



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

AKA Convention Coming Up

by Steve Millspaugh

Just a quick reminder, folks, kitefliers in the Northwest are fortunate to have the AKA convention back in our area again this year. Thanks to the excellent facilities, good winds, and easy access to flying areas in Seaside, Oregon, the 16th Annual Convention will be held there October 13-17, 1993.

Convention central will be the Shilo Inn, and there will be lots of activities to choose from. If you have not yet registered, time is running out! Call Convention Manager, Jim Miller at (312) 642-8692 for registration information.

If you're going to be there, take some time and volunteer to help out. As Jim has stated, "Because this is the AKA's first 'do-it-ourselves' convention without the benefit of a host club, we need volunteers." If you can help, give him a call at the number shown above.

Hope to see you there—Judy and I are looking forward to attending our first AKA Convention.

One Sky, One World

by Steve Millspaugh

For the eighth year, kitefliers around the world will gather to lift their kites skyward on the same day to promote world peace, global harmony, and understanding between peoples of the world. Scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, OSOW flies around Washington State will include Columbia Point Marina Park in Richland, Friendship Park in Spokane, and the WKA-sponsored event in Seattle at Gasworks Park. The WKA event will include free kites to the first 100 participants. Join us there for this uplifting experience.

Next WKA Meeting and Potluck

The November General Membership Meeting of the WKA will be a potluck dinner to be held Saturday, November 6th, at 6 pm. It will be held at the Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club, which is located behind the Jefferson Golf Clubhouse at 4103 Beacon Avenue South in Seattle.

There will be lots of good food, photo and video viewing and lots of friends to visit with. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert, and photos or videos to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

As is becoming a tradition at our November meetings, we will be collecting canned goods at the door to contribute to the local Food Bank. Bring something extra for those needing help.

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

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Editor Needed!

In the last issue of this newsletter, we mentioned that it might be time for someone else to try their hand at producing it. We were not fishing for compliments, not looking for "atta-boys", we were (and still are) looking for a volunteer!

If someone will come forward now, Judy and I will work with you to ensure a smooth transition. We want to pass it on in a helpful manner, but we will not be publishing this newsletter in 1994. Call Steve or Judy today at (206) 885-0203.

Great Prizes at Pizza Feed

by Judy Millspaugh

Again, the WKA Pizza Feed at the Super 8 in Long Beach during the Washington State International Kite Festival was a tremendous success! The room was so packed with hungry and hopeful kitefliers that we had to have people eat their pizza and salads in shifts. We also ran out of food, so while we waited for Chico's Pizza to cook up more pizzas, we raffled off some of the fantastic prizes. That seemed to keep people satisfied—especially the ones who won! We try to estimate how much food to order, but are always surprised by how many more people show up than the previous year. If you have any suggestions on ways to encourage people to call in their reservations, let us know.

One of the things that make this event so popular is the generosity of stores, kitemakers and individuals who contribute so many exciting items to be raffled. Following is a list of the people who donated prizes, and the lucky winners.

Michael Alvarez, Kite Kinetics, Australia, donated two kite stamps—an Australian '89 won by Ryan Handle, and a New Guinea "Kite Fishing" won by Carol Creager.

David Arndt, of Ocean Kites donated a Cheetah stunt kite, with handles and line, won by Stephen Thornock.

Jim and Kay Buesing, of Long Beach Kites donated a Chris Dunlop "Trickster" fighter kite, won by Suzanne Sadow.

Dave and Susie Christenson donated a Catherine Wheel (made by Dave), won by Randi Webb.

Ken Conrad and Suzanne Sadow, of Great Winds Kite Shop donated a Red Braswell Tumbling Star, won by the manager of the front desk at the Super 8.

Debi Cooley donated a butterfly windsock, won by Carl Carter.

Erv and Gail Crosby, of Four Winds Kite Shop donated an 85" Starburst, won by Nina Conrad's grandpa.

Michel Dusariez, one of our International Guests from Belgium,

donated a Kite Aerial Photography Worldwide Association Patch and Pin, won by Mr. Stiles.

Mike and Katie Eason donated a Washington State Stunt Kite Championship Pin, won by Marleen Zilar.

Doug Garza, of City Kites donated an Airheads Garza Clown, won by Al Axton.

Elain Genser, all the way from Prince George, B.C., donated a Tumbling Star (made by Elain), won by Michel Dusariez.

David Gomborg, of Cascade Kites donated a Cascade Kites autographed book of the winner's choice—the winner was Inge Ross.

