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**THANK YOU! THANK
YOU! THANK YOU!** Thanks for
your patience, thanks for your consideration, and most
of all thanks for your friendship.

The 1991 WKA Pizza Party at the Washington State International Kite
Festival has come and gone and a good time was had by all...I hope. Most

WKA Pizza Party by Kelci Williams

of it was a blur to me - I was busy
registering the multitude of guests
and trying to see that the festivities
ran smoothly. Things did get a little
wild, what with the over capacity

crowd that we attracted. My main objective for the evening was that
people unwind, enjoy themselves, converse with old friends and meet
some new ones...you know, hang out and have a good time. Hopefully,
those of you who attended were not disappointed.

It takes hard work from a lot of good people to put on this kind of
shindig and I would like to thank my 'pizzanos' here. Bob, Maura and
Jamie Alford; Steve and Judy Millspaugh; T.J. and Stu Murphy; Jean and
Tom Sisson; Win and Kathy Smith; Darryl and Kathy Stephison; and
Morrie Williams were a tremendous help in setting up, serving, selling
and sweeping up. Dave Weigand did a terrific job of soliciting and
awarding the wonderful door prizes that were so kindly contributed by the
kite manufacturers and shops (see list below). Ken Conrad came to my
rescue and graciously supplied a slide show of Chinese kites and kitemak-
ers.

The Super 8 Motel provided us with the place and Chico's furnished
the tasty pizza and even threw in the salad for free. (If I forgot anyone,
please forgive me.) With friends like these, who could ask for anything
else? Thank you one and all!

Our local (and not so local) kite shops, kite manufacturers and
makers of related items are a truly great group of people. Their generosity
was appreciated by all (in particular by the recipients of these fantastic
door prizes). The donations included:

The Artery contributed "4 sets of 2 stamps each" that were won by;
Linda Zilar, Tom Sisson, Bill Mazzoncini and Hank Meacham.

Boise Kites donated "2 E-Z Winders" which were won by M. Nauman
and P. Pererzani.

City Kites supplied an "Airhead by Garza Art" which should provide
Don Peterson with lots of fun.

Cloud Nine Kite Shop gave us the "X-Zeta Stunt Kite with X-Celerator
Flying System" that Christopher Anthony won.

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The next General Member-
ship Meeting will be held Satur-
day, November 2, 1991, at 10:00
A.M. at the Burger King on the
South end of Lake Union in Se-
attle. Possible changes in the
scheduling of meetings will be
considered. Please come and
make your opinions known.

WKA Pizza Feed

continued

Gasworks Park Kite Shop contributed a "Geosport Stunt Kite with handles and Turboline" which should keep Rich Knowles happy.

Great Winds Kite Shop donated the "Chinese String Climber" won by Jon Burkhardt and the "Chinese Dragon Fly Kite" won by Vicki Coy.

Kite Post/Francis Hall provided one of his "1991 Commemorative Stamp Sets", a great memento for the Thai visitor who won it.

Long Beach Kites supplied the "Advanced Flight Gear Series I Stunt Handles" won by Eryn Rodgers.

Ocean Kites contributed the "1990 WSIKF Video" won by Shelly Peterson and the "Ultra Cheetah Stunt Kite with handles and line" that Charlie Tarwid won.

One of Jerry's Kites donated an "A 'Basic' Peregrine Stunt Kite" that was won by Ric Merry.

Paint the Sky Kites gave us the "Paint the Sky Tee Shirt" won by John Zilar.

Pic-A-Patch Kites supplied the "Hot Pink and Black Kite Bag" won by Kory Rodgers.

Ramjet Kites contributed a "Turbo Jet Stunt Kite" which Margaret Holzbauer won (go Margaret!). Happy winner shown below!



The Thai Kite Heritage Group donated a "Chula Kite" won by Jerry Sinotte and a "Video, Tee Shirt, Pin and Patch Package" won by Pat Langlois.

Washington Kitefliers Association contributed "2 sets of '90 and '91 WKA Pins" which were won by Chris Handel and Greg Greger.

