



# Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## AWE'SOME

by Dave Weigand

AWE'SOME...what else can I say about the 1993 FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS Conference. As president of this year's conference, I had one of the best times I've ever had there. I think I'm not alone in those feelings. The comments that we got on the evaluation forms just confirm that. WOW! I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who spent so many hours getting ready for the conference, from those on my team (Tom Sisson, Kelci and Morrie Williams, Jim Day, Ken Conrad, Bob Alford, TJ and Stu Murphy, Marleen Zilar, Julie Gantt who served as both my right and left hands) to all the great teachers who did such a class job—You were all so good. A special thanks!

For our tenth conference, there are many fond memories: the slide shows by David Bogie and Francis Hall; our keynote speakers Randy Tom and Martin Lester who gave so unselfishly; great weather; much, much better food; Art Ross's new Wind Dreams; Mike and Dave the raffle champs; the Tall Tales; Sam Huston, you won Student's Choice. Boy, there's so much, and it was so good. Make plans now for the first weekend of March 1994.

If you want to help with next year's planning, please give me a call. We've already started our planning meetings. Call me (Dave Weigand) at (206) 948-4560.



1993 Fort Worden attendees gather for the traditional group photograph. (Photo by Steve Millsbaugh)

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 Saturday, April 24th, following the Westport Windriders Potluck and meeting at the Lions Hall, Westport City Park, Westport.

## A WORKER BEE LOOKS AT FORT WORDEN

by Bob Alford

At our Ft. Worden is-it-really-over board meeting, there was a very high energy level evident in each person. It seemed we had managed to pull it off with no major disasters. Everyone should have been mentally exhausted and wrung out from trying to make it all come together. Of course there had been some opportunities to overcome ...registration, sign up, MIA slides, running out of raffle tickets, running out of meal tickets, and getting the evaluation forms returned, to name just a few. When we got home and were unloading Sunday night, Jamie found twenty raffle tickets we never put in for drawings. One of those tickets would probably have won something wonderful for me. If any of the officers got a chance to take any classes, it was an occasion. We thought things had gone well at the Fort, but were unsure how the important people (you) felt about it.

There were approximately 190 paid guests at the 10th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. We had twenty-eight teachers and twenty-six classes. We occupied 100 dorm rooms, all officers housing, many campsites, and almost two complete buildings of classrooms. Only three people had to cancel. One major concern was what you thought about how things had gone. Although it was considered, we knew we could not steal class time to ask each for your opinion. At one of our earlier meetings, GREED was discussed as a possible motivation to getting the evaluations filled out and returned. But never, in our wildest dreams, did we expect the response achieved by picking a super drawing prize.

There were 156 evaluations returned to me in registration. That is more evaluations than the number of people attending in previous years.



Bob Alford and Randy Tom drawing the winning number for the Randy Tom Nagle Girl kite that was the prize used as "motivation" for turning in evaluation forms at Fort Worden this year.

Beyond my real work, one of my chores the past few weeks has been to read the evaluations and report my findings. It wasn't a perfect weekend, and we have some things to work on for next year, but we got lots more good evaluations than bad. We will improve registration and class sign-ups for next year. Seventy-five percent of the overall ratings

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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 Millspaugh, 7573 Old Redmond Road, No. 5, Redmond, Washington 98052. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue—May 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.

## Worker Bee...Continued

were excellent or better. Twenty-four percent rated it good. The worst rating was one worth-another-try. Almost all of the criticisms were constructive with suggestions about how to make it better. All of the shortcomings you reported will be looked at this year to try to improve those areas. It is your conference and we want you to continue to attend and enjoy yourself.

As I read the evaluations, some positive comments kept sticking in my thoughts. It was as though my feelings about the fun times and great people were being expressed best by other people. Finally the realization came that perhaps all of us shared a blissful weekend of kite friends and times, and some could simply express that better than others. I've decided to write down some of those expressions for all of us to enjoy and treasure.

