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## Tenth Annual WSIKF

is fast approaching! The most eagerly anticipated event in the kiting community, the week-long Washington State International Kite Festival, will start Monday, August 19, 1991.

### Long Beach Festival by Judy Millspaugh

Opening day has no competitions scheduled, and is set aside for fliers from around the country to get (re)acquainted, get some flying time in, and prepare their kites for the coming events.

Tuesday, August 20th, is Handcrafted Kite Day. There will be a variety of contests in both Apprentice and Masters levels, coordinated by Rick Talbott. Categories include "Most Unusual Design", "Co-Built Most Unusual Design", "Best Small Kite", "Smallest Kite", "Highest Angle Flying Kite", "Most Beautiful Kite" (boxed, bowed, delta and inflated), "Co-Built Most Beautiful Kite" (boxed, bowed, delta and inflated).

Wednesday, August 21st, will be a combined Children's (16 years or younger) and Seniors' (50 years or older) Day, coordinated by Gary Wagner. The first event for children, coordinated by Don and Lynn Lary, will include a variety of contests for different age groups, some with parental help, some individual, and some team. Every child will receive a prize.

The second event, "Best Senior Kite Flier", is being coordinated by Tom Sisson. It will include a "reel out" with kites furnished, a fighter kite competition with kites furnished, a timed contest of assembling and flying a BOKA BOKA kite, and a timed "Conover Eddy" launch, land and re-launch.

The third event will be a "Beachcomber Kite Contest", coordinated by Kelci and Morrie Williams, for teams of seniors and seniors with children. The purpose is to build a kite that flies using only materials found on the beach, in the dunes, or supplied by the coordinators.

The fourth event on Wednesday will be "Seniors' Stunt Kite Competition Big Band Ballet", coordinated by Peg and Bill Burley. Contestants will be judged on music selection, in addition to flying criteria. (Note: Contestants, please bring your cassette tape with you when you register.)

"Terrific Territories" will also be judged on Wednesday.

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The next General Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, September 1, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. at Fort Casey State Park on Whidbey Island. Following the meeting there will be a Fun Fly and picnic.

## Long Beach Festival

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**Thursday, August 22nd**, is Single Line Day and will feature three major events. The first, coordinated by Sonny Hamner, will be the "Beautiful Kite Contest". Anything you can fly on a single line may be entered — either homemade or manufactured.

The second event will be for three-person teams, and will be a reel out, reel in, team timed contest.

The third event on Thursday, coordinated by Doug Hagaman, will be the "Launch and Retrieval of a Parafoil". These contestants will work together in five-person teams to launch a parafoil, move it a designated distance and retrieve it.

**Friday, August 23rd**, will be "Stunt Kite Games and Demonstrations", coordinated by Eric Forsberg, with the "Lighted Kite Night Fly" coordinated by Cecil O'Dell. The games and demonstrations will include a "Team with a Twist" contest (two flyers flying one kite together, one controlling the right line and one controlling the left line); a "Slalom Course" where individual flyers complete a prescribed set of maneuvers while moving through a course laid out on the field; a "Follow the Leader" contest where a leader will execute a maneuver (using a kite and/or acrobatics) that the competitors repeat; Demonstrations by teams and manufacturers; and a "Junior Dual Control" competition for contestants under 14 years.

The Night Fly will be divided into two areas: single line kites and stunt kites. Each flyer will have a free fly time of two minutes, and can stage their kites on the ground in front of the flying area if they wish. All kites will enter the fields from the left facing the boardwalk, and exit to the right. This will not be a judged event. Every person who is registered will receive a button stating they flew their kite at the WSIKF Night Fly. The flying will start as soon as the fireworks are over.

