Harbors State Park, pot luck at 7 pm at Lions Hall, Westport City Park, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877.

Sept 29-30, (Sat-Sun), Fall International Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon, contact Chamber of Commerce, 800/452-2151.

OCTOBER

Oct 6-7, (Sat-Sun), October Kite Festival, on the beach at Ocean Shores, contact Ocean Shores Kites, 206/289-4103.

Oct 6-7, (Sat-Sun), World's Cup of Stunt Kiting, Seaside, Oregon, contact Dave Gomberg, 503/996-3083.

Oct 7, (Sun), One Sky One World Kite Fly, Gasworks Park, Seattle, contact Barbara Anne O'Neill, 206/878-5772.

Oct 10-14, (Wed-Sun), American Kitefliers Association Convention, Shilo Inn, Seaside, Oregon, contact Dave Gomberg, 503/996-5772, or Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797. See AKA "Kiting" magazine for info.

Oct 20-21, (Sat-Sun), Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bolstad St. Access, Long Beach, contact Long Beach Kites, 206/642-2202.

Oct 24, (Wed), WKA Board Meeting, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

Oct 27, (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Pot Luck, fly all day at Twin Harbors State Park, pot luck at 7 pm at Lions Hall, Westport City Park, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877.

Please send calendar information to Darryl Stephison, WKA, Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109.

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