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LEE SEDGWICK SEMINAR

by Steve Millspaugh

Seattle was recently the site of a visit by renowned multi-line kiteflier, Lee Sedgwick. It began with an open reception at Gasworks Park Kite Shop. With a plentiful supply of fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, and other assorted snacks, as well as beverages, area kitefliers got to meet and chat with Lee and each other in an informal, kite filled atmosphere. Guests came from Oregon and British Columbia, as well as the immediate area, to share in the evening of friendship and camaraderie. The festivities were continuing when I left at about 9:30 P.M.

The purpose of Lee's visit was the presentation of a seminar he calls "AIM". Kathy Goodwind found an excellent room at the Good Shepard Center in Wallingford where we got to hear him discuss Adaptation, Innovation, and Modification, the three points of AIM. Much of Lee's flying is done with quad line kites, and many of his tips were oriented towards that aspect of kiting. There were, however, plenty of tips that applied to any stunt kite flying.

Adaptation refers to learning to adapt your kite, your equipment, and your flying to various wind and weather conditions. Being from the icy East, Lee had some tips about flying on ice that I hope never to take advantage of. Much of what he had to say about low-wind conditions, however, may come in handy. Another point he made that I hope will catch on locally is that many of the fliers he flies with have started flying on short lines, enabling a larger number of stunt fliers to share limited space. While not an issue on those trips to the coast, this may be just the ticket for our city parks.

Innovation is, of course, one of Lee's strong points. He has pioneered many flying techniques, and won many innovative events at festivals. 3-D flying, lone-lining, and other techniques were explained and discussed. Demonstrations would come the following day on the flying field.

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WKA CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:30 TO 10:00 PM

JEFFERSON LAWN BOWLING CLUB
(BEHIND JEFFERSON GOLF CLUB-
HOUSE)

4103 BEACON AVENUE SOUTH
SEATTLE

It's a pot luck, so bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided; no alcoholic beverages permitted. Get acquainted, share favorite kites, videos or pictures. Bring kites you are having trouble with; there will be kitefliers there who can help.

Please RSVP Tom or Jean
Sisson (206) 725-3615.

Remember those less fortunate - bring a can of food for the food bank.

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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The next General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, January 4, 1992, at 6:30 pm, at the same location as the WKA Christmas Party shown to the left. It will also be a pot luck, so plan on bringing goodies. New officers will be installed at this meeting, so come and meet them. Start the new year by being an involved kite club member.

General Membership and Board Meeting Notes

A board meeting was held on October 23, 1991, in Kirkland. The meeting was called to order with eighteen members present. After the minutes from the prior meeting were read and approved, Kelci gave a treasurer's report. As a part of that report, she noted that the WKA Pizza Party at Long Beach actually made money (around \$100). The next order of business was a report from the Nominating Committee. No news is no news.

Tom Sisson gave us a report on the AKA Convention and the Florida weather report (it rained four of the five days). He told us that there were more than 600 attendees and that Charlie Sotich was named Kiteflier of the Year. He also stated that the best way for kite clubs to survive and grow was to keep meetings fun and business minimal. Another item from the convention was that we should publish an AKA membership application form in our newsletter once or twice each year.

Newsletter distribution to more kite shops was suggested by Dave Weigand. After discussion of the additional costs and potential benefits, it was decided that Dave would poll the shops and get an idea of the number of newsletters desired. The longest discussions concerned the possibility of changing locations and dates of our General Membership meetings to avoid holiday conflicts. In the final analysis, it was decided that the Bylaws already provide us enough flexibility in scheduling to allow us to move meetings around as we wish already. No action required. It works, so don't fix it.

Products items included the possibility of coming up with some WKA transfers, the creation of a WKA banner at Fort Worden, and the idea of having a Logo contest. Tom Sisson reported that he had uncovered a location for a Pot Luck, and we asked if he would try to secure it for our January General Membership Meeting. The final item was a discussion of the possibility of organizing a "Seattle Kite Festival" and a place to hold it.