**Saturday, August 24th**, is a special day dedicated to the memory of Domina Jalbert. His son, Paul, is expected to attend. It will also be a busy day, with "Fighter Kite Competition", coordinated by Mary Yoshimi; and is the final day for you to vote for your favorite kite(s) and/or kiteflier(s) in the "People's Choice Award", coordinated by Pat Button. Also on Saturday, Lyle Morgan and Diane Bilotti will present their "Play for the Planet" Skycycle where you can join in and learn how you can be "eco-smart"; Jane Holeman will be coordinating "International Demonstrations"; Darryl Stephison will be coordinating his "Rokakku Challenge"; and Jeani Schwenk will coordinate the "Professional Demonstrations".

International guests include the Thai Kite Heritage Group, the Beijing Kite Company, David Chandler from Tasmania, Jose Teixeira Fraga of Brazil, the Chinese Kite Flying Association of Taiwan, and two guests from Japan, Seiko Nakamura and Makoto Ohashi.

Saturday evening will be the Awards and Appreciation Banquet, at the Elks Hall, with another great presentation by Dave Bogie of his view of the festival events.

**Sunday, August 25th** will be a slower paced day and chance to, again, break the world's record for the most kites in the air at one time. Last year we set a new record with 3,375 kites.

*(Editor's Note: For complete description of events and actual rules of competition, please refer to the official 10th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival Competition Rules booklet, available when you register or arrive. Remember, wind and/or weather conditions may change the schedule — be flexible and have fun. For additional information, call Terry Yuncker, WSIKF Events Coordinator, at (206) 642-2229.) \**

## WKA Newsletter Volume 6 August-September 1991

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



Ha Yiqi with large Beijing 'Sand Swallow' kite of his construction, displaying the birth of a dragon.

# Ha Yiqi of Beijing, China, will once again visit

Washington during the month of August. WKA members will have the rare privilege of meeting this young master kitemaker from China.

## Master Kitemaker Visit

by Ken Conrad

His stunning silk and bamboo kites have been exhibited and flown all over the world, and he shows unusual creativity in the highly detailed surface designs he has contributed to the Ha family style. (Much background and illustration can be found in Ha's current book Chinese Artistic Kites which is now available in English, published by China Books and Periodicals, Inc.)

Ha Yiqi is the fourth generation figure in the Ha's family kitemaking tradition which spans over a hundred years. He is well versed in both the art and craft of making the many basic types of Chinese kites.

Accompanying Ha Yiqi will be Yang Bei Li, who is a director of the Kite Research and Chinese Handicrafts Group in Beijing (he will be here as an official), and Wang Jian, who is a reporter for the Beijing Review. In addition to doing some research on Dave Checkley, who was a great friend to many kitefliers in China, Wang Jian will be collecting information and impressions of international kite flying and other aspects of being in the USA.

After a stay in the San Francisco area, Ha Yiqi will venture to Seattle where he will exhibit kites, as well as conduct several demonstrations and presentations on his Chinese kites. Of particular interest to WKA members will be an exclusive workshop in Chinese Kitebuilding on the evenings of August 14th and 15th (see calendar).

Take the opportunity to meet these fellow lovers of kites, and experience and gain a little more exposure to people and kites from another side of the planet. Don't forget to bring along your copy of Chinese Artistic Kites for an autograph.

During the week of WSIKF in Long Beach, Ha Yiqi (and his delegation) will be attending the festival as an honored guest, and flying some of his remarkable creations for all to enjoy. \*



Left to right: Ha Yiqi, Yang Bei Li, and Wang Jian.

# Competition statistics can only reflect a portion of the

outcome of a kite fly. This was so true of this year's Second Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival. Due to the lack of wind, I found myself outside of the competition field, into the hearts of the people

I have become so attached to, and made memories I'll not soon forget.

West Valley Park glowed with vivid colors under the blue sky. Turbo City, Borgworld, the Kite Post and many other brilliant ground displays lined the competition field. Against the

## Yakima Valley Kite Festival

by Debbie Rodgers

trees, there was a miniature city of campers and tents. Happy people gathered together with a common interest in kiting.

Off in the distance, a pack of energetic teenagers finally broke the bashful barrier and became great friends. Ernesto, a Spanish speaking man, talked to us with his sparkling eyes and his worn hands. He had two amazing tissue paper kites, bordered with fringe and topped with a hummer bar.

