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## The Fort Worden Raffle

was a big success! Contributions

this year topped \$1,100... a good start for supporting the 1992 conference. To all of you who contributed your hard-earned money — a heart-felt thanks. A real special thanks to the businesses and

### Fort Worden 1991 Raffle

by John Zilar

individuals who donated their kites, books, kite paraphernalia, etc. It is with your continuing support that the conference can continue for another year. I don't want to forget my band of zealots who were out there helping and selling tickets...the Zilar family — Larry and Marleen, my wife, Linda, and our daughters, Dawn and Vickie. They did such a wonderful job that they are hired again for next year.

Some of my personal observations...I got enthused during the 1990 Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach. I must have contacted more than forty people who represented kiting businesses from all over the U.S. I felt I was off to a good start in securing donation commitments. In January 1991, I mailed reminders to all the contacts, and then I waited...waited...and waited. As I left my house on the day before the

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## OGO Fly a Kite has

announced the next fun fly

sponsored by the shop. It will be held at Fort Casey, on Whidbey Island on April 14, 1991. The event will start at 9:00 A.M. and continue until dusk. Bring your picnic lunch and dinner and come join us for a

### Fort Casey Fun Flies

fun day of enjoying the wonderful spring weather that Dawn Clark has ordered for the day!

Fort Casey has proven to be a place where there is usually sufficient wind to fly. There is a large grassy area in front of the fort that is perfect to fly on.

Also coming up at Fort Casey is the WKA and Squalicum Kitefliers Picnic on Sunday, May 26, 1991. A delegation of fliers from the British Columbia Kitefliers Association will be coming down to join us for this event. The BCKA has invited the WKA to a fly in Vancouver that they sponsor in July. More details on that in the next newsletter. Come to the Squalicum Kitefliers annual picnic and meet new friends from the BCKA. \*

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### Renew Your Membership!

Remember to renew your WKA membership, and don't miss the next issue of the newsletter. Check your mailing label for the date your membership expires. Many local kite retailers honor a discount to members. Renewal is \$10 for US members and \$12US for others. Send to WKA, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109.

## Raffle

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conference, I had twelve donations and sore prayer knees. Well, my prayers paid off. I was overwhelmed at the support! It wasn't a result of my well laid plans at Long Beach...it was supporters and participants of the conference. "Hats off" to the donation contributors:

AMERICAN KITE MAGAZINE: six one-year subscriptions

AL AND CREDA AXTON: post cards

DAVE BOGIE: rubber kite stamps

CLIFF AND BARBARA BOND: three fighter kites

RONDA BREWER: hand-painted sweat shirt; 1990 Fort Worden T-shirt

RON BUTTON: line winder

DUANE DAVIS: hand-painted picture

MARGARET GREGER: "Kites for Everyone", books 1 and 2

GREAT WINDS KITE SHOP: kite bag; "Kite Works" book by Maxwell Eden; Chinese silk "Boy on Crane" kite; Flying Carp Windsocks - 1.3 and 3 meters

ART GROSSI: hex kite; winged box kite

HIGH SIERRA PRODUCTIONS: video tapes: 1990 World Cup and AKA Convention, Ninth Annual WSIKF, 1990 Westport Kite Festival

LONG BEACH KITES: nine-foot delta; wrist straps

RAY McCONNELL: field kit by Ray McConnell

HANK MEACHAM: two Japanese kites (collector items); hex kite (Frank Mots original); seventeen National Geographic Magazines (April 1977 issues)

DAN KURAHASHI: kite picture "Kintaro" by Saburo Invar of Shirone, Japan

PAINT THE SKY KITES: oak line winder with 500' 170# nylon line

JOEL SCHOLTZ: Joel Scholtz "Butterflyer" kite (signed)

JERRY SINOTTE: Jerry Sinotte "Peregrine" kite (signed)

TOM SISSON: field kit by Ray McConnell; box kite

SKYLINE KITES: three wind tubes, 30', 20' and 10'; kite line; kite bags and case

GENE SMILEY: dragon kite

CHARLIE SOTICH: Charlie Sotich originals: ten miniature kites, "facet", "Seven Geishas", two-inch cubic cell box, Chinese paper cut, "Simpson Family", "Butterfly", "Stars and Stripes", and "Santa Claus"