Congratulations to the winners and a heartfelt thanks to the contributors! I would also like to thank the WKA and all of you who are part of the organization for the beautiful plaque that was presented to me at the party - it will be a fond reminder of good times and good friends.

Dave Weigand, our Merchant Representative, asked me to relay the following message:

"What a Pizza Party we had Thursday night at Long Beach. A great big thank you to all of the merchants and manufacturers who helped support the WKA members — they supplied so many wonderful items as door prizes.

"I think it is very important that each one of us let them know, next time we're in their stores, how much we appreciate their support. We are very fortunate to have so many quality stores to serve us - thanks again (to our merchants) for their generous support." *

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

FORT WORDEN KITEMAKER'S CONFERENCE

by Kelci Williams

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! The NINTH ANNUAL FORT WORDEN KITEMAKER'S CONFERENCE will take place on March 6, 7 and 8, 1992, at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, Washington.

There will be classes for everyone. Whether you are just beginning to make your own kites, have made a few but want to pick up some new techniques, or are ready for that really challenging project, this is the place to learn from the masters.

Elmer Warton will fascinate you with his bamboo magic; add the ability to work with this age-old medium to your kitemaking knowledge. You'll be able to applique with the best of them after being taught by Debi Cooley, one of the Pacific Northwest's premier kitemakers. Bonnie Stout will be on hand to teach you how to paint on fabric - a style of kite design which is quickly gaining popularity.

These are just some of the speakers and a few of the subjects that will be covered. There will be many more topics explored, including something for those sport kite enthusiasts.

Registration packets will be sent out in November (to those who attended last year's conference). If you did not attend the 1991 conference and would like to receive registration information, please contact Kelci Williams, 18030 NE 155th Place, Woodinville, Washington 98072; (206) 788-6355.

Volunteers are always needed and would be welcomed. To offer your services or for other information about the conference, please call Sandra Lee at (206) 779-7578.

Come join the fun, meet some new friends and have a good time!

Stunt kite enthusiasts will have yet another opportunity to learn from one of the sport's leading practitioners.

The Gasworks Park Kite Shop, in its continuing effort to bring World Class kitefliers to the Northwest, is proud to present a weekend with Lee Sedgwick. Activities will include a reception, open to the general public, on Friday, November 8th, a seminar for registrants on Saturday, November 9th, and a Fly with registrants on Sunday, November 10th. Door prizes for seminar registrants have been donated by "Revolution Kites", makers of the Revolution I and Revolution II, "Kite Innovations", makers of the Quadrafoil, and "Clearwater Rods", makers of carbon fiber wrapped rods.

Lee Sedgwick, a renowned innovator in the field of multi-line kite flying, has enthusiastically agreed to come to Seattle and spend a weekend sharing his knowledge with local fliers. Lee's program is called "AIM". He plans to teach fliers how to ADAPT to all types of flying conditions, how to INNOVATE by using their thought processes, and how to MODIFY their kites with different techniques to deal with all types of weather conditions and terrains. His program will include both dual line and quad line flying.

Lee has established himself as the most unique and innovative flyer on the Sport Kite circuit. He not only popularized dog stake flying, but developed it to the fine art of ballroom dancing with his kites. Quad line flying came long before the Revolution, with the nimble antics of big wings on four lines bridled by Lee's wizardry. Ever wonder where "standoffs" or "whiskers" came from? Ask Lee. Many contributions to the Sport Kite industry, including the Spectrum Dart, came from the fertile mind of Lee Sedgwick.

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A Weekend With Lee Sedgwick by Kathy Goodwind

Help Wanted! No Experience Required

As 1991 draws to a close, it is time to choose new officers and board members for 1992. This is an opportunity for you to become more involved in the planning and presentation of kiting events in the coming year. As Bob Alford so aptly put it, "All of you kilters should be aware that there is no better way to make kiting friends and have fun at the same time than to serve as an officer and/or board member for the WKA".

