



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

10th Anniversary Kitemakers Conference Fort Worden, March 5, 6 & 7, 1993

by Suzanne Sadow

Kite Builder's Alert

It's not too late to register for this year's conference, and if you want to learn more about kite building and flying techniques from the experts and experimenters, it's the must-attend event of the year.

The conference began ten years ago (by Doug Hagaman) in the chapel at Fort Worden. The "one-room schoolhouse" held tables, 23 sewing machines, gobs of fabric and a bunch of very enthusiastic attendees who made kites together, exchanged ideas and information, and generally had a good time.

Since then, the first weekend in March has evolved into three days jam-packed with expertise, personalities, shows, kites, camaraderie and more! Now we're spread throughout two-plus large buildings!

This year's program holds the promise of an exceptional weekend. Meet two fantastically gifted keynote kitemakers: from San Diego—Randy Tom, owner of Hyperkites, sport kite designer and flier, and supreme appliqué artist; and from London—Martin Lester, clever, innovative master of lifelike, often humorous inflatable kites. You'll also be overwhelmed by a host of 19 more instructors—some exciting new people and some we have come to look forward to seeing year after year. They will be offering workshops, demos, lectures, and discussions.

Including the classes, the slide shows, the people, and numerous other activities and opportunities of the 10th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference (all in the State Park setting by the water), you're bound to have a more than fulfilling time.

For registration information, call Bob Alford at (206) 888-2812.



Don Mock, with some of his "odd shapes that fly" at the 1992 Fort Worden Conference

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

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The next WKA General
Membership Meeting will be
held at Fort Worden, Friday,
March 5th, at 5 p.m.

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

Help Wanted!!

One of the special things about this annual conference is the group people who make it all come together. A huge amount of hard work and time are donated by many volunteers.

If you are lucky enough to be able to attend the conference, please set aside a small amount of your time and **volunteer** to help out on one of the three days. There are numerous easy things that can be done to help out, and you get to "work" with some really nice people.

Call Dave Weigand at (206) 948-4560 or Julie Gantt at (206) 784-2127 and sign up to help. Thanks!

Raffle

One of the more exciting aspects of the upcoming Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is the raffle. Attendees and kitemakers around the country donate a wide variety of items which are displayed during the event. Tickets are available and drawings are held throughout the weekend. You can help support the WKA's premier event by donating items from your collection—new or used—to be raffled. Those of you lucky enough to attend may also purchase extra tickets to increase your chances of taking home something that catches your eye.

The raffle is an important event at the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. The proceeds are used to help cover expenses for notable speakers. Thanks to the generosity of many people, and the hard work of Linda and Marleen Zilar, last year we were able to raise enough to make it possible to bring Martin Lester over from England this year.

Bring your contribution for the raffle, and help us get off to a good start on the 1994 conference.



A scene from the 1992 conference with Margaret Greger and Marleen Zilar in the Hospitality/Raffle room and just a few of the great raffle items in the background.

Note to Non-Kitemakers

Fort Worden is a kitemakers conference, and attracts many very talented and creative teachers and students. However, even if you do not make kites, it's a great opportunity to learn about kites and kite flying, and to meet new and interesting people. It is also wonderful to be there and see new creations being born, and wander around and see all the beautiful kites on display. You must be registered for the conference in order to attend, so if you haven't done it yet call Bob Alford at (206) 888-2812 and make plans to join us.

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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 — March 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 \$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, 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.

School of Hard Knocks

by Rob Scribner

(The following originally appeared in the Cutting Edge Kites Newsletter, January 1993. 27702 - 128th Place S.E., Kent, WA 98031 (206) 631-7449 or (800) 972-9885)

As time goes by, you will start finding yourself knowing more and more people on the beach or in the parks where you fly. You will find yourself socializing with fellow kites more than flying, sometimes.

This is the time to think about the major investment you own, sitting on the beach or the grass, not flying at all. Your poor kite is just sitting out there, waiting and weeping, yes, weeping. Do you know why??

Think about that beautiful fluorescent-colored kite, soaking up those rays of sunshine, fading away to one flat-colored neon kite. We suggest, if possible, putting your good-looking kite in the shade at this social time, even if you need to store it under the car (away from that darn oil leak).

