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Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference Tenth Anniversary Edition

by Julie Gantt

The 1993 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference will be bigger and better than ever! So much to do, you will need time to decide which classes to take! A complete schedule will be mailed in January 1993. Register now to receive your copy. Following is a brief description of what you can expect. See you there!

For registration information, call Bob Alford (206) 888-2812, or call Julie Gantt at (206) 784-2127 for other information.

Keynote Speaker Martin Lester—The Leg Man from England. He will give one lecture, repeated twice. A workshop on the soft figure kite. Bring your radio controlled cars for testing your creations.

Keynote Speaker Randy Tom—Expert appliqué artist and sport kite designer.

Carla Fox—Want to make a banner for your club? Let an expert help to do just that and have fun also!

Lyle Morgan—A kite "quiver" you can make. Built out of durable cordura with lots of pockets.

Bud Koger—Fighter kite lecture and slides, and hopefully lots of flying techniques demonstrated.

Sam Huston—"The Obtuse Tetra." Build a mylar kite.

Francis Hall—Correspondence Art. A slide show, also.

Don Mock—How to make odd shapes fly.

David Bogie—Stamp Making and Kite Photography 101.

Greg Greger—Common sense/practical ideas for kite design.

Jim Davis—"The True Eddy." It will make you a true believer.

Kathy Goodwind—Basic appliqué for small "Vic's"-like fighter kite. Flying time as well.

Tom Sisson—"Teaching you How to Teach Kids How to Make Kites."

Makoto Ohashi—Making Sode Dako, the traditional Japanese kite.

Dan Kurahashi—Japanese approach to new kite construction. Kits available.

Rick Brown—Cody kite building.

David Colbert—Seven-foot delta.

Ronda Brewer—Kite decorating.

Linda Johnston/Murosako—Recipe for "Yasui Hasai Dako" soup. Let your imagination go.

Mike Button—Fabric Rokkaku. Bring your saw. Also, a class on knot tying.

Mark Reed & Assoc. of Prism Design—Seminar on multi-liners.

Deborah Cooley—Appliqué made easy.

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

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January Membership Meeting and Potluck

The next General Membership Meeting of the WKA will be a potluck dinner and social, featuring door prizes, good food, photo and video viewing and lots of friendly folks. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided, and no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

The date is Saturday, January 2, 1993, and the time is 6 P.M. The location is the Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club, which is located behind the Jefferson Golf Clubhouse at 4103 Beacon Avenue South, in Seattle.

For additional information, call Dave Christenson at (206) 471-9103, or Tom Sisson at (206) 725-3615.



Francis Hall Show

Those of you who read the last issue will remember that long-time WKA member Francis Hall recently had a showing of his kites and artistamps. Here are pictures from the Opening Night reception, showing Francis with Troll Art Gallery owner Lena Parsons (above) and master kitemaker Harold Writer (left). Francis will be one of the many talented artists sharing their knowledge with us at The Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference in March of 1993.



Wind, Kites and Age by Bob Kerschner

It suddenly hit me that I was hooked. I was standing on the front deck on a sun filled morning in early summer. I was supposed to be working in the garden, but instead found myself looking intently towards Gasworks then shifting my sights to the tops of the trees across the way. Was that branch moving? Was that a bird in the distance, or did someone have a kite up at Gasworks? Was the wind really starting to pick up?

I realized then that our garden would never be the same.

A friend, Tim O'Sullivan, introduced me to the sport of kite flying almost two years ago. He called to see if I was busy, which I wasn't, and said that he was going kite flying. He thought that I might enjoy it and asked me to come along. I reflected that as Tim was approaching his 40th birthday, this was obviously a crisis of age. He was attempting to re-establish that tenuous link with childhood as a means to deny the aging process. So I humored him, and allowed myself to be talked into "kiting" for the afternoon.

