



# Newsletter

December 1993-January 1994  
WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## Last Issue ! ?

by Steve and Judy Millspaugh

As we have noted for the last few months, we have decided that three years of producing this newsletter is enough. We have had fun doing it, and enjoyed meeting all the people who have contributed to various issues in the process.

This is our last issue. We had hoped to be introducing you to a new editor/publisher in this article; unfortunately, as of press time nobody has agreed to take on this task. We sincerely hope that you will receive a February-March issue in which you will meet your new editor.

We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the many folks who have helped us with this task over the past years. To anyone who may be left off the following lists, our apologies in advance.

Before we obtained our own computer, we used one at Steve's place of employment, I/O Concepts. We continue to use their laser printer. Thanks to the company, and **Bill Bohnenberger** in particular.

Thanks to TeknoCopy for the improvement in picture and print quality.

For compiling and providing the most extensive event calendar in the Northwest, as well as several articles, our thanks to **Darryl Stephison**.

For his bimonthly President's Letter and several articles, and especially his leadership of the club during the past two years, a BIG thanks to **Dave Christenson**.

For those always entertaining and informative Meeting Notes, thanks to **Bob Alford**, WKA secretary.

For providing Regional Reports and coverage of regional activities, we would like to thank **Dave Bogie**, **Robin Haas**, **Jessica Palmer** and **Debbie Rodgers**.

Besides these regular contributors, we have been fortunate in receiving various reports from a number of event coordinators and volunteers over the years. These include **Kay Buesing** of WSIKF and The World Kite Museum, **Jeri** at Pic-a-Patch for the Westport Kite Festival, and **Barbara Wright** of WSIKF.

Many of the above-noted people have also provided articles, as well as the reports already mentioned.

Others who have submitted articles who we would like to thank are: **Diane and Mike Aurigemma**, **Susie Christenson**, **Ken Conrad**, **Charmayne Cornell**, **Jim Davis**, **L.B. Day**, **Genny Forsberg**, **Jim Fulton**, **Julie Gantt**, **David Gomberg**, **Kathy Goodwind**, **Greg Greger**, **Sonny Hamner**, **Judy Huffman**, **Bob Kerschner**, **Jim Miller**, **Llyle Morgan**, **TJ Murphy**, **Barbara Anne O'Neill**, **John Overmier**, **Suzanne Sadow**, **Rob Scribner**, **Tom Sisson**, **Jean Sisson**, **Scott Skinner**, **Dave Sweet**, **Dave Weigand**, **Garth Westhoff**, **Joan Westhoff**, **Kelci Williams**, **Morrie Williams**, **Terry Yuncker**, **John Zilar**, **Larry Zilar**, and **Marleen Zilar**.

Again, our apologies to anyone who provided us material or support that we missed here.

To the entire membership of the WKA, we hope that our efforts have been of value to you, and if we haven't met you yet, we hope we will soon.

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

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The next WKA General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, January 1, 1994, at Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, around Noon, during the New Year's Day Fly. Contact Dave Christenson at (206) 471-9103 for additional information.

## WKA Potluck & Membership Meeting

by Judy Millspaugh

On Saturday evening, November 6, WKA members and friends gathered at the Jefferson Lawn Bowling Clubhouse in Seattle for a potluck and general meeting. Thanks, again, to Jean and Tom Sisson for making the arrangements for the use of the clubhouse, and for organizing the evening.

Everyone listed here joined us in an evening of good food, friendly companionship, and lots of prizes for all: Bob, Maura and Jamie Alford; Dave, Dan and Sylvia Bernauer; Dave and Susie Christenson; Ken and Nina Conrad and Suzanne Sadow; Joe Fredrickson; Brad Fredrickson; Carol and Dave Lord; Steve and Judy Millspaugh; Don Mock; Stu and TJ Murphy; Barbara Anne O'Neill; Dan and Jean Schwenk; Tom and Jean Sisson; Kathy and Darryl Stephison; Paula Tapp; Charley Tarwid; Roger Veil; Dave and Donnie Weigand; Dick Wightman; Morrie and Kelci Williams; and Harold and Irene Writer.

The following very generous merchants and individuals donated all these wonderful gifts for door prize drawings. There were so many prizes that everyone there received at least one prize, many received two (each of the ladies present received one of the kite pins donated by Gasworks Kite Shop).

**Bayside Kites:** a pocket kite; **Dave and Susie Christenson:** a Hot Wings stunt kite and a Preston Winery Kite Festival t-shirt; **Cutting Edge Kites:** a set of Power Hot Dog stunt kite handles; **Fort Worden:** six Sam Huston 50" Keeled Delta Kite kits; **Gasworks Kite Shop:** 22 bee fighter kite pins, two pairs of kite earrings, two stunt kite pins, and a t-shirt—*The Kite Site*; **Great Winds Kites:** an original Jalbert parafoil, three kite books—AKA's *How to Fly a Kite*, *The Osborne Book of Kites*, and Wayne Hosking's *Kites to Touch The Sky*, and a package of Japanese paper balls; **Carol and Dave Lord:** a stuffed Santa Claus; **Steve and Judy Millspaugh:** a small parafoil; **Don Mock:** a custom-made-by-Don fighter kite; **Stu and TJ Murphy:** a "Mystery Gift" (pewter kite wind chimes); **Jean and Tom Sisson:** an Umbrella Droque, a set of sundae dishes with fudge sauce, and six kite ornaments made by their daughter Diane Fredrickson; **WKA:** a set of four WKA pins—'90, '91, '92 and '93; **Harold Writer:** three custom-made-by-Harold box kites and two books—*Stunt Kite Book* and *The Ultimate Kite Book*.

