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ONE (WO)MAN'S OPINION

by Kay Buesing

I should be writing this more newspaper like. But that's difficult when you're excited about what's happening. I want to shout and holler, and that's difficult and still remain objective.

So here goes—take notice of the following changes, specialties and highlights that will happen at this year's Washington State International Kite Festival, August 17th-23rd in Long Beach, Washington.

Handcrafted Kite Competition—Thursday, August 20th: First of all, notice the change of day. Previously, Handcrafted Day has been on Tuesday. One of Long Beach's goals is to encourage new kitemakers and provide a place for them to compete. Handcrafted Day will use AKA comprehensive judging rules and kite categories. However, there will be both Apprentice and Masters classes, and AKA membership is necessary only if the participant wants to accumulate AKA points. The best of two worlds!

Pioneer Kites—Tuesday, August 18th: This is a bonanza for kite history. Rick Brown, Cody Kite Society President, will lead Tuesday's activities. The day will begin with kite trains judged on Most Kites and Most Beautiful. Pioneer Kite Authenticity Competition will follow that. Lead by Rick Brown, Pioneer Kite Authenticity Competition will become an event this year. Then, concocted by the committee, there will be costume kudos for those dressed in outfits of the 17, 18 and early 1900s.

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Fun Nights

by Steve Millspaugh

The folks at City Kites/City Toys are doing a fun night once a month from April through September. The store closes one hour early on these nights, and the crew goes to either Discovery Park (near the south entrance) or Gasworks Park. They carry along kites and toys—old favorites and new ones to be tested by them.

They invite you and your friends (children and adults) to join them. Fun night hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In case of rain, they gather at Gasworks Park in the shelter area.

The next Fun Night will be Wednesday, June 17th at Discovery Park, and then Wednesday, July 15th at Gasworks Park. They will continue on Wednesday, August 12th at Discovery Park, and conclude September 16th at Gasworks Park.

Stunt Kite Demo Day

by Steve Millspaugh

Kathy Goodwind and her friends at Gasworks Park Kite Shop will present Demo Day again on June 14th on Kite Hill at Magnuson Park in Seattle.

This has become an annual event at which the folks from the shop head out to Magnuson with a variety of stunt kites (one of just about everything in the shop) to let the local enthusiasts take a try before they buy.

This is a great opportunity to check out the latest and greatest kite that you've been reading about or heard about from your friends. You can also bring along your own stunt kites and receive help and advice for tuning or repairing them.

Judy and I were lucky enough to make it last year, and had a great time.

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The next General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, July 12th, at 12 Noon, in the Chapel at the Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

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Your participation award will be your picture with an antique kite. Hit the attic and secondhand stores. Help create the atmosphere.

To add to this, on Saturday we will set a new World's Record for number of Cody Kites in the sky. Fifty-three is the winning number at this writing. Beg, borrow, buy or make a Cody, and help bring the Cody record banner to Long Beach.

Always a special highlight at Long Beach is the opportunity to meet kite fliers from around the world, and see their creations. The following international guests will be attending:

Team Detlev Banner from Berlin will bring 20-30 Stuff Sacks. An inflatable floating 30-foot dragon and a 20-foot diameter globe on a 6-foot stalk are two of their displays.

Michel Gressier from France creates abstract wonders, states *American Kite*. Pierre Fabre described him as the most innovative kite-maker on the scene because of his unique shapes, painting process, color combinations, and designs.

Rolf Sturm from Duesseldorf began designing and building kites six years ago. You may be familiar with his Snoopy and the Red Baron, which have been joined by a leaping frog and various insects and fish. Rolf also loves kiteferry games.

Adrian Conn from Canada will display his famous dragonfly kites. He has won numerous awards for kite innovations.

Other international fliers planning to attend Long Beach are **Michael Steltzer**, Germany; **Seiko Nakamura** and **Katsutaka Marooka**, Japan; **Art Ross** and **Aime Bassalou**, Canada.



Katsutaka Marooka and Aime Bassalou sign autographs at 1991 Pizza Feed, shadowed by one of the many door prizes.