DARRYL STEPHISON: "Kites" book by Wyatt Brummitt

SUSPENDED ELEVATIONS: "Asteroid" by Kathy Goodwind; two "Easy Fighters"

STAN SWANSON: "Bee Kites" by Stan Swanson

JOE RICHEY: "Gobel Box"

ANN ROCK: "Kapwa" (Belgium) special kite pin

ART ROSS: four line winders

ED AND CAROL THOMPSON: note and post cards by Carol Thompson

LEE TOY: "Lee Toy Original" fighter kite (signed)

HAROLD WRITER: "Harold Writer Original" box and Cody kites

ROD YARGER: kite material; kiting books; eight stunt kite stakes

JOHN AND LINDA ZILAR: 120 square foot night sky star stencil

LARRY AND MARLEEN ZILAR: framed Chinese paper cuts, mounted on edo kites \*

## We Need Reporters!!

Send us stories about kiting activities in your area. Your handwritten or typed submissions will be appreciated. Pictures would also be welcome — black and white preferable, but color will work too. Identify people and/or activities in the photos so we can include appropriate captions. If you want photos to be returned to you, please include a return envelope with sufficient postage to cover the mailing cost. Send your stories and pictures to T. J. Murphy, 11826 S.E. 165th, Renton, Washington 98058.

## WKA Newsletter

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

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The WKA Newsletter welcomes contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions and glossy black and white or color photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return to T. J. Murphy, 11826 S.E. 165th, Renton, Washington 98058. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue — May 15th for the next issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

# Memo from the frontline:

Dateline: Friday, March 1, 1991,

08:30 - The morning started off with a whirlwind of frenzied activity as the hard core troops began setting the scene for this year's Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference.

Coordinator Lyle 'Stormin' Morgan secured the grounds, issued assignments to the enlisted men and women and even acquired some draftees to help out. Next, the battle plan was drawn and the participants were dispersed to carry out their various duties.

## Fort Worden 1991 by Kelci Williams

My task was to establish the front line registration desk and to see that all officers and noncoms were processed and issued name tags, meal tickets, class information, room assignments and pins.

I dug in and set up my equipment with the help of my buddy (and husband) Morrie. At approximately 10:00, after my gear was checked and readied, the doors were opened and the fracas began.

It was hot and heavy for the first couple of hours as we stood our ground and weathered the multitude of inquiries hurled at us. By 12:00 the main battle had been won!

Dateline: Saturday, March 2, 08:00 - All that remained were minor intermittent skirmishes involving late arrivals and last minute changes in the plans. While standing watch the balance of the weekend, my buddy and I traded off sneaking peaks into classrooms and catching up with both old and new friends.

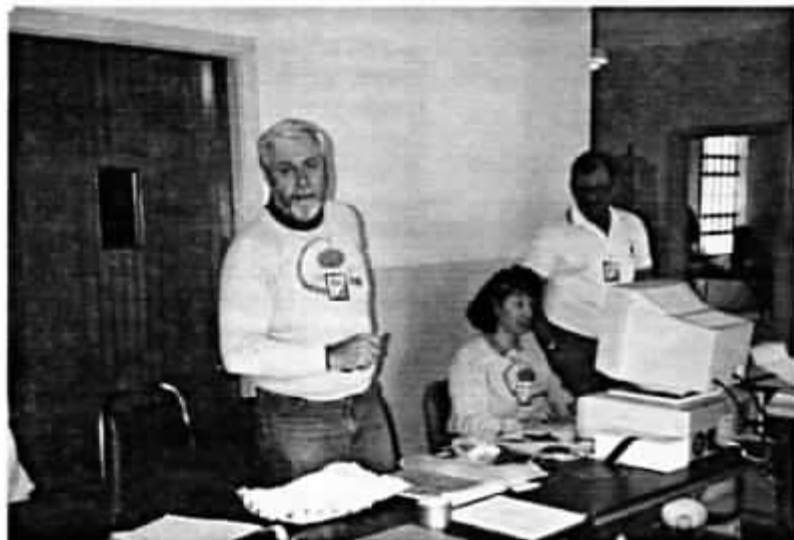
Dateline: Sunday, March 3, 08:00 - By morning, all that was left was to run reports and mop up. This task was completed and, with the end of our tour of duty in sight, something extraordinary happened.

