



# Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## September General Meeting Set for "The Red Barn"

by Darryl Stephison

WKA members should mark their calendars for Saturday, September 11th. On that day, our next general membership meeting will be held in the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field. Popularly referred to as "The Red Barn", the Museum includes the red wood building that housed The Boeing Company in its early days. In this building is memorabilia from those early days of manned flight up to the brink of World War II. In the attached steel and glass "Great Gallery" over 20 full sized aircraft "fly" in formation above. On the floor are many more rare and unusual aircraft and information-filled exhibits.

Members who come to the meeting and check in will be given a pass to the Museum good for the rest of the day. Some members may wish to take part in a kite building class to be conducted by Sam Huston, one of the most popular instructors at Fort Worden this year. If you are really ambitious you can do both. It promises to be a fun day for all who attend.

The doors will open at 10:00 am, and the meeting will start about 10:30. Ask the volunteer at the reception counter to direct you to the WKA meeting (we'll be in the basement). You must check in to receive a pass. If you want to attend but your membership has lapsed, this will be an excellent opportunity to renew. Space is limited to 85 people (first come-first serve) so come early and enjoy.

## Fort Worden Preview!

by Dave Weigand

On Saturday, September 11, 1993, in cooperation with the WKA, Sam Huston, noted instructor at our annual kitemaker's conference, will give some of you diehard kitemakers a chance to make one of his great sew-less kites—a 50" Keeled Delta made with plastic film and adhesive tape. Sam's tetrahedron class last year was one of the highlights of Fort Worden.

In conjunction with the WKA September General Meeting at the Flight Museum at Boeing Field, Sam's class will be offered to a limited number of kites. Cost of the class will be \$8; length of the class will be approximately 1-1/2 hours, allowing ample time to go through the Museum.

The Kite Making Workshop will be held after the WKA meeting, which is scheduled for 10:30 am.

**Please note: You must sign up and register for the class at the Museum.** There will be only 50 kits, and space at the Museum is limited to 85; so it's on a "First Come, First Served" basis. You don't have to take the class to go to the meeting, and you don't have to go to the meeting to take the class, but you **do have to register before space runs out.**

Each participant will construct a 50" wingspan, ultra-light, keeled delta kite using plastic film sail and high-tech adhesive tape spar pockets and

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Please, remember to call Dave Christenson with your pizza choices for the WKA Pizza Party at the Washington State International Kite Festival coming up in August. See article on page 8 for details.

## Bainbridge Island Kite Fly "Best Yet"

by Darryl Stephison

In its fourth year, the Bainbridge Island Kite Fly enjoyed its largest turnout yet. While still small in comparison to many Northwest kite festivals, this kite fly offered an opportunity to relax and fly kites with friendly fellow kitefliers. From both sides of Puget Sound they came to the small island community to enjoy an afternoon at the park.

As always, Battle Point Park was in excellent condition. Although surrounded by trees, the 900 acre park is large enough and close enough to the Sound to get fairly good kite flying winds. The weather was very nice. Although a light rain had fallen that morning, by the time we started flying the sun was shining and the grass was dry. A variety of kites was flown, a few picnic lunches were consumed, and everyone seemed to be happy. The Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation Department must have been happy because they donated \$150 to the WKA.

Thank you Bainbridge. We'll be back.

### Ft. Worden...Continued

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reinforcing. This is not a trash bag and strapping tape kite. It is durable, and can be rolled and bagged like a sewn nylon kite. **It's whisper light!** Two to three mile an hour winds are ideal.

The dimensions are scaled from Margaret Greger's one-piece delta. The construction is simple, but a bit painstaking. These methods and materials can be used to make a wide variety of kite designs without using a sewing machine.

For the class, each person will need to bring a good pair of small scissors; other materials will be included in the kit provided. When ready to fly, you provide your own flying line (note: you can't fly there at Boeing Field—it's an airport!).

Remember, if you want to be sure to get in on this class, get there on time and sign up. The doors will open for registration at 10 am.

### Mystery Ballet No Longer A Mystery

by Marleen Zilar

What music is this? Eight brave stunt kite fliers took their chances when they decided to participate in the Mystery Ballet at the Westport Kite Festival. Music was presented to each of them from a grab bag. It was then up to the individual fliers to develop a routine to go with that music. Songs included hard rock, rap, western and popular, with most contestants wishing they could trade with each other.

Barb and Cliff Bond were the only team entered, and performed a crowd-pleasing routine, especially when they docked their kites together during flight. They won a first place ribbon in team division.

Singles first place winner Eli Williams, with less than an hour to practice, dazzled the crowd with his fast routine in the air and on the ground. Don Strasbaugh took second place, flying his Revolution; while Dave Colbert came in third, flying to "That's The Way Love Goes".

The other participants also flying very good routines included Heather Thomas, Richard Maestas and Connie Hale.

Thanks to all of you for making this event a success.

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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 — September 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.