I remembered kites as newspaper diamonds with balsa wood spars, tails made from ripped up cloth and a 10 cent ball of string. This newspaper kite, combined with a lot of running, provided exercise, exhaustion, frustration and the occasional lofting and short duration flight of your kite.

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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 for return (if you want your photographs back) 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 — January 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

If before December 31, 1992:

\$10 per family (outside the U.S., please add \$2(US) additional for postage); or

If after January 1, 1993:

\$15 per family (outside the U.S., please add \$5(US) additional for postage)

To Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 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.

One Sky, One World Gasworks Park, Seattle, October 11, 1992

by Barbara Anne O'Neill

The day was beautiful, and the wind was good too! A great day; WKA gave out 200 One Sky, One World kites, and they flew! It was a great paper bag kite light enough to catch the wind. One of the more than 250 kitefliers who attended got the kite up at least 1,200 feet, and he really was having fun! Thanks to all my good helpers, too. We never can get a lot done without good people. Bob, Maura and Jamie Alford and Steve and Judy Millspaugh got back problems helping put these kites together. Ken Conrad also helped and brought his Japanese train, which flew so well it was photographed and had a write up in the Seattle Times! Tom and Jean Sisson also helped with making the day a real success!!

Thank you everyone for helping a lot of first time kitefliers have a great time! See you next year!



AKA Volunteer Award

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Tom and I want to thank the WKA members who nominated us for the American Kitefliers Association Outstanding Volunteer award for 1992. Knowing all the good volunteers we have, we certainly feel humble to receive this award!! Thanks again for honoring us!!

Tom & Jean (Sisson, that is)

WSIKF Thanks

Dear Washington Kitefliers Association

The City of Long Beach's W.S.I.K.F. Coordinating Committee and I want you to know how appreciative we are of the time, energy and commitment your members gave to make the 1992 Festival a resounding success.

Realizing I can't name all your members involved, I still want to mention those who accepted responsibility on the Events Committee. They are the following:

Tom Sisson—Director of Best Senior Kite Flyer Event
Barbara Wright and Anita Wright—Registration and Registration Tent
Claudette Maxim—Ribbons
Gary Wagner—Wednesday Logistics
Dave Christenson—Junior Stunt Kite Events
Cecil O'Dell—Friday Lighted Night Fly
Mary Yoshimi—Fighter Kite Competition
Darryl Stephison—Rokkaku Challenge
Jeani Schwenk—Professional Single Line Demos
Rod Guyette—Professional Dual Line Demos
Steve & Judy Millspaugh—Terrific Territories
Creda Axton—Wind Art
Jerry Bruner—People's Choice Award
Jerry Sinotte—Record Setting Events
Suzanne Sadow—Guest Housing & Transportation
Thank you oodles for your efforts and help.
Sincerely, Kay Buesing

New Kite Museum Exhibit

by Kay Buesing

The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Washington, introduces its 1992-93 exhibit, *Kites in Western Culture*.

How kites saved lives in World War II; the kite's role in the development of the airplane; kites used for pulling carts and boats, for taking aerial photographs, for transmitting the first message across the Atlantic—all are part of this feature.

The hobbyist room is also new. It depicts men and women kite-makers from around the World and their specialties. One kite covers the ceiling, miniature kites fit in the palm of your hand, some are fabric sculpture, and another playfully drops Teddy Bears with parachutes.

This exhibit, open from 11am-5pm, Friday through Monday, June through September, and weekends the remainder of the year, lasts until August, 1993. The Museum is on 3rd Street N.W. and Boulevard. For more information, call Kay Buesing at (206) 665-5744.



English Friends

Dear Kiting Colleagues:

Our thanks to you all for sending your newsletter.

This enabled us to find out about the North Coast Challenge meeting at Seaside Oregon on the 26th and 27th of September which we attended.

I can only say that the location, the flying and the companionship of those there will remain as a high spot of our vacation.

I did try to telephone my thanks when we were in Seattle, but was unable to find any listing in the telephone books.