If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month to support the kiting community, contact the WKA nominating committee now! Call Steve Millspaugh at (206) 885-0203, or contact Tom Sisson at (206) 725-3615 or Ken Conrad at (206) 624-6886.

Weekend With Lee Sedgwick

continued

Lee's newest innovation is called 3-D flying with the new Revolution II. He overflies the Rev II to the point where it flutters down to his open hand, then grasps the leading edge much like a spear and thrusts the kite out to the end of the lines. The kite quickly responds by becoming airborne once again.

Power Kiting came with Lee's first Flexifoil. He discovered he could swoosh over the ice in his ski boots powered by the foil. Next came ice skates, and then down hill skis. Equipped with all the safety gear possible, including a helmet, Lee can be seen whizzing across the ice during the winter in Erie, Pennsylvania. Not satisfied to confine his lust for speed to winter sports, Lee has now developed Roller Kiting, using roller blades to engage in year round power kiting. Lee uses, and advises others to use, full safety gear to prevent damage to body parts.

Does Lee want to get into the business of making kites? Heck no, it would take too much time away from having fun. Lee has been employed by General Electric for the past fifteen years as a machinist. Hailing from Erie, Pennsylvania, Lee enjoys cold, windy weather. We're ready to satisfy his desire with a Seattle November.

A \$60 fee includes the "AIM" seminar with a box lunch, a chance to win door prizes valued at over \$400, and a Sunday of flying with Lee. Registration forms are now available at the Gasworks Park Kite Shop, O Go Fly A Kite in Everett, and Mainframe in Tacoma. You may call (206) 633-4780 for further information. *



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WSIKF

by Joan Westhoff

Each year, the tone of the Festival changes, seeming to mature and ripen. The weather is the big question. Will we have good winds? Will the fog roll in and dampen enthusiasm and cause our kites to all sink to the sand? The broiling sun and parching winds can have kitefliers painting their faces white and hiding in cabanas.

This year, the week was nigh perfect. I wonder if it was the blessing of the sea creatures Llyle Morgan and Diane Billotti fashioned for their fantasy production.

We paid homage to Samuel F. Cody, with a hexagonal flight of many Cody kites.

Pennants decorated simple or elaborate cabanas. Pennants boldly announcing AOK, Windriders, or simply being beautiful beach plumes.

Represented were flights of birds, schools of tropical fish, strange sea creatures, cows, pigs, historic airplanes; limitless creativity.

One kite should have been named "EverReady"; it went on and on and on. *



Joel Scholz's Fish Banner



Lyle Morgan's and Diane Bilotti's Award Winning Wind Art Aquarium



Marooka's Magnificent Flow Form



Tom Sisson, Garth Westhoff and Vi VanGilder at WKA Pizza Feed, with T.J. and Stu Murphy and Win Smith in background



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1991 WSIKF Event Results

Ed. Note: Thanks to Barb Wright for providing us with the following list, not to mention all the work she did during WSIKF itself.

HANDCRAFTED KITES

Best Small Kites (Boxed)

1. Leonard Hogg, 4x4 inch
2. Olive Barsalou, Winged Box

Best Small Kites (Bowed)

1. George Maurer, Bamboo/Plastic
2. Tom Caldwell, Tailless

Best Small Kite (Other)