WKA Pizza Feed at WSIKF

Once again, the Washington Kitefliers Association takes the opportunity to host the international guests at WSIKF in Long Beach. This year, our party will be on Wednesday, which is August 19th. It will get under way at 6 PM, and will be held, again, at the Super 8 Motel. Pizza and salad from Chico's will be the menu, and door prizes will help provide a festive atmosphere. Guests of honor will include all the international guests listed in the article from the WSIKF committee. If you plan to attend, we would appreciate a call to help us plan on a schedule for ordering pizza. Those of you who joined us last year will understand that it helps us to know in advance. Please call WKA President Dave Christenson at (206) 471-9103.

Note: The WKA is no longer providing alcohol at any functions sponsored by the WKA due to potential legal liabilities.

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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your 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 (if you want your photographs back) for return to Judy Millsbaugh, 7573 Old Redmond Road, No. 5, Redmond, Washington 98052. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue — July 15th for the next issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

Membership

To become a member of the WKA, 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.

Jetty Island Days Kite Festival

by Robin Haas

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI) is proud to be co-sponsoring a new event. The event is The First Jetty Island Days Kite Festival, which will be held on Sunday, July 12, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with the Everett Parks Department.

Jetty Island is a two-mile long man-made island that is located just off the waterfront in Everett. With no obstructions for miles, the wind is usually the closest to ocean fresh that is found on Puget Sound. The only access to the island is by boat. If you don't have your own boat, the Parks Department operates a free 65 passenger ferry that departs from the Everett Marina. The trip is only a few minutes long, and the boat leaves every half hour. Although the trip is free, tickets are issued. You can reserve tickets for the boat by calling (206) 259-0304 after July 8, 1992. The island is very primitive. There are restrooms but NO electricity or running water. SCI-FI plans to sell pop and candy, but it will be necessary to bring your picnic lunch.

The festival will have many activities going on. There will be free kite building and decorating for the kids, as well as face painting. A stunt kite competition for juniors is being planned. There will be both individual and team stunt kite demonstrations. It is hoped that enough people show up with fighter kites to have a demonstration of these kites, and possibly a fun contest. The club also wants to have as many single line kites in the air as possible. There are some tie downs available for large kites, and lots of driftwood large enough to anchor other kites.

There will be a variety of fun activities in the unlikely event that there is no wind.

If you are coming from the South, take the Pacific Street exit off I-5. Go west on Pacific Street to Marine View Drive. Turn right on Marine View Drive and go past Scott Paper Company to the second light after the bridge (the first light is currently flashing yellow). Turn left into the Marina entrance.

Of you are coming from the North, take the Highway 529 exit by Marysville off I-5. Follow the highway to the north end of Everett (approximately five miles). Just after you cross the bridge over the Snohomish River, there is an exit to Marine View Drive. Turn left on Marine View Drive and follow it a couple of miles to the first light. Turn right into the Marina entrance.

For further information, call Robin Haas at (206) 670-3963.

WKA Fun Fly

by Steve Millspaugh

The Washington Kitefliers Association will be hosting a fun fly on Kite Hill at Seattle's Magnuson Park on Sunday, August 9th. Come join us as we tune up for WSIKF, and you may just get a sneak preview of some new creations.

Here's your chance to get together with old friends, make new ones, and just have fun flying!

For further information, call Ken Conrad at Great Winds Kite Shop (206) 624-6886.

Fifth Annual Seattle Times Kite Fly

by Barbara Anne O'Neill

On Saturday, July 11th, The Seattle Times will welcome all interested kitefliers to join us at Magnuson Park for the Fifth Annual Times Kite Fly. Things will get under way at 10:00 a.m., and last until everyone is ready to go home. Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite kites for fun and games, including free face painting for the kids.

Third Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival

by Debbie Rodgers

As you can imagine, the Yakima Valley Kite Flyers are busy organizing the Third Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival coming up on June 13th and 14th at Fullbright Park in Union Gap, WA. Yes, the festival is definitely, positively, and absolutely on the 13th and 14th of June. (editors note: We would like to apologize for any confusion caused by the mistake in last issue's Kite Calendar.)