Once again our sincere thanks.
On behalf of the Waldron family,
Peter J. Waldron
80 Spinney Road, Thorpe-St-Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0PJ, England

WKA Holiday Potluck

by Judy Millspaugh

If you missed the November 7th WKA Potluck and General Membership Meeting, you missed a lot of fun and a bunch of great door prizes. Thanks to all those who attended and contributed so many fun "toys."

Tom and Jean Sisson and Margaret Holzbauer donated a Margaret Greger Kite Book, won by Barbara Anne O'Neill.

Steve and Judy Millspaugh donated a miniature Cody, which was won by Duane Davis.

Ken Conrad of Great Winds Kite Shop donated two new wooden kite stakes with brightly painted tops, won by Jean Sisson, who suggested they be raffled again and were won by Dan Bernauer.

Three packages of Japanese paper "inflatable" balls (fun toys; we played with them earlier in the evening) also donated by Ken Conrad of Great Winds Kite Shop were won by Steve Millspaugh, T.J. Murphy, and Barbara Anne O'Neill.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association (PCKA) donated two sets of pins (a PCKA Club Pin and a 1992 Crystal Mountain Pin), and the two lucky winners were Morgan Day and Kelci Williams.

Kathy Goodwind of Gasworks Kite Shop donated a Gasworks gift certificate for a Goodwind Astrofighter, and the enthusiastic winner was J.R. Macri.

A Kopter Kite, also donated by Kathy Goodwind of Gasworks Kite Shop was won by Dave Weigand.

Tom and Jean Sisson donated a colorful tin of cookies, won by Darryl Stephison.

Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma (Matt and Jessica Palmer) sent a donation of a pocket Parafoil, which was won by Sylvia Bernauer.

A six-foot Delta also donated by Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma (Matt and Jessica Palmer) was won by Frances Chinn, who asked that it be raffled again, much to the delight of Garth Westhoff.

Kathy Goodwind of Gasworks Kite Shop also donated a "Neonimals" kite with a tiger's face, and the happy winner was Francis Hall.

Dave and Susie Christenson donated a large white box kite that was won by Jessie Gantt.

T.J. and Stu Murphy donated a pair of beautiful gold kite earrings with little tails on them which were appropriately won by Miss Jamie Alford.

Harold Writer donated three of what he called "some old kites put together with left-over pieces" that were in actuality three of his Harold Writer Box Kites, made by him, of course. The three very happy winners were Bob Alford, Stu Murphy and Gene Zemke.

Duane Davis donated one of his personally designed and handmade "Miniature Kiter's Retreat" which was won by Dave Bernauer who had been admiring it before dinner.

A "Free Kite" donated by Tom Sisson, was won by Harold Writer, who had it re-raffled, and won by Maura Alford.

Tom and Jean Sisson, who as usual did a great job in arranging and setting up for this event, also donated the following items, won by those indicated:

1993 Calendar, won by Emily Gantt;

Four handmade (by Tom and Jean's daughter, Diane) Christmas ornaments were won by Larry Chinn, Susie Christenson, Judy Millspaugh and Margaret Holzbauer.

A "guess the number of candies" jar was also provided by Jean Sisson. The person who guessed the closest was Kathy Stephison. However, while people were visiting before we sat down to eat, Kathy had promised Jamie Alford that if Kathy won this one, she would give it to Jamie. Keeping her promise, Kathy gave the jar of candies to Jamie, who walked around the room and generously shared with the rest of us.

Ken Conrad and Suzanne Sadow donated a beautiful Joel Scholtz Butterfighter for the big raffle prize. The money collected from the raffle tickets (\$70) was donated, along with food items brought by everyone, to Northwest Harvest. Our hard-working raffle ticket seller and door prize awarder, Tom Sisson, won it. You had to be there to witness his surprise and "dance of happiness."



