

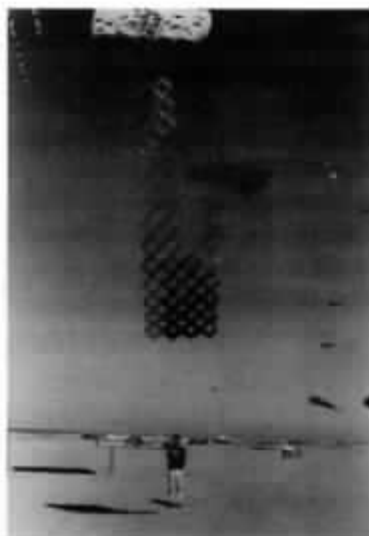
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Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

Looking up at Long Beach - WSIKF 1990



Photos by Francis Hall/Kite Post

At left, the crew that hoisted Lee Toy's edo celebrates under the kite after burying their reels in the sand. At right, Pierre Fabre of France flies Jergen Hansen's expandible box kite, flanked by Jergen and Art Ross parafoils.

by Kelci Williams

A week's worth of fatigued feet and pooped paws was just one of the memories we brought back from the 1990 Washington State International Kite Festival.

My husband Morrie, our dog Asta and I traveled the new boardwalk from end-to-end at least twice a day. What a great work-out. And, add to that the great view, good sound system and the convenience afforded both spectators and entrants and WSIKF had a winner, hands-down.

Once again we were dazzled by the breath-taking beauty, inventiveness and craftsmanship of the creations we saw at Long Beach. Dorie Imbach's magnificent peacock delta blew me away. Will I ever be able to

make something like that? The displays by the International guests were wonderful too. And, so many of our local kite fliers painted the sky brilliantly. But, I must admit that I missed being able to participate in the kind of joint venture that we enjoyed last year helping the Dutch team launch their behemoth kite.

The food at the banquet was good but we felt that the accommodations were far too crowded. Personally, we wouldn't mind doing without the lavish feast in favor of lighter treats along with the auction and slide show. If this were done, the cost could be reduced and more people (including families with kids) could be accommodated. Something to think about for next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jeani and Dan Schwenk, Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Tom and Jean Sisson and Hank and Pat Meacham for their efforts in the competition fields.

Well, all in all, we had a very enjoyable week and are looking forward to next year's festival. Good winds to all!

One Sky, One World is Oct. 14th!

Fly for Peace Sunday at Gasworks Park, Seattle 12 noon

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WKA'S Pizza Party

By Kelci Williams

The pizza was plentiful, the drinks overflowed and I think, all in all, the KISS party was a success - at least I hope everyone felt that way.

Things moved along smoothly and there was no problem with overcrowding or too little to eat, at least none that I heard about. The camaraderie was contagious, the door prizes were fantastic and it seemed like people had a good time. I'd love to hear opinions about the party. (Call me at 788-6355.)

Kudos go out to the volunteers and prize contributors for making this year's picnic so enjoyable.

In particular, I'd like to thank Tom and Jean Sisson, Gene and Vera Smiley, Stu and T.J. Murphy and Darryl and Kathy Stephison for their help manning the serving and selling tables. If I have forgotten anyone, my sincere apologies - I was so busy I couldn't keep track.

I also appreciate the generosity of the following folks for these wonderful prize donations:

