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A decade of kites will be celebrated this summer at

Long Beach August 20th through 25th. Plans are underway to make the Washington State International Kite Festival especially exciting this year.

Honored international guests and master kiteflyers have been invited from Venezuela, China, New Zealand, Thailand, among other countries.

WSIKF Ten Year Anniversary by Llyle Morgan

Llyle Morgan and Diane Bilotti are organizing a kite opera with the theme "Play For The Planet". Throughout the week, kiteflying and wind art

displays will focus on our environment, and everyone is encouraged to participate by displaying your favorite birds, fish, flowers, trees, clouds, suns, moons or other creations inspired by the world we share.

The kite opera on Saturday will illustrate the dependence of all earth's creatures' on one another, and human activities that can harm or enhance our environment. The opera will include a static display of flying kelp intermingled with fish and other sea creatures, with dual control fish kites that feed on the kelp and dual control bird kites that feed on the fish.

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In The Wind

Ken Conrad reports that Ha Yiqi (say "yee-chee") will be in the Pacific Northwest during August. The Ha family has been famous in China for over a century of making kites and teaching kite making. Ha Yiqi is co-author of "Chinese Artistic Kites". There will be a kite making seminar at the Pacific Science Center. It is expected that Mr. Ha will also join us for kite flying at WSIKF and at Fort Casey on Labor Day weekend. Look for more information in the next issue.

Sue Hylan of the Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation Department reports that a fly is being planned for September. Check the next issue for more details.

Kathy Goodwind reports that Lee Sedgwick will be here in November to teach a stunt kite seminar. Lee has some fascinating techniques which he will share. Register early at the Gasworks Kite Shop. More information to come in a later issue.

Mike Button reports that Port Authority in Bellingham is considering building a park near the Squalicum Marina and calling it the "Kitefliers Park". Information about the Grand Opening Kite Fly is expected MUCH later. *

The next General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, July 13th at 10 A.M. at the Burger King, south end of Lake Union in Seattle. Members are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Seattle Times Kite Fly at Magnuson Park immediately following the meeting.

WSIKF

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As the story unfolds, other elements such as traffic, packaging materials, and an oil tanker will join in, creating an ecological disaster that the audience will be invited to help clean up.

The creations are being crafted in Morgan and Bilotti's new Wind Art Studio at 91 Wall Street in Seattle. Kitemakers are needed to help make a variety of elements including sea creatures, kelp, fish, an arch train of traffic, box kites

and dual control kites. Also needed are folks (both kiteflyers and non-kiteflyers) to be performers in the opera.

The studio is available to participating wind artists Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some weekends throughout the summer. Donations of materials and equipment are welcome and most appreciated. If you are interested in participating, please call Lyle Morgan or Diane Bilotti at (206) 441-8465 (studio) or (206) 441-4012 (office). *

WSIKF Schedule (Tentative)

Tuesday, August 20

Handcrafted Kite Day, *Rick Talbott, Coordinator*

Wednesday, August 21 *Gary Wagner, Coordinator*

Children's Events, *Don and Lynn Lary, Coordinators*

Best Senior Kite Flyer, *Tom Sisson, Coordinator*

Beachcomber Kite Contest, *Kelci and Morrie Williams, Coordinators*

Senior's Stunt Kite Competition—Big Band Ballet, *Peg and Bill Burley, Coordinators*

Terrific Territories

Thursday, August 22

Beautiful Kite Contest, *Sonny Hamner, Coordinator*

Launch and Retrieval of a Parafoil, *Doug Hagaman, Coordinator*

Reel Out, Reel In, Team Timed Event

Friday, August 23

Stunt Kite Games and Demonstrations, *Eric Forsberg, Coordinator*

Lighted Kite Night Fly, *Cecil O'Dell, Coordinator*

Saturday, August 24 *Domina Jalbert Day*

Fighter Kite Competition, *Mary Yoshimi, Coordinator*

People's Choice Award, *Pat Button, Coordinator*

Play For The Planet, *Lyle Morgan, Coordinator*

International Demonstrations, *Jane Holman, Coordinator*

Rokkaku Challenge, *Darryl Stephison, Coordinator*

Professional Demonstrations, *Jeani Schwenk, Coordinator*

Sunday, August 25

Break The World's Record for the most kites in the sky at one time!