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## Museum World Exhibition Tour

by Kay Buesing

In celebration of the fifth anniversary of its founding next August, the World Kite Museum of Long Beach, Washington, will send on world tour an exhibition of large kites that it has commissioned from 13 experts or teams in seven countries. The state-of-the-art creations will reflect the theme of the show: "The World on a String: What's New, Who's News in Kiting".

Guest Curator Scott Skinner of Monument, Colorado, chose the kitemakers. In addition to artistic ability, innovation, kitemaking skill and enthusiasm for the sport, he had as a key criterion the introduction of exceptional new talent to the international kite scene.

A former flight instructor at the Air Force Academy, Skinner is himself a renowned kitemaker, world traveler, authority on the sport, and a major collector of kites.

The exhibit was previewed at the Junction, Texas, kite retreat May 28-31, and then debuted at the Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, on exhibition through January 4, 1994 (for more information, call (206) 443-2880). Following will be a world tour to Japan and Europe.

Kitemakers contributing are: **US**—Pete Dolphin, Merchantville, NJ; Eva and Chris Dunlop, Rockport, TX; Bob Mosier, Houston, TX; Linda Johnston-Murosako, Seattle, WA; Jose Sainz, San Diego, CA. **Australia**—Michael Alvares, Perth; Tony Wolfenden, Melbourne. **Germany**—Rolf Sturm, Dueseldorf. **Holland**—Wilma and Jan Fischer, El Vogelenzang. **Japan**—Katsutaka Marooka, Tokyo. **France**—Michael Gressier, Tours. **England**—Steve Brockett, Cardiff; The Decorators, London, a flying team headed by Felix Mottram.

The exhibition has been organized as a good will contribution to the sport by Drachen Design Incorporated, Seattle, a flight-related product, design and marketing firm. Skinner heads the company.

In addition to kites, the kitemakers have been asked to design a cloisonné pin related to their work to be sold in connection with the exhibition. Sale of these pins, as well as other memorabilia plus rental fees, will generate income for the non-profit World Kite Museum, which is devoted to the increase and diffusion of knowledge about kites.

After exhibition at the Pacific Science Center, Seattle, the show will tour the Orient and Europe in 1995. The exhibition comes home to Long Beach in August of 1995. At that time, kites will be auctioned off for the benefit of the museum.

## Attention Kitemakers!

by Jessica Palmer

Kitemakers are invited to submit their handmade creations in the Western Washington Fair for the Second Annual Handcrafted Kite Competition.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in the following categories: flat or bowed; cellular; dual line, controllable; miscellaneous.

Additional awards include: Best in Division—Purple Rosette plus RamJet Kites will award a TurboJet stunt kite, and Mainframe Kite Shop will award high performance line with handles and winder.

Entry date for kites is Wednesday, August 25th, at the Hobby Hall, Puyallup Fairgrounds, between 4 pm and 8 pm; or drop off the kites at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma any time before that date. All kites will be returned September 28th-29th.

For more information and a complete list of rules, contact the Fair for their Arts Premium List at P.O. Box 430, Puyallup, Washington 98371-0162, or call (206) 841-5017. You may also contact Mainframe Kite Shop with questions at (206) 627-1653.

## Better Flying at Magnuson Park

by Ken Conrad

If Seattle's Magnuson Park has become a favorite kite flying spot for you, and you also object to wallowing through or tangling with knee-high grass, scotch broom, weeds, and brush, then you will be interested in an opportunity I recently found.

I did some checking with the Seattle Parks Department to learn that the whole of Magnuson Park is currently maintained by only one full-time caretaker who devotes most of his attention to maintaining the sports fields. (Unfortunately for kites, those fields are usually booked and rented by sports organizations for team use.) That leaves the "Magnuson hill", where kitefliers often set up and fly, basically un-tended and overgrown. The gripes among enthusiasts with whom I have talked about this are unanimous! Further checking has led me to what I think may be a good solution to the problem: the **Adopt-A-Park** program, which was started to enable community involvement and support of Seattle parks.

The purpose of the program is to empower an organized group to do long or short-term projects to maintain shrubs, beautify areas, control litter, monitor vandalism, etc., depending on their interests, observations, the needs of the park...I've started the approval process to become the "registered volunteer" who will organize just such a group to participate in "Friends of Magnuson Kite Hill" maintenance crew. Several kitefliers have already agreed to join in occasional work parties to make the hill a lot more "flier-friendly". With many hands making light work, the benefits will outweigh the effort! The initial conversations I've had with the maintenance supervisor, park planners and Adopt-A-Park program people have been positive, and I expect to have our project approved soon. If you want to become a part of the solution, please contact me, Ken Conrad, at (206) 624-6886 (days), or (206) 524-5184 (evenings).

## Westport Kite Festival 1993

by Judy Millspaugh

The 1993 Westport Kite Festival, "Let's Go Kite Dancing to the Music of the Wind", was a huge success! For weather, we had just about everything—high winds and mist; slightly overcast; and perfect winds, beautiful sunshine and clouds combined.