The main reason I come to the Ft Worden Kitemakers conference is:

"It's one of the high points of the kite year."

"So many creative, talented people eager to share their knowledge."

"My wife & I enjoy making kites together, it's a vacation."

"to be with other kitemakers...to help beginners advance and get the bug..."

"learn new things—see new kites & visit with old friends"

"Pure unadulterated kiting FUN!"

"the people! Kites are secondary!"

"to learn more about how to make kites & share creative ideas & have fun with great people!"

"to meet people, have fun & to learn more about kites"

General Comments:

"everything was great—see you next year"

"Thank you for a great weekend!"

"Awesome! Awesome! Awesome! Awesome!"

"Great people, great teachers! Wow!"

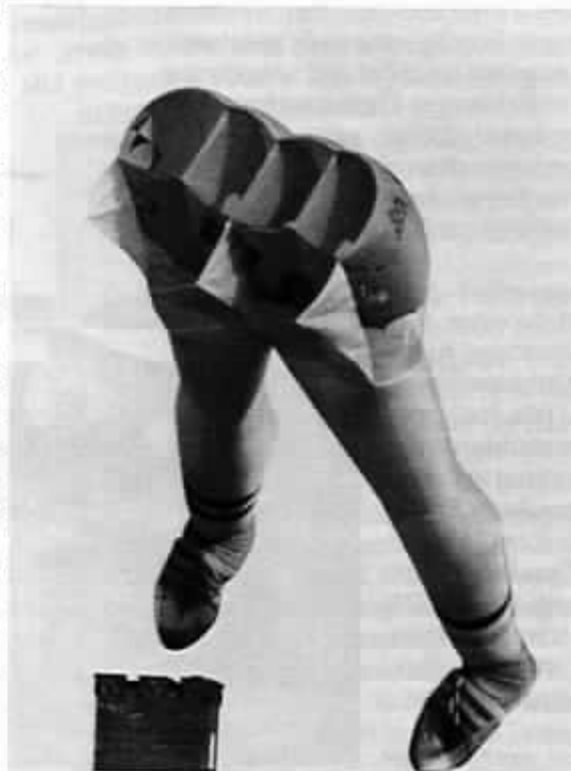
"Teaching was a kick, I liked doing it"

"We had a great time. Can't wait for next year"

"Those that can't do, teach. Ft Worden disproves this saying in a big way."

Let me take this opportunity to say "Thanks" to all who came and became part of another wonderful memory. The 10th Annual Ft. Worden Kite-makers Conference—Martin, Randy, all the teachers and friends (new & old)—it's a memory that doesn't fade and can't be taken away, just held and treasured.

See ALL of you next year!!



A pair of Martin Lester's Legs "tripping" over a building at Fort Worden. (Photo by TJ Murphy)



## Hawaii Challenge— March 5th-7th

by Rob Scribner

The Hawaii Challenge lived up to its name once again, with wild and crazy winds. We found ourselves flying in 4 to 21 mph winds, all within a minute. Of course, the weather was as nice as could be, causing many of the members of the Cutting Edge Kite Team to get sunburned.

There were individuals and teams from all over the world—Japan, Australia and the United States.

Our team came home with the Gold in Experienced Team Precision and the Silver in Team Ballet. We are still trying to get the grins off our faces. The team was most impressed with the new Ultra Light Turbojet with Advantage rods. This kite was more than capable of handling the sudden gusts without frame bowing. This allowed the kites to perform normally throughout the routines we flew. Thank you RamJet Kites.

Common to the Hawaii Challenge, there were many equipment tests. Air Art Kite Team, which won first place in both Masters Precision and Ballet, broke ten spars during their practices. Our team broke three sets of lines and two spars during practice also.

During Master Ballet, Team High Performance broke two sets of kite line, which put them out of the running for the Gold.