Aerial Delights - 2 Trlbys

City Kites - Cloud Pleaser by Doug Gaiza

Gasworks Park Kite Shop - Teddy Bear Kite by Joel Scholz

Great Winds Kite Shop - Chinese Kite

Highflying Banners - 75' Windsock by Diane Aurigemma

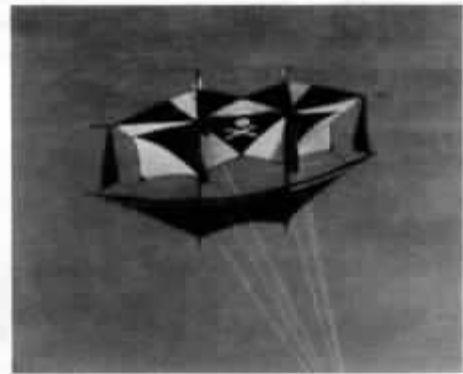
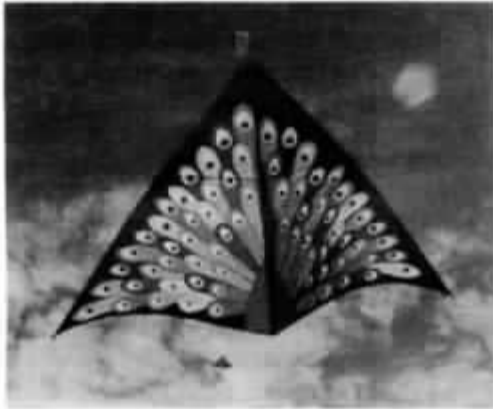
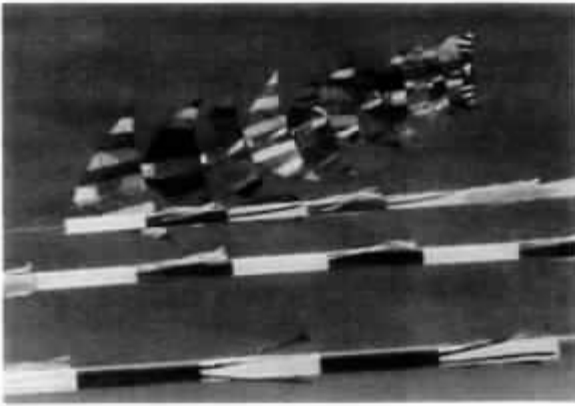
OGO Fly A Kite - Zipper Stunt Kite by Mike and Dawn

Harold Writer - Winged Box Kite and an Eddy Kite

Again, I hope that you all enjoyed the festivities and thank you for coming. See you next year.



Photo by Francis Hall/Kite Post
A long Chinese dragon prepares for launching



WSIKF 1990 Photo Gallery

Stack of delta conynes with frayed windsocks in tow, Stan Swanson's new Orca whale, and Dorrie Imbach's peacock, winner of Delta, Most Beautiful-Apprentice and People's Choice-Flat/Bowed awards, photos by Francis Hall/Kite Post; Pierre Fabre of France's pirate ship kite, photo submitted by Kelci Williams; and Best Dressed Udder Pain rokaku team members Linda, John, Larry, and Bill Zilar and Vicki Coye, submitted by Kathy Stephison.

Official Business

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Darryl Stephison

Wow! After several years of going to the Washington State International Kite Festival, I am still impressed. I love seeing so many kites in the air and so many people having fun. My parents were here from Michigan this year and that made it even more special for me. There were plenty of other things to make it the best kite festival this country has ever seen. The City of Long Beach deserves praise for their investment in the Boardwalk. I call it an investment because I think it will pay back in tourism. The Boardwalk certainly is an improvement for the Festival. Everyone I talked to seemed to agree. Some of us who have been there several years, think that attendance on Friday and Saturday may have been higher than ever before. Yet it didn't seem as crowded in any particular area like it used to be along the access road. People can spread out along the Boardwalk and see more without wearing themselves out. The new sound system is also a big improvement for the Festival. I especially like the wireless microphones. I think that having the announcers down on the field can really improve the information given out. The weather this year was much better than last year. We had good winds nearly the whole time. Friday night there was not enough wind for a night fly but the absence of wind made the night very comfortable and made for a very good fireworks show. The wind on Sunday morning was the best of any Festival Sunday in several years. A new record of 3,375 kites in the air was set that day. All together, I think it was a mighty fine show. Of course that's what I like best about WSIKF. It is a kiting show of shows. I hope next year's WSIKF organizers try to make the most of that. Personally, I could do with a lot less competition. It takes too many people to run the competitions. In another article, I mention some of the WKA people involved. The AOK also had many people doing their part. During much of that time, some really good shows didn't get into the air because the flyers were just too busy working. Some good kites even left the beach for a day to "get away". We need to remember why we started kite flying. In this show, if the stars aren't having fun there won't be much of a show.

I hope everyone who went to Long Beach got a chance to see the new World Kite Museum building. A permanent location was just what the museum needed the really get going. The Japanese kite exhibit was very well done. We are so fortunate to have had a man like David Checkley in this area who had the means and the interest to collect these beautiful kites. It is unfortunate that we had to loose him to get the exhibit. The exhibit was a fine tribute to David.

Minutes

Board Meeting August 22, 1990

By Judy Millspaugh

The meeting was called to order in Long Beach, WA at 7:45 P.M. by Darryl Stephison.

Board members present: Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Gene Smiley, Kelci and Morrie Williams, Tom Sisson, Steve Millspaugh. Guest: Barbara Anne O'Neill.