Kathy Goodwind, of Goodwind's Kites donated a Wind Deemon, won by Jamie Alford.

Francis Hall, of Kite Post Studios donated three Kite Post Stamp sheets—"Tsonokwa" won by Pat Button; "Sun Eagle" won by Bruce Lambert; and "Galokwudzuwis" won by Randy McKiernan.

Don and Jeanne Mock donated two fighter kites (made by Don), won by Kelci Williams and Tami Barton.

Stu and TJ Murphy donated a Karen Otter Wall Hanging, won by Sarah Button.

Ray Oakhill, from England, donated a Brighton Kitefliers Pin, won by Tom Sisson.

Matt and Jessica Palmer, of Mainframe Kite Shop donated a 4-1/2'

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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 — November 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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Pizza Feed Prizes...Continued

Delta, won by George Peters; a "Pray For Wind" T-Shirt, won by Crystal Skeer; a 14" x 19" Parafoll, won by Katie Eason; and a Revolution Pin (by Hadzicki Brothers), won by Aron Webb.

Cliff and Gerry Pennell donated two Olympia Lakefair pins, won by Peter Gantt and Ronda Brewer.

Pierce County Kitefliers Association donated four pin sets each containing a PCKA pin and a Crystal Mountain pin, won by Janice Maddy, Nina Conrad, Ray Oakhill and Diane Fredrickson.

Jon Reinschreiber and Jill Duncan, of Paint The Sky Kites donated a "Ripper" stunt kite, with line, won by Diane Button.

Rob Scribner, of Cutting Edge Kites donated a "ZR Team Kite" by New Tech Sports, with line and handles, won by Charlie Tarwid; and a Rose "Star Cruiser" by Hyperkites, won by Ellen Heeney.

Jerry Sinotte, of One of Jerry's Kites donated a gift certificate for a 3/4 Peregrine to be chosen by the winner, Ron Johnson, from Long Beach Kite's inventory.

Norman, of Stormin' Normin's donated a Hyperkite "Ghost Train" Stunt Kite, won by Dan Schwenk.

Elmo and Vi Weeks donated a Ringelsch-Lange (Wiggle Snake), won by Betsy Greenway.

Harold Writer donated two kites (made by Harold from "scraps from his shop" as he describes them)—a Cody War Kite, won by Steven Parsons; and a Rhomboid Box Kite, won by Bill Deatherage.

Competition Conferences, Leagues Changed

by Genny Forsberg

Are you confused about all the conferences and leagues and point systems and qualifiers? Do you have any idea what is happening for the 1993-4 kiting season? How will you be affected? Let's try to make some sense out of it all!

Pacific Northwest League is basically a point system for fliers in Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. It was established to give special recognition and awards for fliers in the Pacific Northwest.

(Note from Dave Gomberg: The American Kite Magazine (AKM) Circuit recognizes individuals and teams on a national basis. Points can be earned at many events in Oregon and Washington. All AKM policies are determined by the magazine.)

1992-3 AKA Western Conference was one of three national conferences that were established to be qualifiers for the AKA Grand Nationals to be held at the annual convention. The top five fliers in each of the fifteen competition levels from each conference would be invited to the convention. It allowed competitors to earn points and qualify for the convention without having to travel all across the United States.

The 1993-4 season now has six conferences with each of the original three conferences divided in half. The AKA Western Conference was divided into the **AKA Northwest Conference** and **AKA Pacific Conference**. The Northwest Conference includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The Pacific Conference will include California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. These smaller conferences will enable more fliers to be competitors without having to travel from Alaska to Hawaii or other long distances.

As you can see, the PNL and the AKA Northwest Conference are basically the same areas. At an open forum-board meeting in Marysville, it was decided to run the PNL through North Coast Challenge in October. PNL will cease to exist for the 1993-4 season. We will build on the AKA Northwest Conference with shirts (basically the same logo), pins, and special awards just as we now do with the PNL.

The changes will include: British Columbia will be a part of the Canadian International Conference. Redwood Coast will be a part of the Pacific Conference. HOWEVER, fliers may "declare" (choose) early in the season the conference in which they will be a competitor.

Nothing is ever perfect, but as the sport continues to grow progress is being made to fine-tune the conferences and the competitions, as well as the rules. We have heard from many fliers across the nation, and we would like to hear from you with suggestions to continue the progress.

1992-3 Western Conference ended with the California Kite Championships in Berkeley, California.

1993-4 Northwest Conference began with the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship in Marysville, Washington.