Among those turning out for the 1992 WKA Holiday Potluck were Senior members Frances Chinn, Margaret Holzbauer, Bob Hanna, Harold Writer, Larry Chinn, Garth Westhoff, Tom Sisson and Jean Sisson.

Washington Kitefliers Association 1993 Activities Calendar

by Darryl Stephison

***Please note: Activities marked with an asterisk have not been confirmed. Please check future issues of the WKA Newsletter for more information.**

JANUARY

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

January 1 (Friday), 4th Annual Watch Your Step Kite Freeze, 12 noon, Hanford High School, Richland. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719 or Vi Weeks (509)967-2488.

January 1 (Friday), Snowflake Kite Fly, 12 noon, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact: Colors On The Wind (509)325-KITE or Bill Lester (509)327-2829.

January 2 (Saturday), WKA Potluck & General Membership Meeting, 6 pm, Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle. Installation of new officers. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

January 3 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop, (206)339-9334.

***January 9 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

January 23 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

January 27 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

FEBRUARY

February 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***February 13 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

February 14 (Sunday), Kite Train Building Workshop, 1 pm, City Hall, Long Beach. Contact: Mary LaFave (206)665-5092 or World Kite Museum (206)642-4020.

February 14 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger, (509)943-3951.

February 24 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

February 24 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

February 27 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

MARCH

March 5 (Friday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 5 pm, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

March 5-7 (Friday-Sunday), 10th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact: Bob Alford (206)888-2812 or Dave Weigand (206)948-4560.

March 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***March 13 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

March 14 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951 or Marleen Zilar (509)586-2264.

March 20 (Saturday), Spring Fun Fly, 11 am, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact: Colors On The Wind (509)325-KITE or Bill Lester (509)327-2829.

March 27 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

March 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday), Kite Aerial Photography Workshop, 1 pm, City Hall, Long Beach. Features Brooks Leffler from AKA. Contact: Mary LaFave (206)665-5092 or World Kite Museum (206)642-4020.

March 31 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

APRIL

April 3 (Saturday) - May 2 (Sunday), Kite Exhibit, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. Hang kites Friday, April 2nd. Contact: Tom Sisson (206)725-3615.

***April 3-4 (Saturday-Sunday)**, 9th Annual Welcome Spring Kite Festival, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores, competition. Contact: Mike Brown, Ocean Shores Kites, (206)289-4103.

April 4 (Sunday), 12th Annual Tri-Cities Spring Fly-In, 12 noon, Leslie Groves Park, Richland. Contact: Greg Greger (509)943-3951 or Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769.

April 4 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***April 10 (Saturday)**, All City Kite Show, 10 am, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact: Bill or Connie Lester (509)327-2829.

***April 10 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

April 14 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

April 20 - May 1 (Tuesday-Saturday), China - Weifang Festival Tour, departing from Seattle. Participants will be honored guests of Weifang to commemorate 10th anniversary of Weifang World Kite Festival founded by David Checkley (one of the founders of the WKA). Tour will also visit Shanghai and Beijing. Contact: Dorothea Checkley (206)284-5350.

April 24 (Saturday), 5th Annual Bellevue Kite Day, 10 am, Downtown Bellevue Park, Bellevue. Features family fun with competition for children. Contact: Darryl Stephison (206)432-1931.

April 24 (Saturday), 9th Annual Boise Kite Festival, 12 noon, Ann Morrison Park, Boise, Idaho, family fun with KGB flying demonstrations. Contact: Dave Bogie (208)336-2038.

April 24 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck (Annual Trlby Party), 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Features large trains of Trlby kites. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

April 24 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Kiona Winery, Benton City. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

April 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday), 7th Annual Kiona Winery Barrel Opening and Kite Fly, 12 noon, Kiona Winery, Benton City, fun fly and picnic. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719 or Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769.

April 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday), Historical Kites Fly & Workshop, 1 pm, City Hall, Long Beach. Features Jeff Cain and Rick Brown. Contact: Mary LaFave (206)665-5092 or World Kite Museum (206)642-4020.