The success of the Westport Festival, sponsored by Jeri and Richard of Pic-A-Patch Kites and the Westport Windriders Kite Club, is due in large part to help from many volunteers from around the region. As Jeri said, "We can be proud. All crews on the beach held in there and kept things happening and exciting. A great team effort, and Richard and I thank you for your loyalty, your effort, and attitude throughout elements and a few snafus."

On Thursday, the Handcrafted Kite Competition had 55 entries, with winners in twelve categories and a Judges' Choice winner.

**Handcrafted Kite Competition winners were:**

**Cellular**—Novice, Unique Design, Creda Axton; Masters, Unique Design, Cliff Pennell; Masters, Most Beautiful, Sam Huston. **Fighter Kites**—1st, Richard Maestas; 2nd, Andrea Maestas. **Bowed-Rokkaku**—Novice, Most Beautiful, 1st, Lee Taylor; 2nd, Charmayne Cornell; 3rd, Ron Miller. Novice, Unique Design, 1st, Richard Maestas; 2nd, Pierre Langlois. Masters, Most Beautiful, Sonny Hamner. Combined Effort, Most Beautiful, 1st, Lee Taylor and Leigh Blakey; 2nd, Cliff and Gerry Pennell. Combined Effort, Unique Design, Cliff and Gerry Pennell. **Trains and Centipedes**—Novice, Most Beautiful, Lee Taylor. **Boxed**—Novice, Most Beautiful, Don Robbins. Novice, Unique Design, Bob Gietz. Masters, Unique Design, Rich Vaughn. Masters, Combined Effort, Most Beautiful, Cliff and Gerry Pennell. Commercial, Most Beautiful, Rick Brown. **Figure-Novelty**—Masters, Unique Design, Don Mock. **Delta-Delta Derivative**—Novice, Most Beautiful, 1st, Jeremy Colbert; 2nd, Jim McCarty. Masters, Most Beautiful, Judy Brown. Masters, Unique Design, Darryl Stephison. Commercial, Unique Design, Dave Colbert. Parafoil—Masters, Unique Design, Kathrine Crowell. Combined Effort, Most Beautiful, Dave Christenson and Terry Lee. **Banners**—Novice, Most Beautiful, 1st, Dave Christenson; 2nd, Ken Tumminia. Masters, Unique Design, Gerry Pennell. Commercial, Most Beautiful, Deb Cooley. **Stunt-Multi Line**—Novice, Most Beautiful, Andrea Maestas. Novice, Unique Design, Richard Maestas. **Largest Kite**—Novice, 1st, Bill Deatherage; 2nd, Ron Miller. Masters, Art Ross. **Smallest Kite**—Novice, Charmayne Cornell. **Judges' Choice**—Don Mock.

Thursday evening was the "No-Host" Welcome Buffet at the Westport Islander Restaurant, with a delicious and plentiful buffet for only \$3 per person. If you're wondering how a complete dinner buffet can cost only \$3, you're right, it can't. Thanks to Richard and Jeri, who graciously and generously covered the additional cost, 125 festival fliers enjoyed a great evening of good food and fun.

At the Thursday evening party, David and Janet Robinson from the White Horse Kite Flyers of Swindon, England, presented Jeri with a handcrafted wrought iron weather vane, with (appropriately) a kite flyer motif. Jeri said later, "This will find its place of honor on the top of our Kite Shop, forever reminding us of special friends and times."

For the Stunt Kite Competitions on Friday, the high winds, combined with some drizzle, accounted for a slightly lower competitor turnout; however, there were still some brave souls out there. One competitor in particular won the hearts and admiration of the spectators. A very young man, DJ Beaver, entered the Junior Stunt Kite Competition, and despite being dragged down the field by his kite by the high winds, came back and tried again. The helpers dug a hole in the sand for him to try to anchor himself in, and he tried again—what determination!

**Stunt Kite Competition winners were: Individual Precision**—Intermediate, 1st, Richard Maestas; 2nd, Paul DeHope. Experienced, 1st, Dave Sweet;

2nd, Robin Haas; 3rd, Mike Peterson. **Individual Ballet**—Intermediate, Paul DeHope. Experienced, Mike Peterson. **Team Precision**—Experienced, Team Swift Shore (David Coltran and David Minzel). **Team Ballet**—Experienced, Team Swift Shore. **Junior Division**—Novice, 1st, Willy Brook; 2nd, Kasey Maestas; 3rd, Cheryl Sinclair.

Due to the high winds and on-and-off misty conditions the Friday evening Picnic on The Beach was looking like it should be moved to an indoor location. However, kitefliers in the Pacific Northwest are hardy individuals and used to such conditions, so Jim McSparran and Bill Stitts and their helpers set up the barbecues, tables, etc., on the beach as planned. The huge turnout proved that a little weather can't stop kite



Don Mock's latest creation, *Orca*, which won top honors at both Yakima and Westport. (Photo by Judy Millspaugh)

people! The crowd grew and grew, as the food disappeared rapidly—so much so that a few didn't get fed. A comment from Jeri, "An apology to those few turned away; we'll not be guilty of this next year."

