



# Newsletter

June-July 1993

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## Flying High in the Summer Sky

by Debbie Rodgers

Come fly high in the summer sky at the 4th Annual Yakima Valley Kite-Fly Festival, June 5th and 6th at Fullbright Park in Union Gap, Washington (see map on page 12). We will have single-line events, a Rokkaku challenge, as well as individual and team demonstrations.



Back by popular demand—dry camping alongside 80-plus acres of unobstructed level flying fields. Special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kite Clowns, Frisbee competitions and food and craft vendors will also be there to entertain everyone!

The Yakima Valley Kite Flyers will be hosting their 4th Saturday night B.B.Q. Bring a side dish and join us. For more information, call Debbie Rodgers at (509) 966-2249, or Rod Yarger at (509) 453-4679.

Mr. and Mrs. Kite Clowns (Photo by Diane Wilson)

## Washington State Stunt Kite Championship

by Robin Haas

The Washington State Stunt Kite Championship will be held July 31 through August 1, 1993, at the Biringer Farm near Marysville, Washington. This two-day event is being sponsored by the Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI) and the Washington Kitefliers Association (WKA). One of the nine events of the Pacific Northwest League, some of the best sport kite fliers from Northern California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska are expected to compete.

Biringer Farm is a working berry farm near Marysville along sloughs leading to Port Gardner Bay. Plenty of parking will be provided, as well as concessions. There will be no admission charge for spectators. A raffle will be held for several kites that have been donated as prizes.

This event has the distinction of being the first stunt kite championship to be held in the Puget Sound Region. It is hoped that people who don't usually drive out to the ocean will come and see what competitive kite flying is all about. Not only will there be events for individual flyers, but team flying will also be featured. Both precision and choreographed categories will be offered to competitors. The intent is to provide an enjoyable experience for all involved. Come on up, or down, and check it out!

For more information, contact Robin Haas at (206) 670-3963 or (206) 359-2206.

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, July 10, 1993, at 10 am, at Magnuson Park in Seattle. For more information, contact Dave Christenson at (206) 471-9103.

## Slide Lecture on Kites Opens Museum Birthday Celebration

by Kay Buesing

In celebration of the fifth birthday of the World Kite Museum at Long Beach, Washington, in August, Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig of Hamburg, Germany, and Scott Skinner of Monument, Colorado, will deliver a joint photographic slide lecture and discussion on the contemporary European and American kite scene. Their talk will be presented Friday, August 13th at 7:30 pm at the Mountaineers Club, 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle, Washington.

Schimmelpfennig is one of Europe's premier kite makers, organizer of the famous annual kite festival in Fano, Denmark, a noted lecturer, and author of several major books on the sport. His skillful photographs embellish his publications.

Skinner is a major figure in the world kite scene as a kite maker, authority, world traveler and collector. His extensive collection of kites from around the globe is earmarked for a major touring exhibition.

The joint presentation is being held in Seattle because of that city's large nucleus of kite makers and fliers. The lecture kicks off the week-long annual Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach August 16th-22nd, where both men will be featured performers.

Admission to the illustrated lecture and discussion is \$20 (\$15 for World Kite Museum members). Included will be a dessert and espresso bar. For reservations and directions to the lecture site, telephone (206) 642-4020.

Attendees will be able to purchase a new kite pin designed by Schimmelpfennig at \$7, \$3 off the retail price of \$10. The pin features the German's two renowned kites, Big Boss and Jac the Snake. These creations are widely considered to be among the most dramatic kites ever built.

There will also be a pin swap (bring extra pins along to trade), a free pin grab bag, free kite drawings, and the sale of merchandise from the World Kite Museum, a non-profit organization devoted to the increase and dissemination of knowledge about kites.

## Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blew.....

by L. B. Day

The Washington State Convention & Trade Center has engaged the WKA to decorate the main hall of the convention hall from Labor Day to November 10th.

The convention center will pay a gratuity to the WKA for the two-month display, so if cash is short but your kites are long, this is your opportunity to help the WKA with a colorful donation of your favorite kite.