April 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday), Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach, Oregon. Contact: Rick Talbot (503)324-5070.

April 28 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

MAY

May 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday), 9th Annual Preston Wine Cellar Kite Social, 12 noon, Preston Wine Cellar, Pasco, fun fly with potluck on Saturday. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719.

May 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday), 11th Annual Spring Kite Festival, 10 am, D River Wayside State Park, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact: Lincoln City VCB (800)452-2151 or Catch The Wind (800)227-7878.

May 2 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6:30 pm (potluck), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***May 8 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

May 22 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 7 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport.

Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

May 26 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

May 29-30 (Saturday-Sunday), Memorial Weekend Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Fun fly with prizes for best red, white & blue kites. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

JUNE

June 5 (Saturday), Bainbridge Island Kite Fly, 1 pm, Battle Point Park, Bainbridge Island, fun fly. Contact: Darryl Stephison (206)432-1931.

June 5-6 (Saturday-Sunday), 4th Annual Yakima Valley Kite Festival, Fulbright Park, Union Gap, competition. Contact: Cliff Bond (509)697-6248 (date tentative).

June 6 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6:30 pm (potluck), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

June 12 (Saturday), Spring Fun Fly, 11 am, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact: Colors On The Wind (509)325-KITE or Bill Lester (509)327-2829.

***June 12 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

June 13 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

June 20-21 (Saturday-Sunday), Northwest Kite Fun Fest, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Specially designed for new kitefliers. Lots of hands on with most major brands of both single and dual line kites. Plus food booths, Frisbee throwing, fighter kites, and a rokkaku battle. Contact: Gasworks Kite Shop (206)633-4780.

June 23 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

June 24-27 (Thursday-Sunday), 8th Annual Westport Kite Festival, 11:30 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport, competition with emphasis on fun. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

June 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday), 4th Annual Northwest Regional Stunt Kite Championship, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. A Pacific Northwest League Event. Contact: Eric Forsberg (503)375-7557.

June 30 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

Notice

The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. An annual listing is particularly difficult to compile, therefore, we recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.

JULY

July 4 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6:30 pm (potluck), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

July 4 (Sunday), Fourth of July Fun Fly, 11 am, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

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

July 10 (Saturday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 10 am, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

***July 10 (Saturday),** Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

July 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday), 18th Annual Pacific Rim Kite Festival, dawn to dusk, Vanier Park, Vancouver, British Columbia. Fun fly with potluck. Contact: Art Ross (604)321-6409.

July 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday), 4th Annual Oregon State Stunt Kite Festival, 10:30 am, D River Wayside State Park, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact: Lincoln City VCB (800)452-2151 or Catch The Wind (800)227-7878.

July 11 (Sunday), Jetty Island Days Kite Fly, 10 am, Jetty Island Park, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963.

July 11 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windssocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

July 17-18 (Saturday-Sunday), 9th Annual Fly the Wild Wind, Rock Creek Park, Stevenson. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719 or Jim Joseph (509)427-5460.

July 24 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 7 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

***July 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday),** Winchester Bay Fleet Days Kite Fly, Reedsport, OR. Contact: Sonny Hamner (503)271-2784.

July 28 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

***July 31-August 1 (Saturday-Sunday),** Washington State Stunt Kite Championship, 9:30 am, Biringer Farm, Marysville. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963.

AUGUST

***August 7 (Saturday),** Semiahmoo Kite Fly, Semiahmoo Park, Blaine. Contact: Jerry Warren (206)398-8042.

August 8 (Sunday), Seattle Summer Kite Festival, 10 am, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact: Ken Conrad, Great Winds Kite Shop (206)624-6886.

August 8 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windssocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

***August 14 (Saturday),** Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

August 16-22 (Monday-Sunday), 12th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Kay Buesing (206)665-5744.