Somehow in our euphoria of having survived our ordeal, we were coerced into signing up for another hitch! Maybe there are

some mind-altering organisms in the water at Fort Worden or...maybe we care about the conference, want to see it continue, realize that it takes volunteers to make it work and are proud to be a part of that elite group of people who are willing to put their time on the line to fight for the cause.

Think about it. You too could be a proud member of the 1992 Fort Worden volunteer army. (Send inquiries to the WKA address in this issue.)

Postscript: I want to extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped out both on the battleground and behind the lines. In particular: the officers - Lyle Morgan, Darryl Stephenson, Mike Button and Garth Westhoff; the enlistees - John and Linda Zilar and crew, Kathy and Win Smith, Ken and Suzanne Conrad and all of the instructors (my special thanks to Charlie Sotich for the personalized instructions); the draftees - Stu and T.J. Murphy (who made and contributed the name tags gratis), Tom Sisson (all around helper), Darilee Bedner (my front line assistant), Bob and Maura Alford (who covered the desk and helped with various duties), and, last but certainly not least, my husband Morrie (he knows how he helped, but you all don't need to hear about that). \*



On the left, Morrie and Kelci Williams, as Kelci shows Bob Alford her computerized registration system, which made the conference registration process efficient and speedy.



Our leader, Lyle Morgan, hard at work on a new creation.

## President's Letter

by Steve Millspaugh

As Spring arrives and the kiting season gets underway, I have to say that the WKA has really started things off with a bang. I attended my first Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference this year and what a wonderful experience it was. For those of you who have not yet attended Fort Worden, my advice is to do so next year. It was a fantastic combination of education, camaraderie, and all around fun. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet many WKA members from around the region whom I hadn't yet gotten to know, and to meet renowned kitemakers from around the country as well. Without slighting the marvelous classes by George Peters, Charlie Sotich, and Rick Kinnaird, I have to say that we in the WKA are fortunate to have a number of instructors from within our ranks who had as much to teach, and as enjoyable a manner of teaching, as anyone.

A major conference such as Fort Worden requires a lot of hard work, and there are many people who deserve a special thank you for their outstanding efforts. The problem with trying to thank everyone is that I am bound to leave somebody out — the list is long. I apologize in advance to any of you I should mention but don't.

Thanks to Mike Button, who did preliminary organizational work before he was forced to drop out, and especially to Lyle Morgan who stepped in and provided the leadership to keep things moving. Also thanks to Darryl Stephison who assisted Lyle in many areas. Kelci Williams, with the help of her husband Morrie, did an outstanding job on registration. I'm not sure she ever got to any classes with all the time she put in at the registration table. Garth Westhoff provided a steady hand all year long as treasurer of Fort Worden. Kathy and Win Smith provided everyone with a welcome cup of coffee or tea, and various goodies in the hospitality suite, where one could look through picture albums, watch a kite video, and generally relax and chat with other attendees. Thanks, Kathy and Win, for a great job.

Also in the hospitality suite was the display of the many and varied prizes for the raffle. The raffle was coordinated by John Zilar, although

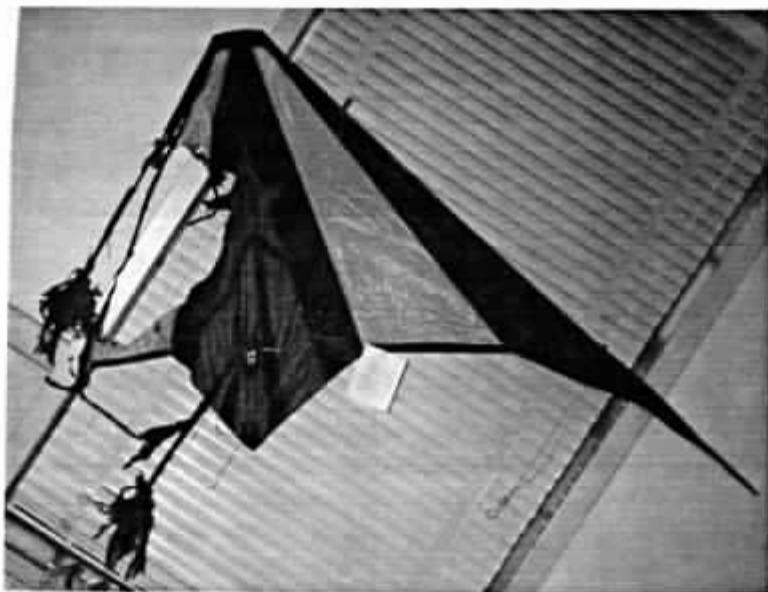
the entire Zilar clan lent a hand, and they all are to be congratulated for a job well done. Elsewhere in this issue, John thanks the contributors of prizes for the raffle. I would like to express my appreciation also. Thanks to Stu Murphy for providing the laminated name tags for everyone.