Tom Sisson is coordinating the effort to collect and hang over 100 kites donated by WKA members and others who want to see their kites on display. Now is the time to start thinking about which of your kites you want to lend and see on display.

The main hall of the convention center is over 50' x 250', so there will be room for plenty of large and small kites, and the WKA would like to demonstrate both the history and the diversity of the kiting sport. There will even be an area to hang a kite in perpetual breeze so that it flies high over the heads of those below. Installation begins bright and early on September 7th, and the show ends November 10th. If you need your kite for the AKA Convention in October, however, you will be able to get your kite back on October 8th.

Please label your kite with your name and phone number, and deliver it on or before September 6th to: Tom Sisson, 4653 South Chicago Street, Seattle; or to: Ken Conrad at Great Winds Kites, 402 Occidental South, Seattle. Questions??? Call Tom at (206) 725-3615.

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

## Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$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.

# Seattle Kite Karnival and Demo Day, June 20th

by Kathy Goodwind

Should Seattle have its own kite festival? You Betcha! Gasworks Kite Shop invites everyone to Magnuson Park **Sunday, June 20th**, to celebrate The Seattle Kite Karnival and Demo Day. Gasworks Kite Shop will provide a large variety of kites for you to fly. We have reserved the whole park for the day to ensure plenty of room for the many kites we have to fly.

Fighter kite demonstrations and games arranged to test your skills, with helpful advice from veteran fliers. How about Rokkakus? We will provide the kite and an advisor, such as Don Mock who will be on hand for demonstrations and questions.

We will have a wealth of precision fliers who will demonstrate the newest maneuvers, along with helpful hints in dual and quad line flying. The Prism kite manufacturers will be demonstrating their new line of kites. Team Ogo will be flying team with the Goodwind's newest dual line kite, the Zephyr. Roger Maddy will be flying three quad line kites with only two arms. Come and watch!

Kids will have a fun-filled day with free kites and face painting. We have Peter Lynn's Puffer Fish kite on its way to Seattle to provide hours of fun for the children.

## Bellevue Kite Day

by Steve Millspaugh

The fifth annual Bellevue Kite day was both typical and atypical for this event. To start with, the event was held on April 17th, despite having been listed in the WKA calendar as being the 24th. To anyone who may have missed the event, or made their way to Bellevue Downtown Park on the 24th looking for us, our sincere apologies.

What was typical was no wind, therefore, a ground display by WKA members. Almost the only kites in the air were those being pulled by the running children for whom this city-sponsored event is presented. This was the case for the first hour or so. What made the day unusual was that we actually got to fly for a very short time, as a storm blew in giving us some breezes (until the rain fell). These breezes were strange and unpredictable, with wind direction changing 180 degrees in a minute—but at least we flew! There have been years where that didn't happen at all.

Darryl Stephison, who coordinates this event with the City of Bellevue, on behalf of the WKA, even managed to fly his very large rainbow delta. Seeing this huge kite raise gradually and gently into the sky created quite an impression among children and adults, alike.

As usual, the kids all seemed to have a good time "running" their kites, and quite a few parents stopped by and asked questions about various aspects of kiting.

While you're there, make sure you fill out our easy questionnaire and receive a discount coupon with the chance to win one of our several door prizes. Coupons are redeemable only at Gasworks Kite Shop, where you can purchase any of the many kites that you have tested that day.

So pack a picnic lunch and come and join us for a fun-filled Father's Day. For more information or to volunteer to help us out, call Gasworks Kite Shop at (206) 632-6151 or (206) 633-4780. See you there!

## Kite-A-Thon

by Dave Christenson

The WKA has been asked to participate in the second annual Imperials Music & Youth Organization Kite-A-Thon, June 19th, 10 am, Magnuson Park, Seattle. We have been asked to do what we do best with kites. We will be putting on a ground display to let the kids and bigger kids see some of our different types of kites. The Imperials is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching kids about music. So come on out Saturday and join the Cutting Edge Kite Team and yours truly for a fun day.