This is also a good time to take down the stand-offs that push out your sails, due to the fact that rip-stop fabric does stretch over time, and we don't want those stretches before it's time, do we? Since I'm on a roll here, may I suggest you release those stretch cords that are at the tips of your wings and spine where arrow knocks are. This will relieve the pull off the sail while it's just sitting, or while it's in your bag for storage 'til the next kiting social—I mean event.

One of our customers wrote to us suggesting we talk about flying windows (defined as the area that is used by a kite flyer, being yourself or someone else). This is a very important and sensitive subject to many, so let's talk about it.

Rule one: single line kites do not move, stunt kites do. These two windows do not mix. Try your best to avoid it. If you do find yourself being invaded by one or the other,

Rain or Shine, Kites are Fun

by Kay Buesing

Are you looking for a way to keep your fingers in the "kite pie" when the weather outside is frightful? Consider one or all of the workshops sponsored by the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Washington.

During the three-day President's Weekend, you could begin a kite train. On Sunday, February 14th at 1 p.m. you can make a ghost train, kite arches, or Nishi bird kites—each constructed to fly in tandem. The cost is \$5 for five kites. Larry Sweet, Marleen Zilar and Mary Yoshimi will be the instructors.

"An Eye in the Sky: Photography from a Kite," a two-day workshop March 27th and 28th, will be taught by Brooks Leffler, a member of the Kite Aerial Photography Worldwide Association and Executive Director of the AKA.

The objective of the workshop will be to learn the basics of aerial photography and to get you started building a rig and taking pictures. Registrants will receive advance information about camera and kite selection. Equipment for several methods of camera control will be available for trial use. One hour processing is nearby.

The workshop will cost \$60. Besides the instruction and guided practice, this includes Mark Cottrell's book on aerial photography, a kit to make a camera carrying cradle, and lunch on both days.

Kite flyers and history buffs alike will enjoy the April 24th and 25th Kite History Workshop. Saturday afternoon will be an Historic Kite Fly; you can fly a kite built for authenticity or something that's an older shape but new materials and decoration. Saturday evening Jeff Cain, award-winning antique kite builder, will give his "From Kites to Wings" presentation.

Sunday morning Rick Brown, founder of the S. F. Cody Kite Society, will show his video of the life of Samuel Cody. This will be followed with a record Cody kite fly attempt.

For questions and registration information, call or write the museum.

Telephone: (206) 642-4020

Write: WKM, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631

please take the time to talk to that person and come up with a compromise to share the limited space before someone gets mad. That's no fun for anybody. There are some folks out there who would like to separate single line kites and stunt kite flyers all the time, but I'm sure against that, since I'm one of those people who think kiting is a social event, all the time. And, I'm not willing to walk that far. I look for a reason to park my kite so I can meet my neighbor, whether a single line flyer or stunt kite flyer.

Another thing to remember, there is nothing wrong about marking an area off with tape or flags to prevent someone walking under your kite while it is moving 80 mph down the beach. This also may prevent mopeds and horses on the beach from coming into a dangerous area. It can really mess up your day when someone gets hurt.

All of these little things you can do will only enhance your kiting experience, and make it a safe one and a fun one. Please take the time to try our ideas. THANKS!

Educational Opportunities Fort Worden 1993

Martin Lester, Living in Kites: Martin will informally recount his beginnings, inspirations and adventures in kites and kite making! Open to all.

Soft Figure Kites: This class starts with a lecture and demonstration about various types of inflatable kites. Martin shares methods of creating flying legs, sharks, etc., from concept to construction, after which you work out your own tissue paper soft kite.

Level: All; Class Size: T.B.A.; Bring: Scissors

Randy Tom, Sport Kite Design-Creating New Kites: An important class for multi-line kite builders and sport kite fliers, this is a seminar in shape design: how shape changes and bridling radically affect a sport kite's flying characteristics.

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

Randy Tom's Appliqué Techniques: A workshop to learn about and try the exquisite style Randy has perfected in his highly-acclaimed "Patrick Nagel" kites. Make a kite or banner.