Ken Conrad and Suzanne Sadow from Great Winds Kite Shop set up a mini store and provided supplies for that last minute shopping.

I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to view Dave Bogie's great slide shows from both the AKA Convention at Seaside and last year's Long Beach Festival. Thanks, Dave.

Of course it was the instructors who really provided the essence of the Fort Worden experience. We had a great trio of keynote speakers in George Peters, Charlie Sotich, and Rick Kinnaird. But, as I pointed out above, there were many more folks who provided instruction and inspiration. The list includes (in alphabetical order): Diane Bilotti, Dave Bogie, Dave Colbert, Jim Davis, Greg Greger, Margaret Greger, Doug Hagaman, Francis Hall, Dan Kurahashi, Bud Koger, David Lord, Hank Meacham, Lyle Morgan (doing double duty), Dan Schwenk, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Nigel Spaxman, and Larry Sweet. Thanks to you all.

As a glance at the calendar will prove, we have a lot of activities coming up that will provide us continuing opportunities to gather and share in the kiting experience. I would like to repeat a point I made in the last newsletter and ask each of you to find me at these events and let me know any thoughts you may have concerning the WKA, the newsletter, whatever may be on your mind relating to kiting and our club. I would also like to encourage you to write letters to the editor or articles for the newsletter on subjects relating to kiting, kiting events, and the WKA that you might like to share with us. \*



*Debbie Rodgers of the Yakima Valley Kitefliers provided this example of what happens when a graphite spar meets a power line. Remember, never fly kites near power lines!*

# Westport Windriders Kite Club and Pic-A-Patch Kite

Shop will be presenting our annual kite festival in June.

We call ourselves "Kiting's Fun Capital", so this year we will have a theme that sounds like fun — "CIRCUS IN THE WIND '91".

Our club is run without rules or bylaws, doing what we do by group consensus (or whoever has an idea going forward with it), trying hard to be strictly social. In keeping with our "laid back" approach to things, we are trying to plan a family affair with

## Westport Festival

by Jeri of Pic-A-Patch Kite Shop

the emphasis on fun, with some competition to keep it interesting.

This year's festival will be based on a four-day format. A few added events and some changes in the event schedule should make this year's festival even better than last year.

Thursday, June 20th: This will be "Handcrafted" and "Wind Art Banners" day, with novice and experienced classes. There will be an added award for a handcrafted "Theme Kite". A pizza party is being planned for this evening. This will be a kind of get acquainted or re-acquainted party with lots of food.

Friday, June 21st: We will turn the whole day over to our "Stunt Fliers". Instead of trophies, we are kicking around an idea of a small registration fee, and then Pic-A-Patch will sweeten the pot with the money usually spent on trophies. This pot would be used to present cash prizes to the winners. Friday night will be a picnic on the beach and a lighted kite fly. We had fun with this last year, and will improve on it this year with a tent to serve from.

Saturday, June 22nd: We shine here with our great expansive beach. This is the day for our single line kite competition, "Giant Kites" and "Wind Art" on a pole and "Wind Art" on a kite line displays. There will be commercial and non-commercial classes. We will have the children's program in the afternoon with the "Clown Alley" clowns to entertain on the beach with free kites, balloons and contests. Doug Hagaman and his giant parafoils will take care of the "Teddy Bear Sky Drop" again this year. Four giant "Teddys" will be given in a drawing among the children two to twelve years of age. Saturday evening is the Awards Dinner, with the theme "This is Fun". Don't miss this "public invited" dinner with lots of good food. The Windriders are known for the kind of table they set.