Then there was Anita, our ninety-four year old lady in a wheelchair, hugging a kite she had been given. After answering a few questions on the mike, she was awarded the first place trophy for being the oldest kiteflier. Then Anita Lee Shearer received the highest kites award — her sun hat was pinned...three times!

Probably one of the busiest times for the Yakima Valley Kite Fliers was the barbecue. Everyone pitched in to make it a real success.

When the wind did blow, I found myself in the school auditorium enjoying Dave Bogie's slide show on the Nationals at Seaside. Afterwards we found the sky above the park alive with every kind of kite imaginable. If you traced every line, you would have found a smile at the end of each.

New events graced the ground inside the competition field. The Rokkaku "race" left many of us out of breath. The Death Star took its revenge on us all by crossing the finish line first (not bad for tyvek and bamboo). I will never forget Mike Pederson's twenty-one 360's in a row, or Al Washington's ear-to-ear grin after becoming the Spin Head King. Steve Moore took a first in the Stunt Kite Stake Throw, and Savanana Lisk claimed a first place trophy for the kid's kite sprint.

Thanks to the dedication of the field director, three judges, and patient competitors that stayed out in the competition field a day and a half, we were able to hold Individual Precision competition. Troy Gunn claimed first, Mike Sterling was second, and Richard Peck third in Masters Precision. In Experienced Precision, Mike Benedict came in first, with Jim Baldo second and Mike Pederson third.

Don Mock's colorful marshall delta took first place in the Best Use of Color category. His Sun Eagle Rokkaku placed first in best design. Mick Dahms earned a first for Most Amusing with his box kite. Best Graphics went to Sue Clark for her Kaleido-Cody, a combination of twenty-one small Cody kites connected together with common spars.

Special hugs were given when friends departed. As they tooted their horns on the way out of the park, it left me with mixed feelings of sadness and joy. I would miss them, but I also knew that it wouldn't be long before we would be back together again making new memories. \*



Jeri of Pic-A-Patch Kites, with beautiful counted cross-stitch work of art commemorating this year's Westport Kite Festival. The stitchery was created and presented by Marleen Zilar of the BFKS.

## New Kite Club

The newly-formed Peninsula Kite Flyers Association (PKFA) has scheduled its "First Ever All Day Kite Fly" for Sunday, August 4th at 10:00 am. It will be held at the Seaview Beach Approach, 38th Place, Seaview (just south of Long Beach).

Formed by fliers from Long Beach and the surrounding area, this most recent addition to the ever-growing list of regional kite clubs in Washington has a full day planned.

There will be a potluck following the fly at 7:00 pm at the Super 8 Motel Hospitality Room in Long Beach. Bring some good food for the potluck, and help welcome this new kite club. Activities planned include an auction, pin swapping, a raffle and drawings. There will be a large variety of prizes, and items will be available for purchase by auction. \*

# "Circus In The Air", the Westport Kite Festival for 1991,

was a fun filled four days. Although we had some rain on Thursday, forcing some of the Handcrafted Kites judging to take place on Friday, things otherwise seemed to go quite well. The winds

## Westport 1991

by Steve Millsbaugh

weren't the heaviest ever seen at Westport, but generally were adequate to let the competitions and the fun go forward. Especially enjoyable was the barbecue, night fly, and bonfire on Friday evening, with birthday cake (I've forgotten the name

of the birthday boy, sorry) made by Creda Axton. Congratulations to Pic-a-Patch Kites and the Westport Windriders for a splendid effort. Congratulations also to all the kite builders and fliers who won their competitions.

The list includes: Master Class Handcrafted Kites: Most Beautiful - Don Mock, Most Colorful - Don Mock, Most Unique Design - Joel Scholz, Largest Kite - Art Ross, Stunt Kite - Joel Scholz; Master Class Handcrafted Banners: Most Colorful - Debra Cooley, Best Design - Debra Cooley. Novice Class Handcrafted Kites winners were: Most Beautiful - Sonny Hamner, Most Colorful - Leanne Overmier, Smallest Kite - Paul Zimbleman, Largest Kite - Jim McSparran, Stunt Kite - Ehrengard Ward, Handcrafted Banners - Ehrengard Ward.