Look for the July-August issue of the WKA newsletter for the confirmed schedule and more exciting announcements. Any questions, call Terry Yuncker, WSIKF Events Coordinator, at (206) 642-2229 in Long Beach.

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 — July 15th for the next issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

The Kite Exhibition and Fair at the Pacific Science Center was a success again, in this its fifteenth consecutive year.

Several WKA members including Maura, Bob, and Jamie Alford, Steve Millspaugh, Stu Murphy, John Nilan, Mort Schmorleitz, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Darryl Stephison, and Kelci and Morrie Williams met at the Pacific Science Center to hang kites for the annual Kite Exhibit. Tom had coordinated with the Science Center beforehand to have strings hung from hooks in the ceiling. Over 60 kites were hung throughout building 2. In addition to the kites hung from the ceiling, one Hashimoto bee kite on loan from the Kite Museum in Long Beach was hung inside a display case. The display looked great, with a good variety of kites.

Kite Exhibition by Darryl Stephison

A week later on Saturday and Sunday, members including Jim Bender, Marge, Bruce, and Crystal Magnuson, Peggy and Dave Martin, Judy and Steve Millspaugh, Margie Moore, Veronica and Bill Morgan, Mel and Jeff Morris, Tom Sisson, Gene Smiley, Margaret Holzbauer, Bob Hanna, Kathy and Darryl Stephison, and Garth Westhoff made kites for kids, or helped them to make kites.

This annual event, co-sponsored by the WKA and the Pacific Science Center, has long been a favorite of the WKA volunteers and the children who participate. Over 580 kites were made this year. The kites were Connover Eddys and were made from trash bags. They were much appreciated by the children who received them. Many thanks to the WKA members who participated. Many thanks also to the Pacific Science Center for their donation of \$600 to the WKA. *



Margaret Holzbauer shows three young ladies how to make a Connover Eddy.



Tom Sisson and his crew of volunteers helping kids make some of the more than 580 kites distributed in the two-day period. Kudos to Tom for his usual dedication and excellence in preparing the materials for the kites and planning the workshop.

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN/ PCKA FUN FLY Sunday, July 14, 1991

* Stunt Kite Demos with
Rod Guyette's Ramjet
Turbojet SL Kites

* Create-a-Kite for Kids

* Ride "Rainier Express"
and fly your kites at
mountaintop (7000')!

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Just one year ago I was introduced to kiting by my friends,

Morrie and Kelci Williams. What a difference a year makes. The things learned in that short year have displayed a serious lack in what I thought was a fairly extensive vocabulary. Would you believe that until this year I thought that "lines" were what you told girls at

Kiting Anniversary

by Bob Alford
WKA Secretary

singles bars, that "bridles" were steering wheels for horses, that Mike Tyson and Joe Louis were "fighters", that "stacking" was what you did with "boxes", and that a "revolution" was what happened in 1776. Up until recently, my daughter Jamie was sure that "diamonds" were those shiny things she had to wait until she was older (at least seven) to get. Less than a year ago, I was sure that "dragons" were mythical creatures, that "windows" were things to look out of, that "sleds" were for transportation over snow, that a "ballet" was something I never wanted to see, and that "skins" were things that kept bones from showing.

Silly me, now I know that "trains" aren't things on rails, a "DC" is not the nation's capital, "tails" are not things to be wagged, that a "rainbow" is not something to look for after it rains, and that a "Delta" is not the airline "Ready when you are". We also have learned that "kite" is just another way of saying "making lots of new friends". If a "boat" is a hole in the water you throw money into, what then is a "kite bag"? In less than twelve months, a whole new world has been opened up to us.

The kiting community is a world-wide association of caring, friendly, warm and helpful people. On my first anniversary of joining this select group, we would like to thank all of you for welcoming us so wholeheartedly. KITE - A light framework covered with paper or cloth and designed to hover in the wind at the end of a long string. WIND - Moving air, natural and perceptible movement of air parallel to or along the ground. Thanks and Good Flying. *

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COME ONE...COME ALL...

to the Annual WKA Summerfest at the Washington State International Kite Festival. It will take place at the Super 8 Motel in Long Beach, Washington on Thursday, August 22nd from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Food will be furnished by Chico's and the fun will include conversation and camaraderie, to say nothing of door prizes. Just \$5.00 will get you three slices of pizza, a salad, and two drinks (either pop or beer).