It was odd to be the only Northwest Team to compete in Hawaii this year, but we hope our team represented the region okay. Thanks to all of our supporters and clubs that wished us well. Our next competition is in Eureka, California. Hope to see you there.

Cutting Edge Kite Team



Dave Weigand presenting a Don Mock Drum Head Fighter Kite to Keynote Randy Tom, seated next to Kathy Goodwind. Thanks to Don's talent and generosity, one was also given to Keynote Martin Lester, and another was won by raffle ticket #1186355.

## Fort Worden Raffle a Huge Success!!

by Marleen Zilar

Thank you! Thank you! A giant thank you to all who participated in the kite raffle at the Tenth Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Thanks to all of you, it was a HUGE success.

Donations trickled in all weekend, resulting in a total of 146 items which were raffled. Ticket sales would soar every time a new "discovery" was made in the raffle room or a new roll of different colored tickets was started. The last ticket buying frenzy came to a screeching halt when we discovered we were out of tickets just before the final drawing Saturday night.

A record \$2,000 was raised, which will help bring in keynote speakers next year.

Some of the donated items included numerous kites of all descriptions, kite winders, flying line, kite stakes, windsocks, a Japanese kite shower curtain, earrings, pins, books, postcards, a gift basket which contained 12 kite-related items, shirts, wall hangings, souvenirs from kite events, and a gift certificate.

## Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference A Raffle Ticket's Point of View

by Orange Ticket #1186355 (Dave Christenson)

Can you visualize almost 9,000 of me and my friends running around Fort Worden the other weekend? We had a lot of warm and sometimes sweaty fingers clutching us. My owner seemed to be on the go all the time. He was always moving me around. One minute I'm in his pocket, then his pouch, or his wife's bag. I was all over the place.

Although I didn't get to relax and sit down and listen to the classes, I got to see almost all of the teachers and students. My owner was always selling my friends off. All I heard most of the weekend was, "Get your raffle tickets here, four for a dollar. New color tickets now; try your luck on this new color." Gee, I didn't know what to think of him.

I also got to hear my owner talk to Randy Tom and Martin Lester, the two keynote speakers. Being a ticket, I didn't understand what they were talking about, but my owner was sure happy. I heard him say to somebody that there were over 140 items donated to the conference. I saw lots of my friends from the roll I was on spread out around the raffle room. They were in bags by some really neat items.

At the mealtimes, some of my friends' numbers got called and caused some people to scream. Then came the Saturday night banquet. There must have been at least six tables crammed full of prizes. Wow, look at all those tickets in those bags. After a nice banquet, and some slides of some of the old retreats, and the usual speeches, they got down to calling out my friends' numbers. There were people smiling all over the hall.

There were all different colors of me being called—blue, orange, pink, tan—who can remember all the colors. Suddenly, I hear my number called. I scream, "That's me" but no one hears me. I forget that I am just a ticket. All this excitement around, and I'm left sitting on the table in a pile. Pretty soon the place starts to calm down, and my owner sits down to rest. Slowly he starts to look at the pile of tickets sitting in front of him. He reads them slowly to see if he got anything. Finally, he gets to me, and I think, "Look at me, look at me." He says, "Honey, what was that number for that Don Mock Drum Head Fighter Kite?" She says, "Let me check, its 1186355, why?" My owner says, "Alright, I finally got one of Don's kites. Great. Wow." I think to myself, it sure doesn't take much to get my owner excited. But that makes me happy too. What a great way to end a fantastic weekend.

Even though I ended up in the trash can, my owner got to meet a lot of new friends and visit with a lot of old friends. Someone said he was "Tako Kichi"; what does that mean????



Keynote Kitemaker Martin Lester illustrates a point to students in one of his classes. (Photos by Judy Millsbaugh)

## Leland Toy Memorial Kite *Hands Across the Sky to Fight AIDS*

Dear Friends of Lee,

Last October (1992) my husband Mike (Aurigemma) and I (Diana Aurigemma) were fortunate to be able to visit our good friend Lee for a few days at his home in Arizona. We were sad when we left because we knew it would probably be the last time we saw him.