What a weekend we are going to have! There will be kite team demonstrations by Cosmic Storm, Team Cyborg, OGO Fly A Kite, Pacific Flyers, The Cutting Edge, Invisible Winds, and Wind o Saurus, along with Yakima's own Wingz and Team Peregrine. We will have kite games for all ages, and sought after prizes. Twelve mylar dragons will be given away as prizes for the kids events, and fifty gold event pins have been made exclusively for kite game prizes. Silver event pins will be sold at the festival for \$5 each.

A candy drop, Godzilla challenge, and Rokkaku battle have been planned, along with single line and handcrafted competitions. We have 800 Tree Top kites to give away, and you might even see clowns flying kites in the park.

Adding to the festivities at Fullbright Park will be professional Frisbee players, story tellers, stage performances, concessions, and crafts.

Saturday evening we are again hosting a Fliers Barbecue. We are asking you to bring either a salad, beans, chips, or a dessert.

There could not possibly be as much fun under the sun anywhere else on the 13th and 14th as at the Yakima Festival. We hope to see you all there!

All WKA members, Seattle Times employees and all others interested in joining us for kite flying, are welcome for this event.

7th Annual Westport Kite Festival

Reprinted from the Westport Windriders Newsletter

It's only a few short weeks until the 7th Annual Westport Kite Festival starts on June 25th. It will be four great days of kiting fun, fellowship and competitions. This year the emphasis is on FUN, which is fitting because the Windriders call Westport Kiting's Fun Capitol.

The FUN THINGS include the theme this year, I LUV MY KITES, and everyone knows love is FUN. Every day there are some special FUN things going on besides the regular FUN of kiting on the beach. Here is a listing of the extra added FUN things planned for the 7th Annual Westport Kite Festival.

The Friday evening FUN is a barbecue/pot luck picnic on the beach, followed by a bonfire and lighted kites at dusk.

The Saturday FUN activities are for the kids, with the Teddy Bear Parade, the Teddy Bear Sky Drop and the awarding of four giant teddy bears. This special childrens program on the beach will be handled by the White Horse Kite Flyers from Swindon, England.

The Saturday evening FUN will be at the awards dinner at the VFW Hall Youth Center. There will be a different type of pin collectors challenge, which should be lots of fun.

On Sunday, the fun events are the fighter kite and Rokkaku challenges on the beach. These two events are lots of fun to participate in and fun to watch. The Rokkaku challenge can be really fun to watch, as this is a team event. Costumes and crazy actions by team members are the rule rather than the exception.

Along with all these fun things going on, there will be the great kiting displays and competitions, as always, at the Westport Festival.

Thursday will be Handcrafted Kite day with two classes, nine divisions and five categories. If you made it, this is your day.

Friday is Junior and Adult Stunt Kite Competitions, with three classes and four divisions.

Saturday is the day for big kites, wind art and camp displays. This is the day to really strut your stuff and go all out on those camp displays. The total effect of some of these displays is really something to see.

Sunday will be open flying, along with the fighter kite and Rokkaku challenges.

North Coast Challenge

by David Gomberg

If you enjoyed the AKA Convention in Seaside, you're going to love the North Coast Challenge! Scheduled for September 26th and 27th at Seaside, Oregon, it includes a nationally-ranked sport kite competition, comprehensive kitemaking events run according to the AKA rules, a Rokkaku battle, fighter kite competition, a new competitors choice event, and a gala Saturday night banquet.

Sport Kite events have been recognized as national level competition by *American Kite Magazine*. Individual contestants and teams are expected from across the nation and around the Pacific Rim. The contest will also

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serve as a five-state regional championship for the new Pacific Northwest League. Eric and Genny Forsberg will coordinate the contests, which will be conducted under the 1992 AKA Sport Kite Competition Rules.

Kitemakers (of both single-line and multi-line handmade kites) will also have an opportunity to compete in a major event. Kathy Goodwind will coordinate the comprehensive judging of kitemaking. This contest will also be conducted under the current AKA rules. Judging criteria include craftsmanship, design, flight handling, and visual flight appeal in as many as a dozen different categories.