1. Charmayne Cornell, Sled Kite
2. Deborah Arndt, Sled Kites

Smallest Kites

1. Leonard Hogg, 3/4 inch
2. Olive Barsalou, 1-1/2 inch

Most Beautiful Kite, Apprentice

Delta

Leanne Overmeier

Bowed

1. Joanne Petithory
2. Elaine Genser

Boxed

1. Rick Brown
2. Frank Hahn

Most Beautiful Kite, Masters

Boxed

1. Lee Thrall
2. Jerry McDowell

Bowed

1. Betty Street
2. Sonny Hamner

Delta

1. Bill Lockhart
2. Debi Cooley

Most Beautiful Kite, Co-Built, Apprentice

1. Tom and Friends
2. The Currans

Bowed

1. Bob Umbowers and Charmayne Cornell

Delta

1. Langlois and Clark
2. The Fishers

Most Beautiful Kite, Co-Built, Masters

Boxed

1. David and Lori Melroy
2. Mick and Lena Dahms

Bowed

1. Gary and Joni Smith
2. Rodgers and Yarger

Delta

3. Rodgers and Clark
4. Lynn and Don Lary

Delta

1. Kate Talbott and Jerry Sinnote
2. Richard and Judy Krog

Most Unusual Design, Apprentice

3. Gary and Joni Smith
4. Mike and Debbie Hagen

Most Unusual Design, Masters

1. Jerry McDowell
2. John Overmier

Most Unusual Design, Masters

3. Sara Norgaard
4. Jim Mockford

Most Unusual Design, Co-Built, Apprentice

1. Betty Street
2. Amie Barsalou

Most Unusual Design, Co-Built, Masters

3. John Zilar
4. John Burkhardt

Most Unusual Design, Co-Built, Masters

1. Rodgers and Yarger
2. Clark and Rodgers

3. Clark and Rodgers
4. Clark and Langlois

1. David and Lori Melroy
2. Richard and Judy Krog

Highest Angle

3. Mike and Debbie Hagen
1. Bob Umbowers

Reel-Out

2. Debi Cooley
3. Betty Street

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

5 Year Old

1. Michael Martin
2. Amanda Parks

3. Johnny Cermak

Reel-Out

1. Alana Brunner
2. Erin Arndt

6 Year Old

3. Aaron Bly

1. Stacey Perrault
2. Holly Misseck

3. Catrina Newshwander

1. Casey Norgaard
2. Stacey Perrault

7 Year Old

1. Trevor Person
2. Nick Spears

3. Eric Fagerstrom

1. Michael Dehert
2. Nick Spears

3. Byron Brown

8 Year Old

Sprint

1. Stephen Martin
2. Sara Button

3. Brook McGaughey
4. Chelsea Globe

Reel-Out

1. Aaron Baumguard
2. Erin French

9 Year Old

3. John Roth

Sprint

1. Matt Ruttan
2. Amber Martin

Reel-Out

1. Jennifer Overbay
2. Amika Svore

10 Year Old

3. Amber Martin

Sprint

1. Andrew Ruttan
2. Brandon Lary

Reel-Out

3. Chris Mockford
1. Andrew Ruttan

2. Kim Gunn
3. Brent Early

11 Year Old

1. Forrest Marshall
2. Austin Williams

3. Chris Canada

Reel-Out

1. David Dudfield
2. Chris Canada

12 Year Old

3. Hannah Salander

1. Dana Early
2. Abe Salander

3. Sarah Hamreus

Reel-Out

1. Crysta Svore
2. Steve Gunn

3. Sarah Hamreus

1. Chris Hamreus
2. Jarred Behm

3. Katie Erickson

1. Jarred Behm
2. Chris Hamreus

3. Angela Stottelmier

SENIORS EVENTS

Senior Ballet

- | | |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. John Overmier | 69.9 |
| 2. Leonard Hogg | 67.5 |
| 3. Charlie M'Clary | 62.5 |

- | | |
|---------------------|------|
| 4. Gordon Lounsbury | 56.1 |
|---------------------|------|