To help us plan the feast, please let us know if you and your family or friends are coming and which of the following choices you prefer:

Pizza - Combination, Vegetarian, Pepperoni

Drinks - Beer, Pop, Diet Pop

CALL NOW AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Contact Kelci Williams (206) 788-6355.

More information about the Summerfest will appear in the next newsletter, but don't wait until then to call...put this paper down and dial right now. The early bird gets the worm, you know! *



Bellevue Kite Day

by Darryl Stephison

Once again the weather for the Bellevue Kite Day was beautiful for just about anything except kite flying. For the third year in a row, we have had a simply beautiful day with clear skies, sunshine, and almost no wind. But that didn't stop members Maura, Bob and Jamie Alford, Judy and Steve Millsbaugh, John Nilan, Tom Sisson, Kathy and Win Smith, Darryl Stephison, Dave Weigand, Kelci and Morrie Williams, and Julian Wolf from trying to fly kites. The Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department gave away some free kites. Many children brought their own or ones just purchased at toy and hobby shops in the mall. Kids were running in every possible direction tangling lines with each other and with us. It was great fun! At least all the kids seemed to think so. I think most of us had a pretty good time too. I know I for one spent enough time looking up at my kites to get a sunburn.

A few days later I got a very nice letter from Mick Mellor of the Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department thanking us for our participation. "The kite demonstrations and displays of unique kites were especially appreciated and well received by all those who attended. ... over 400 children and families enjoyed the day ..." Many thanks to Bellevue Parks and Recreation for their donation of \$150 to the WKA. Thanks also to all of the WKA members who made it an enjoyable day. *

Ben Franklin Kite Society and Kiona Winery in Benton City

put on a super kite show for the second year in a row.

On April 27th and 28th, the Winery was decorated with the BFKS's nearly legendary wind art, a purple and pink parafoil, and lots of little kite signs that directed us to the Winery with ease. Much to the delight of winery visitors and kitefliers, the wind allowed us to put up all kinds of beautiful sights.

Kiona Kite Festival

by T. J. Murphy

The entire Zilar family was gracious from the start. Marleen was right on the spot telling us where we could park and handing out lovely grape and gold ribbons to all the flyers who attended. Larry supplied music that was diverse, fun and appreciated by all of us.

The wind came up and down and rain only occasionally reminded those of us from the west side of the mountains what we were missing at home.

Tom Sisson had to run to the south forty to rescue his Rokkaku. Morrie Williams and Larry Zilar had two pair of naughty Natalie's Legs dancing in the wind. Speaking of dancing, I have on video tape Larry Zilar and Ron Button doing a Chinese wind dance, just to keep things going. The sky was filled with a spectacular train of Joel Scholtz parrots, a number of deltas, eddys, rokkakus, and large parafoils and flow forms with a variety of wind art including magnificent spin socks. Contributing to the festive atmosphere were fighter kites and stunters including Poppers, Revolutions, Hawaiians, etc. Due to the limited flying field at Kiona, many of the stunt flyers found themselves amidst sage brush, gopher and snake holes, and grape vines.

The end of a great day?...No Way! John and Linda Zilar put on a terrific barbecue at their home in Richland. As we ate in their back yard while the sun was setting, most of us strained to watch a single maverick kite on an incredibly long line dive and soar and loop, until it was too dark to see any longer.

After a brief WKA meeting, we all quickly said our good nights and headed for our beds, anticipating another day of kites, music, wine, food and fun. We weren't disappointed.

This will definitely become an annual event for the Murphys. *




Westport Kite Festival "Circus In The Wind"

by Darryl Stephison

The Westport Windriders and Pic-A-Patch Kite Shop in Westport are getting ready for their annual festival June 20th-23rd. This event helps Westport earn the reputation of being "Kiting's Fun Capital".