A large-scale Rokkaku Battle is on the schedule. Time permitting, both individual and team heats will be run. Fighter kite action is also scheduled. Ric Merry, publisher of *The Fighter Kite Newsletter*, has been invited to coordinate the contests. Rules for these events are also available from the AKA. Additionally, a sport kite destruction derby is being discussed. Ever wonder what to do with your old stunt dinosaur? Last kite in the air wins!!

Finally, in a great, airborne spectacular and photo-op, fliers will be encouraged to show us their best for a one-hour competitors choice event. Entrants in all other categories will be given ballots to select the greatest kite at a great kite event.

The Challenge is a serious kite competition, and all contestants will be required to be current AKA members. Overall coordinator is David Gomberg.

There will be a charge for some events. For AKA membership or copies of current rule books on sport kites, kitemaking, or Rokkaku and fighter flying, call 1-800-252-2550.

Sponsorships for the North Coast Challenge are still being accepted. Potential donors should call (503) 996-3083.

For registration forms for this event, call David Gomberg at (503) 996-3083.





Stu Murphy flying his elephant at the top of Crystal Mountain at the First Annual Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly last year.

Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly

by Jessica Palmer

The Second Annual Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly will be held on July 11 and 12, 1992, at the Crystal Mountain Resort. The festivities will begin Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. when the lifts start operating, but you don't have to brave the ski lifts to fly your kites at Crystal. The mountain top will be open for kites who want to reach a higher altitude than their kites normally do, but there are plenty of activities at the base of the mountain.

Bring your best handmade kites to compete for the People's Choice awards. Categories will include: (1) Prettiest Kite in the Sky, (2) Most Outrageous Kite, (3) Longest Train, (4) Best Sky Laundry. Registration for the People's Choice awards will be Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the PCKA information booth on the patio at the base lodge. Voting will go on all day.

The Washington Kitefliers Association will be holding their July, general membership meeting in the chapel at noon on Saturday. Here's a chance for all PCKA members to get involved and updated on the activities of our statewide kite club.

Masters class stunt kite competitors Team Ramjet will be flying exhibitions in the upper parking lot all day Saturday, along with other local teams. Free kitemaking for the kids will also be available all day on Saturday.

Crystal will provide a barbecue at the mountain base, or bring your own picnic and set up on one of the slopes. All snack bars and restaurants will be open for business during the day.

Warren Callahan will present his famous 3-D slide show Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. He'll have some brand new shots of recent Northwest kiting events. The People's Choice awards will be presented at the slide show.

Fighter kite competitions (knock the cup off the pole) will be held at noon on Sunday.

For lodging information, contact Phyllis Hartford at Crystal Mountain (206) 663-2258. Some camping sites are available in the lower parking lot at Crystal, or you can camp at the Silver Springs Campground run by the National Park Service about ten miles down the road.

For more information on the Crystal Mountain/PCKA Fun Fly, call Mainframe Kite Shop at (206) 627-1653.

Pacific Northwest League

The Pacific Northwest League (PNL) is made up of stunt kite events that are held in AKA Region 10, and close neighboring events. Points are gained by competitors who reside in that area. Points are accumulated at each of this year's five events, with awards presented at the final event. All competitors must be AKA members.

Our purpose is to encourage more local events that Northwest fliers may attend at nominal travel costs; to provide more opportunities for Northwest fliers to compete and earn awards; and to set an example for other regions with local events. All five competition levels will receive points.

The Pacific Northwest League steering committee members are: David Brittain, Brad Bushell, Dawn Clark, Eric Forsberg, Genny Forsberg, Kathy Goodwind, and Troy Gunn. The committee includes competitors, event coordinators, kite shop owners, and kite manufacturers.

League events for 1992 include: **The Redwood Fly**, May 2nd and 3rd in Eureka, California, contact Dusty Smith (707) 442-9245. This was a quad, dual and comprehensive competition with single-line fighter kite and Rokkaku challenges.

The Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championships, June 27th and 28th at Long Beach, Washington, con-

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tact Eric and Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557. Annual dual and quad-line competitions.