Best All Around Senior Flyer

1. Tom Joe

2. John Overmier

3. Leonard Hogg

Beachcomber Kite Contest

Most Unique: Hot Shots/Leonard Hogg

Largest: Second Wind/John Overmier

Smallest: The Kites/Gordon Hagen

Best Design: Hobbler Kites/Tom Sisson

Best Use of Materials: BeachBum/

Tom Joe

TERRIFIC TERRITORIES

1. Yakima Valley Kites

2. Linda Zilar

3. Mike Sterling

4. Button Bunch

SINGLE LINE KITE EVENTS

Beautiful Kite

Soft

1. Carl Crowell

2. John Weiner

3. George Maurer

4. Mike Sterling

Delta

1. Mike Hagen

2. Stan Zimmer

3. Sean Balch

4. Nick Starkebaun

Unique

1. Don Mock

2. George Aronetz

3. Ruth Cosseuer

Boxed

1. Leonard Hogg

2. Tom Sisson

3. Katherine Crowell

4. Lenae Shirts

Flat

1. Tom Roberts

1. Charmayne Cornell

2. Margaret Holzbauer

3. Jill Duncan

4. Chuck Lund

Bowed

1. Don Lary

2. Doreen Imbach

3. Jean Mock

4. Andrea Dahms

Most Beautiful Kite

1. Don Lary

2. Leonard Hogg

3. Don Mock

4. Carl Crowell

WIND ART

Unique On A Line

1. Tom Caldwell's Fish

2. Mike Button's Beach Balls

Lovely Line Art

1. David Chandler's Tasmanian Flags

2. Yarger's Crayolas

3. Maarooka's World and Sun

Unique on a Pole

1. Leo Iman's Spinners

2. Button's Banners

3. Larry Zilar's Banners



Beach Bums and Hot Shots hard at work during Beachcomber Kite Contest

Beauty On A Pole

1. Joel Scholz's Fish Banner

2. Linda Zilar's Butterfly Wing

3. Debi Cooley's Banners

4. Don Mock's Banners

Special Awards

Mike Sterling's Hummers

Don and Lynn Lary's Children's Tube

Genney's Play Sail

STUNT KITE EVENTS

Junior Stunt Kites

1. Jeff Backus 88.0

2. Danny Hake 77.7

3. Brian Imbach 76.7

4. Justin Kline 75.33

4. Shawn Sexton 75.33

Team With A Twist

1. Partial Eclipse 42.0

2. Air Head Flyers 39.6

3. Thurber and Hunter 35.2

4. Gunn and Brittain 35.1

Slalom

1. Roy Nakano 92.67

2. Steve Kline 83.67

3. Pat Detloff 80.67

4. Mike Sterling 77.00

ROKKAKU CHALLENGE

1. Midnight Eagle: John, George, Dusty, Karen, Ken

2. Maarooka Tokyo

3. Hawaii Kite Flyers: Kyle Metcalf, Art Ross...

4. Tazz Team: Ronda Brewer, David Scott, Travis Fields...

Best Dressed

Udder Pain: The Zilar Clan

Team Spirit

Pierce County Kitefliers Association: Dave Christenson...

FIGHTER KITE

1. Gopal Das

2. Carl Crowell

3. Jon Nilan

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Boxed

Dave and Lori Melrey, Star Box

Flat and Bowed

Tie Don Mock, Sun Eagle and Doreen Imbach, Carpet Kite

Figure

Aime Barsalou, Witch

Inflated

Maarooka, Flow Form

Stunt Kite

Tie Joel Scholz, Neptune

Robert Loera, Nagel Girl Revolution

Stunt Team

Team Perigrine: Debbie and Tom Rodgers and Rod Yarger

Wind Art

Llyle Morgan and Diane Bilotti's Aquarium

Overall Winner

Aime Barsalou, Witch



Doreen Imbach's Carpet Kite

General Membership and Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford, WKA Secretary

A board meeting was held on August 28, 1991, in Kirkland. The meeting was called to order with eleven members present. Since our secretary (this reporter) was a late arrival to the meeting, there was no reading of the minutes from the prior meeting. Kelci covered my tardiness by providing an extensive treasurer's report and financial statement. After exhaustive research, it was found that the \$2,000 amount previously reported as seed money provided for Fort Worden was actually shown to be a transfer of \$1,000. Short discussions concerning the transaction, long discussions regarding the need for and size of an emergency fund for a Fort Worden disaster were followed by a motion which was seconded and passed to modify our original decision of retrieval to the documented \$1,000 figure.