Thursday will feature handcrafted kites and banners, with a special award for a handcrafted "Circus Theme Kite." A pizza party at CoHo Recreation Hall, on the docks in Westport, is planned for the evening.

Friday's main event will be stunt kite competition for adults. A beach picnic and lighted fly are planned for the evening. (This may run late, Friday being the the longest day of the year.)

Saturday will include a wide range of activities with single line competition, giant kites and Wind Art. The "Cascade Clown Club" and a "Teddy Bear Drop" will help keep the kids happy. A pin contest and an awards dinner is planned for the evening at the VFW Hall. 

Fly The Wild Wind

by Larry (Ben Franklin) Zilar

In July 1990 Marleen and I experienced the Wild Wind of the Columbia Gorge in Stevenson, Washington. That wild wind attracts wind surf personalities from around the world. It seems that every third car that you pass on the highway has wind surf equipment attached to it somewhere. Talk about "Kite Maniacs", these people are true "Surf Maniacs". The power and frenzy of the Columbia River during a 20 knot wind in the Gorge addresses my mind as pure insanity when I think of tackling it on a surf board with a sail. Watching is as close as Marleen and I want to get. Leave that excitement up to the experts and the suicidal.

Fly the Wild Wind! That's what we do. The annual event is sponsored by "Joseph's of the Gorge", owned by Jim and Elaine Joseph, and Vuarnet of France.

The wild wind didn't show up but a lot of enthusiastic and wonderful kite fliers did. One family planned a family reunion for the weekend. They took home quite a few of the many prizes offered by the only judge, Jim Joseph.

Those wild winds didn't get over 10-12 mph, and in the late afternoon our kites fell from the sky. The wind stopped altogether and we were left with wonderful 90 degree temperature and sunshine. Jim insisted we stay overnight and experience the Bluegrass Festival, an added bonus.

Excellent American country music, singing and pickin', eight inch hamburgers, french fries, beer garden, cloggers (country dancers), and even a goat show gave you the feeling of being way out west. Picture all this and a full moon standing bright and high above the pine-studded bluffs overlooking the Columbia River. Add a small river town full of friendly people and you knew your day was full. We retired to a great night's sleep in one of Stevenson's three bed and breakfast homes.

You bet this year Ben and Marleen are going back. Our reservations are set and we suggest you get yours early. See all you other "WILD WIND FLIERS" there on July 27th and 28th. *



Sunday is the day for junior stunt kite competition (15 years and younger) and a "Rokkaku Challenge".

Sounds like a lot of fun to me. See you there.

For further information, contact Jeri at Pic-A-Patch Kites -- (206) 268-0877. *

Crystal Mountain

PCKA Fun Fly

by Kelli Day

For the first time, kitefliers can enjoy the breathtaking beauty and clean winds of Crystal Mountain in the summer and their favorite hobby at the same time. Don't miss the Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly on Sunday, July 14th, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

There will be stunt kite teams performing exhibitions. Rod Guyette of Ramjet Kites will be there to fly the routine that earned him a first-place trophy at the California Open Championships in May. PCKA volunteers will help kids of all ages to make their very own kites. Mainframe Kite Shop of Tacoma will operate a kite hospital and host a "learn to fly stunt kites" booth. KJUN Radio will be on hand with a big country barbecue and music to fly by.

If you tire of flying your kite at the foothills, the Rainier Express Quad Chairlift will take you and your kite to the mountain summit (over 7,000 feet) for some exhilarating wind conditions and one of the most spectacular 360 degree views in the state.

The Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly is free. Chairlift ride rates are \$6 (one round trip) for adults, and \$4 (one round trip) for kids up to 17. Mountain restaurants offer lunch, snacks and drinks. Swimming, sauna and hot tub facilities will be open and RV camping is permitted. Mountain hotel rooms and condominiums are also available (call 206-663-2265 for details). *

Help an Old Friend

by Lyle Morgan

You may not have noticed, but our old friend, Fort Worden, is showing signs of neglect. Years of deferred maintenance and declining staffing levels are taking their toll. The buildings have come perilously close to being unusable, and there seems to be no money for repairs. The classroom building was barely saved from the brink of condemnation last year. The dedicated, hardworking staffers of the past have finally burned out and quit, and their positions have gone unfilled or been patched up with temporary part-timers. This causes great difficulties for our conference organizers in obtaining administrative services necessary for the reservations, room arrangements and janitorial services. Our group and others will stand to lose an important asset if things continue on this course.