The Oregon State Stunt Kite Championships July 11th and 12th at Lincoln City, Oregon, contact Eric and Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557. Annual dual and quad-line competitions.

The BCKA Pacific Rim Festival July 18th and 19th at Vanier Park, Vancouver British Columbia, contact Sally Fontana (604) 685-9877. PNL competition points will be for NOVICE only.

The North Coast Challenge September 26th and 27th at Seaside, Oregon. Quad, dual and comprehensive competitions. Festival manager David Gomberg (503) 996-3083, dual/quad coordinators Eric and Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557, comprehensive coordinator Kathy Goodwind (206) 784-8053.

Please send your suggestions or questions concerning the Pacific Northwest League to PNL, P.O. Box 578, Banks, OR 97106. Phone (503) 357-7557 or fax (503) 359-5232.

Puffin Kite Festival by Debbie Rodgers

Team Peregrine was on the road again. Our destination for April 25th and 26th was Cannon Beach, Oregon, and the Fifth Annual Surfsand/Wayfarer Puffin Kite Festival. Saturday was a warm, beautiful day with minimal winds. Many Northwest single line fliers, stunters, and teams came out of their winter hibernation to show off their new stuff. We flew our graceful ultra-light Peregrines most of the day. Everyone on the beach was treated to hot dogs, sodas, and ice cream.

Traditionally, Sunday was very stormy and cold. Winds blew off Haystack Rock, bouncing from 10 to 28 miles per hour. We put on warm clothing and downsized to our new Peregrine 3/4 Bird kites. We had a blast flying a high energy wing it routine to exciting chase music. It was also a morning for Rick Brown's Codys and the Lary's bear drop attempt. As the wet stuff rolled in we packed up and sadly headed home.

Regional Reports

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

Contact Mainframe Kite Shop (206) 627-1653, 3340 East 11th St., Tacoma, WA 98421; or Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103

Our April meeting held a surprise for PCKA members. As people arrived for the Wednesday night get together, they found a helium filled balloon tied to the back of each chair. Before we started our club business, everyone was asked to pop their balloons. Inside were pieces of paper with prizes written on them. More than forty prizes were given away, but the best part of the evening was listening to PCKA Prez Matt Palmer conduct the meeting with a helium induced Donald Duck voice.

A recent addition to the club is a new copier that can shrink, enlarge, and spit out 2,000 newsletters without letting out blue puffs of smoke (a problem our old machine frequently had). The copier is available for member use for the cost of the paper.

All you kite makers, keep the Western Washington Fair in mind. PCKA and the Puyallup Fair will put on a handcrafted kite contest at the fair in September. Also, the fun fly at Crystal Mountain is coming up on July 11th and 12th. Hope to see you all there!

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association meets at Mainframe Kite Shop at 7:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday on every month. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, eat some junk food, and share some kiting stories. Five-color enamel pins of the club logo are available for \$5. Look for a new pin to be released at the Crystal Mountain fly. Individual or family club membership is \$5 a year. This includes the quarterly newsletter, free use of the club library, and discounts at local kite shops.


Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI)

Contact Robin Haas (206) 670-3963; or Dawn Clark (206) 339-9334 SCI-FI members are busy preparing for the upcoming First Jetty Island Days Kite Festival. The event will be held on Sunday, July 12, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the article in this issue for more information on this event.

There has been a schedule change (actually a location change) for our June fun fly. Every year the City of Everett has Salty Sea Days, and they set up a carnival on the field we normally use for our fun fly. We had previously planned to use our alternate location of North Middle School, but this has also changed. We have decided to hold a fun fly at Fort Casey on Whidbey Island. This will be on Sunday, June 7th, so come join us at Fort Casey.

The club has started a new project designed to reduce the amount of litter that we find on our kite field. Garbage bags have been purchased that are available to club members. The bag comes with a bright red tag that says, "This bag of litter collected by a Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individual." We will be placing bags of litter on or next to the garbage cans on our field. We are also encouraging people to collect a bag of litter wherever they fly. If you happen to see one of these bags on a field or beach, you can be sure that at least one of us has been there!