Wind Art winners were: Pat Button for Line Art, and Debra Cooley for Pole Art. Best Theme Kite (Circus In The Air) was provided by Don Allen; Longest Train of Kites went to Robyn Sweet; and the Fighter Kite Competition was won by Rick Hale.

The Most Beautiful Commercial Single Line kite belonged to Debra Cooley and the Most Unique Design in the Commercial class belonged to Rick Brown. In the Non-Commercial category, the Most Beautiful was won by Michael Lary, and the Most Unique Design belonged to Chuck Lund.

Special Awards included Best Camp Display to Lyle Morgan and Diane Bilotti; the Peoples' Choice Award to Ralph Tubbs; the Judges' Choice Award to Douglas Bowers; the "Paint The Sky Award" to Don Mock; the "Ben Franklin Award" to Ken Mark and family; the Twisted Pin Challenge was won by Sonny Hamner; and the Pin Nickname Hunt was won by Creda Axton.

Stunt Kite Competition winners included: Individual Precision, Adult, Novice - Skip Wolford; Intermediate - John Overmier; and Experienced Michael Pederson. Team Precision, Adult, Experienced - Team Ramjet; Team Ballet, Adult, Experienced - Family Ties; and Novice - Graceful Wings Flyers. Quad Line Precision and Ballet was won by Nelson Affonso. Individual Precision, Junior, Novice - Jeff Ellsworth, and Intermediate - Michael Lary.

The Rokkaku Challenge Competition was won by the Yakima Valley Kites, with the appearance award going to Rokkaku-Moo.

Besides the barbecue mentioned above, there was a free pizza feed on Thursday evening (thanks to Pic-A-Patch), and of course the awards banquet Saturday evening. The banquet featured an appearance to a standing ovation by long-time WKA member and master kitebuilder, Larry Chinn. Be sure to join us next year. \*



Joel Scholz with Best Handcrafted Stunt Kite, Master Class



Sonny Hamner with Most Beautiful Handcrafted Kite, Novice Class

## Board Meeting Notes

A board meeting was held on July 10, 1991, in Kirkland. The meeting was called to order with eleven members present. After the reading of minutes and a review of our financial report, it was moved, seconded and approved that we retrieve the two thousand dollars of Fort Worden seed money from the Fort Worden checking account. The next business item was the addition of two members to the Board. As Newsletter Editor, T.J. Murphy was added to the Board, and it was decided to add a representative from SCI-FI.

At this point, Judy Millspaugh displayed the new pins to all of the eager collectors present. Sales were brisk. It was decided to save some of the 1990 pins for prizes and gifts. We then launched into yet another discussion concerning our postal service and whether or not to enter into some sort of bulk mail enterprise for the newsletter. Once again, we decided the savings did not justify the effort required. Darryl Stephison and Ken Conrad gave us a preview of some coming events. These included several opportunities to see world renowned kitemaker, Ha Yiqi. One of these Ha Yiqi events conflicted with the next scheduled board meeting at WSIKF. In order to resolve the conflict, the next board meeting was moved to August 28th in Kirkland.

The next topic was regarding the proper name of our association. Opinions vary about the correct spelling of KITEFLIERS, even to the extent of the appearance of KITEFLYERS appearing in the bylaws. It was decided to bring a request to the general membership to amend the bylaws to change our name to KITEFLIERS. Following an appeal from Barbara Anne O'Neill for a contribution for the One Sky, One World event and much discussion, the Board elected to provide her with \$150 dollars to purchase kites for the event. The Board also decided to fund a mailing effort by Darryl to attempt to get better feedback and information concerning kite flying events. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. See you at Long Beach!!