1993-4 Pacific Conference began with *Summer Jam* in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Pacific Northwest League will end with the North Coast Challenge in Seaside, Oregon (October 9-10, 1993).



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Washington State Stunt Kite Championship

by Robin Haas

Hopefully, most of you have heard by now that the first Washington State Stunt Kite Championship was a success! Fifty-three competitors and many spectators turned out on July 31 and August 1, 1993, for the event. Miraculously, the weather cleared up, and we experienced warm, clear conditions on both days. What really helped was that around 10 A.M. on each day the wind started blowing about 8-10 m.p.h. and stayed that way all day.

Due to the great weather and a lot of planning we were able to complete all of the scheduled events. In fact, we even finished a little ahead of schedule and were able to have some demonstrations by Jim Baldo and the Tackett family.

SCI-FI would like to thank the WKA for their support of the event. The assistance we received made it possible to put on the event. Plans are already being made for next year! We think it will be even bigger and better. Start making plans to attend now!

AKA Convention Fees

by Jim Miller

The AKA 16th Annual Convention is being held at Seaside, Oregon, October 13-17, 1993. In response to questions regarding the registration fees and the possibility of a reduced rate for those who cannot make it until midway through the convention, Jim Miller, the convention manager, states:

"The 'charge' for the convention is really basically an allocation of various costs attendant to the convention, and the largest of those costs is the direct cost of food. If you were to arrive sometime Friday, how much would the AKA save? The cost of printing your convention program and producing your badge and your patch will be the same if you pick them up Wednesday or Friday. The cost of renting the PA system for the field, the field tents, other field supplies, and all other general overhead items will be the same even if you arrive late. In fact, the only reduced cost to the AKA by virtue of your late arrival would potentially be the two (or three) box lunches you did not eat Wednesday, Thursday (or Friday), which cost the AKA \$5 per lunch.

"The reason the AKA has not set up specific reduced rates for late arrival is that a ten or fifteen dollar reduction in the overall price is probably, in most cases, not significant enough to become the deciding factor as to whether someone will or will not attend.

"It has been my experience that once people have had the convention pricing structure explained to them they then understand why coming to the convention for only the last day and a half costs virtually as much as attending the whole convention."

Tom's on TV

by Steve Millsbaugh

Did you see long time WKA'er Tom Sisson on TV the other day? The premier episode of the Seattle-produced show, "Bill Nye, The Science Guy" was about flight, and featured an appearance by Tom. Anybody want to guess what he was doing? Something he's done thousands of times—teaching kids to make and fly kites. Congratulations, Tom, on your show biz exposure, and congratulations to the producers for figuring out what we've known for years—that Tom's *The Man* when it comes to kites and kids.

Tacoma Community College Kite Class

by Jim Davis

Jim Davis will be offering a kite class for beginners at Tacoma Community College on Thursday nights starting October 7th. This is a six-week class.

This is a great opportunity for those of you that would like to begin making your own kites, but just have been a little shy of it. Jim has taught Fort Worden and at the Community College for three or four years now. So, even if you have never even used a sewing machine before, Jim can get you started.

The cost is \$49 course fee. Materials for the kite kits will cost you another \$35 or \$40.

Course Description: This is an introduction to the joys of kitemaking. We will review the history of kites, the different types of kites. We will be making two kites in the very first class: the "Frustrationless Sled" and the "Conover Eddy". We will be sewing three nice ripstop nylon kites during the course: the "hip pocket hybrid", the "bird delta" and the "opticrocket". We will discuss other topics as well: where to fly, where to find more information about kites, where to purchase kite making materials, and how to "make my kite fly".

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Fort Worden Raffle

by Charmayne Cornell

Of all the aspects of Fort Worden, the most exciting to some of us is the possibility of winning a raffle item. Maybe a line winder, or a kite pin, or yards of fabric, or a book, or even a kite. The raffle is very important to all of us because the money raised goes towards future Fort Worden conferences. Past raffles have allowed us to learn from notable kitemakers Lester Martin, Charlie Sotich, Randy Tom and George Peters (to name a few), as the money helps cover their expenses.

The plan is simple:

- ✓ Kites and kite paraphernalia are collected and displayed.
- ✓ Fort Worden attendees buy tickets and distribute them amongst the items they'd like to win.
- ✓ Drawings are held throughout the weekend, and items awarded.