Darryl Stephison, left, and Steve Millspaugh, right, launch their kites from the ground display area set up by the WKA. (Photo by Judy Millspaugh)



## Westport Kite Festival 1993



### "Let's go Kite Dancing to the Music of the Wind"

Thursday, June 24th, through Sunday, June 27th

by Jeri Soulier, Pic-A-Patch Kites



The events are planned for family participation, and there are no entry fees.

All workers and entrants in competition are eligible for a drawing for a Hagaman Parafoil 35 Kite.

There will be concessions on the beach, and a shuttle bus will run from the dock at the flashing stop light to the beach and back, Thursday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm, on the hour and half hour. Park at Westport Docks.

Winners from each days' events will be posted each morning at the Registration Booth on the beach. A detailed description of each event and judging criteria will be available at Registration, or by contacting Pic-A-Patch Kites, (206) 268-0877, P.O. Box 1487, 2521 Westhaven Drive, Westport, Washington 98595.

**Registration** for all events will be at the Registration Booth on the beach.

All events are subject to change, delays or cancellations due to wind and weather conditions. Competition is in designated areas only. Check at the Registration Booth 30 minutes prior to the event for up-to-date information or changes. Check the program (available at the festival) for designated areas (Big Kites, Competition and Stunt Areas).

**PLEASE** give **LARGE KITES** plenty of room and respect right-of-ways. Have fun and be **SAFE**.

**Field Marshall: Sonny Hamner**

**Registration: Sue and George Blanchard**

**Announcers: Steve Millsbaugh, Don Mock, Dave Christenson, Ken Marks**

## MULTI-DAY EVENTS

### WIND ART

*Dave and Susie Christenson,*  
Coordinators

Overall impressive beach sites will be judged—Banners, flags, kites, windsocks, spinsocks, etc. Hand-crafted or commercial will be considered.

Contestants must register to enter any of the three days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

Registration: 11:30 am-1 pm

Judging: 2-4 pm Daily

Awards: Ben Franklin Award, Paint the Sky and Best Camp Display (will be presented after last day's judging)

### MYSTERY BALLET

#### "DANCES WITH KITES"

*Marleen Zilar,* Coordinator

Registration: Friday and Saturday, 11 am-1 pm

Contestants will be given a musical cassette selection at registration. Each

contestant can develop and practice a ballet routine. Sunday morning, they will fly their interpretation of the music drawn. There will be two classes (Novice and Experienced) and a Best Effort Award will be given.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH

### HANDCRAFTED KITES

*Roy and Carol Voelker,* Coordinators

**Important:** Kite builders who sell commercially, and co-builders (combined effort), please state this on registration form before competing.

Registration: 11 am-12:30 pm

Classes: Novice, Masters

Divisions: Boxed; Banners; Figure-Novelty; Stunt-Multi Line; Delta and Derivative; Cellular; Fighter Kite; Bowed-Rokkaku; Trains and Centipedes; Parafoil

Categories: Most Beautiful; Unique Design; Smallest Kite of Show; Largest; Judges' Choice

Kites Judged on Workmanship, Appearance, Design, Color, Stability in Flight

Single Line: Novice Class 1-2 pm; Masters Class 2-3 pm.

Banners: 3-3:30 pm

Stunt Kites: Novice Class 3:30-4 pm; Masters Class 4-4:30 pm

Winners and scores posted Friday morning; awards presented Saturday night at the Lions Hall.

### WELCOME PARTY

*Al and Creda Axton and Steve and Judy Millsbaugh,* your "no hosts" (for information)

6 pm; No Host

Islander Restaurant on the docks

Buffet Served 6:30-7:30 pm

\$3 per person

Slide Shows; Door Prizes; Drawings and Auction

Party-Party!!

## FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

### JUNIOR & ADULT STUNT KITE COMPETITION

*Tom Holland, Dan Norgaard, Roy Voelker and Darryl Wiltman,* Coordinators

Ages: Junior 6 through 14; Adult 15 and over

Registration: 11 am-12:30 pm

Classes: Novice, Intermediate and Experienced

Divisions: Individual Precision and Ballet; Team Precision and Ballet; Quad Line, etc.