Darryl requested agreement to dispense with the Secretary's report, in her absence, and stated that Judy Millspaugh volunteered to take minutes of this meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Kelci Williams. She reviewed financial statements. Advertising as of 8/20: everything paid in full except bill for Cool Rain, who have not responded to any calls and appear to have gone out of business. It was agreed to write this off. Bainbridge Island is not expected to be received due to bad weather effectively cancelling the event; check received from City of Bellevue; nothing to date received from Bayside Realty for Mukilteo event (Darryl will write letter to Shirley Monteith).

Darryl requested volunteers to serve on the Nominations Committee. He stated he would be one member, and announced that he does not plan to run next year.

Barbara suggested an Activities Coordinator be considered, and offered to handle the position. Darryl pointed out that this could be a subcommittee, which can be established, if we like.

Kelci reported that all but 150 to 175 of the pins have been sold. Kelci will stop by kite stores in the area with the remainder available. Darryl suggested a pin contest for the new pin. He will get something in the next newsletter about the contest.

Kelci reported that she only received one response to the questionnaire on the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, and stated that she needs more written responses if they are to be considered for next year's conference.

Darryl gave a report on the WSIKF. We are close to break even on tonight's event (pizza and drinks).

Reminder: AKA Convention at Seaside, Oregon, October 10th through 14th. Register early, and confirm your reservations at the Huntley Inn.

Kelci reported that she was asked to inquire about an Editorial Committee for the newsletter. Darryl agreed to get together with the person that made this request and with Andris Wollam, the newsletter editor. If he finds sufficient interest, he can appoint an ad-hoc committee, which can be made into a standing committee by amending the bylaws at a later time. Everyone agreed to this plan.

Barbara Anne O'Neill discussed several ideas that she has that could be taken care of by an Activities Coordinator, which she is volunteering to become. The ideas range from events to welcome new members into the club, different activities in different areas of the state, having fun flys in conjunction with general membership meetings, and special events like "One Sky, One World". She would like to plan a fun fly and potluck for September 8th at Golden Gardens. She will try to get this organized and announced. For the "One Sky, One World" (OSOW) event, she has many ideas pertaining to fundraising and activities for the day, and requested a \$1,000 donation from the WKA for this event. It was noted that there has been no budget for this event in the past and none planned for this year. A motion was made to authorize up to \$200 to be spent on OSOW out of WKA's budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Thanks and a hearty "Job well done" to Kelci for tonight's pizza, beer, and sodas!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

General Meeting September 2, 1990

By Maura Alford and Kelci Williams

The meeting was held at Fort Casey Park on Whidbey Island. It was called to order at 10:55 AM by Darryl Stephison.

Darryl requested someone to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of the WKA secretary and Maura Alford volunteered.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Kelci Williams. There was a discussion about the handling of any billing received from the Super 8 Motel for the use of their banquet facilities.

Darryl gave a brief review of the August Board meeting, including the request for funds made by Barbara Anne O'Neill to pay for the One Sky, One World fly in October. He then mentioned that a nominating committee had been formed at the August Board meeting. Anyone interested in a position with the club for next year should notify Darryl at his number listed in the newsletter. The positions to be filled include (among others): President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chairman, Products Person and Newsletter Editor.

Kelci gave an update on the products inventory. Pins are selling well - we have approximately 150 left.

Since we will need a new pin design for next year, the club is holding another pin design contest. Look for further information about this in the newsletter.

Mike Button discussed the current status of Fort Worden 1991. There are no meetings planned at present, however things are moving along well. Dave Weigand has volunteered to help co-ordinate the classes and John Zilar has agreed to run the raffle. Pre-registrations will not be sent out until after the AKA convention in October.

A pin design is also needed for Fort Worden. If you have a design that you would like us to consider, please send it to Mike Button, 3334 Forest Court, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Darryl then asked for opinions about the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach. The general consensus was that this was the best WSIKF yet, due in large to the new boardwalk and sound system.

The boardwalk was successful in

spreading the people out and the sound system was better than ever before. The operations tent was considered to be a welcome addition and well used. And, Neil Simmon did an excellent job with security.

Some suggestions for improving next year's festival were to put more speakers along the vendor's area as well as some other key areas. Also, there should be fewer personal announcements made over the loudspeaker.

Many felt that the banquet facilities were far too cramped and could have been potentially dangerous (if there had been an emergency). Ideas for next year included: reducing the cost (so that families with children could attend), skipping dinner and serving only hors d'oeuvres or dessert, or having the slide show and raffle only.