August 19 (Thursday), WKA Pizza Party, 5:30 pm, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

August 25 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

August 25 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

August 28 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 7 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

SEPTEMBER

September 5 (Sunday), WKA General Membership Meeting, time and location to be determined. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

September 5 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6:30 pm (potluck), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***September 11 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

September 12 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

September 25 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 7 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. End of Summer Fly. Fried chicken and baked salmon supplied by Pic-A-Patch. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

September 29 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

OCTOBER

October 3 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***October 8-10 (Friday-Sunday)**, 6th Annual October Kite Festival, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores. Contact: Mike Brown, Ocean Shores Kites, (206)289-4103.

***October 9 (Saturday)**, 8th Annual Manzanita Kite Festival, Manzanita Beach at Laneda Ave., Manzanita, Oregon. Contact: Gone Flying Kites (503)368-7114.

***October 9 (Saturday)**, 15th Annual Yachats Kite Festival, On the Beach, Yachats, Oregon. Contact: Yachats Chamber of Commerce (503)547-3530.

***October 9 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad

Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

October 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday), 15th Annual Fall Kite Festival, 10 am, D River Wayside State Park, Lincoln City, Oregon. Contact: Lincoln City VCB (800)452-2151 or Catch The Wind (800)227-7878.

October 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday), North Coast Challenge, Seaside, Oregon, national points competition. Contact: Eric Forsberg (503)375-7557.

October 10 (Sunday), One-Sky-One-World, Gasworks Park, Seattle.

October 10 (Sunday), One-Sky-One-World, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719 or Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769.

October 10 (Sunday), One-Sky-One-World, 11 am, Friendship Park, Spokane. Contact: Colors On The Wind (509)325-KITE or Bill Lester (509)327-2829.

October 13-17 (Wednesday-Sunday), 16th Annual American Kitefliers Association Convention, Seaside, Oregon. Contact: Brooks Leffler, American Kitefliers Association (408)647-8483.

October 16-17 (Saturday-Sunday), Cranberry Festival Kite Fly, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach, fun fly. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

October 23 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Westport Windriders Anniversary Celebration. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

October 27 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

October 27 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

NOVEMBER

November 6 (Saturday), WKA Potluck & General Membership Meeting, 6 pm, Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

November 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am (kite flying), 12:30 (business meeting), Marine Park & Boat Launch, Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)670-3963 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334.

***November 13 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

November 14 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

November 17 (Wednesday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

November 27 (Saturday), Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

DECEMBER

***December 11 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

December 12 (Sunday), BFKS Fun Fly, 12 noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland. Contact: Sky's the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

December 22 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

What happened? It's almost the New Year, and I didn't get everything done that I wanted to. But that is normal I guess. I hope everyone has had a good year; I did.

As you know, it's election time again. We didn't get very many volunteers for positions on the board, so we will continue to run the club the best we can. Included in this issue is a ballot. Last year, only 26 members returned their ballots. Come on folks, is that all the members that care about this club? Although this election is not as big as the one in November, I believe we have more fun. So please, return your ballot so you can be counted. A lot of people have said, "If you don't vote, you don't have anything to say."

How come I didn't see a lot of you at the last potluck? It was fantastic. We had a large turnout of members, and a lot of great food. There was

a lot of fun had by all. If you see Tom or Jean Sisson, let them know how much you like the way they set up the potluck. I think Tom was having more fun than anybody else, the way he was hopping around. But being the winner of the Joel Scholtz Butterfighter that he wanted so badly might have had something to do with it. I would like to say Thank You to all the people who donated door prizes for the potluck. There were a lot of happy kites winning some great door prizes. We also raised some money and food for the food banks. Thanks.

Don't forget we will be having another potluck on January 2nd to install the new officers. It will be at the Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club, like last month. Please plan on attending, and join in the fun and good food.

And, "No Francis, that large white parafoil that was hanging on the wall is not up for a drawing." You had to be there to know what happened.