**Judging: Adult**

1-3 pm

Individual Precision; Individual Ballet; Team Precision; Team Ballet.

Quad line—Combined Program, Precision plus two-minute free style in each class

### Judging: Juniors

4-5 pm

Combined Program, Precision plus two-minute free style in each class. Three compulsory figures: a square, a circle, three consecutive figure eights.

Winners and scores posted Saturday morning; awards presented Saturday night at the Lions Hall.

### STUNT KITE SCHOOL FOR KIDS

*Richard Maestas, Coordinator*

6-7 pm

For kids ages 14 and under

### PICNIC ON THE BEACH

**WESTPORT WINDRIDERS, HOSTS**

*Jim McSparran and Bill Stitts,*

*Coordinators*

7 pm, public invited

Hot dogs grilled on our BBQs by our famous chefs. Buns, condiments, potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw furnished. **You bring:** drinks, plates and silverware. Covered food area furnished. Bring your folding chairs, blankets and warm clothes for comfort.

**Dark**—Bonfire and Lighted Kites on display and in the air??

Alternate plan to move indoors depending on weather.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH

#### FIGHTER KITE COMPETITION

*Bill Stitts and Leroy Peoples,*  
*Coordinators*

Registration: 10:30 am

Competition: 1 pm

Timed Event

#### ROKKAKU CHALLENGE

*Stu and TJ Murphy, Morrie and Kelci Williams, and Darryl and Kathy Stephison, Coordinators*

Registration: 10:30 am

Competition: 2 pm

Awards: Team and Kite Appearance; Challenge Team Winners

#### PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

*John and Heather Thomas, Coordinators*

Public please vote from 12 noon to 4 pm at the Registration Booth.



A view of some of the "camp sites" on the beach at last year's Westport Festival, showing the good winds and beautiful weather we hope to see this year. (Photo by TJ Murphy)

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

*David and Janet Robinson, Coordinators*

3 pm

This special event is handled by our friends David and Janet Robinson from the White Horse Kite Flyers of Swindon, England. Free kites will be brought all the way from England, to be built and flown on the beach.

#### TEDDY BEAR SKY DROP

*Doug Hagaman, Coordinator*

Registration 3 pm

Children must be registered for prizes

4 pm, Doug Hagaman's Parafoils will Sky Drop four Giant Teddy Bears.

#### AWARDS DINNER

*Connie Wiltman, Coordinator*

6:30 pm; No Charge

Lions Hall, public invited

Traditional Potluck Night; Baked Ham and Baron of Beef served; you add the pots and goodies.

#### AWARDS, TROPHIES AND DRAWINGS

*Chuck Reese and Tom Holland,*  
*Coordinators*

8 pm, Lions Hall

#### PIN CHALLENGE

"THE MATCH GAME"

*Creda Axton and Marleen Zilar,*  
*Coordinators*

9 pm, Lions Hall

Western Dancing on tennis court at City Park; music and instruction, etc.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH

#### BREAKFAST

9-11 am, Westport Lions Club

\$3.95 per person

#### MYSTERY BALLET

*Marleen Zilar and Sonny Kersh,*  
*Coordinators*

1 pm, "Dance With Kites"

#### CODY KITE SHOW

*Rick Brown and Don Mock, Coordinators*

In the "Big Kite" area, an attempt to set a record of Codys in the air at one time.

#### BEST OF SHOW AWARD

4 pm, at Audio on beach

The public is invited to vote at the Registration Booth from 11 am to 1 pm for any kite flier you admire during the festival. Honor a kite flier or a person's kite with a vote of admiration.

## Kite Calendar

**Contact Darryl Stephison at (206) 432-1931 with Kite Calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number. We attempt to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information, however, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.**

### 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 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 13 (Sunday)**, 10th Annual 1993 Kite Flying Festival, "on the beach" at Porksville Community Park, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Open to all ages; prizes; entertainment; free admission; refreshments available. Contact: Marilyn (604)248-6142.