The General Meeting was held at the Lake Union Burger King on November 2, 1991, with 24 members present. After the minutes were read and approved, a treasurer's report was given. The first order of business covered by Steve Millsbaugh was another call for volunteers to run for either officers or board members. He noted that it would be nice to have elections with more than one name beside each vacancy.

Tom Sisson and Kathy Smith then gave us reports on the AKA convention.

Darryl Stephison provided us an events update. We then discussed the movement of general meetings, the creation of a new WKA logo, WKA name badges, and a Pot Luck for the January General Membership Meeting. The next Board Meeting was set for December 18, 1991, in Kirkland.



Letters

Dear WKA:

We would like to thank the members of the WKA at WSIKF for their support and encouragement in light of Ric's upcoming bone marrow transplant. As promised, enclosed is our new mailing address. Ric will try to continue publication of the "Fighter Kite Newsletter". We will be thinking of you all whenever the wind blows. If you happen to be in Seattle and see a fighter kite flying from the top of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, send one up yourself; you'll know Ric's feeling better and still fighting.

Sincerely, Ric Merry and Carol Ann Nelsen, 3520 - 28th Avenue West, #308, Seattle, Washington 98199; (206) 285-2150

WKA Newsletter December 1991- January 1992

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

Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference

1992 Registration Form

It's time to sign up for the 1992 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference being held on March 6, 7 and 8, 1992, at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, Washington. Please register soon, since it is possible that we will sell out early.

Accommodations included in the conference package are dormitory style and primarily single rooms, with only a limited number of doubles available. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis to registrants who have paid in full.

If necessary, we may use Dormitory #203 this year - this section has no locks on the room doors. Please indicate below if you prefer this building (just across from the classroom facility).

Camp sites and Officer's Row houses may be available, and can be reserved by calling the park office at (206) 385-4730. Contact the Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce, 2437 Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368, telephone (206) 385-2722, for information about accommodations in town.

Please Note: Fees for materials/kits are not included for some classes. Information about these fees will be included in your registration packet, and will be payable at the conference.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$40.00 CONFERENCE FEE.



Historic Fort Worden State Park becomes both a university and a museum of kite making during the annual kitemaker's conference. Premier Northwest kitemakers display their favorite creations as part of the event. Shown above is one of Don Mock's Pacific Northwest Indian motif kites on display at last year's conference.

To register, please enter the information requested below:

Contact Name _____
 Contact Telephone () _____
 Contact Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Number of Persons Attending _____
 Names _____

Number of Conference Fees at \$40.00 per person = \$ _____
 Number of Accommodations at \$25.00 per person = \$ _____
 Number of Meal Packages at \$35.00 per person = \$ _____
 Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

Number of double rooms requested (if available)
 Number of rooms in dormitory #203 (if used, see * above)

Send registration form, along with a check payable to "Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference", to:
 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, c/o Kelci Williams, 18030 NE 155th Place, Woodinville, WA 98072.
 For registration information, call Kelci at (206) 788-6355.

TAKO KICHI AWARD

by Darryl Stephison

Are you a real kite nut? In Japan, they are called "tako kichi" meaning "kite crazy", and they are proud of it! I propose that we have an annual award for the Pacific Northwest Tako Kichi. Here's how it works. In this issue, I have compiled a list of nearly a hundred kite activities for 1992 in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. These are only the ones that I know about so far. There are sure to be more that develop during the year. How many of these can you attend? Start on January 1st, and make a diary of the activities you attend. Write something about each activity (it doesn't have to be very long). What did you like or dislike or find unusual? At the end of the year, send a copy of your diary to me (I'll put mailing information in a later issue). The award goes to the person who attends the most activities (with honorable mention to the author of the best chronicle). I plan to sprinkle quotes from entrants in the Kite Calendar throughout the following year. I don't know what the prize will consist of yet, but I'll try to make it good. I'll add details in later issues. In the meantime, keep watching the Kite Calendar. A real kite nut knows that dates, times, and places can change. Have a GREAT kiting year.



KITE CALENDAR

by Darryl Stephison

Here it is! A whole year all planned out for you. Come to all these activities and see beautiful and unusual kites, show your stuff, meet interesting and friendly people, and/or help others to experience the joy of kiting. This is the best information I have right now. If I made any mistakes, please let me know, and be sure to watch the Kite Calendar in every issue for possible changes.