Level: Intermediate-Advanced; Class Size: 40; Bring: Sewing machine

David Bogie: Kite Photography 101 (not aerial photos)

Lover of kites, observer extraordinaire, Dave uses a large number of slides to explain and encourage development of three elements: exposure, point of view and composition, to improve your skill in capturing kites, etc., on film.

Level: All; Class Size: 30

David Bogie and Francis Hall: Beginning Rubber Stamps

Use rubber stamps for much more than "1st Class Mail" or "Insufficient Funds"! These creative "stamp-kichis" will guide you with a variety of stamps, inks and clever techniques.

Level: All; Class Size: 30

Rick Brown (Mr. Cody): Cody Kite Building

The expert on Cody box kites will give a short lecture on building European-style (traditional) Codys, followed by a workshop in construction.

Level: Intermediate-Advanced; Class Size: T.B.A.; Fee: \$?; Bring: Sewing machine, pencil, ruler

Mike Button: Fabric Rokkaku

Mike, who is a no-nonsense kite maker/flier, will teach you how to sew, spar and bridle a fine, 47" x 40" spinnaker nylon rokkaku.

Level: Intermediate; Class Size: 35; Fee: \$10-15; Bring: Sewing machine, scissors, saw, sandpaper

Dave and Jerimy Colbert: The 7' Ultralight Delta

The makers of Devotion to Motion kites will teach how to construct, from the ground up, a light-wind delta kite.

Level: Beginner (OK)-Intermediate; Class Size: 40; Fee: \$15; Bring: Sewing machine and patience!

Debra Cooley: Appliqué Made Easy

First, an open lecture/demonstration on techniques which have made Deb famous. Then, use similar techniques to make a banner using your design or hers.

Level: All; Class Size: 15; Fee: small \$10; large \$15; Bring: Sewing machine, hot knife, poster board (for your own patterns)

Jim Davis: The True Eddy

A lecture on the true Eddy kite and how it really works, followed by a workshop in construction of this big truly satisfying kite.

Level: Beginning-Intermediate; Class Size: 20; Fee: \$?; Bring: Sewing machine and supplies

Carla Fox: Basic Sewing

Carla, a banner maker by trade, will cover a staggering amount: the tools of sewing, handling and sewing techniques, kite and banner fabrics, and some design and color theory...all as you make a simple banner!

Level: Pre-beginner to Intermediate; Class Size: 15-20; Fee: \$?; Bring: Sewing machine and supplies

Kathy Goodwind: Fighter Kite Fun

A short and sweet workshop on basic appliqué on a small "Vic's"-like fighter kite, given by this accomplished professional kitemaker, followed (hopefully) by some flying practice.

Level: Intermediate; Class Size: 15-20; Fee: +/- \$15; Bring: Sharp scissors, glue stick, glass for cutting!

Greg Greger: Common Sense/ Practical Ideas for Kite Design

An informal presentation of Greg's well-honed "how to's" for (1) using your imagination and common sense to create new designs/ variations from standard patterns; (2) kite weight ratios to flying line, guide line, connectors; (3) evaluating spar selection; and (4) selecting covering materials.

Level: All

Francis Hall: Creative Kite Correspondence

Introduction to and hands-on experience in the world of MailArt, where people exchange works of "postal art" as tokens of friendship. Participants will be involved in kite-related correspondence art with Francis' selection of approaches, materials and postal basics.

Level: All; Class Size: 15; Fee: \$?



Nineteenth Annual Protest the Bowls Kite Fly New Year's Day 1993

by Suzanne Sadow

Sam Huston: The "Obtuse Tetra"

"Obtuse Tetra," a transformation of A.G. Bell's original "flying brick" (heavy, high wind) to a light wind soarer! Sam starts with some brief explanations of this variation, and you finish with a fantastic four-cell mylar kite!

Level: All; Class Size: 30; Fee: \$10 or less; Bring: X-Acto knife, super glue

Bud Koger: Fighter Kite Symposium

Join in a panel discussion of fighter kites: new developments, tips, tricks, hints and details in both construction and flying. Flying and tuning demonstrations (weather permitting) (panel members T.B.A.).