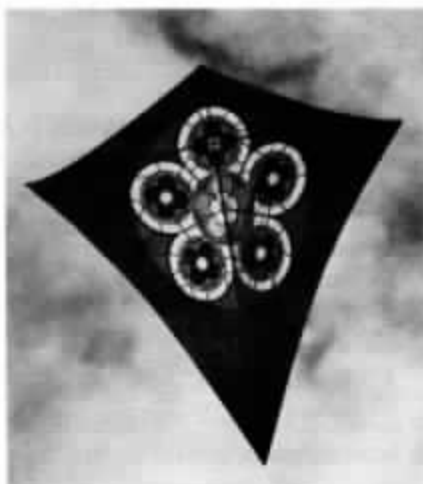
The upcoming AKA convention was mentioned. Darryl will be running the fly mart (similar to a flea market, but with new merchandise).

Dave Weigand felt that the WKA should have a club kite similar to the AOK and other kite clubs. Mike Button nominated Dave to head up the project of getting a WKA kite made. John Nilan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Darryl reviewed the upcoming events for September and October.

There was a reminder to get newsletter items in by the deadline (15th of the month prior to the issue date) and to send them to the editor at the address noted in the newsletter (not the Science Center address).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.



Officer Nominations Needed

by Darryl Stephison

Officers are needed for 1991. A nominating committee has been selected consisting of Barbara Anne O'Neill, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Morrie Williams, and myself. The task of finding officers and board members able and willing to do a little extra for the WKA is sometimes difficult. Perhaps you can help. Is there anyone you think would do a good job? Talk to them and talk to any of the committee members.

Nominations are needed for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board members are also needed to be responsible for the following major functions and special interest areas:

- Newsletter
- Membership
- Product Sales
- Special Events
- Education
- Safety
- Merchants

The "at large board member" positions were eliminated by amendment of the bylaws last March. Affiliated local kite clubs may also be represented on the board. These representatives should be elected or appointed by their respective clubs. They are not voted on by the WKA general membership.

Photo by Francis Hall/Kite Post
Irving Reid of Canada's stained glass eddy kite at Long Beach.

Winners at Washington State International Kite Festival, 1990!

by Barbara Wright and Darryl Stephison

Congratulations to the following winners at Long Beach:

TUESDAY (HANDCRAFTED)

MOST BEAUTIFUL (APPRENTICE)

BOX

- 1st Harley Hahn
- 2nd Lee Thrall
- 3rd Jim Lindsay
- 4th Rick Brown

BOWED

- 1st Larry DaRos
- 2nd Garry Smith
- 3rd Pat Lindsay
- 4th Mark Smith

DELTA

- 1st Dorrie Imbach
- 2nd Micheal Hagen
- 3rd Pat Lindsay
- 4th Sara & Lynn Norgard

MOST BEAUTIFUL (MASTER)

BOX

- 1st Ray McConnell

BOWED

- 1st Bill Lockhart
- 2nd Marlene DaRos
- 3rd Gary Smith

DELTA

- 1st Bill Lester
- 2nd Ray McConnell
- 3rd Irving Reid

MOST UNUSUAL (APPRENTICE)

- 1st John Zilar
- 2nd Amie Barsa-Low
- 3rd Micheal Hagen

MOST UNUSUAL (MASTER)

- 1st Irving Reid
- 2nd Bill Lockhart
- 3rd Bill Lester

BEST SMALL KITE

BOX

- 1st Leonard Hogg

BOWED

- 1st Pat Lindsay
- 2nd Johanna Dotson

OTHER

- 1st Chris Blake
- 2nd Gregg Clark

SMALLEST KITE

- 1st Bill Lockhart
- 2nd Leonard Hogg
- 3rd Pat Lindsay
- 4th Johanna Dotson

WEDNESDAY

(CHILDREN & SENIORS)

SPRINT

- 1st Nick Speers (6 years)
 - 1st Scott Sutliff (7 years)
- (8-9 years)
- 1st Holly Sutliff
 - 2nd Emily Fagerstrom
 - 3rd Kim Gunn
- (10-14 years)
- 1st Robyn Sweet
 - 2nd Liv Rosenberg
 - 3rd Steve Gunn

REEL OUT

- (8-9 years)
- 1st Andrew Ruttan
 - 2nd Sabrina Willman
 - 3rd Rachal Pagel
- (10-14 years)
- 1st Mike Lary
 - 2nd Chelsie Blake
 - 3rd Karistina Larson

JUNIOR STUNT (Under 14)

- 1st Eryn Rodgers
- 2nd Chris Leonard
- 3rd Brandon Talbott
- 4th P. J. Cunningham