At dusk Friday night, the Bonfire and Night Fly were great! For the first time in five years, there was WIND!



A beautiful sight was provided by Deb Cooley and Ken Tumminia and Sonny Hamner with their large lifting kite holding up a 90' spin sock with lights spiraling around it as it twisted on the line. Great show!

Saturday was a very busy day filled with activities from morning through the late evening. The day started with Fighter Kite Competitions, which were, as Jeri stated, "...as usual, interesting to watch. These small, fast kites take such expertise, and the ability of these performers is never really appreciated. Nice show."

**Fighter Kite Competition** winners were: 1st, Ed Alden; 2nd, Tim Seleski; 3rd, Steve Millspaugh.

The **Rokkaku Challenge** on Saturday was, as usual, a real crowd pleaser. It was well planned and managed by Bob and Maura Alford, Morrie and Kelci Williams, and Darryl and Kathy Stephison. The winning team was *The Griffs*, with team members Sam and Barb Wright and Dave Colbert. Team Spirit was awarded to *The Leos*, with team members Sonny Hamner, Dave Hayes and Ken Tumminia.

Saturday was a big day for kids, too. There were 187 children registered for the **Teddy Bear Drop** (per Jeri, the most ever). Each received a Teddy Bear pin when they registered, and 40 small prizes were handed out to kids whose numbers were drawn from the registration list.

David and Janet Robinson and Paul Taylor (from England) and their volunteers helped 150 eager kids assemble kites that David and Janet brought from England.

Then, finally, what all the kids were asking about all day—The Teddy Bear Drop! Thanks to Doug Hagaman and his parafoil and teddy bear harness system, four excited winners got to watch their giant teddy bear go up the line and come floating gently down on Doug's parachute to be caught in the field before they could fall in the sand. The winners were Justin Cunningham, Kasey Maestas, Colleen Mindes and Erin Miller.

While Doug was getting the bears ready for their flight, two **Non-Flying** Teddy Bears, donated by Sonny Hamner of Reedsport, Oregon, were awarded to two more lucky winners—Catelyn Shultz and Brett Wise.

The **Potluck and Awards Dinner** on Saturday night made up for the shortness of food on Friday night. Thanks, again, to Richard and Jeri, who provided Baked Ham and Baron of Beef and other goodies, and thanks to all the great cooks (and the local grocery stores for those of us who don't cook too much) who brought potluck dishes, 155 people crowded into and around the Westport Lions Hall for a fun-filled evening.

Awards were given out to the winners in the Handcrafted Kite and Junior and Adult Stunt Kite Competitions, along with special awards to the following: **Peoples Choice Award**, Don Mock; **Red, White & Blue Award** by the Ben Franklin Kite Society, Jim McSparran Family; **Paint The Sky Award** by Hagaman Parafoils, Vi Weeks; **Wind Art Camp Award** by Pic-A-Patch Kite Shops, Jim and Rose McSparran.

The lucky (and much envied) winner of the **Hagaman Parafoil Kite** was Judy Brown. Jeri reports that Judy recently told her, "I am really enjoying my new Hagaman. We flew it at Florence this weekend, and it is beautiful!"

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For all you "Pin Heads", Marleen Zilar and Creda Axton put on a great **Pin Match**, with winners in two categories—Al Axton and Ron Button (see *Westport Kite Festival Pin Match* article for details).

Deb Cooley presented a beautiful banner to Jeri in appreciation of the great job she does every year on this festival. The banner, beautifully and expertly made by Debbie, featured this year's Westport Festival logo, and was signed by all the kitefliers there.

Sunday's events began with a new competition, **The Mystery Ballet**. See *Mystery Ballet No Longer a Mystery* article by Marleen Zilar, who coordinated the event.

The winners in the **Mystery Ballet** were: 1st, Eli Williams; 2nd, Don Strasbaugh; 3rd, Dave Colbert. Team Division, Cliff and Barb Bond. Best Effort, Heather Thomas.

As Jeri said, "The Cody Show just speaks for itself. And Sunday was their kind of day—sun and windy. Thanks to the **Cody Man, Rick Brown**, for coming to town."

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The McSparran family—Red, White & Blue and Wind Art Camp Award winners. Jim and Rose McSparran, Laura and Craig McIvan, Kaitlyn McSparran, and Heidi McIvan. (Photo from Laura McIvan)

## Calendar

Contact Darryl Stephison at (206) 432-1931. Listings subject to change. Please call the contact listed to verify details.

### AUGUST

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

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

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

**August 13 (Friday)**, Photographic slide lecture and discussion, 7:30 pm, Mountaineers Club, 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle. Joint presentation by Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig 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.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 5 (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.