Write or call your state legislators. Please tell them that adequate funding for staff and maintenance of our state parks is a priority for the use of our tax dollars. We would even rather have increased user fees than no facility at all. Taking care of what we have is much less expensive than the cost of replacement. In fact, historic sites like Fort Worden simply cannot be replaced. *

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President's Letter

by Steve Millsbaugh

I've been getting a few questions about our meeting schedule and locations lately, and I would like to explain a little about what we've been doing and why. The bylaws of the Association call for a bimonthly general membership meeting held the first Saturday of odd numbered months, with a Board meeting held 10 days prior to the general meeting. However, the bylaws give the President and the Board leeway to modify the schedule when needed. There is no specific requirement in the bylaws as to the location of the meetings. Last year, most meetings were held in Seattle.

This year we have made an effort to have meetings around the state to encourage those members who reside outside the Seattle metropolitan area to be active in planning club activities. The March general meeting was held at Fort Worden, and had a fairly good turnout. In an effort to include those members in Eastern Washington, we rescheduled what would normally have been the May meeting to the last weekend in April and held it at the Zilar home after the first day of the Kiona fly. I believe that this was a good decision, and would plan to do it again next year.

If you look at the kite calendar, you will see that we have also changed the dates for the July meetings. This was done for two reasons. First, we want to avoid the Independence Day weekend, as we believe many members will be vacationing on this weekend. Second, we are trying to make the meetings more attractive to members by scheduling them in conjunction with other kiting activities. By moving the meeting back one week, we are able to share the day with the Seattle Times Kite Fly at Magnuson Park. We hope that this will encourage members to come to the meeting and then go kiting together.

In that same spirit, we have tentatively decided to hold the September meeting in conjunction with a fly at Fort Casey which will not fall on the first Saturday of September, and the associated Board meeting at Long Beach during WSIKF. While there may be a few members who, unfortunately, are unable to attend these events and these meetings, we feel that overall the decision to spread the meetings around and combine them with other kiting activities will lead to increased attendance and involvement.

Another subject I have been getting some comments about is safety and kite etiquette. We will be doing an article on this matter in an upcoming issue, so I don't want to spend too much space on it here, but I do want to remind all kitefliers that respect for each other on the field, and watching out for "civilians" who may not recognize the potential dangers on a crowded kite field is highly recommended. When you do have to warn someone about a potentially dangerous situation, please be as diplomatic as possible. Kiting should be fun for both the fliers and the spectators, who usually enjoy being around kites almost as much as we do.

On a more personal note, I would like to say that Judy and I have been having a lot of fun these last few months. Serving as President has encouraged me to get out and about and attend more kite events than I may have otherwise. I would especially like to thank the Zilar family and the Westport Windriders for their hospitality. I would also like to thank Tom and Jean Sisson for the tee shirt presented to me at the last general meeting. *

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Pierce County Kitefliers Association

New 1990 PCKA pins for trade or sale. Wanted - pins and patches from other clubs and festivals. PCKA pins \$5 each. Contact Dave Christenson, PCKA, 3594 East "E", Tacoma, Washington 98404.

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Display Ads

Display ads in the Washington Kitefliers Association Newsletter are available. Business card size ads are \$25 per issue, with a discount available for year-long contracts. Contact Dave Weigand at (206) 948-4560.

General Membership and Board Meeting

Board Meeting

The board meeting was held on April 17, 1991, in Kirkland. The meeting was called to order with twelve members present. After the reading of minutes and treasurer's report, we launched right into business items beginning with the discussion and decision concerning WKA pin sizes and order quantities.

Your newsletter was the next item on the agenda. After a good deal of conversation it was decided that the newsletter's primary purpose was providing NEWS about kiting. While some advertising is desirable, we still want the articles and reports to be the major ingredient in our recipe for kiting fun. To that end, a vote was taken on the subject of whether or not to change our advertising rates. It was decided to leave the rates unchanged. Other newsletter topics were bulk mail permits, international postage rates, and the old cost versus quality choice as regards the printing of the newsletter. We chose QUALITY. After some discussion about increasing membership rates to cover increased postage rates, it was decided to table that item until a later board meeting.