Our club has been continually growing. We would like to invite anyone with an interest in kites to join us. Your dues entitle you to have a say in the club's business and receive a newsletter every other month. We have a fun fly and business meeting on the first Sunday of every month. The fun fly is usually held at the Marine Park and Boat Launch at 10th and Marine View Drive in Everett, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Remember, June's fly is at Fort Casey!) Come on up and check us out!

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Regional Reports (Continued)

Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

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

April 11th: The kgb arrived *en masse* at the front gate of Mountain Home Air Force Base primed to fly. The remarkable bureaucracy that is the Armed Forces had, predictably, misplaced the security clearances for our group. The Elite Corps lieutenant tending the Visitors Gate was not amused by a bunch of flakes in shorts claiming they were there to fly kites, and calling themselves the kgb.

We had done our homework, though, and could tell the guard who to call for our security vouchers. We were soon on our way to the base elementary school to mount our demonstration. The wind was up, and within minutes the sky was crammed with a collection of Mick Dahms originals and various commercial kites. We launched our flock of Pergrines and began warming up our (very short) team routine.

We stopped traffic on the base's main road, and gathered a crowd of about fifty observers from the nearby housing area. We got to show off and answer plenty of questions. The weather was cooperative and our hosts were gracious, promising to invite us back next year. A fabulous time was had by all.

Point Worth Remembering: Experience has shown us that if your group is invited to put on a flying demo, an important question to have answered early in the negotiations is, "Where will you have the restrooms located?"

April 25th: The Eighth Annual Boise Kite Festival was another bust! Yes, folks, for the fourth (or fifth, who cares?) year in a row a massive high pressure area dominated the weather scene, and adequate winds for a kite festival failed to manifest themselves. Attendance was way down, with many other family activities scheduled for the same weekend. Judging went rapidly with nothing in the air, so we had plenty of time to meet and visit with our out of town guests, trade some pins, and get ridiculously sunburned.

Out-of-towners included Linda and John Zilar from Kennewick, WA, and about eight folks from the Salt Lake City area whom Scott Hampton somehow convinced to make the six hour drive up to Boise. We also had kite freaks from Buhl, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, and Nampa, Idaho. The Artery provided a pin for the event which features a Peregrine.

I recently found a great source for precision (expensive) weather instrumentation. This catalog features a collection of wonderful sundials, books, weathervanes and other weather-related tools, toys, and t-shirts. Send \$1.00 to Wind and Weather, P.O. Box 2320, Mendocino, CA 95460.

There exists a magazine for every hobby and obsession. If you enjoy watching the skies and the changing weather systems or just want to know more about whats going on up where your kites hang out, try Weatherwise Magazine, 1319 18th St. NW, Washington, DC, 20077-6117 (\$25.00 per year).

See you all at Yakima and Long Beach.

David Bogle, etc.

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

Contact Pat Teague (509) 966-3812 (evenings)

The Yakima Valley Kite flyers are now formally organized. Memberships are available at \$5 per member or \$10 per family. A limited supply of club pins are available for \$4 each. A June Festival pin will be available on the 13th and 14th and will sell for \$5. For membership, pins, and festival information call Pat Teague at (509) 966-3812 after 5:00 p.m.

Capitol City Flyers

Contact Cool Rain Kites (206) 943-5700, 222 North Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98501.

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.

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

Lavender Winds Kite Club

Contact Brian Bradley (206) 896-6190, P.O. Box 5396, Vancouver, WA 98668. Lavender Winds meets on the first Sunday of each month. Membership \$3, includes quarterly newsletter.

S. F. Cody Kite Society

Contact Rick Brown (503) 689-8175, 1082 Bethesda Street, Eugene, OR 97402. Membership \$10 for one year, or \$17 for two years, includes quarterly newsletter.

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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





Letters

Mr. Tom Sisson:

Thanks to all the Washington Kitefliers who participated in this year's kite exhibit and workshop, and especially to you for your hard work in coordinating the event for this and all previous years.