Level: All; Fee: \$2 or less; Bring: Fighter Kites!

Dan Kurahashi: Your Kites in Japanese

Expand your skies for a Japanese approach to "new" kite design. Dan draws from vast experience with both Japanese kite traditions and contemporary styles. He'll cover an assortment of kite types in new and ancient materials (in lecture as well as workshop).

Level: All; Fee: \$4 handout, \$15 or less for kit; Bring: 1m straight edge, 300' of 20-40# line, knife, scissors, large needle or crochet hook, white glue, cutting mat, tape

Don Mock: How to Make Odd Shapes Fly

This maker of exotic "shaped" kites, known for his Northwest Native designs, leads a lively exchange (between participants) of options, opinions and ideas for shapes, sticks, string and sewing. Part of the time will be spent viewing slides of what Don saw flying in England!

Level: All; Class Size: 40

Llyle Morgan: Kite Quivver

Llyle, a crackerjack designer, came up with a workshop for those who want a kite bag that does it all. Easy-to-assemble kit features: a compact 15-kite capacity, 2 cargo pockets, carry handles and shoulder strap, and sand vent.

Once again, a resilient gang of WKA'ers came to Golden Gardens with their layers of long Johns, woolens, polar fleece and down, their boots and their thermos bottles of hot drinks, and their potluck of snacks and, of course, plenty of kites and good cheer.

There were sport kites a'buzz as many of us arrived to find the park gate locked (the sport kite flyers had simply packed their kites efficiently and hiked in). The rest of us mingled, stomped our feet and talked each other out of picking the lock until the police came along with the key so we could drive into the park. After all, what makes a better buffet table than the hood of Tom Sisson's big old Ford Torino spread with a picnic blanket.

It was a glorious day, brisk and brilliant by the Sound. People flew kites along the full length of the grassy field and a few flyers scattered out toward the edge of the tide on the beach. Flying kites is truly a splendid way to greet the new year. The bright spots mixed perfectly with voices exchanging "Happy New Year." Bright spots this year included Doug Hagaman's gleaming parafoils (with Doug at the spool!), a big, elegant Chinese butterfly (being tried out by Bob Umbowers and Charmaine Cornell), endless stunts, Harold Writer's kites, Ken Conrad's purple dragon, and countless others. Everyone politely shared the limited space, and some of us made a special space to remember Leland Toy by flying kites he had made or designed.

The day lived up to its reputation—never been rained or snowed out, wind always blows, the nicest people always come, always a satisfying alternative to a holiday of football, football, football (even if you leave a little early to watch some football too).

See you there in 1994, same time, same place. Watch for details.

Level: Beginner; Class Size: 20; Fee: \$25

Linda Johnston Murosako: Yasui Yasai Dako Soup

Explore how limiting visual variables helps make interesting designs, and how images relate to each other a varying distances. Exuberant artist assists you with her recipe for a delicious paper kite.

Level: All; Class Size: T.B.A.; Fee: \$10; Bring: 7 dried beans, scissors, cotton flying line, enthusiasm

Makoto Ohashi: Making Sode-Dako

Visiting kite builder from Japan, Makoto Ohashi will teach you how to make this traditional kite style from Chiba, using bamboo, washi (rice paper) and Asa (hemp) string.

Level: Intermediate; Class Size: 25; Fee: \$4; Bring: Knife or scissors, white glue, long ruler, pencil

Mark Reed, David Lopaglia, Scobie Puchtler: Sport Kite Seminar

Partners at Prism Design, Inc. share their ideas on sport kite design, construction, materials and flight skills, especially in low or no wind. Question and Answer session to be followed by on-the-field clinics.

Level: All

Tom Sisson: Teach Kids Kite-making

Tom will make his years of hands-on experience with kids (thousands of hands) useful to you. Learn how to make a Bill Lee trash bag delta you can teach with ease.

Level: All; Class Size: 30; Fee: \$1.50

Remembering Leland Toy

by David Gomberg

The following comments were presented at the Kite Trade Association Annual Convention in January by AKA President David Gomberg:

Every loss within the kite family is significant. But the death of Lee Toy just a few days ago has touched me in a distinct and very personal way.