SENIOR STUNT (BIG BAND BALLET)

- 1st Leonard Hogg
- 2nd John Overmire
- 3rd Gordon Lounsbury
- 4th Peg Burley

OLDEST KITEFLIER

- 1st Stanley Murphy, 76 years
- 2nd Thomas Caldwell, 75 years
- 3rd Bernadine Larson, 73 years

BEACHCOMBER KITES

UGLIEST

- Paul & Gary Alsin

LARGEST

- Jim Overmire, Brenda Cabe, Jane Markhus

SMALLEST

- Evelyn & Kelly Alsin

BEST DESIGN

- The Trelenbergs

BEST USE OF MATERIALS

- The Crims & Jessica Dabel

TERRIFIC TERRITORIES

- 1st "Lilac City Kite Flyers"
- 2nd "Button's Base Camp"
- 3rd "Button's Happy Camp"

THURSDAY

(OPEN COMPETITION)

LONGEST KITE TRAIN

- 1st Connie Lester (250)
- 2nd Bill Lester (189)
- 3rd Chris Lester (120)

BEST ALL AROUND FLYER

- 1st Clint Blake
- 2nd Rick Roberts
- 3rd Micheal Hagen

COMPREHENSIVE

DELTA

- 1st Angela Birkland
- 2nd Bill Lester
- 3rd Don Mock

FLAT/BOWED

- 1st Bill Lockhart
- 2nd Joni Smith
- 3rd Jennifer Roberts

BOX/CELLULAR

- 1st Chuck Lund
- 2nd Bill Gobel
- 3rd Bill Lockhart

SOFT

- 1st Art Ross
- 2nd Melanie Roberts

TRAIN

- 1st Al Williams

FIGURE/NOVELTY

- 1st Stanley Murphy
- 2nd Ray McConnell
- 3rd Molly McConnell

FRIDAY

(STUNT KITE GAMES)

TEAM WITH A TWIST

- 1st Greg Clark/Tom Rodgers
- 2nd Mike Stirling / Steve Moor
- 3rd Gary Button / Jim Miller
- 4th Tom Leonard / Lee Aderton

SLALOM

- 1st Tom Rodgers
- 2nd Mike Benedict
- 3rd Jon Reinschreiber
- 4th Steve Kline

SATURDAY (SHOWTIME)

FIGHTER KITE

- 1st Joe Vaughn
- 2nd Rick Roberts
- 3rd Tom Mallard
- 4th Irving Reid

ROKAKU CHALLENGE

- 1st Hawaii Kitefliers Assoc.
Kyle Metcalf, Rick Roberts, Pierre Fabre
- 2nd Team Ninja Turtle
Greg Clark, Sue Clark, Rod Yarger

BEST DRESSED ROKAKU TEAM

- 1st Udder Pain
Larry Zilar, John Zilar, Linda Zilar, Bill Zilar, Dawn Zilar, and Vicki Coye

PEOPLES' CHOICE

BOX/CELLULAR

- 1st Mike Button
- 2nd Bill Lockhart
- 3rd Bill Gobel

FLAT/BOWED

- 1st Dorrine Imbach
- 2nd Marlene DaRos
- 3rd Micheal Hagen

FIGURE/NOVELTY

- 1st Stan Murphy
- 2nd Ken Conrad
- 3rd Amie Barsa-Low

SOFT

- 1st Doug Hagaman
- 2nd Art Ross
- 3rd Larry & Marlene Zilar

STUNT PERFORMERS

- 1st Al Axton
- 2nd Ray Bethel
- 3rd Chris Blake

STUNT TEAMS

- 1st Stunts-R-Us
- 2nd Rising Stars
- 3rd Team Cyborg

WIND ART

- 1st Leo Eymann
- 2nd Doug Hagaman
- 3rd Lyle Morgan

SUNDAY

For the record: 3,375 kites
Too many names to list here!

WKA Members Do Their Part To Make WSIKF a Success

by Darryl Stephison

The Ninth Annual Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach was an enormous success. It may well have been the biggest kite festival ever in the western hemisphere. The weather was good and we all had a lot of fun. Many WKA members had a part in making it such a success.

Much of the credit goes to Kay Buesing, the field event chairperson on the WSIKF Executive Committee. Kay's tireless efforts and attention to detail are widely recognized as being critical. The many times she met with us and talked with us on the phone paid off by keeping many people going in preparation for this festival.

Jeanni Schwenk was one of the major coordinators. She did a fine job of organizing the senior activities on Wednesday and the professional and international performances on Saturday.