Pacific Science Center has enjoyed working with the Washington Kitefliers Association. The hanging kites have added beauty and color to Building 2 and aided the public in knowing the vast variety of kites! The workshop is also a unique educational experience—learning how simple it can be to make something fly (which seems like a very complicated thing).

With your official retirement from this event, however, I feel that this is the appropriate time to turn our energies and resources to other projects. Next Spring we will have numerous public programs focusing on Beatrix Potter and her nature studies, as well as other planned events.

I hope in the future we will have the occasion to work again with the Washington Kitefliers Association. It has been a delight working with you—thanks again.

Sincerely, Melanie N. Enderle
Special Events Coordinator, Pacific Science Center



Children enjoying kitemaking at the Pacific Science Center, courtesy of Tom Sisson and the Washington Kitefliers Association. Photos by Mort Schmorlaitz.



Dear WKA

I have been a member since the end of March, when I was first introduced to kiting. We're going to the beach, my Dad said, to go kite flying. Oh man, you've got to be kidding. Here I am, a 20 year old junior in college on Spring Break, with my girlfriend standing beside me, and my father, of all people, Mr. Athletic, says "kites." In my mind, at the time, he might as well have said we're going to take ballet lessons.

The unveiling of the kites and their massive size were quite impressive. But it was not until I felt a tug at the end of my arms that I appreciated what my father does and loves. I found myself needing that tug, and in some cases the leg straining pull, like a druggie needs his dope. Kiting snuck up on me and bit me like a female skeeter in the Okefenokee swamps, and I have members of the WKA to thank for it. Thanks Dad, Maura, and Jamie (my little sis). Thanks also to Morrie and Kelci Williams for showing me that kiting does not have to mean flying a \$2.95 Gayla from Majik Market. May we all spread the kiting bug around the world.

Robby Alford
3815 Cody Rd., Room 108, Columbus, GA 31907

President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Did everybody get out and do some serious flying the last couple of months? I did and had a good time in the great weather we've been having lately.

I want to say Thanks to all of the members that loaned Tom Sisson their kites for the Pacific Science Center display. Thank you to all the folks that helped put up and then take down the display. Your help was appreciated.

Susie and I got to go to our first barrel tasting and kite fly at a winery the other weekend. We had a great time. We got to meet some really great people at the Kiona Winery and fun fly during the weekend. Thanks to Pam and Frank Lucas also for hosting the potluck and meeting at their house. And to the rest of you *Tako Kichi* people on the other side of the hill, Susie said thanks for the good time, and we will see you all again at the Yakima Festival.

As everybody knows, we are fast approaching the International Festival at Long Beach. I am looking for volunteers to help out during the festival. If you are interested, please get in touch with me and let me know

when you are available, etc. Make sure you give your name and a phone number so I can get in touch with you when more information is available. Also, all Kite Clubs take note, there may be a new challenge coming for WSIKF 1992. I am still trying to work out all the details, so stay tuned. Are you curious yet?

Don't forget that we have some great festivals coming up during the next few months. Please support the local clubs and businesses that put on these festivals because they do a fantastic job.

Does anyone have any ideas for some banners or flags for the WKA? Every time I go to kite flies and festivals, I see all the other clubs and groups with their banners and flags. I think we need something for the WKA members to rally around at the festivals. We are one of the largest kiting groups in the nation, and we don't have any means for people to recognize us. If you have any ideas, drop the Prez a line so I will know how you feel about it. Send a postcard or anything to Dave Christenson, WKA, 3594 East E St., Tacoma, WA 98404.

Remember to fly safely, and I hope to see you all on the flying fields soon.

BEST WINDS,
Dave Christenson


Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

A board meeting was held on April 21, 1992, in Kirkland. The meeting was called to order with twelve members present. After the minutes were read and approved, Kelci provided a financial report. Dave opened the floor to other business. T.J. showed us the new WKA pins. Fort Worden news was that Martin Lester and Randy Tom have agreed to appear for the next kite-makers conference. The Seattle Kite Festival committee reported that we would be unable to have a festival in 1992, and suggested a Fun Fly at Magnuson Park on August 9th.