The 1991 Fort Worden raised over \$1,100. The 1992 conference raised a record \$2,000, with all the available tickets being sold! This would not be possible without wonderful raffle items. We are once again asking for your support. Kites and kite related items can be brought to the conference or can be sent to us at Bob's work address:

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Seattle, WA 98188

We'd love to have pins, kites, gift certificates, books, post cards and note cards, stakes, kite event memorabilia, line laundry, kite bags, video tapes, line and reels, magazine subscriptions, kite club memberships, kiter tees and sweat shirts, rubber stamps.....So look through your kite treasures; think of the raffle next time your fingers are itching to build a new kite; remember to buy an extra whatever next time you find yourself in a kite shop; and then earmark the item for the 1994 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference raffle.

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference Planning Update

by Jim Davis

Flight Museum Class

If you missed Sam Huston's Keeled Delta class on Saturday, September 11th at the Flight Museum, Sam was again superb. Sam's class on plastic film and adhesive techniques was great. Sam's instructions are crystal clear—he makes his whole family (kids and grandchildren) preview his classes. Then he knows that he can handle WKA dummies like us.

Thanks again to Sam. He is hinting about a roller kite class for Fort Worden.

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference March 4, 5 and 6, 1994

You may have seen the 1994 Fort Worden conference fliers at Long Beach. You can get a copy over the next few weeks at your local kite shop.

Special Guests

Pierre Fabre, from Paris, France, is a designer of monumental flying forms of incomparable shape and pattern. Pierre will be at Fort Worden this year. He plans to offer workshops, design presentations, and slides of his many travels. Pierre will be bringing a few of those fabulous flying forms along as well!

Chicago Fire, an exceptional sport kite flying team will be coming. Eric Wolfe and Frank Fieseler will feature team-flying tips, sport kite design considerations, and demonstrations. Rumor has it that a sport kite construction class is being planned as well.

30+ Kitemaking Seminars and Classes

These classes cover basic technique for the beginner, and classes for the intermediate and expert kitemaker. Fort Worden features kitemakers from all over the Pacific Northwest.

Kite Displays

You will have the opportunity to examine world famous kite designs and techniques up close and personal. For many, this is what makes Fort Worden so special: you can see the way expert designers build kites, compare your own techniques and approach, and ask the expert designer "why they did it the way they did..."

Kite Flying

If you have that kite that just doesn't fly "right", then the kite fly at Fort Worden is a good place to get some advice.

Kite Raffle

Donated kites and other accessories are raffled. You could win a truly priceless kite.

Fort Worden Planning Continues

The planning team can always use help. If Dave hasn't asked you yet, then why not surprise Dave Weigand with a call at (206) 868-5841. He would love to hear from you.

If you would like to donate to the raffle, call Charmayne Cornell at (206) 265-2634. She would love to hear from you.

Teachers—Now is the time to volunteer. Please contact Jim Day at (206) 789-5030. Even if you're not sure you can handle teaching all by yourself, Jim's committee can find some helpers to work with you.

Fort Worden Registration Forms—Due out in Late October

1994 registration forms will be mailed to previous attendees and those that have expressed an interest in Fort Worden. Watch for the October mailing.

If you would like to be sure that you get an October form, drop a note or call Bob Alford, 320 NE Fourth Street, North Bend, WA 98045; (206) 888-2812. See you at the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in March.

WSIKF 1993

by Steve Millsbaugh

Another fantastic week at Long Beach has come and gone, with lots of memories, new entries for the record books, and lots of pictures for the photo albums. There were so many highlights, so much fun and good kite flying (and watching), that I'm not sure where to start. For the record books: Ray Bethel set yet another benchmark with his more than 8 hours of flying three stunt kites; Dave Colbert of Devotion to Motion and Al Cook (certainly his best customer) combined to put up 100 delta conynes on a single line; and Rick and Judy Brown led the Cody fanatics to a world record Cody fly featuring 86 Codys.

The WKA supplied lots of fun for those who managed to squeeze into the Super 8 for the Pizza Party on Thursday. Thanks to the generosity of the stores, manufacturers, kite makers and fliers who contributed to the door prize drawings, we set a record in that category as well, with 38 prizes. I was going to point out what the percentage of attendees winning was with that many prizes, but I'm not sure we want the fire marshal to know.

We almost had a war of the fighting kites on Saturday, as a record number of fighter kite competitors tried to complete their event before the Rokkaku challenge took over Field A. Luckily, both events were completed successfully.