When we finally learned of Lee's passing, I felt a need to do something special in his memory. So I designed and made a 13' delta kite with Lee's likeness and images he loved on it. I also designed the kite to be something everyone who knew Lee could contribute to and become a part of. The kite is designed so its tail pieces are made of 8-1/2" x 11" fabric squares with individuals' hand prints and signatures on them. The "Hand Prints" can be drawn, sewn, or made however a person wishes. As each square is sent in, it will be attached and the patchwork tail of hands will continue to grow.

—I hope you will send a square in.—

The kite itself is now available to whoever would like to request it for their kite event. (There are already over 50 hand print squares attached, and more being sent each week.) My hope and Mike's is that the kite will continue to travel world wide, and at each event more squares will be added. I am also asking, if possible, a picture be taken of the kite at each event and sent to me for inclusion in a scrap book. I will make sure the scrap book is available for viewing at the kite conventions. Eventually, the book will go to Lee's family. In addition, I have made room on the kite's border for each event and date to be recorded.

For Mike and myself, and hopefully for others, we see this kite as a way to keep Lee's memory soaring. It is also important to us that Lee's kite help make people aware of the AIDS crisis. After all, let us not forget that it was this deadly disease that took our friend from us so prematurely. If you would like to contribute your "Hand Print" and/or request the kite for an Event, I am including our address.

Please feel free to reprint and circulate this letter.

Yours truly,

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**A Parting Memory:** The last day

we were with Lee, even though he was quite weak and we had to semi-carry him in and out of the car, the one place Lee wanted to go was to his favorite fabric store. There, fabric and other odds and ends could be purchased by the pound. Naturally, there were a few pounds of great stuff that couldn't be passed up. Stuff that just might be needed to complete one of Lee's great creations. For me, this act showed once again how Lee always lived life to the fullest and how he always looked forward with joy.



Above, WKA members gathered at Magnuson Park on Sunday, March 21st, to remember Lee Toy at the inaugural flight of the Lee Toy Memorial Kite described in accompanying article. Lower right, one of Lee's kites flown by Kathy Goodwind at Golden Gardens during the New Year's Day Fly.



# Spring

## Kite Calendar

Event organizers: Please think ahead. Contact Darryl Stephison at (206) 432-1931 by the first of odd numbered months with Kite Calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

### APRIL

**April 3-4 (Saturday-Sunday)**, Spring Kite Fly, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores. 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, Marine Park & Boat Launch; 5:30 pm, meeting and potluck, 1401 Poplar (Everett Housing Authority Building), Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)359-2206 or (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 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 Triby Party), 10 am (kite flying), 6 pm (potluck), Twin Harbors State Park, Westport. Features large trains of Triby kites. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206)268-0877.

**April 24 (Saturday)**, WKA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Lions Hall, Westport City Park, Westport. 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. Dave Lord speaks on ultralight stunt kite design. 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 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday)**, Redwood Coast Regional Kite Competition, Eureka, CA. Contact: Dusty Smith (707)442-9245.

**May 2 (Sunday)**, SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am, Marine Park & Boat Launch; 5:30 pm, meeting and potluck, 1401 Poplar (Everett Housing Authority Building), Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)359-2206 or (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 15 (Saturday)**, PCKA Fun Fly, 10 am-5 pm, Ocean City beach. Pizza feed afterwards at Dugans Pizza. Night fly after dinner if we feel like it. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

**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 28-31 (Friday-Monday),** 5th Junction International Kite Retreat, Texas Technical University, Junction, TX. Contact: Betty Street (806)742-3027.