1992

Washington Kitefliers Association Activities

JANUARY

January 1 (Wednesday), 19th Annual Protest the Bowls Kite Fly, 11 am, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle. Contact Ken Conrad, Great Winds Kites (206)624-6886.

January 1 (Wednesday), 3rd Annual Watch Your Step Kite Freeze, 12 noon, Hanford High School, Richland. Contact Larry Zilar (509)586-2664.

January 4 (Saturday), WKA Potluck & General Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm, Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, 4103 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle. Installation of new officers. Contact Steve Millspaugh (206)885-0203.

January 5 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

January 25 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

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

FEBRUARY

February 2 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

February 9 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

February 22 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

February 26 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

February 26 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

MARCH

March 1 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

March 6-8 (Friday-Sunday), 9th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact Sandra Lee (206)779-7578.

March 6 (Friday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 5 pm, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend.

March 8 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

March 25 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

March 28 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

APRIL

March 28 (Saturday) - April 26 (Sunday), 14th Annual Pacific Science Center Kite Exhibit, Pacific Science Center, Seattle. Contact Tom Sisson (206)725-3615.

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April 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday), 14th Annual Kite Fair, 10 am, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, making kites with kids. Contact Tom Sisson (206)725-3615.

April 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday), 8th Annual Welcome Spring Kite Festival, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores, competition. Contact Mike Brown, Ocean Shores Kites (206)289-4103.

Spring

April 5 (Sunday), 11th Annual Tri-Cities Spring Fly-In, 12 noon, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, fun fly & picnic. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

April 5 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

April 11 (Saturday), 4th Annual Bellevue Kite Day, 10 am, Downtown Bellevue Park, Bellevue, family fun with competition for children. Contact Darryl Stephison (206)432-1931.

April 22 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

April 25 (Saturday), 8th Annual Boise Kite Festival, 12 noon, Ann Morrison Park, Boise, Idaho, family fun with KGB flying demonstrations. Contact Dave Bogie (208)336-2038.

April 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday), Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach, Oregon. Contact Rick Talbott (503)324-5070.

April 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday), 6th Annual Kiona Winery Barrel Opening and Kite Fly, 12 noon, Kiona Winery, Benton City, fun fly and picnic. Contact Larry Zilar (509)586-2664.

April 25 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck (Annual Trlby Party), 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

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

Also in April look for the All City Kite Show at Franklin Park in Spokane, and the Japan Kite Festival Tour departing from Seattle. Check the Kite Calendar in future issues of the WKA Newsletter for further details.

MAY

May 2-3 (Saturday-Sunday), 8th Annual Preston Wine Cellar Kite Social, 12 noon, Preston Wine Cellar, Pasco, fun fly with potluck on Saturday. Contact Larry Zilar (509)586-2664.

May 2 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, location to be determined, Kennewick.

May 3 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

May 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday), 10th Annual Spring Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce (800)452-2151.

May 23-24 (Saturday-Sunday), Memorial Weekend Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach, fun fly. Contact Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

May 23 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

May 24 (Sunday), Squalicum Picnic, 10 am, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island. Contact Mike Button (206)733-7380.

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

JUNE

June 6-7 (Saturday-Sunday), 3rd Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival, Fulbright Park, Union Gap, competition. Contact Cliff Bond (509)697-6248.

June 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

June 14 (Sunday), Stunt Kite Demo Day, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Gasworks Kite Shop (206)633-4780.

June 14 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

June 24 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

June 24 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

June 25-28 (Thursday-Sunday), 6th Annual Westport Kite Festival, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport, competition with emphasis on fun. This year's theme; "I luv my kites". Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

June 26-28 (Friday-Sunday), 3rd Annual Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championship, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact Eric Forsberg (503)375-7557.

June 27 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

JULY

July 5 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

July 11 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 10 am, location to be determined.

July 11 (Saturday), Seattle Times Picnic & Kite Fly, 10 am, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Barbara Anne O'Neill (206)878-5772.