Other topics included providing membership applications in the newsletter, composition of the Fort Worden Board, upcoming events (see the Kite Calendar in this newsletter), pizza at the Super 8 Motel for WSIKF'91, lead time of five months required for events to make newsletters, and changing the Mukilteo Fly to a Fun Fly. Ken Conrad then asked if WKA would be interested in making a donation to assist funding the appearance at WSIKF'91 of the world renowned kite maker, Ha Yiqi. The board voted to donate \$300 to that cause. Watch for a kite making workshop and fun fly with him some time in August.

Dates and sites for the next Board and General Meetings were determined:

WKA Board Meeting - 7/10/91 in Kirkland

WKA General Meeting - 7/13/91 in Seattle

General Membership Meeting

The May general membership meeting was held at the home of John and Linda Zilar. It was rather difficult to get down to business after a day of flying, wine tasting, and the sumptuous feast provided by our gracious hosts from Eastern Washington, but we did our best to attend to duty. With about forty members scattered around four rooms (your reporter took his notes from the dining room), a rather informal format was adopted for the soiree. After Steve dispensed with parliamentary procedures, he asked for articles for the newsletter, announced the new WKA pins would be available in June, and asked Darryl to give us an update on upcoming events. Then Greg Greger announced the formation of a Creative Kitemakers subgroup of the Ben Franklin Kite Society whose initial meeting was held May 5th. Darryl made a motion that WKA provide some reimbursement to the Zilars for their expenses incurred hosting the general meeting. The motion to donate \$100 was seconded and passed.

At that point Jean Sisson presented Steve with a tee shirt which identifies him as "Steve WKA President". The proud recipient thanked our hosts for their hospitality, whereupon John Zilar thanked everyone for coming over. Thankfully, the meeting was then adjourned so that we could rest up for the next day of flying at Kiona Winery. Fun, fellowship, and frivolity prevailed once again. Good flying.

Welcome, New Members!

Gary Allen, Everett, WA
Bayside Kites, Bellingham, WA
Phil Bruckbauer, Seattle, WA
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Kite Calendar

June

June 2 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, Marine Park, Everett, potluck in the evening at Legion Park. Contact Dawn Clark (206)339-9334 or Robin Haas (206)362-3519.

June 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday), Yakima Valley Kite Festival, West Valley Community Park, Yakima. Featuring stunt kite competition recognized by "American Kite" magazine as a regional competition. Points will count toward national championships. Also single line competition for most beautiful and most unique. Contact Cliff Bond (509)697-6248.

June 15 (Saturday) Stunt Kite Demo Day, on the hill at Magnuson Park, Seattle, 12 Noon to 3 PM. This is a great chance to learn more about the different kinds of stunt kites, lines, handles, and other paraphernalia. If you haven't tried stunt kiting before, here's a chance to try it without having to buy something first. 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. (See article on page 6)

June 22-23 (Saturday-Sunday), Oregon State Stunt Kite Championship, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon, another event on the "American Kite" circuit. Contact Eric or Genny Forsberg (503)357-7557.

June 26 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

June 28-30 (Friday-Sunday), Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championship, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Sanctioned by the AKA, this is a major qualifying event for AKA Championships in October. Contact Eric or Genny Forsberg (503)357-7557.

July

July 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, Marine Park, Everett, potluck in the evening at Legion Park. Contact Dawn Clark (206)339-9334 or Robin Haas (206)362-3519.

July 10 (Wednesday) WKA Board Meeting, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland, 7 PM. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206)885-0203.

July 13 (Saturday) WKA General Membership Meeting, South Lake Union Burger King, Seattle, 10 AM. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206)885-0203.

July 13 (Saturday), Seattle Times Kite Picnic, Magnuson Park, Seattle, 12 Noon (or whenever the meeting ends). Contact Barbara Anne O'Neill (206)878-5772.