Those of us who enjoyed the pizza feed on Wednesday night owe a big thank you to Kelci Williams who made it happen. Although the idea surfaced with not enough time to put it together, she managed to do it anyway. Excellent help was provided by Morrie Williams, Jean Sisson, Tom Sisson, Vera Smiley, Gene Smiley and Kathy Stephison.

Thursday was my big day and I will admit that I was a bit nervous about it. Largely due to the fine help I got, the day went very well. Kathy Stephison was judge for the longest kite and perhaps more importantly provided much needed moral support. Tom Sisson gave up the opportunity to compete in the comprehensives to be field director for the best all around kite flyer competition. I had told him I would make it possible to do both but I wasn't able to make it happen - sorry Tom. Ron Button, Greg Greger, and Steve Millspaugh all did a great job of judging that event. Along with Tom, they spent a long day out there in the sun.

The comprehensive competition

also made for a long day. In the morning, Larry Zilar judged design and Jerry Sinotte judged craftsmanship. Their expertise in kite making made them both very qualified for this job. In the afternoon, John Zilar judged flight and Carole Knopski took time out from her job with the banquet and the beer tent to judge appearance. While I was announcing, John really kept the ball rolling and finished ahead on me most of the time. Pat Button and Judy Millspaugh were general helpers for me and I really appreciate their efforts.

On Saturday, in addition Jeanni's able coordinating, we had the peoples' choice awards. Pat Button collated and counted the votes. This competition gave hundreds of spectators a chance to participate. It was very popular. It was my first chance to run the rokaku challenge. I was determined to minimize the injuries and frustration and to increase the fun. Judging from the comments I received, I think I was successful. Kathy Stephison, Don Allen, Dave Weigand, and Steve Millspaugh were my spotters on the field and were a great help to keep things running smoothly.

I also want to thank Barbara Wright and Ruth Hogg for all the work they did on registration. They did an excellent job on a hard task that often goes unnoticed. Barbara fixed up my klugy registration scheme while I ran around trying to get things started. Later she tallied all the results and gave me the winners list.

Finally, I think we all owe Neil Simmons a big thanks for working all week on security. Neil stood up to many irate people who were parked in the wrong place or flying in the wrong place. With so many people on the beach, it is impossible to catch all the violators but Neil sure did a lot. All of us who are the "real kite nuts" know what the rules are. We should all be willing to pass this along to others on the field. Most of the violators simply don't know.

Classifieds

FOUND

ONE KITE STAKE - will keep kite in one place until kiteflier is ready to fly - lost by person at Long Beach International Kite Festival. Claim at: 3809 W. Logan, Yakima, WA (509)965-2003.

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

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CALENDAR LISTINGS -

Send pertinent information (before November 15th for next issue) to Darryl Stephison, WKA President, Pacific Science Center, 200-2nd Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109.

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RENEWALS -

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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

c/o Mainframe Kite Shop

3340 East 11th Street; Tacoma, WA 98421

(206) 627-1653

Membership \$5 annually. Members receive the club's quarterly newsletter *Kite Flight*. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Main Frame Kite Shop in Tacoma. Currently there are 150 members. For further information contact the club at the above address or Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

SCI-FI: Snohomish County Insane Flyers Inc.

Contact: OGO Fly A Kite, (206) 339-9334

2015-19th St., Everett, WA.

The self-described spaced-out group publishes the *SCI-FI KITEGEST* at 25 cents a copy. There are currently no dues or meetings. See article this issue.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

505 Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA.

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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.

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Tips & Techniques

Francis Hall knows a source of **inexpensive worktable glass** in the Seattle area. You can contact him at 783-8944 for more information.

Kiteflying is safer if your **kite stakes** are easy to see in the field. Some kites use surveyors tape on their stakes, others use neon fabric or colored adhesive tape.

Welcome Newest Kite Club!

by Darryl Stephison

The WKA welcomes the newest of a growing list of affiliated kite clubs. This club, based in Everett, is called SCI-FI. This, they say stands for Snohomish County Insane Flyers Inc. They are not really incorporated and they are not really all certifiable nuts (some of them may have tendencies which are of interest to students of psychology). They have no dues, no officers, no bylaws, and plan to meet only on the flying field. They do however charge 25 cents for their newsletter (if they get it out six times a year, that's an outrageous \$1.50). Copies and additional information can be obtained at OGO Fly A Kite, 2015-19th St., Everett, WA (206) 339-9334.