Dates and sites for the next Board and General Meetings are:  
WKA Board Meeting, August 28, 1991, in Kirkland  
WKA General Meeting, September 1, 1991, at Fort Casey

## Welcome, New Members!

Andy Adams, Spokane, WA  
Jesus and Brenda Benavidez, Seattle, WA  
Grant Black, Clinton, WA  
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## New WKA Pins Have Arrived!!!

This year's design, by Kelci Williams, features a purple and pink delta conyne flying under a rainbow, over a field of green. The pin is larger this year (1-1/4") and is sure to be treasured by collectors everywhere.

The cost is the same as last year — \$5.00 each, or in quantities of twenty-five for \$75.

To order yours, send your check or money order (make payable to the WKA, please) to Judy Millspaugh, 7573 Old Redmond Road, #5, Redmond, WA 98052; watch for Steve or Judy Millspaugh, Jon Nilan (Kiteman), or Kelci Williams on the flying field; or come to the next WKA General Membership Meeting at Fort Casey on September 1st (see calendar for details). \*

## Do You Sew?

Lyle Morgan could use some sewing assistance as she prepares her "Play For The Planet Skycycle" for WSIKF. If you are interested in participating, please call Lyle Morgan or Diane Bilotti at (206) 441-8465 (studio) or (206) 441-4012 (office).

## Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that long-time WKA member and former newsletter editor, David Julian was married on Easter Sunday to the former Beverly Hilliard.

Both are musicians who met while performing, and have been making beautiful music together (figuratively and literally) ever since.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

*(Editor's Note: The following letter appeared in the July issue of "Kiting." It is reprinted here with the permission of both "Kiting" and Dean Jordan.)*

Dear Friends and Fellow Kitefliers:

On May 25th, in Wildwood, New Jersey, I was doing a man-lift, flying twelve ten-foot Flexifoils, tethered. I had an accident. Two factors contributed to this accident, and one contributed to the other.

Number one, my helmet was too large. Number two was pilot judgment. As an experienced pilot with extensive man-lifting and big kite experience, I know there is no room for compromise when it comes to safety.

Having flown the rig comfortably that Saturday for some time, I got a bit carried away. I flew too fast to the left, my body went parallel to the ground, and my helmet covered my eyes. Unable to see, I flew into the ground.

The result of this was a shattered pelvis, crushed coccyx and my entire body was bruised.

Thanks to the professionals operating the man-lift, I was kept immobile, rushed to the hospital and am now recovering slowly.

It is important to understand that man-lifting is not something to be done by everyone. It takes years of experience to work up to something of this nature, and should not be attempted without an experienced crew and pilots. *Safety must never be compromised for any reason. Do not attempt anything like this on your own.*

Although this happened to me, and I won't be able to man-lift for a long time, I will continue to push my kite flying envelope.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out in Wildwood. I feel honored to be a part of the kiting community. Your overwhelming show of support and generosity have left me speechless. Thank you.

Florida Breezes Soon, Dean Jordan



## In The Wind

Coming the first week in October, the annual **American Kitefliers Association Convention** held this year in Jacksonville, Florida. Looks like a fun event, with the convention headquarters across the St. Johns River from the flying fields, with a shuttle boat provided. The list of activities is long and varied.

Barbara Anne O'Neill reminds us that coming in October is your chance to be part of a world-wide event. Don't forget the **One Sky, One World Kite Fly** at Gasworks Park, Sunday, October 13th. One Sky, One World Festivals are held annually around the world to promote protection of the planet, peace, friendship and understanding between all people.

Kathy Goodwind is finalizing the details for **Lee Sedgwick's Seminar** in November. Details will be provided in the next newsletter, or call Kathy at Gasworks Kite Shop in Seattle.

Darryl Stephison is planning another **Turkey Fly** in November this year. It will probably be at Magnuson Park, as it was last year. Details to follow in the next newsletter. \*

## About Membership...

WKA membership is \$10 per year within the U.S., \$12(US) for foreign membership. Checks should be made payable to the Washington Kitefliers Association and correspondence addressed to WKA Membership Chairman, c/o Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98019. You will receive a membership card and your first issue of this newsletter as soon as your membership has been processed.