Sunday, June 23rd: Junior Stunt Kite Competition starts early, followed by "Fighter Kite" demonstration and competition, and a "Rokakku Challenge". Last year's champions of "Rokakku", our "Junior Team" who had it all figured out may be back. They won the "Best Decorated Kite and Team", plus the battle, last year. We can't let them go unchallenged this year, can we?

That's our un-rigid plan for four great days of fun that we hope will send you home happy. \*



One of George Peters' spectacular creations on display at the 1991 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference.

## Junction Kite Retreat

This year's Junction Kite Retreat will be held at Texas Tech University Center, May 24-27, 1991. Registration fee of \$110 (before April 24th, after \$130) includes housing, meals and workshops. Materials are extra.

Workshops and/or presentations will be conducted by Romeo Collado, Richard Dermer, Kathy Goodwind, Bill Lockhart, Maasaki Modegl, George Peters, Marian and Richard Robertson, Scott Skinner, Charlie Sotich, Lee Toy and Elmer Wharton. We also plan to feature several international kite builders. There will be a flexible and open schedule so that there is time to share and visit, and to fly.

Contact Betty Street, Box 4720, TTU, Lubbock, Texas 79409; telephone (806) 742-3027 (days), or (806) 745-6803 (evenings); FAX (806) 742-3878, after May 1st. TTU Center, Box 186, Junction, Texas 76849; telephone (915) 446-2301; FAX (915) 446-4011. \*



# Fort Worden



*Everyone gathers for the traditional Fort Worden group photo.*



*Francis Hall, Dan Schwenk and Steve Millspaugh compare kiting hats.*



*Students working in George Peters' Creativity Class, surrounded by inspiration, including one of Lyle Morgan's Fairy Tale kites.*

# 1991 Pictorial



*Birthday Celebration held at Sunday's lunch.*



*Clockwise from left, George Peters, Win Smith, Ronda Brewer and Francis Hall model the kite hats they made in George's class, while Sam Houston, Kathy Smith and Nina Conrad join them in line for lunch.*



*Kitemakers hard at work in the sewing room.*

## General Membership and Board Meeting Notes

Board Meetings were held on January 23, 1991, and February 20, 1991, in Kirkland. At the January meeting, the primary discussions concerned developing the WKA budget for the 1991 flying year. The rookie officers received extensive training on preparing for the unexpected, and the budget was approved well before dawn. Other topics were postage rates, newsletter "opportunities", and the agonizing, gut-wrenching choosing of the pin design for 1991.

The February board meeting, which was attended by ten board members, began with a Treasurer's report. A Fort Worden update and status report provided us with some rather positive feedback on the reg-

istration numbers and the pre-conference information packets. Your newsletter and how best to accomplish it's production were the next topic on the agenda. In order to continue to provide the quality newsletter we have enjoyed in the past, Steve Millsbaugh proposed that areas of responsibility be established so that more people could be utilized to "spread the wealth" of jobs required to publish this newsletter. His proposal was accepted. A mailing party was held in Kirkland on February 27th to get the newsletter for February-March mailed out. Other items for discussion were advertising rates for the newsletter, pin sales, the possible bonding of officers, WSIKF '91, and an Events update by Darryl Stephison.

The March general membership meeting was held at Fort Wor-

den on March 1st. Steve Millsbaugh called about thirty members to order at 7:20 P.M. After introducing himself and the new slate of officers, Steve asked Treasurer Kelci Williams to give a financial report. The minutes from the February board meeting were then read. The 1991 WKA pins are expected to be available by mid-May. Darryl Stephison provided an events update that should allow many aerial opportunities for fellowship, fun and flying. The deadline for items for the next newsletter (this one) was given as March 15th. Tom Sisson gave us the new Newsletter Editor's (T.J. Murphy) new address to which members should submit articles.