Perhaps it is because I saw him as a member of my own generation of fliers.

Perhaps it is because he was taken from us in such a premature and tragic way that we will mourn the kites he was never able to make.

Perhaps it was because, like so many of you, I met Lee when I was new to organized kiting. He was friendly, accessible, engaging and anxious to share. I never heard him complain. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone.

What an inspiring legacy. What a wonderful role model. Lee represented, I believe, the best that we are; the best that we can be.

Lee has, of course, been recognized as Kiteflier of the Year which is the highest honor the AKA can award for leadership, artistry, and lifetime contributions. He was also a friend.

I spoke with Lee the day before he died. His voice was weak but still full of warmth and enthusiasm.

In his memory, the AKA is now considering naming our annual People's Choice Award so that whenever kites look to the sky and see a unique and beautiful creation, we'll remember Lee Toy.



Above and left, Lee Toy in action at Fort Worden 1990.
(Photo by Suzanne Sadow)



Memories of Leland Toy

by Kathy Goodwind

My friend, my brother, my teacher. I've known Lee for so long, I don't remember not knowing him. He has been such a part of the Kite Community, it's hard to think of the community without him.

Everything Lee did seemed as though it required no effort on his part, yet when I tried to do the same thing myself, it seemed so much harder than it looked when he did it.

I worked many large kite festivals and AKA events with Lee. His organizational skills were phenomenal. Working with him was not only an honor, it was funtime USA!

Wherever Lee traveled, he took his duffel bags full of supplies. He would unzip the bag and a three-ring circus would explode, filling a room full of creative opportunities for all his students.

Life for Lee was fun. If it wasn't fun, Lee would make it seem like fun. And, besides, he taught me to two-step—the most fun I have ever had!

Everything was worth doing, because it could be made into fun. This was Lee's prescription for life. Don't Worry, Be Happy!

Hands Across the Sky to Fight AIDS

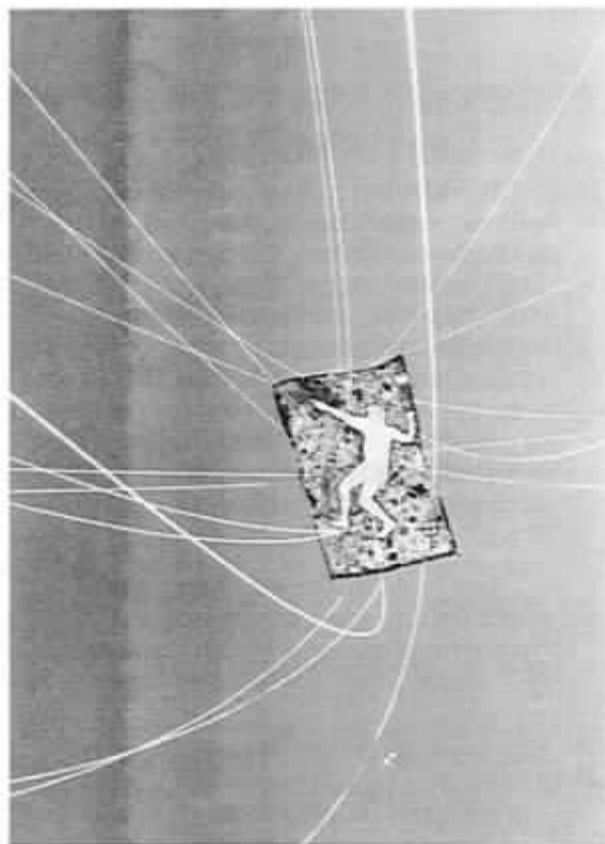
Dianna and Michael Aurigemma of High Flying Flags and Banners have started a wonderful project in memory of Lee. They are building a 13' delta kite with an appliquéd picture of Lee surrounded by his favorite symbols. The theme is "Hands Across the Sky to Fight AIDS." They are asking everyone to donate an 8-1/2" x 11" square of fabric with their sewn, painted or drawn hand print on it. These squares of fabric will be sewn together to form tails that will fly from the delta. The maiden voyage of the kite will be at the 1993 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference. The kite will then be sent around the world to fly at all major kite festivals. If you would like to participate, send your signed and dated patch to High Flying Flags and Banners, 114 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98104.