The next business item was the formation of the nominating committee for 1992 elections. In a remarkable display of altruism, Steve hastened to volunteer for a position on the committee. In the midst of the tumultuous applause generated by this selfless act, Darryl managed to point out that in years past the safest way NOT to be nominated was to secure a position on that prestigious committee. At that point Ken Conrad offered his services to the group. The last slot on the Search and Destroy Platoon was filled by Tom Sisson who is said to be the best in the state at beating the bushes, twisting arms, and securing officer material. I might be forced to disagree with that assessment due to the devious (possibly illegal) methods used by Morrie and Kelci to induce me to be seated here typing this report. All of you kites should be aware that there is no better way to make kiting friends and have fun at the same time than to serve as an officer and/or board member for the WKA. If you are interested in helping, contact any of the committee, board members or officers.

In an exuberant report, Judy informed us that there were only about 75 pins remaining to be sold. It appears that an increased number of kite shops bought pins to be sold by them. New products possibilities were discussed such as patches, transfers, and additional pins. It was decided that we should check with Jeri at Pic-A-Patch about creating a transfer for shirts.

After Darryl gave us an update on upcoming events, Steve asked for our feelings about the dates established for general meetings. It was pointed out that at least half of our meetings have conflicts with holidays or established events. A good case in point was the next general meeting at Fort Casey which is being held during Labor Day weekend. Further discussion disclosed that a good case could be made for rescheduling the meetings. More work is required on this subject. This, the shortest board meeting I have attended, was adjourned at 8:30.

A general meeting was held just before the Fun Fly at Fort Casey on September 1st. Your secretary read the minutes, after which the treasurer provided a financial report. Steve gave an impassioned plea for volunteers for board members and officers. Darryl updated everyone on kiting events upcoming. There were so few members present that it seemed more like a board meeting than a general meeting. There was no wind but we adjourned anyway to try and decide who had been appointed and forgotten to order wind for the fly. Do sunshine and wind really never happen at the same time and place? The only kite I observed always flying was one of Charlie Sotich's miniatures. Better wind next time!! Good Flying!! *

Handcrafted Kites at the Puyallup Fair

by Jessica Palmer

The Western Washington Fair in Puyallup is the sixth largest fair in the United States. Since kites were displayed in the hobby hall this year, they have received a lot of attention. The Puyallup Fair may create a judging category on handcrafted kites if they see that there is enough interest.

If you would like to see kites included in the Puyallup Fair, write a letter stating your approval. Send your letters Care of Mainframe Kite Shop, 3340 East 11th Street, Tacoma, Washington 98421. They will be presented to the fair board along with judging criteria this February. We also need qualified people to serve as judges. Please let us know if you would like to be a judge at next year's fair. *

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Regional Reports

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

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

Busy, exciting summer for the Pierce County Kitefliers Association! We manned a booth at the KOMO Kid's Fair at Seattle Center. PCKA helped kids make over five hundred kites, while stunt teams flew ballet routines to keep the crowds entertained. Now we're involved with the Puyallup Fair. We've filled the ceiling of the Hobby Hall with kites, and set up an information booth with kite building materials and videos.

Some upcoming events include a 3-D kite slide show in conjunction with our club meeting October 30th, 7 PM, at the Fife Grange Hall; a club meeting November 20th, 7 PM, at Mainframe Kite Shop; a holiday potluck and kite auction (and meeting) December 18th, 7 PM, at the Fife Grange Hall; and a club meeting January 29th, 7 PM, at Mainframe Kite Shop. Members and non-members are all invited to attend these events!

PCKA membership is \$5 yearly, individual or family. Currently, we have over 300 members.

Ben-Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry or Marleen Zilar (509) 943-3951, 1030 West 14th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99337; or Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951. To get a BFKS patch (\$3.50) or BFKS pin (\$4.00), and a free BFKS membership, send check to Larry Zilar at the address shown above (please make checks payable to Larry Zilar).

SKY'S THE LIMIT Kite shop, along with the BFKS, will sponsor a "One Sky, One World" kite fly on Sunday, October 13th, Noon to 4 PM at Columbia Point Marina in Richland. See you there for a great local get-together. Let's all fly with Safety in mind.

Pam and Darold Minielly wish to thank all those who came into their kite shop, SKY'S THE LIMIT, on the 27th and 28th of September for their Grand Opening.