Dates and sites for the next Board and General Meetings were given: WKA Board Meeting - April 17, 1991, in Kirkland WKA General

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## 1990 Financial Summary and 1991 Budget

	1990 <u>Budget</u>	1990 <u>Actual</u>	1991 <u>Budget</u>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$6,217.60	\$6,217.60	\$16,630.93
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Dues	3,500.00	3,910.97	4,000.00
Products			
Pins & Patches	1,800.00	1,315.00	1,500.00
Packets	200.00	56.25	50.00
Donations/Events	1,600.00	1,150.00	1,650.00
Other Income	650.00	1,442.87	800.00
Fort Worden*	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>19,450.37*</u>	<u>13,350.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	\$21,250.00	\$27,325.46	\$21,350.00
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
Newsletter	\$3,120.00	\$2,732.81	\$3,800.00
Products			
Pins & Patches	575.00	675.63	700.00
Packets	100.00	76.96	100.00
Events	1,300.00	1,214.74	1,400.00
Administration	1,870.00	997.28	1,350.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	433.84	500.00
Fort Worden	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>10,780.87</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	\$18,465.00	\$16,912.13	\$18,850.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	\$9,002.60	\$16,630.93**	

\*The 1990 Income amount for Fort Worden is as of December 31, 1990. It includes pre-payment of fees for the March 1991 conference.

**Ending Balance WKA Accounts	\$ 6,324.49
Ending Balance Fort Worden Account	<u>10,306.44</u>
Ending Balance Total	\$16,630.93

## Notes

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Meeting - April 27, 1991, at Larry Zilar's home in Kennewick, after the Kiona Winery Kite Fly in Richland

Members were reminded that board meetings are open to all members and that the board would like to see interested members at the Board Meetings. Other business items included a plea for attendance at the Fort Worden planning meeting on March 3rd, an announcement of a kite display at North Seattle Community College, and a suggestion that the starter fund of \$2,000 provided to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference be returned to the WKA treasury. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. \*

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and

Dave Weigand  
(206) 948-4560 (days and evenings)

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(206) 657-5797 (days)

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Judy Millsbaugh  
(206) 885-0203 (evenings)

#### Special Events:

Barbara Anne O'Neill  
(206) 878-5772 (evenings)

# The annual Kite Trade Association Convention and

Trade Show was held January 15-20, 1991, at the Sheraton Park Central Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

The registration opened at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15th, with a KTA Board of Directors meeting in the late afternoon. During the evening, a round table discussion was held for the retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers on the topics of long-term benefits for employees, inventory control and maintenance, and how local regulations can hurt your business; plus industry sponsorship of events.

## KTA Trade Show

by Terry Yuncker of Ocean Kites

Wednesday, the 16th, a session was held on "Training in the Workplace" by Mr. Dick Ruhe. Discussion centered on the importance of customer satisfaction and going the extra mile to make the customer "King" or "Queen".

During the next three days, the industry trade show opened and showed the very latest in kiting technology to all in attendance.

Sixty-four manufacturers rolled out the "red carpet" to at least 160 wholesalers and retailers from throughout the world. The overall tone was very up-beat and positive for the future of kiting and kite flyers.

KTA awards were given for retailer of the year, best media presentation, best new kite related product, outstanding publication and most significant individual contribution.

Many new manufacturers emerged with new products for all our "kite dream bags".

It's hard to believe how many new manufacturers of stunt kites had displays. You can tell the growth of this skyward industry by the numbers there. Manufacturers from the following countries were in attendance: Holland, Germany, England, Australia, Switzerland, Canada and the U.S.

Mr. Bill Ochse of the Kite Loft in Ocean City, Maryland, was kind enough to hold a seminar concerning "Proven Sales Techniques" and "On Target Employee Incentives".

What is the KTA, anyway? Well, it's an organization comprised of retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and industry contacts whose sole purpose is to further advance the kiting industry.

As of December 1990 there were 155 retail members, 37 wholesale members, 79 manufacturer members and 156 non-member companies.

Next year's convention and trade show will also be held in Dallas at the Fairmont Hotel on January 14-19, 1992.

What a fantastic year, with our opening of Ocean Kites, the Washington State International Kite Festival, the AKA and World Cup in Seaside, Oregon, the KTA in Dallas, my appointment as chairman of events for the WSIKF in 1991, election to president of the Long Beach Merchants Association, election to the Presidents Club for the Peninsula Organizations cooperative movement and election to the Long Beach Planning Commission Board, all in 1990.