July 14 (Sunday), PCKA Crystal Mountain Kite Fly, Crystal Mountain Ski Area. Contact Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653. (See article on page 6)

July 14 (Sunday), Vancouver Seafest Kite Fly, Vanier Park, Vancouver, B.C. This is the second half of the Canadian/American kite flier exchange which started at Fort Casey in May. There will also be a potluck at the Harrison home on Saturday night. Contact Hugh Harrison (604)261-5425.

July 15 (Monday), WKA Newsletter deadline. Contact T. J. Murphy (206)271-7941.

July 21 (Sunday), Squallicum Picnic, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, 12 Noon. Contact Mike Button (206)733-7380.

July 27 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport, potluck at 6 PM at the Lions Hall in Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

July 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday), Fly The Wild Wind, Rock Creek Park, Stevenson. Contact Joseph's of the Gorge (509)427-5460 (see article on page 6).

July 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday), Winchester Bay Fleet Days Kite Fly, on the Beach, Reedsport, Oregon. Contact Sonny Hamner (503)271-2784.

July 31 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

August

August 4 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, Marine Park, Everett, potluck in the

evening at Legion Park. Contact Dawn Clark (206)339-9334 or Robin Haas (206)362-3519.

August 18 (Sunday), Seattle Kite Fair, Gasworks Park, Seattle. Kite demonstrations, games and live jazz music; theme "For The Environment". Contact Gasworks Kite Shop (206)633-4780.

August 19-25 (Monday-Sunday), Washington State International Kite Festival, Bolstad and 10th Street Accesses, Long Beach. Contact Terry Yuncker (Ocean Kites) (206)624-2229.

August 22 (Thursday), WKA Pizza Party, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 5:30 PM. Contact Kelci Williams (206)788-6355.

August 22 (Thursday), WKA Board Meeting, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 8 PM. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206)885-0203.

August 28 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

August 31 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport, potluck at 6 PM at the Lions Hall in Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

NOTICE

Event organizers: Please think ahead. Contact Darryl Stephison at (206)657-5797 by the first of odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November) with "Kite Calendar" information. The newsletter is published around the beginning of even numbered months. We like to include three months of calendar information. That means you need to think about four months in advance. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number. We welcome other information as well, including articles about events for publication elsewhere in the newsletter. News about coming events is an important part of our newsletter. Please help us to be as complete as possible.

Also, we keep a file of events up to a year in advance. We help organizers pick days which will avoid conflict with other events. If you are considering a new event, please call. We will share the information with you.

Regional Reports

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

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

Busy as ever, PCKA has joined with Crystal Mountain Resort and KJUN Radio to put on a fun fly at high altitude! It's our first "major event" so we're all really excited about it. We had another fun fly at Fort Steilacoom Park in May. This time there was a good amount of wind, especially in the evening. A few PCKA members attended the last Fort Worden Conference, and this was a chance to show off their creations.

We've been working on a club library of newsletters from all over the country, back issues of kite magazines, and miscellaneous plans, articles etc. If any of you kite clubs out there want to start a newsletter exchange, contact us.

Our pins have almost sold out, so we've ordered another 300 to last the summer. They are available through the club for \$5 each. Meetings are the last Wednesday of every month at Mainframe Kite Shop. Membership is \$5 annually, single or family. Members receive quarterly newsletters and have free use of the library. Currently there are over 200 members.

Kite Group of Boise

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

On Saturday, April 6th, the Boise Parks Department, the Air Quality Board, K-106 Radio, Albertson's and Idaho Power Company put on the Seventh Annual Boise Kite Festival at Ann Morrison Park.

We attracted kitefliers from all over Southwestern Idaho, despite early morning rains (who can complain about rain in the middle of a five-year drought?) and put on quite a show for the civilians. Winds crept from dead calm all the way to five mph every twenty minutes. The fact that kites were rarely in the sky accelerated the judging process remarkably.

Sue and Greg Clark came down from Naches, Washington, to join the fun and display the now famous KaleidaCody multi-cellular, collapsible and eminently portable group-participation kite based on Mike Buttons' miniature Cody. The Clarks took home some hardware by placing in several categories.

BFKS's, Linda and John Zilar, joined us from Kennewick, Washington. Their new travel trailer was weighted down with a first-place plaque for most patriotic kite.