**June 19 (Saturday)**, Imperials Music & Youth Organization Kite-A-Thon, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

**June 20 (Sunday)**, Seattle Kite Carnival and Demo Day, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Specially designed for new kitefliers. Lots of hands on with most major brands of both single and dual line kites. Plus Frisbee throwing, fighter kites, and a rokkaku

battle. Contact: Gasworks Kite Shop, (206)632-6151 or (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)357-7557.

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

### JULY

**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 Windsocks & 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 17-18 (Saturday-Sunday)**, Southern Oregon Kite Festival, at the Port and Beachfront, Brookings Harbor, Oregon. Arts & Crafts Fair; stunt and single line kites; night fly; fighter kites; team and ballet flying; free kites; contests; prizes; kite workshop; kite auction; Rokkaku challenge; free stunt kite lessons. Contact: (800)422-5273 or (503)469-9044.

**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, Oregon. 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 Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769 or Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

**August 13 (Friday)**, Photographic slide lecture and discussion,

7:30 pm, Mountaineers Club, 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle. Joint presentation by Wolfgang Schimelpennig and Scott Skinner; admission \$20 (\$15 World Kite Museum members). Contact: (206) 642-4020.

**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.

## Redwood Coast Kite Festival

by Steve Millspaugh

Judy and I made it down to Northern California for the Third Redwood Coast Regional Kite Competition in Eureka on May 1st and 2nd. This event has been growing, and this year was a sanctioned stunt kite championship for PNL points. Besides multi and single line competitions, there was a good variety of demos and exhibitions, with Randy Tom and Jose Sainz displaying the last couple of year's worth of AKA grand champion kites.

This was a most unusual event, as it was held on private property at a temporarily closed airport, with a \$10 per car parking fee for the weekend. At first I was somewhat put off at the thought of fliers and spectators having to pay to fly and watch kites. Following discussions with event coordinator Dusty Smith, however, I was more sympathetic. There aren't a lot of serious kite fliers in Eureka, so in order to get enough locals involved and volunteering their time to make it happen, the local Rotary Club was enlisted, and they used the event as a fund raiser for their organization.

The actual kiting staff, however, was comprised of many familiar names from Washington, California and Oregon—Ron and Sandy Gibian, Rick Talbott, Sonny Hamner, Barb and Sam Wright, Bill Lester, Dale Vanderhoof, and many more too numerous to list.

Washington State was well represented as we swept the fighting categories, with Sam and Barb Wright defeating all challengers in the Rokkaku battle, and yours truly taking a first place in fighter kites. The fighter kite competition was another unusual touch, as we performed compulsories rather than fighting. It was different, that's for sure, but it was interesting and fun.

Another highlight of the event was a "mega-fly" featuring the Sundowners and Team Paragon flying large stacks of Hyperkites. They wowed the crowd (and Judy and me) with up to nine stacks flying together in some really spectacular routines.



The Sundowners and Team Paragon getting together for a mega-fly at the Redwood Coast Kite Festival. (Photos by Judy Millspaugh)



One of Gail Lindsay's (of Chula Vista, California) gorgeous creations on display at the Awards Banquet in Eureka.

# Washington State International Kite Festival Schedule

by Kay Buesing and Genny Forsberg

August 16-22, 1993

Long Beach, Washington

## Monday

Early bird tune up day

## Tuesday—Terrific Tuesday

Kite Trains and Arches; Dual-Line Trains; Pioneer Kite Competition; Pioneer Costume Competition; Single-Line Games; Pretty Kite Competition

## Wednesday—Children's and Seniors' Day

Best Senior Kite Flyer; Senior Big Band Ballet; Quad-Line Demos

## Thursday—Handcrafted Kite Day

Comprehensive Competition

## Friday

Stunt Games And Demos; Junior Stunt Competition; International Guest Demos; Fireworks; Lighted Night Fly

## Saturday

Recognition Ceremony And Sky Divers; Fighter Kite Competition; Cody Event; Rokkaku Challenge; "Show-Time"

## Sunday

Everyone Fly A Kite (Western Hemisphere Record Attempt)

## Multi-Day Events

Terrific Territories; Wind Art; People's Choice Award

## 1993 Highlights

**Theme:** Westward Ho (Pioneer and early Northwest theme). Pioneer Kite and Costume Competition, a highlighted event for 1993...start planning your kite and costume NOW!