July 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday), Vancouver Seafest Kite Festival, Vanier Park, Vancouver, British Columbia, fun fly with potluck. Contact Art Ross (604)321-6409.

July 12 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

July 18 (Saturday), 2nd Annual Crystal Mountain Fun Fly, 10 am, Crystal Mountain Resort. Contact Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

July 19 (Sunday), Squilicum Picnic, 10 am, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island. Contact Mike Button (206)733-7380.

July 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday), Winchester Bay Fleet Days Kite Fly, Reedsport, Oregon. Contact Sonny Hamner (503)271-2784.

July 25 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

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



Also in July look for the 8th Annual Fly the Wild Wind at Rock Creek Park in Stevenson and the Metropolitan Kite Festival at Magnuson Park in Seattle. Check the Kite Calendar in future issues of the WKA Newsletter for further details.

AUGUST

August 2 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

August 9 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

August 17-23 (Monday-Sunday), 11th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact Kay Buesing (206)665-5744.

August 19 (Wednesday), WKA Picnic, 5 pm, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach.

August 22 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

August 26 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

August 26 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

SEPTEMBER

September 6 (Sunday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 10 am, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island.

September 6 (Sunday), Squilicum Picnic, after the meeting, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island. Contact Mike Button (206)733-7380.

September 6 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

September 12 (Saturday), 3rd Annual Bainbridge Island Kite Fly, 1 pm, Battle Point Park, Bainbridge Island, fun fly. Contact Darryl Stephenson (509)432-1931.

September 13 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

September 23 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

September 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday), 14th Annual Fall International Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce (800)452-2151.

September 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday), North Coast Challenge, Seaside, Oregon, national points competition. Contact Dave Gomberg (503)996-3083.

September 26 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

OCTOBER

October 3 (Saturday), 7th Annual Manzanita Kite Festival, Manzanita Beach at Laneda Ave., Manzanita, Oregon. Contact Vicki Strang, Manzanita Merchants Association (503)368-6606.

October 4 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

October 7-11 (Wednesday-Sunday), 15th Annual American Kitefliers Association Convention, Texas Technological University, Lubbock, Texas. Contact Brooks Leffler, American Kitefliers Association (800)252-2550.

October 9-11 (Friday-Sunday), 5th Annual October Kite Festival, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores, competition. Contact Mike Brown, Ocean Shores Kites (206)289-4103.

October 10 (Saturday), 14th Annual Yachats Kite Festival, On the Beach, Yachats, Oregon. Contact Yachats Chamber of Commerce (503)547-3530.

October 11 (Sunday), One-Sky, One World, Gasworks Park, Seattle.

October 11 (Sunday), One Sky, One World, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Larry Zilar (509)586-2664.

October 17-18 (Saturday-Sunday), Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach, fun fly. Contact Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

October 24 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

October 28 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

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October 28 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

NOVEMBER

November 1 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

November 7 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 10 am, location to be determined.

November 8 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

November 8 (Sunday), 4th Annual Harvest Fun Fly (formerly Turkey Fly) 12 noon, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Darryl Stephison (206)432-1931.

November 18 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

November 28 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck 10 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

DECEMBER

December 6 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

December 13 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

December 16 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact Matt or Jessica Palmer (206)627-1653.

December 23 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland.

Fly Safely!

S.F. Cody Kite Society

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

Regional Reports

Kite Group of Boise

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

Only one of us made it to the AKA Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. I enjoyed seeing many friends, clients and new faces. But the best part of the whole thing for me was watching one of our former members take a trophy. Congratulations to Don Mock for his First Place at the Nationals! (We taught him everything he knows.)

Was anyone else impressed by the rain in Florida? The natives claimed that while the amount of rain was a bit higher than normal, there was nothing unusual about the periods of dead calm separated by long deluges, for that time of year. The remarkably foul weather delayed or soaked out most of the competition events.

From the single line flying area, we could hear the stunt competitors' music, and every now and then see their kites above the trees. It is a tribute to their skill and equipment that they could fly at all under the prevailing conditions.