We had some magnificent displays by the featured guests at this year's event, including the beauty of Steve Brockett's handpainted creations, the whimsical flights of Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig's large inflatables,

the impressive Edo from Shirone, and Michael Alvarez flying his stunt stack with its eye-catching tails of 200 feet or more. Michael also had some great single line kites, taught kids to make kites, and even did a 360 with a train of single line kites! Also on hand to brighten up the sky were George Peters with his colorful creations, Art Ross with his Wind Dreams flow form, Scott Skinner, Chicago Fire, Aime Barsalou with his wonderful three dimensional kites, and too many more to list here.

With a heartfelt thanks to Barb Wright for her hard work during the week, and for providing us with the following list, we salute the winners of the many events that make up the Washington State International Kite Festival.



Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig's "Big Boss" prepares for flight.

Tuesday Events

Pioneer Kites

1st: Forrest Simmons; 2nd: Barbara Wright; 3rd: Joe Stanley; 4th: Larry Zilar

Kite Trains and Arches Single-Line

Prettiest Arch: Marleen Zilar; Most Unique: J.R. Tolman; Best Box Arch: Mike Button; Longest Arch/Most Kites: John Wagner; Best Ensemble: Don "Doc" Counce; Train That Was Two Gross: The Lesters; Most Beautiful: John and Carol Urolson

Multiple-Line Trains

Best Routine: Al Axton; Best No Show: Mike Sterling; Most Colorful: Neil Simmons; Best Handmade: Duane Kirk; The Little Engine That Could: Team Peregrine; Best Kite Flying Storey: Bill Storey; Best Supporting Role: Creda Axton



Dave Colbert's and Al Cook's 100 delta conynes.

Pretty Kite

Most Creative: Gail Lindsay; Best Use of Color: Sam Williams; Most Artistic: Dave Christenson; Cutest: Sonny Hamner

Single-Line Games

Reel-Out

1st: David Tan; 2nd: J.R. Tolman; 3rd: Ray Oakhill

Highest Angle

1st: Johnny Hsiung; 2nd: David Tan; 3rd: Ray Oakhill

Touch-Me Event

1st: J.R. Tolman; 2nd: Johnny Hsiung; 3rd: Ray Oakhill

Launch and Retrieval

1st: Johnny Hsiung and David Tan; 2nd: Lynn and Carol Norgard; 3rd: Ray and Doreen Oakhill

Beachcomber Contest

1st: Scott Tincher and J.R. Tolman; 2nd: Ronda Brewer and Crystal Skeer; 3rd: Michael Hahn

Wednesday

Children's Events

Five Years Sprint

1st: Dana Holladay; 2nd: Meghan Young; 3rd: Chessie Gilcore

Six and Seven Years Sprint

1st: Nicole Perrault; 2nd: Brad Sutherland; 3rd: Jennifer Mockford; 3rd: Alana Brunner

Eight Years Sprint

1st: Katie Sleeman; 2nd: Hilary Mosich

Nine and Ten Years Sprint

1st: Jessica Leach; 2nd: John Roth

Eleven and Twelve Sprint

1st: Kim Gunn; 2nd: Kristen Rush

Thirteen and Fourteen Sprint

1st: Mandi Walters; 2nd: Rachel McCoy

Senior's Events

Best Senior Kite Flier

1st: Ray Oakhill; 2nd: Richard Hurd; 3rd: Ron Johnson

Senior's Big Band Ballet

Quad Line

1st: Charlie M'Cleary; 2nd: Ron Johnson

Dual Line

1st: Richard Hurd; 2nd: Ray Oakhill; 3rd: Peg Burley

Thursday

Handcrafted Kites

Soft and Semi-Rigid, Masters

1st: Art Ross; 2nd: Dale Vanderhoof; 3rd: Richard Krog

Soft and Semi-Rigid, Amateur

1st: Al Cook; 2nd: John Vriend; 3rd: Greg Greger

Stunts, Masters

1st: Gail Lindsay; 2nd: Richard Krog

Stunts, Amateur

1st: Steve Vess; 2nd: Andrea Maestas; 3rd: Richard Maestas

Historical, Masters

1st: Dave Colbert; 2nd: Douglas Scott; 3rd: Joe Stanley

Eastern

1st: David Tan; 2nd: Johnny Hsiung; 3rd: Andrea Maestas

Trains and Centipedes, Masters

1st: Dave Colbert; 2nd: Lee Taylor; 3rd: Andrea Maestas

Smallest Kite

1st: Dan Bernauer; 2nd: Scott Hampton; 3rd: Michael Lary

Figure and Novelty, Masters

1st: Don Mock; 2nd: Randy Tom; 3rd: Aime Barsalou

Figure and Novelty, Amateur

1st: John Rogers; 2nd: Greg Greger

Cellular/Dimensional, Masters

1st: Douglas Scott; 2nd: Randy Tom; 3rd: Dale Vanderhoof

Cellular/Dimensional, Amateur

1st: John Vriend; 2nd: Cliff Pennell; 3rd: Maureen Handel

Co-Built, Masters

1st: Joanne Petithory and Lee Thrall; 2nd: Lee Taylor and Leigh Blakey

Co-Built, Amateur

1st: Jerry and Irene Kreinbring and Ken Christenson; 2nd: Richard and Andrea Maestas; 3rd: Glen LaFave
Delta/Derivatives, Masters