Lee Toy supervises Steve Millsbaugh and Dave Christenson assembling his Gobel box kite at WSIKF 1992. (Photo by Judy Millsbaugh)



Kathy Goodwind prepares to fly one of Lee Toy's beautiful creations in his memory at New Year's Day Fly at Golden Gardens Park, Seattle. (Photo by Judy Millsbaugh)



Lee's large Edo, "Shadow Lines," shown above and below at WSIKF 1990. This kite was flown by 21 people as a team, each holding one bridle line, demonstrating the value of cooperation in kite flying and in life. (Photos by Suzanne Sadow)



Classified Ads

Kite Pin Hotline

The Kite Pin Hotline buys and sells cloisonné pins. Subscriptions are \$6 a year. Write K*P*H* at Box 113, Neotsu, Oregon 97364, or fax (503) 994-9692. Ask for an offer on your entire collection.

For Sale

Radian, very colorful, only flown once for about 1/2 hour, \$199 or best offer. Call Daniel at (206) 391-1538.

Any items relating to kites or kitefliers, only 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, found, free or stolen items will be listed free of charge, if under 30 words. Make check payable to the WKA and send to Judy Millsbaugh, Editor, 7573 Old Redmond Road, #5, Redmond, WA 98052.

Regional Reports

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.

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

Squaticum Kite Flyers

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

Pierce County Kitefliers Association

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

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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

Capitol City Flyers

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

Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

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

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI)

Contact Robin Haas at (206) 670-3963, or Four Winds Kites at (206) 339-9334.

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.

WKA Window Stickers

Now available! Three-color, 4"x4" removable window stickers featuring the new WKA logo (see front of newsletter), \$3 each, please make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E, Tacoma, WA 98404, (206) 471-9103.

Annual Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Door Prize Winners

The WKA has gotten off to a great start for 1993. As noted elsewhere, January 1st gave us a wonderful day of kite flying, and we followed up on January 2nd with installation of new officers at another fun potluck. The evening included good food, good friends, and more door prizes donated by members and stores as follows:

Hot Wings, donated by Kathy Goodwind of Gasworks Kite Shop, won by Susie Christenson.

Colossal Kite Kit, donated by Matt and Jessica Palmer of Mainframe Kite Shop, won by Sam Huston.

Christmas Bag of Goodies, donated by Dave and Susie Christenson, won by Jamie Alford.

Christmas Bag of Goodies, donated by Dave and Susie Christenson, won by Kelci Williams.

Mini Hot Dogs (stunt kite handles), donated by Cutting Edge Kites, won by Jean Sisson. Jean asked that the number be re-drawn and it was won by Bob Alford.

Micro Kite, donated by Cutting Edge Kites, won by Joe (Tom and Jean Sisson's grandson).

Micro Kite, donated by Cutting Edge Kites, won by Maura Alford.

Stratwrap Handles and Winder, donated by Cutting Edge Kites, won by LB Day.

Chinese Artistic Kites book, donated by Steve and Judy Millsbaugh, won by Julie Gantt.

Miniature Dako from Showa Odako Museum in Showa, Japan, donated by Bob Umbowers and Charmaine Cornell, won by Dave Christenson.

Tote bag, donated and personally decorated by Julie Gantt, won by Dave Christenson.

Fighter kite made by Carl Crowell, donated by Jim Day, won by Sandy (a friend of the Alford's visiting from San Diego).

Thanks again to Tom and Jean Sisson for setting up the clubhouse for the potluck.

Board, General Meeting and Pot Luck Notes

by Bob Alford

A Board meeting was held on December 14, 1992, in Kirkland at Softchec. We were called to order at 7:10 p.m. with thirteen members present. Kelci gave us her last financial report as Treasurer (great work, Kelci!). She also presented the new WKA logo window stickers which we decided to sell for \$3. Get 'em while they last. Darryl solicited ideas for a location for our September 1993 general meeting. He also announced that a Bainbridge Island Fun Fly is to be held on June 5, 1993. WKA will receive a \$150 contribution for providing flyers, kites and displays.