**September 11 (Saturday)**, WKA General Membership Meeting, 10:30 am, Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, Seattle. Limited space. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

**September 11 (Saturday)**, Sam Huston Kite Making Workshop, following WKA General Meeting, Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, Seattle. Limited availability; kits \$8. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

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

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

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

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

### OCTOBER

**October 2 (Saturday)**, PCKA Auction, 7 pm, Fife Grange Hall. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

**October 3 (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.

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

**October 9 (Saturday)**, 8th Annual Manzanita Kite Festival, Manzanita Beach at Laneda Ave., Manza-

nita, Oregon. Contact: Gone Flying Kites (503)368-7114.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**October 28 (Thursday)**, PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

## Westport Festival...Continued (from page 5)

The Cody Fly didn't set a new record, but there were 42 Codys in the sky. According to Rick and Judy Brown, "It may not have been the most Codys ever, but the wind conditions made it great for the participants."

Another new event this year was the **Best of Show Award**. Anyone attending the festival was invited to vote for their favorite "performance" of the four days—a kite flier or a person's kite.

The winners were: 1st, Art Ross of Vancouver, B.C., for his Wheel Wind Art; 2nd, Bill Deatherage of Tacoma, WA, for his Tiger Kite; and 3rd, Eli Williams of Tacoma, WA, for his choreographed performance in the Mystery Ballet.

Jeri summed up the festival, saying "Thank you to the wonderful crews that learned and earned their mettle. We invite them back again when the plans start rolling for '94. They kept this effort running as a well-oiled machine."

Jeri also added "just a few name drops: Steve and Judy Millspaugh, the Colbert Family, Ron and Marla Miller, The Rokkaku Organizers, Al and Creda Axton, Marleen Zilar, the McSparran and Stitt Families, Don and Jeanne Mock, Art Ross, Dave and Susie Christenson, our own Roy and Carol Voelker, Chuck Reese, Betty and Dick Meredith, Connie and Darrell Wiltman, Sonny Kirsch, Dan Norgaard, and the Canadian HiFlyers. To all of you, I'm so glad you found us; I'm grateful and humble."

Steve and I really enjoyed the festival this year. Jeri and Richard and the Westport Windriders put on a great festival—one of our favorites. It doesn't happen without a lot of help from a lot of volunteers, and I'm sure some names that should have been didn't get mentioned in this article. I apologize in advance for any omissions. If you send me a note or letter about something or someone missed, I'll be sure to put it in the next newsletter.

## Westport Kite Festival Pin Match

by Marleen Zilar

Having the most kite pins doesn't necessarily make you a kite pin contest winner at the Westport Kite Festival. In keeping with a tradition that was started last year to have a unique kite pin contest, we held a "pin match" this year.

All nine adventurous contestants were asked to select ten pins of their choosing from their pin collection and attach them to a board following their name. None of them knew how the pins would be judged. However, they were all reassured that they would get their pins back after the contest.

After everyone's pins were on the board, they were asked to compare their pins against all the others to see how many pins matched theirs. Next, they were asked to compare again and look for one of a kind pins, or "least matches". After determining there were some tie scores in both divisions, a "tie breaker" drawing was held, using two pieces of paper, one stating "most matches", the other "least matches". Ten more pins were added by the tied contestants, after their names, before the drawing.

After two "tie breaker" drawings, Al Axton and Ron Button were declared the winners, each receiving a \$25 gift certificate from Pic-A-Patch Kites. I might add that Al and Ron were more interested in taking their pins off the board (by this time theirs were the only pins left on the board) than checking in the envelopes to see what the prize was. Both promptly spent their prizes on (can you guess?) more pins!

Other entrants in the Pin Match were Dave Colbert, Bill Deatherage, Vic Eshpeter, Kay Gittings, Kasey Maestas, Steve Millspaugh and Kelci Williams.

## It's Your Turn!

by Steve Millspaugh

Producing this newsletter that you're reading is both a challenge and a joy, but it just may be time for someone else to do it. This is the third consecutive year that Judy and I (mostly Judy, to be honest) have produced the WKA Newsletter. I am proud to note that during this period it has received praise from many circles, including being described as "arguably the best newsletter in the country" by the AKA's club liaison.

However, even things that are good can sometimes use a new, fresh approach, a change of pace. We would like very much to hear from someone out there who may be willing to get involved with this project. It is not a trivial job, but it is also not an overwhelming one. If you have an interest in kites, kitefliers, and publishing, please give us a call at (206) 885-0203.

We feel that the newsletter is a vital part of the WKA, and would like to see it continue as a success. In order for that to happen, we need someone to come forward and accept the opportunity. If you have any questions, just call and ask. We will be happy to do whatever we can to help you make this newsletter a continued success. It's your turn!



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## WSIKF 1993 Event Schedule

The 1993 Washington State International Kite Festival will be held from Monday, August 16th, through Sunday, August 22nd, in Long Beach, Washington.

Registration begins at 8 am each day, with registrations being accepted until half an hour before an event is scheduled to begin.

The 1993 theme is *Westward Ho*.

Events and times may be changed or modified, depending on the wind and weather.