Local kite clubs are welcomed and encouraged by the WKA. The number of such clubs attests to the popularity of kiting in Washington. According to the "1990 Directory and Handbook of Kite Organizations in North America" published by the American Kitefliers Association (AKA), only one other state, Texas, has more kite clubs than Washington. If you would like to start a kite club in your area, please contact us. Perhaps we can help.

LETTERS

Soggy Greetings from Iowa - to WKA,

Just a note to say we're high and dry, considering all of the rain we've had. We're set with plans for the AKA convention at Seaside — of course we wouldn't miss Long Beach WSIKF for the world. See you then!

Happy Flying from Marlene and Larry DaRos



photo submitted by Kathy Stephison
Larry and Marlene DaRos of Iowa with their patchwork kite.
They had beautiful cloisine pins to match the kite.

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Golden Gardens Potluck

Photos by Barbara Anne O'Neill

Some old and new members of WKA, at our September 8th potluck at Golden Gardens Park. Some of the thirty attendees included: Sari Moore, Marge Moore, David Julian, Margaret Holzbauer, John Nilan, Tom Sisson, Lee Toy, Gene Smiley, Bob Hanna and Harold Writer. It was chilly and the wind a little unstable, but many people showed up, and with good food, too.

Call Barbara Anne O'Neill (206/878-5772) to discuss events that you'd like to participate in, or if you have suggestions for a Christmas party that she'd like to plan.

The next WKA General Meeting will be November 3rd at Burger King on Lake Union at 10 AM. Please come and bring ideas and your kite to fly if weather permits. Win a door prize!

Member Notes

Kathy Stephison Graduates

Congratulations to WKA board member Kathy Stephison who received her masters degree in education from Lesley College of Cambridge, MA. Kathy, an elementary school teacher in the Highline School District, focussed her studies on creative arts in education. As part of her coursework, she built a rokaku kite in primary colors to illustrate the principles of complimentary and tertiary color combinations. Now, after more than a year of giving up weekends of kite flying and other ethereal endeavors, she can rejoin her husband on the flying field.

Francis Hall's Work Exhibited

Francis Hall's Kite Post artwork was featured at a Bumbershoot exhibit in Seattle over Labor Day weekend. The exhibit featured the work of the Pacific Northwest Artist Stamp Collective, represented by the Davidson Gallery. The exhibit will tour the country, with Kite Post kite images featured in an exhibition catalog.

July/August New Members

Johnathan Alcaro of Mill Creek, WA
Mary Apetz of Bothell, WA
Brian Bradley of Camas, WA
Bill and Peg Burley of Portland, OR
Aaron Cromer of Kent, WA
Kathi Handstad of Concrete, WA
John Harris of Seattle, WA
Walter Hylton of Bothell, WA
Randy Johnson of Seattle, WA
Russell Martz of Puyallup, WA
Donald Mizokawa of Bellevue, WA
Richard O'Hara of Bellevue, WA
Clair O'Keefe of Bothell, WA
Charlie Powers of Washougal, WA
Karen Robertson of Everett, WA
Glen Strickland of Kelso, WA
Erik Swanson of Seattle, WA
R.J. Umbowers of Gig Harbor, WA
David Virbick of Round Rock, TX
Clark Walker of Kent, WA
Mary Wallenburn of Beaverton, OR
Pete Youell of Gearhart, OR

Fly Notes

Kathy Goodwind organized a kitefly for Sunday, September 30 at Magnuson Park.

WKA members attended the first annual CoastWeeks kitefly in Port Angeles on a windless day.

WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!WIN! WKA PIN CONTEST

by Darryl Stephison

It's time again to apply your creative talent and design a new pin for the WKA. Last year's pin was designed by Ron Krebs of Union Gap, a member of the Rising Stars stunt kite team. The design has been very popular and pin sales have been good. You could be the star behind our next hat weight. If your design is selected, you will receive a one year free membership in WKA, a free pin (your own design), and an unused copy of *KITES* by Wyatt Brummitt (this is a *Golden Guide* no longer in print - a collectors item).

Please submit your design(s) on 8.5 by 11 white paper. Make the design large enough to mostly fill the page. Draw the design as close as you can to the way you think the pin should look. Send it to the WKA mailing address (c/o Pacific Science Center). All entries must be received by January 1, 1991. Entries will be judged by the WKA board based on appearance and applicability to pin manufacture.