Stunt Kite Trains will be an added event on Tuesday; competitions in most colorful and best routine.

Stunt Kite Games—CATS Kite Racing Competition (a big hit in Europe, relatively new to the U.S.)

Rokkaku Challenge—new rules including line length to be no longer than 200 feet.

RV Reserved Parking—special parking areas close to the boardwalk are reserved for large vehicles.

## International Guests

### Steve Brockett

From Wales, Steve is an artist who uses the wind to display his creativity. He specializes in hand-painted cotton kite sails and dynamic flight performances. People buy his kites to fly and to hang on display.

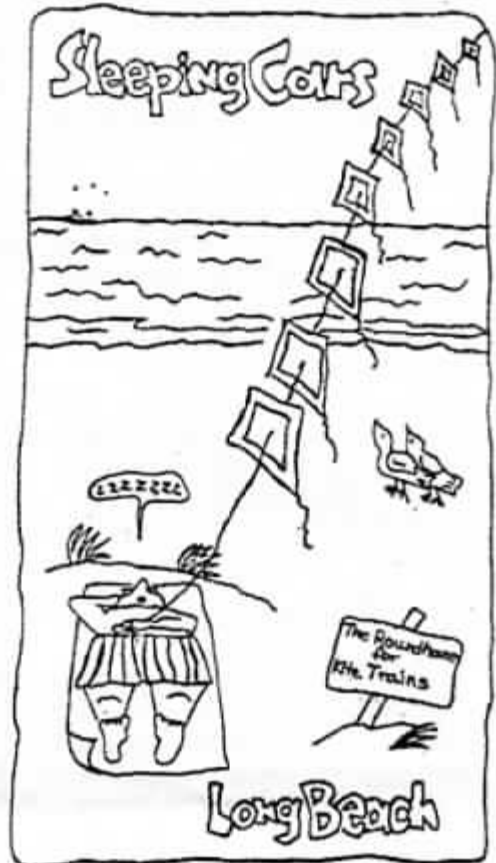
### Wolfgang Schimmelpennig

One of Europe's premier kite makers, Schimmelpennig is the inventor of the paraflex. He adapts this form into flying creatures. He also is a skilled photographer, the author of several books on kites, and the organizer of the Fano Kite Festival in Denmark.

### Shirone Kite Team

As a special gesture of the opening of the kite museum in Shirone, Japan, this Japanese team will bring one of their famous giant fighting kites to fly at Long Beach. Traditional Rokkakus from their 300 year old festival will also be flown.

*Below—Bring your Cody kite for Saturday's attempt to beat the new record for most Codys in the sky at one place at one time. The current record (70) was set at Blue Lake Park outside Portland in March.*



*Above—Dust off all your single and dual-line kite trains, make some new ones, borrow from friends, and fly them in the Washington State International Kite Festival's Tuesday event sponsored by the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame. Awards of new heights of nonsense will be given and cherished!*



## Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

A board meeting was held on April 14, 1993, in Kirkland. We were called to order with thirteen members present. After minutes were read and approved, the first order of business was to select the vendor for producing our new pins. After some comments and discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that we order the pins from The Artery. The next item was what to do about members requesting multiple membership cards. After considering additional postage costs, the extra work involved in producing cards, and our objective of getting more kids and families involved in kiting, we decided to continue sending the requested number of cards.

The King County Fair would like for the WKA to hang and display kites between July 21-25; also the Washington Convention Center would like for us to provide kites for display during September and October. Dave presented a challenge to us from the PCKA for a Rokkaku Battle on May 15. The next item was consideration of the possibility of having a Mega Potluck Meeting in November with joint participation by all interested local clubs. Dave is to investigate possible locations and interest by other clubs and report back at the next meeting. It sounded like a great idea to us if we can find a location large enough for everyone.