1st: Dave Colbert; 2nd: Joe Stanley; 3rd: Judy Brown

Delta/Derivatives, Amateur

1st: John Rogers; 2nd: Donna Wolfe; 3rd: Belinda Heebner

Flat/Bowed, Masters

1st: Randy Tom; 2nd: Gail Lindsay; 3rd: Jose Sainz

Flat/Bowed, Amateur

1st: Al Fernandez; 2nd: Richard Maestas; 3rd: Isidro Nilsson

Friday

Stunt Kites

Kite Games, 360° Challenge

1st: Jason Essington; 2nd: Mark Reed; 3rd: Doug Neufeld

There were no other competitions, as there was not enough wind.

Saturday

Fighter Kites

1st: David Tan; 2nd: Johnny Hsiung; 3rd: Ed Alden

Rokkaku Challenge

1st: The "Brits"—Ray and Doreen Oakhill and Steve Brockett; 2nd: Team Peregrine—Rod Yarger and Deb and Tom Rodgers; 3rd:

Yakima Sunrise—Greg and Sue Clark, Jeanne Mock, Trindle, Watkins

Rokkaku Best Costume

"Ro-Cow-Ca-Moo"—John and Linda Zilar, Amy Pauley, Vickie

Rokkaku Team Spirit

Team Taz—Ronda Brewer, Andy Anderson, David Scott, James Colbert, Guy Skeer

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Multiple Day Events

Terrific Territories

1st: Elaine Genser; 2nd: Kathy and Darryl Stephison; 3rd: Tami Barton and Brian McDaniel

Wind Art on a Pole, Handcrafted

1st: MaryAnn Behrend; 2nd: Stu Murphy; 3rd: Dave Christenson

Wind Art on a Pole, Commercial

1st: Kathy Stephison; 2nd: Mike Sterling

Wind Art on a Line, Handcrafted

1st: Bill Deatherage; 2nd: John Rogers; 3rd: Al and Darlene Cook

People's Choice

Kite

1st: Dave Christenson—Nagel Girl Parafoil; 2nd: Aime Barsalou—Three Kids on a Sled; 3rd: Wolfgang Schimelpfennig—Big Boss

People's Choice

Kite Flier

Team Peregrine



Olive and Aime Barsalou with their "Three Kids on A Sled", 2nd Place People's Choice.

Kite Calendar

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

OCTOBER

October 2 (Saturday), PCKA Auction and Snack Potluck, 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 9 (Saturday), 6th Annual October Kite Fly, 9 am, On the Beach, Ocean Shores. Contact: Mike Brown, Ocean Shores Kites, (206)289-4103.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Limit Windsocks & Kites (509)783-5769.

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

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

October 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.

NOVEMBER

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

November 7 (Sunday), SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am, 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.

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

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

November 18 (Thursday), PCKA Meeting, 7 pm, Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Mainframe Kite Shop (206)627-1653.

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

DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

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WKA Board & General Meeting Notes

A board meeting was held on August 25, 1993, in Kirkland. We were called to order with fourteen members present. After minutes were read and approved, Carol gave us a financial report, and told us that the Pizza Feed at WSIKF managed to do better than breaking even. We made \$76. The future of the Pizza Feed was discussed at length. How much bigger can it get; where else could we hold it; do we want it to get bigger; should it be for WKA members and International guests only?? There were no decisions made, just that we should continue the tradition and keep an eye on the future. The plans for the multi-club Mega Potluck are still on hold pending the finding of a suitable location/date.

The next order of business was planning for the General Membership meeting at the Museum of Flight. Sam Huston said he could do two classes of 20 and that it would take about 2 hours for each class. We figured the doors would open at 10 am, meeting be called to order at 10:30, and first class begin at 12. (It worked, but a bit differently.) After some small, quiet, and quick discussion we voted to contribute \$175 to One Sky, One World for 1993. Tom Sisson reported that we should be looking for new people to run the event beginning in 1994 since Barbara Anne O'Neill is no longer going to do the event.