WKA membership is based on a newsletter mailing address, so all family members can belong. Send along names of additional family members who wish to have cards.

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 them get started as kitefliers. \*

## President's Letter

by Steve Millsbaugh

As we look forward to "the big one" in Long Beach, I would like to take a quick look back on the last couple of months. This has been an outstanding summer of kite fun for Judy and me. There has been such a full calendar that it has just not been possible to make it to all the events, but we sure have enjoyed the ones we did attend. We got glowing reports about the Yakima Valley Festival, we regret missing that one. It sounds like a super time was had by all (despite a lack of wind), and we will certainly try to include it in our schedule next year.

We took advantage of the Stunt Kite Demo day that Kathy Goodwind of Gasworks Park Kite Shop hosted at Magnuson Park to try some new stunts.

We were fortunate in being part of the Westport Festival this year. Jeri had called me and asked if I could help out by announcing for Thursday's events. While public speaking is not my forte, I wanted to help out whatever way I could and readily agreed. As it turned out, my announcing career, and the day's events, were cut short by rain. The weather improved steadily throughout the weekend, however, and the festival was a great success. I strongly recommend that you add this one to your calendar for next year if it isn't already there.

The Seattle Times Kite Fly in July also suffered a little at the hands of the weather gods, but provided the opportunity to watch master kiter Tom Sisson retrieve his checkerboard delta from Lake Washington.

The following day delivered glorious weather for the Pierce County Kitefliers Association fly at Crystal Mountain. Winds were intermittent at the base of the mountain, but kites were up most of the day. There was no wind at the top of the chairlift, but that was probably just as well as there isn't really a lot of space there anyway. There is, however, a most spectacular view that makes the ride up on the chairlift worthwhile. Kudos to PCKA for a fun event.

The WKA also tended to some business during the summer, as our new kite pins arrived and we made an important modification to our bylaws. It was noted that our bylaws show the name of the Association as The Washington Kiteflyers Association, while most of our printed matter reads Washington Kitefliers Association. I anticipated a great controversy between the "y" faction and the "i" faction. However, the board recommended, and the membership approved with little discussion, amending the bylaws and using the Webster's Dictionary preferred spelling "kitefliers". As you look through your various kite related publications you will see that there is not yet a true consensus on this matter in the kiting community. The opportunity for controversy continues, as there are also two word (kite flier) versus one word factions yet to be formed.

The next couple of months look to be even busier as the months ahead are filled with kite activities. Thanks to the efforts of Ken Conrad at Great Winds, we will have the opportunity to learn from master Chinese Kitemaker Ha Yiqi, and to fly with him both at Long Beach and later at Fort Casey. There will be a reception and a workshop at the Pacific Science Center as well. See the calendar for details. There will be a fly on Bainbridge Island in September, and of course the usual wide choice of events from regional clubs such as the Westport Windriders, SCI-FI, etc.

We're looking forward to adding a new kite club and a new fun fly with potluck to our calendar. The fliers in the Long Beach area have formed the Peninsula Kite Flyers Association, and they are hosting a fly

at Seaview on August 4 with a potluck in Long Beach following. This will become a regular event on the first Sunday of each month.

See you at WSIKF. Don't forget the WKA Pizza Feed on Thursday, it will be lots of fun and there are door prizes! Ha Yiqi will be doing a slide presentation after the party. Attendance at the party is not required for the slide show, but those who attend will obviously have first shot at seating. The hospitality room at the Super 8 has a limited capacity, so call Kelci Williams (206-788-6355) and reserve your spot now. \*

### Kite Calendar

#### NOTICE

*The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely Kite Calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.*

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 in case we are late with the next issue. That means you need to think about four months in advance. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person, and phone. We welcome other information including articles about events that we can publish 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 try to keep a file of events up to a year in advance. We try to help organizers pick days which will avoid conflict with other events. If you are considering a new event, please feel free to call. We will be glad to share the information with you.