Great winds and happy landings to you. \*

# Kite Calendar

## April

March 30 - April 28: Pacific Science Center Kite Exposition, Pacific Science Center, Seattle. Join us on Friday evening, March 29th, at 5:00 P.M. to hang kites - the kites will remain on display for four weeks. Contact Tom Sisson (206) 725-3615

April 6-7 (Saturday-Sunday): Kite Fair, Pacific Science Center, Seattle. WKA members help kids to make kites. Contact Tom Sisson (206) 725-3615

April 6 (Saturday): Boise Kite Festival, Ann Morrison Park, Boise, Idaho. Contact Ginger Jewel (208) 384-4486

April 7 (Sunday): Tri-Cities Spring Fly-In, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, 12:00 Noon. Contact Greg Greger (509) 943-3951

April 13 (Saturday): All City Kite Show, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact Bill Lester (509) 327-2829

April 13 (Saturday): Kite Day, Bellevue Downtown Park (across the street from Penneys at Bellevue Square), 10:00 A.M. Contact Darryl Stephison (206) 657-5513

April 14 (Sunday): Fun Fly sponsored by OGO Fly a Kite, Fort Casey State Park on Whidbey Island, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. Contact Dawn Clark (206) 339-9334

April 17 (Wednesday): WKA Board Meeting, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland, 7:00 P.M.. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203

April 21 (Sunday): PCKA Kitefliers Fly, Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood (across from Western State Hospital), 10:00 A.M. to dusk. Contact Mainframe Kite Shop (206) 627-1653, or Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103 (evenings)

April 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday): Kiona Winery Kite Fly, Kiona Winery, Richland. Contact Larry Zilar (509) 586-2664

April 27 (Saturday): WKA General Membership Meeting, Zilar home, Kennewick, 7:00 P.M. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203

April 27 (Saturday): Westport Windriders Annual Trlby Party, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877

April 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday): Puffin Kite Festival, On the Beach, Cannon Beach, Oregon, 9:00 A.M. Contact Rick Talbott (503) 324-5070

April 29 (Monday): Pacific Science Center, 5:00 P.M. We will be taking down the kites that have been hanging as part of the Kite Exposition. If you have a kite on display, be sure to come and retrieve it, or just come to help us. Contact Tom Sisson (206) 725-3615

## May

May 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday): Preston Wine Cellar Kite Fly, Preston Wine Cellar, Pasco, 11:00 A.M. Contact Larry Zilar (509) 586-2664

May 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday): Behind the Redwood Curtain Kite Fly, Eureka, California. Contact Eureka Chamber of Commerce (800) 356-6381; or Dusty Smith (707) 442-9245 (evenings)

May 5 (Sunday): SCI-FI meeting and Fun Fly, Marine Park and Public Boat Launch located at 10th and Marine View Drive, Everett. Potluck at 6:00 P.M. at Legion Park. Contact Dawn Clark (206) 339-9334

May 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday): Maupin Daze, Maupin, Oregon. Contact Rosie Hanson (503) 483-2395

May 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday): Spring Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon, 10:00 A.M. Contact Chamber of Commerce (800) 452-2151

May 12 (Sunday): Bayside Kite Festival, Mukilteo State Park, Mukilteo, 12:00 Noon. Contact Robin Haas (206) 388-3395 or 362-3519

May 15 (Wednesday): WKA Newsletter Deadline, contact T. J. Murphy (206) 271-7941

May 19 (Sunday): Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference Annual Board Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10:00 A.M. Contact Darryl Stephison (206) 657-5797

May 17-19 (Friday-Sunday): Rockaway Beach Annual Kitefly, Rockaway Beach, Oregon. Contact Ruth (503) 355-8108

May 24-27 (Friday-Monday): Kite Retreat, Texas Tech University Center, Junction, Texas. Contact Betty Street (806) 742-3027 (days) or (806) 745-6803 (evenings)

May 25 (Saturday): Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Pot Luck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877

May 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday): Memorial Weekend Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact Long Beach Kites (206) 642-2202

May 26 (Sunday): WKA Squallcum Picnic, Fort Casey, Whidbey Island. A group of our friends from the British Columbia Kitefliers Association will be joining us for this fly. Contact Mike Button (206) 733-7380

## June

June 8 (Saturday): Yakima Valley Kite Festival, West Valley Community Park, Yakima. Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679 *155AF*

~~June 16 (Sunday):~~ Stunt Kite School, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Gasworks Kite Shop (206) 633-4780

June 20-23 (Thursday-Sunday): Westport Kite Festival, "Circus in the Wind", Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877

June 22-23 (Saturday-Sunday): Oregon State Stunt Kite Championship, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact Chamber of Commerce (800) 452-2151

June 28-30 (Friday-Sunday): Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championship, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780

Calendar Listings: Send pertinent information (before May 15th for next issue) to Darryl Stephison, 17874 West Spring Lake Drive, Renton, Washington 98058.