President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Well the "Big One" has come and gone again. WSIKF, that is. Did everybody have as much fun as I did? As usual, the Long Beach group put on another fantastic festival.

Has anybody ever thought about being a newsletter editor or a secretary? The club is still looking for someone to fill those positions. We have the other positions filled, but are still looking for someone to fill these last two. But, if you wish to run for any of the other board positions, please let one of the board members know. Your help in keeping this one of the best clubs around is greatly appreciated.

For the last couple of months, several members of the PCKA and WKA have been trying to locate a meeting hall large enough to have a mega-club potluck in. Not being able to locate one centrally located between Seattle and Tacoma, we have decided not to have the mega potluck this year. Maybe next year.

Is everybody ready for Seaside? I hope to see a lot of WKA members attending. With our new banners, I hope the WKA will make an outstanding showing of our colors. Also, rumor has it that our own Vice President, Stu Murphy, will be presenting a seminar sometime during the convention. I'm sure it will be good.

If you happen to be in Seattle in the next month, stop by the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Tom Sisson and Sam Huston helped hang kites there. They hung over 100 kites, so if you get a chance, stop and see the display.

Our September General Membership Meeting at the Red Barn was a little low on attendance, but we had a great time. Sam Huston's ultra-light delta class was a challenge. I decided to just buy a kit and take it home to finish at my leisure. I shouldn't have stayed around watching everyone build their kites. Wouldn't you know it, Tom Sisson was late getting his started because he was out with the kids touring the museum. Tom and I worked on one together, and even getting a late start, we still got done in the allotted time. It wasn't too bad for two guys who were trying to figure out which was top or bottom. Maybe it would have helped if we both stayed on the same side of the table.

Well, I have to go for now. I have to get things ready for Seaside.
Best winds, Dave.

Robin Haas reported on the SCI-FI and WKA co-sponsored Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. It appears that the 53 competitors and spectators brought in enough money for the WKA to get back our money. Stay tuned for more news later. Tom and Garth brought news that the Japanese Embassy would like to have kites for display October 2-9. The next major business item is finding volunteers for board positions for next year. If any of you that read this are willing to donate some time to helping out with WKA business (or know someone else willing), contact any of the

current crop of officers or board members. A particular need is Newsletter Editor. The current pair is plumb tuckered out and needs some relief.

The idea of getting our organization recognized at functions and events led to a lengthy discussion about our new banners and whether we should buy banners for displays. After discussing inventory control and such, we decided to purchase two banners for the WKA. They will be available for display for the various functions and locations that make those requests during the kiting year. Donations from those groups do go into our treasury. Another result of the discussion was that the position of Vice President will now be in charge of WKA property inventory. (Good Luck, Stu!) We adjourned at 8:45.

The General Meeting was held at the Museum of Flight on September 11, 1993, with 36 members present. After the minutes and a financial report were read and approved, Dave Weigand gave us a Fort Worden report/pep talk. There is still no news regarding a Mega Potluck location. Worst case scenario is to have the one that is already planned at Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club. The information about looking for volunteers, the WSIKF Pizza Feed, and One Sky, One World were relayed to the members. We adjourned at 11:00 to start making Sam's kite.

See you Flying!!!

Letters and Notes

Dear Dave and Members of the WKA:

What a wonderful Long Beach Kite Festival! My wife and I had such a fantastic time indulging ourselves for a whole week, not only kite flying, but meeting so many friendly and hospitable people. We did not expect to be treated like International Guests, but we were by the WKA and AOK, and we both felt very privileged.

Since getting back to England, we have been to Portsmouth and Bristol Kite Festivals to try and prolong the atmosphere. George Peters and Stretch Tucker were at both festivals and both talked about their kites at the convention at Bristol.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped organise such a wonderful festival. I lead a team here organising a two-day kite festival, so I am aware of what is involved, but a seven-day festival is something else!

Best wishes to the WKA and AOK. Tight lines and fair winds.

Ray and Doreen Oakhill

Send A Card

We have heard that Duane Davis, a long-time WKA member, broke his hip in three places. He is recovering well, but we're sure a note of cheer would be appreciated. His address is 5718 Palatine Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103.

Classified Ads

Used Stunt Kites

In good shape at good prices. Turbo Jet 8' Ultra Light, Tracer 8' Ultra Light, Jester 6', Interceptor 8' by Paragon Kites, Banchee Scimitar 8' Round Wing. Call Jim at (206) 285-8277.