We were told that the contact person and telephone number for the AKA Convention should be Gary King at (806) 762-8553. Stu Murphy and Steve Millspaugh volunteered to hang kites for the King County Fair for July 15th-19th. KOMO asked for our participation in their July 4th FOR KIDS SAKE and the August 8th KOMO KIDS FAIR. We will be getting more information on those affairs.

After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that "The WKA will no longer provide alcoholic beverages at any WKA function due to liability requirements." It was also decided to discuss dues, prices and other monetary topics at the next board meeting. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:25 PM. Let's go fly our kites!



This summer, remember that the decrease in the ozone layer means an increase in UV radiation making it through to our flying fields. To help protect yourself this year, use lots of good sunblock and UV protective sunglasses!

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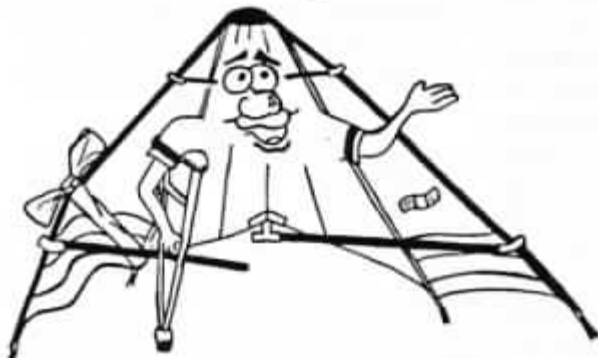
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Kite Calendar

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JUNE

June 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 AM, Fort Casey State Park, Whidbey Island. Contact Robin Haas (206)670-3963; or Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

June 13-14 (Saturday-Sunday), 3rd Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival, Fulbright Park, Union Gap. Contact Debbie Rodgers (509) 966-2249, days; or Pat Teague (509) 966-3812, evenings.

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 17 (Wednesday), Fun Night, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Discovery Park, Seattle. Contact City Kites, (206)622-5349.

June 20-21 (Saturday-Sunday), Fathers Day Festival, Richmond, British Columbia. Single and dual line competitions. Contact (604)685-9877.

June 24 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 PM, 12515 Willows Road, Suite 220, Kirkland. Contact Dave Christenson, (206) 471-9103.

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 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday), 3rd Annual Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championship, Bolstad Street

Access, Long Beach. Competition. Contact Eric Forsberg (503)375-7557.

JULY

July 5 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 AM, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Robin Haas (206)670-3963; or Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

July 11 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 12 noon, Crystal Mountain Chapel. Contact Dave Christenson, (206) 471-9103.

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

July 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday), Oregon State Stunt Kite Championships, Lincoln City, Oregon. Dual and quad line events. Contact (503)357-7557.

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

July 12 (Sunday), Jetty Island Days Kite Festival, Everett. Contact Robin Haas (206)670-3963; or Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

July 15 (Wednesday) Fun Night, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Gasworks Park, Seattle. Contact City Kites (206)622-5349.

July 18-19 (Saturday-Sunday) BCKA Pacific Rim Festival, Vanier Park, Vancouver, British Columbia. Competition, for PNL points in novice only. Contact Sally Fontana (604)685-9877.

July 18-19 (Saturday-Sunday) Fly the Wild Wind, Rock Creek Park, Stevenson, WA. Barbecue/potluck on Saturday evening with live 50s music. Contact Jim Joseph (509)427-5460 or Marleen Zilar (509)586-2664.

July 19 (Sunday), Squalicum 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.

AUGUST

August 2 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 AM, Marine Park, Everett. Contact Robin Haas (206)670-3963; or Dawn Clark, OGO Fly a Kite (206)339-9334.

August 9 (Sunday), WKA Fun Fly, Kite Hill, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Ken Conrad (206)624-6886.

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

August 12 (Wednesday) Fun Night, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Discovery Park. Contact City Kites (206)622-5349.

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 Pizza Feed, 6 PM, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach. Contact Dave Christenson, (206) 471-9103.

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. Contact Dave Christenson, (206) 471-9103.

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

Lack of wind made for ground displays at two of April's events:



Bellevue Kite Day on April 11th, and the Westport Windriders' Trlby Party on April 25th

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