## Regional Reports

### Pierce County Kitefliers Association

Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop, 3340 East 11th Street, Tacoma, Washington 98421, (206) 627-1653

PCKA has been busy the last couple months. We had our first local fun fly—not much wind, but over a hundred people showed up! Everyone had so much fun, another fly has been planned for April. Our latest project is the Puyallup Fair. PCKA will have a booth in the "Hobby Hall" to share information on kiting with all those people who never make it out to any of Washington's great festivals. We had a packed house at our February meeting, when David Lord lectured on the use of computers in kite building. David taught at the last Fort Worden Conference.

PCKA membership is \$5 annually, single or family. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and have free use of the club library. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 P.M. at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma. Currently, there are over 200 members. Pins are also available for \$5 each.

### SCI-FI (formerly Port Gardner Kitefliers, formerly SCI-FI)

Contact Robin Haas (206) 388-3395 (days); (206) 362-3519 (in Seattle)

In the last issue of the WKA newsletter, it was announced that SCI-FI had changed its name to the Port Gardner Kitefliers. Well, we changed our name back (hey, we have no rules so we can do that) to SCI-FI, but with a different meaning. SCI-FI now stands for Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals. Our main purpose is to have fun, promote the appreciation, education and safety of kiting. We continue to have a monthly fun fly on the first Sunday of every month with a potluck afterwards. We are currently flying at the Marine Park and Public Boat Launch at 10th Street and Marine View Drive in Everett. If the weather is unbearable, we still get together but meet at Alf's Pizza on Broadway. It's a little difficult to get our kites in the air in the restaurant, so we generally just sit around and share kite stories. Everyone is invited to attend.

We are having a fun fly that is being sponsored by OGO Fly a Kite on April 14, 1991. The event will be held at Fort Casey on Whidbey Island. Bring a picnic lunch and/or dinner and come join the fun. We plan on being there from 9:00 A.M. until dusk. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Letters

To the members of the WKA:

On March 10th, members of the Cody Society, WKA and AOK got together in Portland for the first annual "Samuel Cody Birthday Party - Kite Fly". The day started out with light winds, which kept the Cody kites on the ground for close up picture taking; when you had all of that you could stand, the winds came up and we were off flying.

With a count of thirty Cody kites,

Portland, Oregon, is now claiming the title "CODY KITE CAPITOL OF THE WORLD"; can that record be broken at Long Beach, Washington, at the WSIKF? I know that I will be there to find out.

To those members of WKA that were at the Cody Fly and got away before I could thank them for coming, THANK YOU!! To those of you that were not there, there is always next year.

We look forward to seeing you at WSIKF 1991, if not sooner.

Best of Winds,  
Rick "CODY" Brown

### Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (206) 733-3777; 505 West Baker-view, No. 114, Bellingham, Washington 98226

### Westport Windriders

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

### Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679; 209 North 24th Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98902

### Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contacts Larry or Marleen Zilar (509) 586-2664; and Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951

To get a BFKS patch (and free BFKS membership), send \$3.50 to Larry Zilar, 1030 West 14th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99337. Make checks payable to Larry Zilar.

### Kite Group of Boise (KGB)

Contact Dave Bogle (208) 336-2038; 1411 North 25th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

### Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, Oregon 97225. Membership \$7.00, includes bi-monthly newsletter.

### S. F. Cody Kite Society

Contact Rick "CODY" Brown (503) 689-8175; 1082 Bethesda Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Membership \$7.00, includes quarterly newsletter.

### British Columbia Kitefliers Association

P.O. Box 35653, Station E, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6M 4G9, Canada. Membership \$8.00(US).

Hal Norman of "Stormin Norman's" at Long Beach has leukemia and will be going to the Seattle area for treatment. The kiting community is banding together to raise funds for his treatment. There will be numerous benefits in both Long Beach and Westport. Donations can be sent to Hal Norman Bone Marrow Fund, Bank of the Pacific, P.O. Box 738, Long Beach, Washington 98631.

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