I attended the last Fort Worden Board planning meeting. They are having a lot of great instructors next year, so if you are thinking about attending, you should get your reservations in now.

Well, I guess that is enough hot air for now. Susie and I hope to see you all out on the flying fields soon, so take care and GO FLY A KITE!

Dave

General Meeting and Potluck Notes

by Bob Alford

A general meeting and Christmas Potluck were held on November 7, 1992, at the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club in Seattle. After the great food and goodies, Dave called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, with 40 members present. After Kelci provided a financial report, we got down to business. Robin Haas, representing SCI-FI, made a proposal to us that WKA fund a Stunt Kite Championship event in 1993. It was decided to solicit input from the entire membership, because the requested amount of \$5,000 would deplete most of our treasury. Additional meetings and discussions will be required before such a request can be accepted.

The Harvest Fun Fly was held on November 8th at Magnuson Park in Seattle. The board voted to pay a \$21 supply overrun for One Sky, One World. After another appeal by Dave for volunteer officers, he attempted to shame those officers present into continuing for another term. It worked on some of us! We then held a raffle in which, through some mysterious circumstances, members managed to draw their own tickets. We adjourned at 8:50.

Happy Holidays from me and mine to you and yours!!!

4 items for your "to do" list

- 1) Register for Fort Worden
- 2) Return your WKA ballot
- 3) Attend the 19th Annual New Year's Day Fly at Golden Gardens Park
- 4) Attend the Potluck January 2nd

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Wind, Kites and Age

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We arrived at Discovery Park, and when Tim carted out his "ski bag" and began pulling out assorted six-foot long multi-colored bags, I knew that he had either reverted further into childhood than I had thought, or turning 40 had affected his mental capacity to an unimaginable degree. He wanted to fly kites and all he had brought were his skis.

Then he opened one of the bags and pulled forth...a kite? I asked him what this bundle of multi-colored nylon and what appeared to be pieces of an unassembled fishing rod were. Tim just smiled and began constructing what I was to learn was called a Phantom. The sail was paneled in hues of purple, grays and pink. The fishing tool pieces were fiberglass spars. So he didn't bring skis, but would it fly?

Line (not a 10 cent ball of string) was unwound and attached to what Tim called the "bridle." Two lines. This might be interesting.

Tim finally launched the kite and what can I say. It was stunning.

After a few minutes of watching Tim manipulate the kite across the sky, through dives and hovering at the edge of the wind window,

Tim asked me if I would like to give it a try.

I tentatively accepted the handles and attempted to make the kite perform as Tim had. After all, flying a kite was child's play...NOT. Of course I ran the kite directly into the ground. This was

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also the moment that Tim casually told me what the kite had cost.

After asking him if he would accept a check, Tim assured me that the kite was not damaged and coaxed me into trying it again.

By the end of the day, I had bought my first kite. A beautiful blue, red and yellow Spin-Off.

Now, two years and twenty kites later, my wife Christine and daughters Courtney and Drisana (both 12) also enjoy flying kites. Christine prefers fighter kites; the girls enjoy fast stunt kites with a lot of pull. I prefer whatever the wind allows me to fly.

Tim also encouraged us to try our hand at building our own kites. We tried, and while they aren't fancy, they do fly (see photo left).

Flying kites is a great family activity, and we have spent our vacations the last two years attending WSIKF in Long Beach.

"Those leaves are moving! Christine, let's forget the garden today and go over to Discovery for a bit." Yeah, having passed my 40th birthday a few months ago, I realized that I was hooked, but ain't childhood wonderful.

Thanks Tim. Hope all your winds are strong and your kites elevated.

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Regional Reports

We did not receive any reports from our correspondents around the region for this issue. Of course, there are not a lot of kiting activities during the winter months, but if you would like information about the coming year's plans for the various clubs in the region, you can contact them at the listed addresses and phone numbers.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL KITE CLUB!

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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.

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