TJ Murphy happily informed us that we have sold all of our pins, and must order more. We also decided to order color front pages with the new logo for the WKA Newsletter. The cost will be \$618 plus tax for 5,000 sheets.

The remainder of the meeting concerned the request by SCI-FI that WKA provide a \$5,000 credit line and jointly sponsor a Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. Robin Haas was present representing SCI-FI, and fielding the questions from your Board. Most of the questions were about the expense side of Robin's budget, which came to \$11,250. He acknowledged that due to his concerns about assuring sufficient funds, the budget figures contained some padding. The option of most board members was that he should come back with a "real" budget. After a good deal of back and forth about how much was actually required and when it would be needed, Dave Weigand made the following motion: "That the

WKA approve a \$2,500 fixed line of credit for co-sponsorship of a Washington State Stunt Kite Championship with appropriate written repayment agreements and WKA participation in the financial management of the event." The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 7-4. It was further decided that Dave Christenson and Bob Alford will represent WKA interests on the board of the event. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

On January 2, 1993, a General Meeting and Pot Luck were held at the Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. after most of the food had been consumed. Kelci gave the 22 members present a financial report. Dave and Bob attempted to recap the prior meetings, since Bob forgot his minutes. It was announced that the next Fort Worden meeting would be January 21, 1993 (it was actually held on the following Wednesday, January 27th, due to the Inauguration Day Wind Storm). Everyone was reminded about the Protest the Bowls Fun Fly to be held on January 1st. Since we had such a small voter turnout,

and so few officer candidates, it was moved, seconded and approved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation (see new board roster on this page).

The final order of business was to set the next general meeting date for March 5, 1993, at Fort Worden. Then the last order of fun was to draw for door prizes (see winners on page 8). We adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone sign up for Fort Worden and attend...See Ya There.

President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Well, what's to say? Is everybody ready for the New Year? We had a good turnout at the New Year's Day Fly. It was a little cold, but everybody got some good flying in (even though we were locked out of the park for a while).

Are you ready for Fort Worden yet? It will be here before you know it. If you are going to the retreat and have a hand-crafted kite that you wouldn't mind putting on display, please let me know. So, if you have something you want to show off, see me Friday at Fort Worden. If you can't come but would like to display your handy-work, call me at home in the evenings (206-471-9103), and maybe we can work out something.

I hope everybody survived the wind storm. Too bad we couldn't harness that wind and spread it out over a longer time and get in some serious flying.

We hope you like the new look for the newsletter. If you didn't notice, shame on you. We are getting bids to have a new pin designed. Keep in touch for future information. Don't forget to buy some of the new WKA window stickers. Put them in your vehicles, and be a "Proud WKA Member."

Like I said before, that's enough hot air for now. Susie and I want to see everybody out flying kites real soon, so take care and GO FLY A KITE!

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Kite Calendar

by Darryl Stephison

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

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.

Please Note: Events marked with an asterisk () have NOT been confirmed. For more information, please check with the contact listed.

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 Windssocks & 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 welcomed 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



Kite Calendar, Continued

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), 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 24-25 (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.

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by Kelci Williams

*Let me tell you a story about Morrie and Kel,
An every-day couple who were doin' pretty well,
And then one day they were looking' at the sky,
When to their surprise came a wonder whizzin' by.*

*No bird or plane or critter that they knew,
Flew like this marvel in a sky so brilliant blue,
So they searched all over that big sandy shore,
'Til they found a kind fella who could tell them more.*

*He said, "just relax 'cause you're not goin' mad,
You saw a fancy version of what every small kid had,
Take a skin and some sticks, a tail and some string,
Put 'em together and you've got a great flying thing."*

*Sure enough, that colorful bundle of fun,
Was a kite flying high reaching up to the sun,
They come in all shapes and all sizes too,
With one string or two or four, it's true.*

*That was five years ago, and now you should see,
What a change kites have made for Morrie and me,
With kiting came friends and play and more,
Just call us "Tako Kichi" - kite crazy galore!*

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