ONE SKY, ONE WORLD this year was a terrific success because we had wind for the first time in five years. We got most of the club together and put on quite a spectacle for the soccer players and their groupies in Ann Morrison Park.

I have recently converted my slide show from WSIKF '91 to video tape. Look in this issue's Classified section for details on how you can get your copy. Please note that this show DOES NOT HAVE A SOUNDTRACK. You will have to provide your own music while viewing the tape.

Looks like five years of drought are coming to an end in Boise. It's snowing as I type this report. See you all at Fort Worden!

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

Contact Mainframe Kite Shop (206) 627-1653, 3340 East 11th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421. PCKA membership is \$5 yearly, individual or family. Currently, we have over 300 members.

Ben-Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry or Marleen Zilar (509) 586-2664, 1030 West 14th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 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).

Westport Windriders

Contact: Chuck Reese (206) 875-6385; P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA 98586. The Westport Windriders host a fun fly and a meeting featuring potluck dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December).

Lavender Winds Kite Club

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

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

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.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact: Don or Shirley Allen (206)733-3777; 505 West Baker-view, #114, Bellingham, WA 98226

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

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WKA RENEWALS

Remember to renew your WKA membership and don't miss the next issue of the newsletter. Check the expiration date on your address label. Renewal is \$10 for US members, and \$12(US) for others. Send to WKA Membership Chairman, c/o Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

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This is your newsletter. Help us make it relevant and timely. All submissions will be considered. The deadline is the 15th of the month before publication.

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ABOUT YOUR 1992 WKA CANDIDATES

Bob Alford has been flying for a couple of years. In addition to being a very active WKA member, Bob is a member of the Westport Windriders. He has just finished a very successful year as WKA Secretary; you may recognize his name from reading his meeting notes in the newsletter.

Maura Alford has been flying for a couple of years, and has been an active member of the WKA during that time. She is a member of the Westport Windriders, and enjoys flying both single and dual line kites. Maura and her seven-year old daughter, Jamie, along with Bob, attend many WKA events in the region.

Dave Christensen has been flying seriously for about three years. He loves all facets of kiting — making them and flying them — both single and dual line. He has competed at Long Beach, Westport, Ocean Shores, and participated in Fort Worden the last two years. In addition to being a member of the WKA, he is currently the Vice President and a Charter member of the PCKA, and is a member of the AKA, AOK, S. F. Cody Kite Society, and Westport Windriders.

Ken Conrad is a founding member of the WKA, and proprietor of Great Winds Kite Shop in Seattle. He has made a number of trips to China representing the U.S. kiting community. Ken is a member of the AKA, and is currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Kite Trade Association. A goal of his is to promote cooperation between merchants and kites. He has been flying kites for about 20 years.

Judy Millsbaugh has been flying for about five years, and a member of the WKA for about four years. She is also a member of the AKA, AOK, Westport Windriders, BCKA, and BFKS. Judy enjoys flying and learning to fly all kinds of kites. She has served for the past year as Products Chairman, and co-published the WKA newsletter.

Dale Morgan, as most of us, began when he was a kid, but has been flying seriously for about seven years. He has been a WKA member for about three years. Dale flies both single and dual line kites.

William Morgan says he has been flying for about 50 years — since he was a child. He really got back into kite flying about six years ago when his son started flying stunt kites. He thought it looked like fun, and you know the rest! William has been a Boeing employee for 34 years, and flies airplanes.

Stu Murphy has been a member of the WKA for about three years, and flying for about four years. He is a member of the Westport Windriders, and likes to fly single, dual, and quad line kites. Stu makes many of his own kites, including multi-line kites. He enjoys helping new kites and teaching others to fly multi-line kites.

T.J. Murphy has been a WKA member for about three years, and is a member of the Westport Windriders. She enjoys the camaraderie of all the people in the kiting community, and flies both single and dual line kites. T.J. was the newsletter editor for the WKA Newsletter this past year.

John Repka has been flying kites for about seven years, and has been a member of the WKA since about 1985. In his kite collection, he has single, dual and quad line kites, and loves to fly — especially in the Long Beach area. He was raised in Colorado and recently joined the Colorado Skymasters.