**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.

**June 6 (Sunday),** SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am, Marine Park & Boat Launch; 5:30 pm, meeting and potluck, 1401 Poplar (Everett Housing Authority Building), Everett. Contact: Robin Haas (206)359-2206 or (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 Windssocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

**June 19-20 (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.

## Nanaimo Bars

From *Elegant Entertainment Cook Book*, thanks to TJ Murphy  
A kitemaker from Canada brought these to the Hospitality Suite at Fort Worden, and they were SO GOOD many asked for the recipe—so here it is!

#### Base:

1/2 cup	sweet butter	125 ml
2	squares semisweet chocolate	2
1/4 cup	granulated sugar	50 ml
1	egg	1
1 tsp.	vanilla	5 ml
1-3/4 cup	graham cracker crumbs	425 ml
1 cup	flaked desiccated coconut	250 ml
1/2 cup	chopped nuts	125 ml

#### Filling:

1/4 cup	soft sweet butter	50 ml
2 tbs.	vanilla custard powder	25 ml
2 cups	confectioner's or icing sugar	500 ml
1/4 cup	milk	50 ml

#### Topping:

3	squares semisweet chocolate	3
1 tbs.	sweet butter	15 ml

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
2. To make Base: In a double boiler or a saucepan over low heat, combine butter, chocolate squares, sugar, egg and vanilla. Stir until melted.
3. Remove from heat and stir in graham cracker crumbs, coconut and chopped nuts.
4. Press mixture into an 8 inch (20 cm) square pan and bake in oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until set. Cool.
5. To make Filling: In a bowl, cream butter and custard powder until smooth. Stir in sugar and milk until smooth and soft enough to spread. Add a few drops of milk if needed. Spread over cooled base.
6. To make Topping: Melt chocolate squares and butter. Spread over filling. Chill until set, then cut into 2 inch (5 cm) squares.

Makes 16 squares.

*The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.*

## Kite Train Making Workshop at Long Beach

by Dave Christenson

Have you ever wanted to have one of those long kite trains? I've wanted one for a long time, but never took the time to learn how to build one. There have been several classes in the last of couple of years, but I never got to one of them.

This year, Susie and I decided to go to the World Kite Museum workshop on trains. They had a variety of trains that you could build. That was the hardest part—choosing one. I wanted to build all three. But we settled on the Ohashi Arch. Marleen Zilar taught our class. Mary Yoshimi taught the class on the Ghost Kite. Kay Buesing taught the class on the Nishibayashi Delta Bird Kite.

I don't think they were expecting the large turnout that they got. It was standing room only by the time the classes started at 1:00 p.m. It is a great feeling to see a room crowded with kite makers, young and old alike, sharing tape spools, scissors and everything. It turned out to be rather easy once we learned the simple assembly technique.

I could have got done sooner, but I was wandering around checking out the other classes instead of helping Susie. Tome, it was an afternoon well spent. The Museum has several more classes coming up. I would highly recommend them.

Well, so long for now, we will see you all later. Susie and I have a train to design.

## Classified Ads

### For Sale

Used stunt kites in good shape at good prices: Scorpion, Turbojet Ultra-light, Quadrifoil with handles, 8' round wing Banshee Scimitar, Interceptor by Paragon Kites. Call for information. Jim (206) 285-8277.

### KGB T-Shirts

Kite Group of Boise T-Shirts, sizes L, XL, \$10 each, postage paid. Contact Mick Dahms, 3317 Targee Street, Boise, ID 83705 (208) 344-0613.

### PCKA Pins

PCKA PINS ON SALE! Club logo pins and Crystal Mountain pins are on sale for \$3.99 (Regular \$5). 3340 East 11th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 (206) 627-1653.

### A Few Left

1993 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference pins featuring Martin Lester's Legs, \$5 each, or 10 for \$40, or 25 for \$75. Make checks payable to Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Send to Kelci Williams, 18030 N.E. 155th Place, Woodinville, WA 98072.

### 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.

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 Millspaugh, Editor, 7573 Old Redmond Road, #5, Redmond, WA 98052.