### Monday, August 16th

*Special Olympics*, beginning at 10 am

10-11 am: Assisted Competition; 11-11:45: Professional Demonstrations; 11:45-12:45: Unassisted Competition; 12:45-1 pm: Awards Ceremony

#### Events

*Up, Up, and Away!*; *Lucy in the Sky!*; *Free Falling*

### Tuesday, August 17th

*Terrific Tuesday*, beginning at 10 am

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

### Wednesday, August 18th

*Children's Events*, beginning at 10 am, Field A

0-4 years old: No competition, but a chance to fly; 5-9 years old: Sprint and reel out competitions; 10-14 years old: Sprint and reel out competitions

*Best Senior Kite Flyer*, beginning at 10 am, Field B

Must be over 50 to compete. Four competitive flying events: Reel out, Fighter Kites, Boka, Launch and Retrieve

*Senior Big Band Ballet*, following Children's Events, Field A

Must be over 50 to compete. Fly choreographed maneuvers to Big Band music.

*Quad-Line Demos*, following Best Senior Kite Flyer, Field B

**Thursday, August 19th**  
*Handcrafted Comprehensive Competition*, beginning at 9 am

Trains and Centipedes; Smallest Kite; Flat or Bowed Kites; Cellular or Dimensional Kites; Delta and Delta Derivatives; Soft and Semi-Rigid Kites; Figure or Novelty Kites; Cooperative Kites (co-built); Stunts and Multi-Line Kites; Historical Reproductions; Traditional Eastern Kites

### Friday, August 20th

*Stunt Kite Games and Demos*, beginning at 10 am, Fields A & B  
Team With a Twist; Kite Racing; Demonstrations

*Junior Dual-Line Competition*, beginning at 10 am, Field C

Must be 14 years old, or younger. Three compulsory figures: Square, Circle, Figure Eight

*International Guests Demos*, following Stunt Kite Games, Field A

Steve Brockett, Wales; Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig, Germany; Michael Alvares, Australia; Shirone Kite Team, Japan

*Multi-Line Demos*, following Junior Stunts, Field B

*Fireworks and Lighted Kite Fly*, at dusk

Not a competition. Register for Night Fly before 4 pm.

### Saturday, August 21st

*Recognition Ceremony and Sky Divers*, beginning at 10 am

*Fighter Kite Competition*, beginning at 11 am, Field A

*Record Number of Cody Kites*, beginning at 11 am, Field B

*Rokkaku Challenge*, beginning at 1 pm, Fields A & B

Team competition with traditional Rokkaku Kites

*Show-Time Demonstrations*, beginning at 2:30 pm, Fields A & B

### Sunday, August 22nd

*"Everyone Fly as Many Kites as You Can"*, count begins at 1 pm

An attempt to beat the 1992 Western Hemisphere record, set in Long Beach, of 3,990 kites in the air at the same time. The count is taken from south of Tenth Street to the Chataqua Lodge north of Bolstad Street.

### Multi-Day Events

*Terrific Territories*, Wednesday through Friday, August 18th-20th

Judging of "campsite" on the beach, made up of banners, flags, tents, tarps, umbrellas, spinsocks, windsocks, kites, cabanas, line art, etc.

Registration accepted until 1 pm; judging from 2 to 4 pm.

Choose one of the three days to enter when you register.

*Wind Art*, Friday through Saturday, August 20th-21st

Two categories: Handcrafted and Commercial

Registration accepted until 1 pm; judging from 2 to 4 pm.

*People's Choice Award*, Tuesday through Saturday, August 17th-21st

Vote at the registration tent for any kite or kite flier you admire during the festival.

## Phone in Your Order for the WKA Pizza Party!

by Dave Christenson

It's time again for the Annual WKA Pizza Party, held in conjunction with the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach, Washington. This year, it's on Thursday, the 19th of August, at 5:30 pm. It will be at the Super 8 Motel in Long Beach, like last year. The cost is still \$5 each. It includes three pieces of pizza, a salad and a can of pop. The choices will be the same as last year—Combo, Pepperoni, Vegetarian; Diet or Regular pop.

We also will have door prizes. We have a lot of excellent kitemakers out there in the WKA, so if you have something that would make an excellent door prize, get in touch with me.

Remember to give me a call if you are coming to the pizza party so I can order enough pizza. Contact Dave at (206) 471-9103. I could use some helpers like I had last year. All help and donations are greatly appreciated.

## WKA Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

A board meeting was held on June 23, 1993, in Kirkland. We were called to order with ten members present. After minutes were read and approved, Dave gave a financial report from Carol. The first expenditures for the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship (the event we are co-sponsoring with SCI-FI) have begun. Literature, tee shirts, pins, etc., have been ordered and deposits had to be paid. Dave asked for volunteers for hanging kites July 19th for the King County Fair. He also wanted the members of WKA to start considering some sort of organizational donation to the World Kite Museum. Not necessarily money...Any ideas?

The board decided to increase our insurance coverage for sanctioned events to the minimum required for most cities and parks. It costs an additional \$59 per year. Susie brought in the new WKA pins. Any she had left (after selling them to board members) are available to the entire membership. There are plenty left! (Steve Millspaugh was not at the meeting.) We are getting good response to our membership expiration notices—even so far as hearing from people whose membership had expired two years ago. We will continue to send out the notices in an attempt to prevent the loss of our great members.