# Summer

## Kite Calendar

### August

**August 4 (Sunday)**, PKFA Fun Fly, Seaview Beach Approach, 38th Place, Seaview (near Long Beach); potluck at 7:00 pm at Super 8 Motel, Long Beach. Contact Contact Truk Tolstad (206) 642-2103.

**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 13 (Tuesday)**, Reception for Master Chinese Kitemaker Ha Yiqi, visiting from Beijing, China, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Pacific Science Center. Light refreshments will be offered; a \$5 donation is requested; RSVP (206) 443-2876.

**August 14 (Wednesday)**, Slide show and introductory session for Chinese Kite Building Workshop presented by Ha Yiqi, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Board Room, Pacific Science Center. See following entry for information on the workshop.

**August 15 (Thursday)**, Chinese Kite Building Workshop presented by Ha Yiqi, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Building Two Classroom, Pacific Science Center. Materials to build your own bamboo and silk kite will be provided for a fee of \$7. Contact Ken or Suzanne at Great Winds Kite Shop (206) 624-6886. Reservations are strongly recommended due to limited classroom space.

**August 17 (Saturday)**, Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport; potluck at 7:00 pm at the Lions Hall in Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

**August 19-25 (Monday-Sunday)**, Washington State International Kite Festival, Bolstad and 10th Street Accesses, Long Beach. Contact Terry Yuncker (Ocean Kites) (206) 642-2229.

**August 21 (Wednesday)**, Ha Yiqi book signing at World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, afternoon, Long Beach.

**August 22 (Thursday)**, WKA Pizza Party, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 5:00 pm. Contact Keldi Williams (206) 788-6355.

**August 22 (Thursday)**, Slide Presentation by Ha Yiqi following WKA Pizza Party, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach, 8:00 pm

**August 28 (Wednesday)**, WKA Board Meeting, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland, WA, 7:00 pm. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203. (Note that WKA Board Meetings are open to all members.)

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

### September

**September 1 (Sunday)**, WKA General Membership Meeting, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, 10:00 am. Contact Steve Millspaugh, (206) 885-0203.

**September 1 (Sunday)**, Squaticum Picnic, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, 12 noon (or whenever the meeting ends). Special guest Ha Yiqi will fly his famous Chinese artistic kites. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203.

**September 1 (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.

**September 7 (Saturday)**, (Date Tentative) Seattle Parks Volunteer Thank You, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle. Fly kites and help the Seattle Parks Department thank the volunteers for a summer of help. Contact Tom Sisson, (206) 725-3615.

**September 15 (Sunday)**, WKA Newsletter Deadline. Contact T. J. Murphy, (206) 271-7941.

**September 21 (Saturday)**, Bainbridge Island Kite Fly, Battle Point Park, Bainbridge Island, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Contact Sue Hysten, (206) 842-2306, or Darryl Stephison, (206) 657-5797.

**September 25 (Wednesday)**, PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

**September 28 (Saturday)**, Westport Windriders End of Summer Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport; potluck at 7:00 pm at the Lions Hall in Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

**September 28-29 (Saturday-Sunday)**, Fall International Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact Chamber of Commerce, (800) 452-2151.

### October

**October 2-6 (Wednesday-Sunday)**, American Kitefliers Association Convention, Marina Hotel and Metropolitan Park, Jacksonville, Florida. Registration contact Michelle O'Rourke, (904) 398-4132, other information contact Rick O'Shea, (904) 399-KITE.

**October 6 (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.

**October 11-13 (Friday-Sunday)**, On the Beach, Ocean Shores. Contact Ocean Shores Kites (206) 289-4103.

**October 13 (Sunday)**, One Sky One World Kite Fly, Gasworks Park, Seattle. Contact Barbara Anne O'Neill (206) 878-5772.

**October 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday)**, Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact Long Beach Kites, (206) 642-2202.

**October 24 (Wednesday)**, WKA Board Meeting, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland, 7:00 pm. Contact Steve Millspaugh, (206) 885-0203. (Note that WKA Board Meetings are open to all members.)