Robin Haas provided a status report on the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship which indicated things are coming together quite nicely. He proudly showed us their official logo and suggested that everyone make their plans for attending the event. Maura will provide SCI-FI with the WKA

membership files for doing a mailing. The next business item was the creation of WKA banners. While at Fort Worden, several of us talked to Carla Fox about the possibility of her producing a WKA banner design such that she could make kits to be sewn by our membership. She had mailed four or five suggested designs for our thoughts. The board came up with a unanimous selection, and decided to order 20 of the kits right away. The banners will be 12' long, and utilize the colors of our logo. When we get the production lines fired up, we will make the kits available to our membership.

The last topic of the evening was the location of our September 11 General Meeting. After quite a bit of discussion, it was decided that the WKA will pay the \$250 fee for renting the Red Barn for our meeting. We are going to arrange with the Fort Worden Board to have some kind of kite making classes at that meeting. Perhaps Sam Huston can teach another class. At any rate, plan to be at the gala September meeting.....With that subject completed, we adjourned at 9:10 pm.

We hope to see you all flying soon!!!

## President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

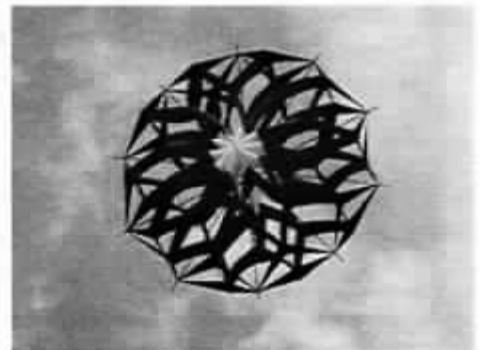
What happened? Nobody but yours truly showed up for the Rokkaku Challenge on May 15th. But thanks to Mike from the Total Eclipse Kite Team who volunteered to help the WKA; it was his first battle, and he did great. We only won one heat, but we gave the other teams a run for the roses. Great job Mike, see you at the Westport Festival.

We should start seeing the new WKA banners soon. Carla Fox in Oregon is making them up in kit form, and we will sew them ourselves. They are bright, so look for them at the festivals soon. There will be some extra kits available if anybody would like one.

The WKA and the PCKA want to put on a joint Holiday Potluck in November. If any other clubs would like to attend, please let me know so we can determine the size of the hall we will need. If anybody has any suggestions for a location, please get in touch with Matt Palmer of the PCKA (206-627-1653) or me (206-471-9103).

Watch for the new WKA pins. They should arrive around the end of June.

The other weekend Susie and I had the chance to go to the Preston Winery Kite Festival in Pasco. We had a fantastic time. We went over in a caravan of about nine rigs. Even with all the problems I had with my motor home, we still enjoyed the companionship and help of the other kiting RV'ers. Thanks for the help everybody. We hope to go again. The Preston family was a great bunch of hosts. Best Winds, Dave



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### For Sale

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

## Classified Ads

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.

## WKA Window Stickers

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.

## 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.

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## Regional Reports

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

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

The members of SCI-FI have been busy planning for two upcoming events. The first is the Second Annual Jetty Island Kite Festival. The date of the event will be July 11, 1993, and it will run from 10 am to 6 pm. We are planning to have activities for the children again this year, including kite building, face painting and games. There is a lot of room for everyone to fly. Our goal is to have a "mini Long Beach" and fill the sky with kites. It should be easier and quicker to get to the island this year. Plans are to move the loading area for the free ferry ride to a new dock at Marine Park and Public Boat Launch located at 10th and Marine View Drive in Everett.

Following on the heels of that event is the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. This two-day event will be July 31 to August 1, 1993. It will be held at Biringer Farm near Marysville. See related article in this issue for more details.

SCI-FI would like to encourage anyone and everyone to come and join us for one of our fun flys and potlucks. We meet the first Sunday of every month except December. We usually get flying around 10 am (nothing formal) and end up with a potluck at the Everett Housing Authority Building. It is located at 1401 Poplar in Everett. The flying field is at the Marine Park and Boat Launch at 10th and Marine View Drive in Everett.