Tom Sisson is a founding member of the WKA, and is a former winner of the AKA's Steve Eideken Kiteflier of The Year Award. Besides the WKA, Tom belongs to the AKA, AOK, Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites, the Chicago Skyliners, the BFKS and the Westport Windriders. He is known nationally for his love of teaching kids to make and fly kites.

Watson Toles has been flying kites since he was a kid, and became re-interested after his retirement about eight years ago. He has been a member of the WKA for about six years. He flies both dual and single line kites, and is considering starting to build his own kites again.

DyAnne Tryon flies both single and dual line kites, and has been doing so for about five years. Diane has a business background and has been a WKA member for about four years.

Dave Weigand has been a member of the WKA for about six years, and is also a member of the AKA. He has shared the Merchant Liaison position with Ken Conrad for the last year. Dave has been active in the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference for a number of years, serving as the unofficial "videographer".

Garth Westhoff has been a member of the WKA for about ten years, and previously was a member of the Central Ohio Kitefliers Association. He is also a member of the AOK. Garth has been actively involved in the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, serving on the board for about four years.

Charles Whitaker has been flying since he was a child, mostly single line kites. His second stage of kiting began after he came out of the service, as a form of relaxation, around 1977. He flies mostly stunters. He is a member of the WKA and the PCKA. In the past, he worked with Tom Mallard at Kite Sport, and was part owner of Aerial Delights in Redmond.

Kelci Williams has been a WKA member for about five years. She enjoys both dual and single line kites. Kelci has served the past two years as Treasurer of the WKA, and prior to that was Secretary. She has been actively involved in the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference for a number of years. Besides the WKA, she is a member of the AKA, AOK, and Westport Windriders.

President's Letter

by Steve Millsbaugh

I'm sure you all missed my President's Letter last issue, due to space limitations (some of you did notice, didn't you?). Seeing as this will be the last one I get to do, I don't want to miss the opportunity to remark on how much I have enjoyed the past year. Judy and I sort of took on a little bit too much, between the newsletter, products, and the presidency. We want to continue to publish the newsletter, so I have decided not to run for re-election. I did, however, enjoy the year, and hope that I have managed to accomplish some of what I had intended, which was primarily to renew the club's emphasis on FUN. I don't know about you, but I had a lot of fun this last year.

We have a great bunch of kitefliers here in Washington, and a lot of great events. I hesitate to start a thank you list, as I am sure to leave someone out. I do, however, want to comment on the gracious hospitality I was shown around the state by such groups as the Westport Windriders, the Ben Franklin Kite Society, The Squaticum Kitefliers, SCI-FI, the PCKA, and the folks at Long Beach. It has been truly a rewarding experience being President of the WKA, and I look forward to continued involvement with all of you in the coming years.

I would like to urge you to return your ballot. I find it encouraging that we have a number of people eager to help the Association by donating their time to serve as officers and board members. Let's show our gratitude and respect for these people by caring enough to vote, and remember that each of them will need our support and help throughout the year.



December Kite



Calendar



December 1 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, Marine Park, Everett. Pot luck in the evening at Legion Park. Contact Dawn Clark (206)339-9334.

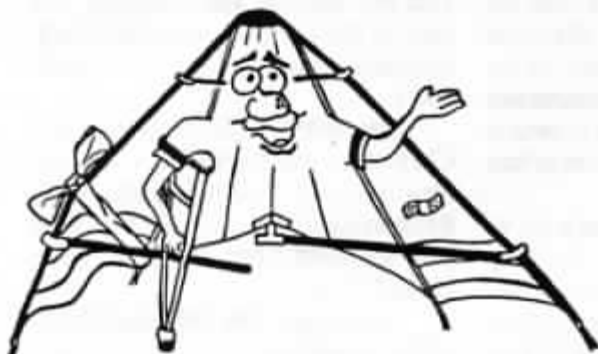
December 7 (Saturday), WKA Christmas Party and Pot Luck, Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club, 4103 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle, 6:30 pm. Contact Tom or Jean Sisson (206)725-3615.

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

December 18 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland, 7:00 pm. Contact Steve Millsbaugh (206)885-0203.



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