**October 26 (Saturday)**, Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport; potluck at 6:00 pm at the Lions Hall in Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

**October 30 (Wednesday)**, PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

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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, \$3.50, or BFKS pin, \$4.00 (and free BFKS membership) send to Larry Zilar at the address shown above (checks payable to Larry Zilar).

Kite flying and related stuff is gearing up for the Long Beach Festival. The Zilar's and Ben spent the Fourth of July holidays in Newport, Oregon, at the Red, White and Blue Festival sponsored by Catch The Wind Kite Shops, Safeway Markets and KYTE Radio. Many BFKS members showed up and sported many red, white and blue kites. The wind blew in excess of 20 knots on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon, it all but stopped. A great time was had by all in spite of the wind.

Locally, the Weeks family, the Garmin family, the Gregers and the Lucas family, along with many other families, have been flying on any weekend or evening that the wind blows.

The Washington Public Power and Supply System main offices in Richland have just put up a display on electricity, and Ben Franklin's kite (replica), complete with key, is on display.

New Kite Shop? In the Tri-Cities? Sky's The Limit Windssocks and Kites is located in the Crossroads Mall at 4415 West Clearwater, Kennewick (509) 783-5769. They just joined the AKA and will soon be WKA members. Pam and Darold Minielly want to support their local BFKS kites. Stop by or give them a call and tell them what you like. Word is out about a kite fly somewhere in the Tri-City area in September, sponsored by them. Call the kite shop or Larry Zilar to give your favorite flying area ideas and support. This could be fun.

"Keep Up the Spirit" and see you at Long Beach. Ben

### Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals

Contact Robin Haas (206) 362-3519, or OGO Fly a Kite (206) 339-9334  
SCI-FI continues to hold a monthly fun fly and potluck the first Sunday of each month. We meet at the Marine Park and Boat Launch at Tenth and Marine View Drive in Everett. We fly all day and hold the potluck around 6 P.M.

SCI-FI just recently applied for and was granted AKA Chapter Affiliate status. We also have become more organized. At our most recent meeting, bylaws were adopted and officers elected. We are in the process of learning what will work and what won't. We hope that everyone will be patient as we struggle along.

Some of our members have been successful in recent competitions. Doug Bowers and John Overmier took first place awards at the Westport Kite Festival. John took first place in Precision Flying (Intermediate), and Doug won the Judges' Choice Award with his creation - a stunt kite shaped like a bird.

Team OGO Fly A Kite took first place in Intermediate Team Precision at the Oregon State Stunt Kite Championships, held at Lincoln City. The following week, they flew at the Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championships at Long Beach, Washington. At this event, they moved up to Experienced Class and placed third in the Team Precision event. Two of the team members also flew in Experienced Pairs Ballet and placed third.

The team is planning to fly at the Berkeley Kite Festival at the end of July. Team members are Mike Benedict, Dave Sweet and Robin Haas.

SCI-FI invites anyone with an interest in kiting to come and join us.

### Pierce County Kitefliers Association

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

### Lavender Winds Kite Club

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

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.

### 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. The Westport Windriders host a fun fly and a meeting featuring potluck dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month.

### 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 bimonthly 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.

Count me in for  
pizza and pop!



## CALL NOW!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

WKA's summer soiree is fast approaching and we haven't heard from many of you. The fun begins at 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 22nd, at the Super 8 Motel in Long Beach, Washington. The menu includes pizza and salad from Chico's, and drinks to wash it down. Just \$5.00 will get you three slices of pizza, a salad, and two drinks (either pop or beer).

The door prizes promise to be one of the highlights this year. So far, we have pledges from City Kites, Cloud Nine Kite Shop, Gasworks Park Kite Shop, Great Winds Kite Shop, Long Beach Kites, One of Jerry's Kites, Pic-A-Patch Kites and Ramjet Kites. Anyone who is not listed and wants to make a contribution, please call Dave Weigand at (206) 948-4560 - we would certainly appreciate it.

To top the evening off, there will be a slide show presented by Mr. Ha Yiqi of Beijing, China. (See additional article in this newsletter.)

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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:

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