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## Board and General Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

A Board meeting was held on February 24, 1993, in Kirkland at SOFTCHEC. We were called to order at 7:15 PM with fifteen members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Next, Carol Lord gave us her initial treasurer's report. It was approved. Welcome aboard Carol. The next order of business was an unpleasant one. There are quite a few members whose memberships have expired and have been expired for some time. No one came up with a way to get all of them paid up right away. After a few suggestions and some discussion, we decided to do another giant mailing to those members that have either expired or will expire within three months of the mailing.

Also, concerning the membership area, we have noticed that many members ask for more than two membership cards. Later discussions will try to come up with an equitable way to pay for the additional cards and postage. Perhaps a nominal charge for additional cards? The entire membership data base is being converted (manually) to a new computer system. Hopefully the new system will make it easier for us to track expiring memberships and to notify the members before they are expired.

The next topic was this newsletter. Steve Millsbaugh made a short plea for articles. He noted that he and Judy had consented to publish, coordinate, and compile the newsletters, not write the whole thing. If any of you write articles or have items of interest to our kiting public, send them to Steve and

Judy. They will be very appreciative. They promised!! Next Dave asked for suggestions for a location for the September general meeting. Darryl Stephison suggested the Red Barn and said that if there was any interest he would make contact to get more information. We decided he should go ahead and find out what he could. It would be wonderful to have a fly and a meeting together. After a Fort Worden report, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

On March 5, 1993, a general meeting was held at Fort Worden with approximately thirty present members. Dave Gomborg told us that the AKA is considering reapportionment due to the large numbers of AKA members in the Northwest. There are probably more kite fliers in our region than several other regions combined. Contact our representative if you think it would be a good idea to get more representation. He also mentioned that the AKA Convention is going to be held in Seaside, Oregon, and anyone wanting to attend should get their reservations in early. It was also noted that SCI-FI has moved the location of their meetings and is going to start having potluck meetings.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to create a board position for Events Coordinator and to appoint Darryl Stephison to that job. Welcome back to the board Darryl!!!

Let's go make something and fly it!!

## President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Well, another major event has come and gone. Does everybody have some great ideas for kite projects now? The 10th Annual Fort Worden Kite-makers Conference was a huge success by my standards. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Don't forget that there are a great bunch of local festivals and fun flies coming up. The local clubs and kite shops put a lot of time and effort into them, so come on out and show them your support.

I didn't see too many WKA members down at Blue Lake Park a couple of weeks ago. Those of us that did show helped set a new Cody Record of 70 kites. Even with the weather like it was, everybody had a grand time. So listen up all you Cody flyers in the WKA—we have to, and we will bring the Cody record to Washington this year. Long Beach is coming up, so get ready to break the Blue Lake, Oregon, record. WSIKF will be a great place to set a new record, so get ready.

OK, listen up all you WKA members and other local kite clubs and/or organizations. We have been challenged to a Rokkaku Battle. Matt Palmer, President of the Pierce County Kitefliers Association (PCKA) has made the challenge. He has stated that they will take on all clubs in a battle. The PCKA is putting on a fun fly at Oyhut Beach (north of Ocean Shores) on Saturday, May 15th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He said there may be several challenges. There were several clubs (Westport Windriders and PCKA) that made tyvek rokkakus in classes with Don Mock. Matt wants to have a couple of heats for the smaller kites, then a main challenge for the larger kites in any clubs brave enough. OK, WKA, who else is going to accept the challenge besides me? Any other clubs or groups want to try their luck?

Well, I guess its time to close for now because I have a mission now—tuning my rokkakus for battle; whoa now, what did I do with that glass line? (just kidding) See you all on the flying field soon.