July/August Renewals

Robert Beal of Vaughn, WA
Edward Behrend of North Bend, WA
Judy Brown of Salem, OR
Jeanette Brown of Tenino, WA
Otis Burris of Vancouver, WA
Lois Card of Ft. Worth, TX
Scott Chapin, Cloud Nine Kite Shop, Ocean Shores, WA
Frank Conrad of Seattle, WA
Betty Dowdell of Tacoma, WA
Mrs. Enid Brown Grass of Seattle, WA
Jan and Linda Gray of Redmond, WA
James and Clara Hammersberg of Redmond, WA
Dwayne Hockett of E. Wenatchee, WA
Dick Langlois of Everett, WA
Bruce and Margie Magnuson of Seattle, WA
James Miller of Bellingham, WA
Todd Monroe of Yakima, WA
Emma Lou Nachatelo of Ryderwood, WA
Kent Sharpe of Puyallup, WA
Southwinds/AirArts, David Ti, of Seattle, WA
Dave Stevenson of Olympia, WA
Michael and Rachel Sweeney of Renton, WA
James Thomas of Everett, WA
Michael Winters, Krystal Kites, of Keyport, WA
Sam Wright of Camas, WA
Gene Zemke of Renton, WA
John and Linda Zilar of Kennewick, WA

WKA Membership Has Its Benefits

by Andris Wollam, Newsletter Editor

What are the benefits of being a WKA member?

- Comraderie with other kites and a forum for sharing ideas in regularly scheduled meetings.
- Notice of late-breaking kiting events mailed to members.
- Opportunity to plan the kind of kiting events you'd like to see.
- Participation in community education about kite safety.
- Eating great food at year 'round potlucks.
- Additional clout when resolving kite safety problems out in the field.
- This newsletter, which features comprehensive lists of regional kite events and clubs, articles and photographs about kiting, published six times a year.
- Receiving your copy of this newsletter -directly in your mailbox- before participating retailers receive their copies.
- Members-only discount prices when offered by kite retailers or approved by the WKA Board.
- Merchant discounts. Many retailers will honor a 10% or other discount to WKA and/or AKA members. See list below. As a WKA member, if you spend more than \$100 a year on kites and kite gear at participating retailers, your \$10 membership pays for itself.

About membership . . .

WKA membership is \$10 per year within the US, US\$12 for foreign membership. Checks should be made payable to the Washington Kitefliers Association and correspondence addressed to WKA Membership Secretary, Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98109. You will then receive a membership card and start receiving this newsletter as soon as your membership has been processed.

WKA membership is based on your newsletter mailing address so all family members can belong!

Gift memberships are available and are a great way to keep your friends and relatives informed of your kiting accomplishments, or better yet, to help get them started as kitefliers.

Renewals for longstanding members occur at the end of the calendar year. Now is a great time to renew your membership, before the end of the year rush. More recent members are due to renew during the month of their original membership date.

About merchant discounts. . .

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, Oregon,

(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 Dr., 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 (206) 622-5349.

Paint the Sky Kites, 828 NW 23rd, Portland, OR
(503)222-5096.

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 Street, Everett, WA
(206)339-9334.

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

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

WKA Members,

RENEW NOW!

Before the end of the year rush.

- WKA Membership Secretary

Kite Calendar

OCTOBER

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

Oct 9-14, (Tue-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 more information.

Oct 12-14, (Sat-Sun), October Kite Festival, on the beach at Ocean Shores, contact Ocean Shores Kites, 206/289-4103.

Oct 14, (Sun), 5th Annual One Sky One World International Kite Fly for Peace, Gasworks Park, Seattle, 12 noon, contact Barbara Anne O'Neill, 206/878-5772. Bring kites to fly or arrive early and receive a One Sky One World kite.

Oct 20-21, (Sat-Sun), Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bolstad Street 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 6 pm at Lions Hall, Westport City Park, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877.

NOVEMBER

Nov 3, (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10 am, nominations for 1991 officers, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

Nov 15, (Thu), WKA Newsletter deadline.

Nov 18, (Sun), Turkey Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle, 12 noon, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

Nov 24, (Sat), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Pot Luck, fly all day at Twin

Harbors State Park, pot luck at 6 pm at Lions Hall, Westport City Park, contact Pic-A-Patch Kites, 206/268-0877.

DECEMBER

Dec 31, (Mon), WKA Ballots Due

JANUARY

Jan 1, (Tue), Protest the Bowls Kitefly, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, contact Ken Conrad, 206/624-6886.

Jan 3, (Thu), WKA Board Meeting, Location To Be Announced, 7 pm, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

Jan 5, (Sat), WKA General Membership Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10 am, installment of new officers, contact Darryl Stephison, 206/657-5797.

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

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