The next few months will be an exception to the normal schedule this year, however. June's meeting will be held at the Yakima Valley Kitefliers event. The first week of June is Everett's annual celebration, and our flying field is taken over by a carnival. There will be no potluck that evening. Our July fly turns out to be the Fourth of July. Experience has shown that the Boat Launch is not a safe place to fly kites on this day because many people bring their fireworks and set them off there. Fireworks and kites just don't mix. If you don't have any special plans, drive on up to Bowman Bay at Deception Pass where you will find some members flying. August will be the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. We know you will all come for that! We should get back on schedule in September. What a busy summer!

### **Pierce County Kitefliers Association (PCKA)**

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

PCKA hosted a lecture by Dave Lord on ultra light stunt kite design at the April meeting. The place was packed as Dave explained various techniques on how to design the lightest kite possible, and how to work with "Orcon" fabric, a paper-thin, almost transparent material that resembles reinforced Saran Wrap. He handed out free information packets that included copies of his building plans, sketches, formulas, and tips on how to lighten any design. Packets are available through PCKA for 75 cents, plus 58 cents postage, or pick up one in person at Mainframe in Tacoma.

Our Fun Fly at Ocean City on May 15th was fantastically successful, delightfully sunny, gloriously windy! The wind started as a gentle breeze just strong enough to coax the larger kites up, building to a good steady wind in the afternoon. Typically, the winds died down to almost nothing at exactly 2:00 when the Rokkaku Battle was scheduled, so we postponed it for a half hour. We began with the individual category to get everyone warmed up. Ron Miller won this with a superb show of skill (and maybe just a little good luck). The big event of the day was the Club Battle. PCKA, WKA, and "The Munchkins" representing the Capitol City Flyers and the Westport Windriders all competed for the grand trophy. The plan was for the best two out of three. Skills were evenly matched because every team won one heat, resulting in a

three-way tie. There was a tie-breaker, and in a very close victory, The Munchkins (Ron Miller and Leroy Peoples) managed to knock everyone else out of the sky and emerged victorious.

By dinner time, over 60 fliers had crowded into Dugan's Pizza in Ocean Shores for the Big Feed. Almost everyone there was sunburnt to a nice pepperoni red. Apparently everyone was too busy having fun that day to worry about sunscreen. A night fly followed the pizza feed later that evening.

PCKA's upcoming events include plans for a lecture by Dick Curran on how to work with Orcon material, and our annual booth at the Puyallup Fair. We'll also be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Handcrafted Kite Competition at the Fair this September. Start thinking about what you want to enter. An auction is planned for the first part of October. Donations of kites or related items, new, used, bought or homemade would be much appreciated to raise money for future events which you may want to attend. For information on any of these events, please contact PCKA.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association meets the last Wednesday of every month at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma at 7 pm. Memberships cost \$5 per year for family or individuals. PCKA members receive a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, get discounts at Northwest kite shops, free use of the club library, and other good stuff.

### **Capitol City Flyers**

Contact Leroy Peoples (206) 456-4156.

### **Squalicum Kite Flyers**

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

### **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.



## Regional Reports...Continued

### 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

### Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

### British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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

### Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

### Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

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

## Long Beach Changes

by Jim Buesing, Long Beach Kites

Here's something to really moan and groan about. Our annual Cranberry Kite Fly, Soup Supper and Pickle Exchange (October 16th-17th) has to be canceled. Actually, we could have had it, but we were afraid you'd all leave the AKA Convention and come here (since they conflict). Now, that would cause some hard feelings, so we're canceling! Save your new pickle recipes, and we'll have a soup-slurpy good time in 1994.

The Memorial Day Fly is still on, with a motor home on the beach full of goodies and libations. Bring some hamburger patties and buns for an evening barbecue, and we'll supply the rest. See you there.



Above map is to the Yakima Valley Kite Festival in Union Gap, Washington. See related article on page 1.

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