Best Winds, Dave

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**Pierce County Kitefliers Association**  
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We had a great January meeting. Don Mock taught a rokkaku workshop for over 50 enthusiastic people. The whole evening was spent cutting, taping, getting mixed up, and starting over again on a 4-1/2 foot Tyvek version of the traditional Japanese fighting kite. We all tried to be extra well behaved that night since Don is a genuine expert (he is a veteran of Fort Worden's Kitemaking Workshops, and he wins all sorts of prizes at the festivals around here). By the end of the meeting, everyone seemed to have completed a kite. I call that a success!

Prism Designs spoke at our October meeting. That was a lot of fun. We learned all sorts of tidbits on kite design, and they had some interesting stories to tell about how they got started. Did you know they originally came from Chicago? We're glad they picked Seattle to move to, but imagine all the great wind they left behind!

Our November Holiday Potluck was a high calorie affair. There was more food than we could possibly eat, but we tried! Now that the cold, rainy weather is over, the club is gearing up for spring (warmer, rainy weather). We'll be having a fun fly on Saturday, May 15th, at Ocean City (just up the highway from Ocean Shores). All WKA members (and all other clubs) are invited to come join the fun, and to participate in our Rokkaku Challenge. We'll have individual and club competitions, with prizes and trophies and lots of fun stuff. A pizza feed at Dugans in Ocean Shores is planned after the fly, and a night fly after that if it's not too cold and we still have energy to do it. We hope to see you there!

You are also invited to come hear David Lord lecture on ultralight stunt kites at our April meeting on Wednesday, the 28th, 7 PM at Mainframe Kite Shop.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association meets the last Wednesday of every month at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma (unless we have a kitemaking workshop or something, in which case we meet at the luxurious Fife Grange Hall). The meetings start at 7 PM and last until everyone leaves. Some people bring cookies, snacks, etc., but we'll still like you if you come empty handed. Memberships cost \$5 per year for family or individual (split personalities are fifty cents extra). PCKA members receive a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, get discounts at Northwest kite shops, free use of the club library, and other neat stuff.

### **Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI)**

Contact Robin Haas at (206) 359-2206 or (206) 670-3963, or Four Winds Kite Shop at (206) 339-9334.

Well, it's been a long, cold Winter but the members of SCI-FI have been busy preparing for the upcoming season. We are very excited and have lots of plans to try and make this a great kite flying year.



*Photo sent to the WKA by Masato Horikiri of the Edo-Gawa-Tako-Lover's Club, flying a big Edo-Tako in the Gawa-Ku district of Tokyo, Japan, with the Gawa River in the background.*

Plans are being made for the first Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. With the help of the WKA, we have been able to go ahead with plans to sponsor the first sport kite event in the Puget Sound region. The event will be held July 31 and August 1, 1993, at Biringer Farm near Marysville, Washington.

July 11, 1993, is the date that has been set for the 2nd Annual Jetty Island Kite Festival. The event, sponsored by SCI-FI and the Everett Parks Department, will again feature kite building for kids, face painting, and kite games. There are tentative plans to have a comprehensive competition for kitemakers. Bring your creations developed from skills gained at Fort Worden, and have a preview of what to expect at Long Beach.

We have been experiencing an increase in attendance at our fun flies held on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome and appreciate all of the flyers from other areas that come to share our flying field. We have made a change in



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our business meeting schedule. Instead of meeting for lunch at Alf's, we now have a potluck dinner at a local hall (5:30 pm, 1401 Poplar, Everett Housing Authority Building, Everett). Everyone, even non-members, is invited to attend.

Beginning this month, we will begin having a contest of some sort at our fun flys. There will be nothing to gain other than bragging rights and the opportunity to have fun. April will feature fighter kite games and battles. During our May fun fly, we will have stunt kite races using the new CATS Kite Racing system seen advertised in the latest issue of American Kite Magazine. The fun fly starts at 10:00 a.m., and the activities will get under way around 1:00 p.m. Come and join the FUN!!

#### Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

#### 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.

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

#### 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.

#### Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

#### Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

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