In other financial news, we received a donation of \$500 from the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Now, during our financial backing of the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship, the donation came at a perfect time. Thanks to Fort Worden, and continued success.

The last order of business was the new WKA banner kits from Carla Fox. The ones that have been completed are beginning to get noticed at events and

beaches. The initial order from Carla has already been sold. We would like to get as many of these beautiful banners as possible completed and flying before the Westport Festival and WSIKF. The price for the kits is \$42. The consensus of the ones that have sewn them so far is they are big, wonderful, and worth the effort and cost. Anyone interested in acquiring one of them can contact Susie Christenson or any board member. After the discussion and display of the banners, we decided to order twenty more of them from Carla. Thanks Carla, the design and the kits are magnificent!

The only other item of note was our attempt to have a general membership meeting July 10th at Magnuson. We did not even manage a quorum. Is there anyone out there listening, or is it just the board members that participate? We are going to be looking for some officer candidates for next year soon, so start getting your affairs in order so you can help out with YOUR club.

We hope to see you ALL flying soon!!!

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## President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Have you seen the new club banners yet? Everyone who has say they look great. When you see them, let us know what you think also. Our new pins are in. They also look great. Check out the classified ads on how to get them. The banners are also available in kit form for \$42.

As you know, it's almost the end of the WKA's board members terms. Several of them would like to step down for awhile. They have helped run the club for several years and would like to see some new faces on the board. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, please let me or any of the board members know. Your help would be appreciated.

Have you been attending any of the great fun flys and festivals that have been happening around the Northwest? Susie and I have been trying to attend as many as my schedule will allow. There have been some great get togethers around this area lately. There are still some great ones coming up this year. We hope to see some more of you at them. Don't forget the WKA Pizza Party coming up at WSIKF (see related article).

Another upcoming event is the September General Membership Meeting. We will be trying something a little different this time. The meeting will be held at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Also, Sam Huston will be teaching a kitemaking class (see *September General Meeting Set for "The Red Barn" and Fort Worden Preview!* articles).

Don't forget to let me know if you know of a hall or building that may be available for a November Potluck and Holiday gathering. I am trying to get a place lined up soon.

I would like to thank Steve and Judy Millspaugh and Stu and TJ Murphy for loaning the club some of their kites. Their help was greatly appreciated when we all hung kites at the King County Fairgrounds the other night.

Best Winds, Dave



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## 4th Annual Yakima Valley Kite and Flight Festival

by Debbie Rodgers

Saturday morning, after months of preparation, we awoke to the continuation of an all-night, Seattle-type downpour of rain. It ended by nine, and the sun and wind prevailed. Fulbright Park emerged from the storm lined with American flags beautifully flowing in the breeze. Campers and tents stretched along the creek. Kite fliers from everywhere congregated to fly their creations, show off skills and share quality time with each other.

Two smiling, brightly-dressed clowns from California, with huge hearts and smiles passed out earrings, candy and love. Mr. and Mrs. Kite Clown, Lewis and Patricia Lewandouski, touched the hearts of us all.

Many wondered who the three-person team was way out in the field. To our delightful surprise, Roger Maddy from Seattle was accomplishing a very skilled and difficult three-kite routine—solo!

Single-line competitions were held Saturday morning and a Rokkaku challenge wore us out just watching it.

The Saturday night barbecue, hosted by the Yakima Valley Kite Flyers, evolved into an evening of great food, conversation and humorous entertainment. Big, juicy burgers and tables of tempting food satisfied everyone. Ribbons were awarded to winners of the single-line events. For a special surprise, Mag Huges and David Robinson pulled barrels of laughter out of all attending with their hilarious juggling act.

Several hundred children and adults of all ages flying Tree Top kites in the dark blue sky highlighted the weekend. It was a sight to see, and could be seen around the whole valley. There is not much that can top the smile of a small child holding on tightly to their first kite, or the look on the face of an elderly gentleman remembering the kites of his boyhood. It was overwhelmingly satisfying to see so many kites in the sky at one time and so many people enjoying them.

For the first time, the Yakima Valley Kite and Flight Festival was run by a board made up of volunteers interested in insuring the success and growth of the festival. Many hours were invested, and much was learned. From this successful experience, we will continue the things that were a success in the past, and add to them.

Much anticipation and planning has already gone into next year's fly, solidly scheduled for June 11 and 12, 1994. We will be adding a new innovative element to our festival. We are sure this will pique your curiosity and lure you back to the 5th Annual Yakima Valley Kite and Flight Festival.