Mock Turtle Missing in Action

Missed the trip home from Long Beach - Rokkaku kite with white background featuring appliquéd turtle. If you have seen this kite, please contact Lee Taylor (call Collect) at (604) 885-1921 (evenings) or (604) 885-9309 (days).

WKA Window Stickers

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

New WKA Pins

The 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.

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 Keli Williams, 18030 N.E. 155th Place, Woodville, WA 98072.

Corrections

There were a couple of mistakes (oops!!) in the August-September issue:

In the *Westport Kite Festival 1993* article, the team members of *The Leos* should have been Sonny Hamner, Diane Haeger and Ken Tumminia. They took the Team Spirit award in the Rokkaku Challenge. Sorry, Diane.

In the *Westport Kite Festival Pin Match* article, our own WKA President Dave Christenson should have been included in the list of "other entrants in the Pin Match".

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 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 Dave Christenson, 3594 East E, Tacoma, WA 98404; (206) 471-9103.



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Regional Reports

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI)

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SCI-FI has had a very busy summer! We put on two kiting events—Jetty Island Kite Festival and the Washington State Stunt Kite Championship. In addition, many of our members were busy traveling to other events. We have been experiencing an increase in membership, and invite anyone with a love of kites to join us.

On top of the events, the club also sponsored two kite making classes. The first class was led by Pierre Langlois. He used plans and skills he obtained at Fort Worden to teach everyone to construct a four-celled tetrahedron kite. The second class, taught by Mike Eason, built ripstop fighter kites. After the class, everyone went to the flying field and flew their kites. You say you didn't hear about these classes? There's one advantage to joining the club!

SCI-FI is now gearing down for the winter. We will be planning for next summer's events, and building new creations to reveal next season. We will also be holding elections for new officers in the next couple of months.

We invite anyone interested to come and join us for one of our fun flies and pot lucks. We start flying around 10 am on the first Sunday of each month, except December. We meet at the Marine Park and Boat Launch in Everett.

Puyallup Fair Competition Results

Best of Show

Don Mock, Indian Motif, Sun Eagle

Cellular

1st: Sam Huston, rainbow colors with black

2nd: Richard Krog, multicolored Tri-D box

3rd: James M. Cieslak, 6 mini mylar French militarys

Dual Line, Controllable

1st: unlisted

2nd: Greg Fillman, brown furry dinosaur

3rd: Frank A. Hauser, red delta with fire helmets

Flat or Bowed

1st: Don Mock, Indian Motif, Orca with seal

2nd: Sam Huston, roller, white with red and black ravens

3rd: Ron Miller, rokkaku with lady's face

Honorable Mention: Mark Pereira, "Jingles" the Christmas butterfly; and Al Fernandez, rokkaku, sunset on the beach

Miscellaneous

1st: Don Mock, Indian Motif, Sun Eagle

After a day of flying, we have a pot luck and business meeting. We meet at the Everett Housing Authority's office for this. For more information, call Robin Haas at (206) 359-2206, or Four Winds Kite Shop at (206) 339-9334.

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.

PCKA had it's lecture by Dick Curran on working with Orcon at our July meeting. We all had a good time watching Dick destroy various methods of joints and adhesives. His handout was very informative, explaining in detail what materials to use and how to glue, sew and otherwise keep your pieces put together. The 37-page handout on working with Orcon is available through the club for \$1.25. Pick one up at Mainframe Kite Shop in Tacoma, or you can get it through the mail by sending an extra \$1.25 for postage.

September has been a busy month for the Pierce County Kitefliers Association. Our booth at the Puyallup Fair has been popular, as usual, and is introducing kiting to lots of newcomers. The Handcrafted Kite Com-

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petition attracted some excellent entries, including Don Mock's entire series of Northwest Indian motif kites, which have never been displayed as a full set before.

Club officer elections are coming up the first of the year. It's time for some new blood! Interested parties can contact the club with questions. Nominations must be received by November 18th.

Our auction and potluck will be held at the Fife Grange Hall on October 2nd. We expect a semi-organized, but definitely fun evening with some good buys and many hard-to-find items.

Meetings are now being held on the last THURSDAY of every month (we changed from Wednesdays to give more people a chance to attend). We will be giving away the poker chip pot at the November meeting, so all PCKA members should make sure they're present for a chance at some cash.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association meets the last Thursday of every month, 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.

Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

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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.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

Capitol City Flyers

Contact Leroy Peoples (206) 456-4156.

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

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

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