Jeane and Don Mock again hosted a pot-luck dinner after the festival. The Mock's have recently relocated to Hoquiam, Washington, and we're



Letters

Dear Tom (Sisson) and Kite Club Members:

(Editor's Note: This letter refers to the Pacific Science Center Kite Exhibition in April.)

Thanks for the hard work and time you put in to hang the kites (which were beautiful!) and in providing the workshop. I was so im-

pressed by the quality and quantity of the workshop kites and by the staff you had helping — what a nice group of people. I enjoyed meeting and working with you.

Thanks again, Melanie, Pacific Science Center

going to miss Don's magnificent flying art. If you haven't seen his new series of Northwest Indian masks flying near Westport, I'm sure you'll notice them at WSIKF.

Idaho Power Company gave away three hundred fabulous kites this year to kids who stood in line for half an hour. With uncooperative winds, we did not get a chance to see all three hundred of these forty-five foot dragons in the sky at once, but several times during the day about a dozen took to the air. Thanks to Catch The Wind for obtaining our supply of dragons on time and on budget.

Reporting from the Land of Minor Winds, this is Field Operative David Bogle, KGB.

Lavender Winds Kite Club

Contact Brian Bradley, P.O. Box 5396, Vancouver, Washington 98668 (206) 896-6190

Lavender Winds is a kite club based in the Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington, area. Lavender Winds was formed in September 1990 as a group of gay and lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Since our formation, we have grown from an initial membership of six people to a total of seventeen (not all of whom are gay or lesbian), and we have been contacted by still more kitefliers who are interested in joining our group.

In February 1991, Lavender Winds applied to become a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. We were granted chapter status on March 20, 1991.

Lavender Winds meets at noon on the second Sunday of every month at Blue Lake Park, off I-84 east of Portland. We publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis.

We appreciate the friendly manner with which our club members have been received into the kiting community, and we all look forward to being a positive influence in the advancement of the joys and values of kiting.

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Regional Reports

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry or Marleen Zilar, 1030 West 14th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99337 (509) 586-2664; or Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951. To get a BFKS patch (and free BFKS membership) send \$3.50 (checks payable to Larry Zilar) to Larry Zilar at the address shown above.

Kiona Winery, April 27th and 28th: I had an interview with one of the natives that lives at the Kiona Winery—Digger the Gopher. He took the weekend off from his never-ending task of installing holes in the grassy field adjacent to the winery. He commented on the name of the winery. Ki-o-na (native pronunciation); Kee-o-na (non-native); and he read a kite flier ribbon that took care of the dispute of pronunciation, KI-NO-A — check your ribbon.

No matter how you pronounce it, the fun fly brought enthusiasts from Oregon, Idaho and many parts of Washington. The wind was good, the food was good, and the wine, friendship and 50s-60s music helped to make a great weekend party.

Many thanks to Steve Millspaugh for his short WKA meeting, John and Linda Zilar for the great burgers, and all those who participated. Without you, there wouldn't be a festival.

Preston Winery, May 4th and 5th: As usual, no wind, warm weather and one unfriendly dust devil (whirlwind) energized the calmest of kitefliers to leap in a frenzy chasing kites all over the place. It was Ron and Pat Button's kites that ended up in the duck pond and started a new event — "best altitude and distance for untethered cellular kites".

Next year, word is out that Preston's will not have a kite fly. The event will be called a "Kite-To-Do". This will be a show and tell event, with very limited flying on a very limited flying field. Saturday afternoon will be a barbecue and potluck put on by the Ben Franklin Kite Society and Preston Winery. Hope to see you there for the always social event.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

Westport Windriders

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

SCI-FI

Contact: Robin Haas (206) 388-3395 (days), or (206) 362-3519

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, Oregon 97225. Membership \$7, includes bi-monthly newsletter.

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

P.O. Box 35653, Station E, Vancouver, British Columbia V6M 4G9, Canada. Membership \$8 (US - money orders only please).

S.F. Cody Kite Society

Contact: Rick Brown (503) 689-8175; 1082 Bethesda Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Membership \$7, includes quarterly newsletter.

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