"Keep up the Spirit" and Fly Safely. Ben

CONTEST!!

At the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach this year, Ben was graced and KEYED by many, many friends. Ben would like to show his appreciation to you by having a contest.

GUESS IF YOU CAN ??? THE AMOUNT OF KEYS

1. HOW MANY SKELETON KEYS _____
2. HOW MANY BLANK KEYS _____
3. HOW MANY DOOR KEYS _____
4. HOW MANY FLAT KEYS _____
5. HOW MANY CAR KEYS _____
6. HOW MANY LOCKER KEYS _____
7. HOW MANY KEY RINGS _____
8. HOW MANY KEYS, TOTAL _____
9. TOTAL WEIGHT _____
(POUNDS AND OUNCES)

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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 (except December).

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

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.

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, Oregon 97225. Membership \$7, includes bimonthly newsletter.

Kite Group of Boise.

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

S.F. Cody Kite Society

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

Lavender Winds Kite Club.

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

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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



LETTERS

"So Long, But So Short"

The Yunkers will be leaving Long Beach, Washington, with a Florida destination. My parents live in Florida and are "getting up there" in age, so we want to be closer to them.

Jan and I can't begin to tell you all how much we will miss our new friends of only two years, but we will always have you in our hearts and thoughts. We have been so graciously accepted into the world's most wonderful family (HUGS-HUGS).

In all of my travels over the years, a "CAN DO" group such as this has never been seen by this kid. You are the most dedicated, fun loving, hard working people I know of, and boy do Jan and I appreciate you. We will truly miss you all.

Thanks for having us, and please come visit us in Florida. The sad words are "SO LONG". We have had such a "SO SHORT" association with you all, but we are "SO SAD" to leave our flying family, making us both feel "SO BAD". But, the time may be "SO SHORT" before we return to the Northwest.

We love you all.

Jan and Terry Yuncker, P.O. Box 1485, Dunnellon, Florida 32630



Terry Yuncker, WSIKF Events Coordinator, shown here with David Chandler of Tasmania, at WKA Pizza Party at WSIKF

Heartbreak Letter

My beloved kites are gone...God! That is almost as hard to type as it is to conceive. The dusty-rose bag full of U.L.s and S.L.s, Flexis with light-weight spars and light-weight sky garbage, the royal-blue bag bursting its sides, full of Hawaiian Team 3/4 stacks, Turbos, Tori Takos, Actions new little Z-dart that I had yet to fly...All Gone! My Cody Compound, my Conyne, the mesmerizing Double Helix...none of them live here anymore.

Someone decided to add a little excitement to their lives last night. They broke a window out of my truck, struck my 13 year old red Lab and her little companion, a five month old terrier puppy, grabbed two waterproof canvas bags out of the cab (leaving behind \$150 worth of new merchandise), and fled into the night...all within 35 minutes while I ate at Denny's. They left behind 18 other kites which were not enclosed in bags and were fully visible.

I called the insurance company — yes, I am insured! At least the dollar value of the kites is. The truck window certainly is. But there is no replacement value for the yucky old orange and green Hurricane which was my first kite and, to this day, bears the scars of a poor line length judgement. The high-tension wire that appeared so far away left several tiny melted reminders that rule number one...thou shalt not fly by ANY wires...is inviolate. What price memories?

What value could possibly be assigned to discovering that kites are lyrical? My first Hawaiian Team Kite dancing over a deserted beach at Lincoln City with

a majestic Pacific Northwestern sunset spreading out behind it...what price serenity? The evening at Spring Festival, after all the crowds had gone home, when the last of the diehards were watching the sun dip into the ocean while flying ten foot Flexis with light-weight spars until a brand new baby seal with a freshly cut umbilical cord washed in on a wave and blindly bonded with each pair of Nikes or Reeboks that wandered past. Kites came down and retired to the sea wall and we wound up our line as we watched for mamma to come and claim her kite-crazy pup. She did, and we applauded. What price memories, indeed.