Competition winners were:

**Comprehensive:** 1st, Don Mock; 2nd, Mike Button; 3rd, Dave Christenson; 3rd, Richard Maestas. **Best Design:** 1st, Don Mock; 2nd, Richard Maestas; 3rd, Mike Button; 3rd, Bill Deatherage. **Most Beautiful:** 1st, Don Mock; 2nd, Dave Christenson; 3rd, Rolando Smithgloria. **Train:** Mike Button and Diane (the holder). **Miniature:** 1st, Richard Maestas; 2nd, Rolando Smithgloria. **Overall:** Don Mock. **Fighter Kite Competition:** 1st, Steve Millspaugh; 2nd, Mike Eason; 3rd, Tim Lucas.

## Classified Ads

### Two For One Trade Ins!

Trade in any kite-related pin in good condition (non-PCKA) and get two assorted PCKA pins. In person or by mail, contact Mainframe, 3340 East 11th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421; (206) 627-1653.

### WKA Window Stickers

Three-color, 4"x4" removable window stickers featuring WKA logo, \$3 each. 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.

### New WKA Pins

New 1993 WKA pins, featuring WKA logo, now available. \$5 each; \$40 for 10; or \$75 for 25. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E, Tacoma, WA 98404, (206) 471-9103.

### Classified Ads

Any items relating to kites or kitefliers, 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, found, free or stolen items 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.



Part of the flying field at the Yakima Valley Kite and Flight Festival, showing some of the hundreds of Tree Top kites that were given away to children (and to some "big kids" too). (Photo by Judy Millspaugh)

### WKA Banner Kits Available

Kits (by Carla Fox) containing pre-cut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$42 each. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E, Tacoma, WA 98404, (206) 471-9103.



WKA Banner—purple background, black letters; kite backgrounds: W-red, K-yellow, A-blue; green waves.

## Regional Reports

### Pierce County Kitefliers Association (PCKA)

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

At their July meeting, the Pierce County Kitefliers Association had a lecture by Dick Curran on working with Orcon. He discussed dying techniques, sewing tricks, adhesives, how to make joints, and other tips on working with Orcon lightweight sailcloth.

Other upcoming events include the Western Washington Fair, which runs from September 10th through the 26th at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. PCKA will host a booth in the hobby hall and have kites on display. If you have any kites you can loan for display during the month of September, please contact us. They don't need to be fancy, handmade treasures—they don't even have to be fly worthy! We just want to fill that large hall with a lot of color and give the spectators a chance to see as many different kites as possible. Also, don't forget the Handcrafted Kite Competition at the Fair!

The PCKA will be holding an auction Saturday, October 2nd, 7 pm at the Fife Grange Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. It's a good place to get some bargains and one of a kind kites and kite-related items. Any donations are greatly appreciated, including pins. We have a new pin trade-in program going on through October 2nd. Trade any kite related, non-PCKA pin in good condition for two assorted PCKA pins. The pin you trade in will be auctioned off. All proceeds go to support future club activities.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association meets the last Wednesday of every month, 7 pm, through August. Starting in September, PCKA will meet on a new night—Thursday, 7 pm, at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma. Membership costs \$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. PCKA logo pins and left over Crystal Mountain event pins are on sale for \$3.99 each (two for \$6.50).

### Capitol City Flyers

Contact Leroy Peoples (206)456-4156.

### 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.

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

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Membership \$10 for one year, or \$17 for two years, includes quarterly newsletter.

### Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

### British Columbia Kitefliers Association

Box 755, 810 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5Z-4C9. Membership \$8 (US—money orders only, please).

### Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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## Demo Day!

by Dave Sweet

Under a sunny sky, Father's Day was celebrated by more than 300 people at Gasworks Kite Shop's Fifth Annual "Demo Day". The hard work and dedication of Kathy Goodwind's entire staff made this the best one ever.

There were over \$5,000 worth of Scorpions, Revolutions, Quadrafoils, the Maxi-edge, the Fizz, and many other fantastic toys to try out. Kathy's own Zephyr, Flash and Wind Demons were a huge success. Team OGO flew their Zephyrs and put on a demonstration during the afternoon. Don Mock had many of his beautiful creations there, as well as many other people showing off their wonderful single and dual-line kites. Thanks to all of you for sharing your pride and joys.

The big hit for the kids (and parents) was the Peter Lynn Puffer Fish that Tom Sisson and Robin Haas had inflated all day long. This giant puffer looks like a large hot air balloon laying on its side. The kids could go inside of it and make the puffer roll across the ground by walking into the sides of it! What a success!! All the way from New Zealand! You will be seeing a lot more of the puffer all summer long. Its next stop was Jetty Island Days, sponsored by SCI-FI held on July 11th.

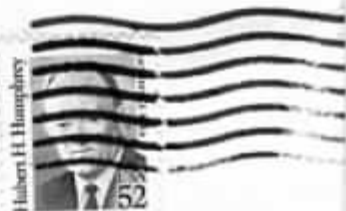
After the hard work was all done, Safeway provided the hamburger, beans and all the other goodies that make barbecues so much fun. What a fantastic job, Gasworks!! You folks worked hard on your day off, and we thank you!



Tom Sisson, letting kids out of the partially-deflated Puffer Fish at Demo Day (fully inflated while kids move around in it). (Photo by Judy Millsbaugh)

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