I think the thieves were abjectly disappointed when they discovered that the bags were not full of expensive skis or fancy fishing poles, and I refuse to think what they then would feel inclined to do to, or with, the contents. I wish really hard that they would like to make a buck or two off my addiction and love affair with the wind and would take them to any kite shop and leave them there. I will deliver to ANYBODY...ANYWHERE \$500 cash, no questions asked, no police, no recriminations...just a grateful thank you.

Meanwhile...thank you to Sandy Lamb for understanding and caring enough to have Gene put together the necessary insurance information. Thank you Gene for understanding my acting like a baby and dealing with my snivelling. Thank you, Linda Anderson, for making me feel like I wasn't weird, by articulating the feelings I am experiencing but couldn't explain. Thank you, Gasworks Kites and Kathy, for the same, also Sue at Seaside. Thanks to Rod Guyette for UPSing out an emergency S.L. to a nearby dealer to salvage my sanity.

If anyone has any information for me regarding one or more of my old friends turning up, I can be reached at (206) 436-0200, and again, no questions asked. Assure anyone making any offers, all I want is the kites back.

Thanks, and good winds.
Linda (Red) Cole

Open Letter to WKA Members:

Share your kiteflying knowledge! Did you know that schools, churches, service organizations, other clubs, community action programs and youth programs are blindly seeking more information on kites, how to fly kites, how to build kites, demonstrations and more. Many of these people are writing and calling AKA or your Regional Representative looking for knowledgeable kitefliers to come and share their kites. The joy you can receive by sharing your kites and knowledge will add a new dimension to your hobby. If you don't believe this, just ask Tom Sisson of the WKA, or Bill and Peg Burley of the AOK, or Rick Brown of the S.F. Cody Kite Society. If you have just finished helping out in one of these opportunities, please write a quick note of the experience and send it to your club editor!

Rick Talbott, Director, Region 10, American Kitefliers Association

Kite Calendar 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 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 published 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.

Kite Calendar

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.

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 5 (Saturday), Manzanita Merchants Association Kite Fly, Manzanita Beach at Laneda Avenue, Manzanita, Oregon. Contact Vicki Strang (503) 368-6606.

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), Ocean Shores Kite Festival and One Sky, One World Kite Fly, On the Beach, Ocean Shores. Contact Ocean Shores Kites (206) 289-4103.

October 12 (Saturday), Yachats Kite Festival. Contact Yachats Chamber of Commerce (503) 547-3530.

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

October 13 (Sunday), One Sky, One World Kite Fly, Columbia Point Marina, Richland, Washington. Contact Larry Zilar (509) 586-2664.

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 who are welcomed.)

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, Fife Grange Hall, Fife, 7:00 pm. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

November

November 2 (Saturday), WKA General Meeting, Burger King, South Lake Union, Seattle, Washington, 10:00 am. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203.

November 3 (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.

November 8 (Friday), Reception for Lee Sedgewick, Seattle, Washington. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780.

November 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday), Lee Sedgewick Seminar, Seattle, Washington. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780.

November 15 (Friday), WKA Newsletter Submission Deadline. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203.

November 17 (Sunday), Turkey Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle, Washington. Contact Darryl Stephison (206) 657-5797.

November 17 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island, Washington. Contact Dawn Clark (206) 339-9334 or Robin Haas (206) 362-3519.

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November 20 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma, Washington, 7:00 PM. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

November 23 (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.

November 27 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma, 7:00 pm. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

December

December 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.

December 18 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Holiday Potluck and Kite Auction, Fife Grange Hall, Fife, Washington, 7:00 pm. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

January

January 1 (Wednesday), Protest The Bowls Kite Fly, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, Washington, 11:00 am. Contact Ken Conrad (206) 624-6866.

January 1 (Wednesday), Watch Your Step Kite Freeze, Hanford High School, Richland, Washington. Contact Larry Zilar (509) 586-2664.

January 4 (Saturday), WKA General Meeting, Burger King, South Lake Union, Seattle, 10:00 am. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206) 885-0203

January 5 (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.

January 25 (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.

January 29 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma, 7:00 pm. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206) 627-1653.

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