We collected \$70 in cash for the food bank (Northwest Harvest) by raffling tickets for two of the kites Harold donated, and about 45 pounds of canned goods brought by attendees.

One of the items of business was to determine when and where the next membership meeting will be held. We all agreed that it will be held in conjunction with the New Year's Day Fly organized by Great Winds Kite Shop at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. We usually start gathering around 11 am, share hot beverages and goodies, and visit and fly kites till "freeze-out" time. So, dress warmly, bring something to share, and join us on January 1, 1994!

### NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1994

11 AM 'TIL ??

GOLDEN GARDENS PARK AT SHILSHOLE BAY IN SEATTLE

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE—HOT DRINK OR MUNCHIES

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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—January 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.

## The Buggy By-Line

by Morrie and Kelci Williams

A new dimension has been added to the wonderful world of kiting—buggy boogying. We went (to the AKA Convention), we saw (how to do it) and we conquered (well, not exactly, but we hope to soon).

On our way to the convention in Seaside, we made a detour to Long Beach and visited the Long Beach Kite Shop. While perusing the new merchandise, one item caught our fancy and held it—a Peter Lynn buggy complete with carrying case and video instructions. As hard as it was, we stopped ourselves from pulling out the credit card and appropriating this beautiful (but not inexpensive) toy right then and there.

Before leaving, Kay Buesing said she heard that Fort Stevens (in Oregon) was a good spot for bugging. Well, after being delayed three times by road construction between Long Beach and Astoria, we decided not to take the Fort Stevens turn-off (where there was more construction). Damn! We found out later that there had been about 17 buggiers out there that day taking advantage of the great wind conditions.

On to Seaside and the Convention. We had a blast seeing old friends and making new ones, attending several informative workshops, partying at banquets and receptions, and absorbing lots of knowledge about bugging.

This was the place to be if you wanted to “pick the brains” of the experts on kite bugging. People like Corey Jensen from California, Don McCasland from Massachusetts, Dean Jordan from Florida, Steve Shapson from Wisconsin and Philip McConnachie from New Zealand were there to demonstrate and enlighten those who were interested. Corey even gave an impromptu buggy class.

We gave it a try and, although our progress was limited, we were hooked. Just watching the accomplished buggiers zipping along the surf line with such ease and control was breathtaking.

The safety factor was not forgotten either. Dean Jordan held a session on power kiting in general, and bugging (in which interest is growing rapidly) in particular. These activities are not yet sanctioned by the AKA, but the possibilities are being discussed. In this aspect of kiting, as in all others, safety should be a top priority.

As Sunday rolled around and the Convention was coming to a close, we were ready to burst and couldn't restrain ourselves anymore. First, we bought a buggy engine—a 48 sq. ft.

Force 10 Foil. But wait, what's an engine without wheels. So, off to Long Beach to grab that Peter Lynn Buggy before someone else scooped it up. (We'd made up our minds and there was no time like the present.)

Well, we're ready to go—now where's the wind? Wish us luck!?

**\*\*If you're interested in bugging, give us a call at (206) 788-6355. We are trying to put together a buggy information center. Get in on the fun now!\*\***



Unidentified buggier goes zipping by on the beach at Seaside. (Photo by Kelci Williams)



Morrie Williams (left) thanking Corey Jensen (right) for letting him try out Corey's buggy during the class Corey held at the Convention. (Photo by Kelci Williams)



## ***You are wanted at Fort Worden !***

It is time to start thinking about the classes you want to attend this year! Just to give us something to whet our kitemaking appetites, this is a partial teacher / class roster. The complete schedule (when finalized) is sent to those of you that register. Also, just in case there is any confusion about what to bring for the classes - if you take a sewing class, you need to bring your sewing machine! This is a "tentative" list and subject to improvements. Keep this list for reference!

- \* Rick Brown - Finish upper deck of war kite from last year, also small paper Cody kite.
- \* Gerry Pennell - "Basic" sewing class. Held on Friday for good start for the weekend.
- \* Don Mock - "Catherine's Wheel" Class will be on Saturday for 2-3 hours. Kit cost \$15.  
Llyle Morgan - Class on three dimensional pattern making. Nominal kit cost.  
Dan Schwenk - Plastic kite class material preparation. Kit \$2, includes patterns & handout.  
Dan Kurahashi - Will teach Origami Friday and a class on how to make trains.  
Sam Houston - Taped "Roller Kite" Kits \$8-18, depending on mylar or cloth.
- \* Deb Cooley - Applique workshop, bring ideas for help with pattern making. Nominal kit cost.
- \* Darryl Stephison - "Lee Toy Delta" Intermediate level. Kits \$38.
- \* Dave Colbert - Possibly Rokaku (4 1/2 ft).  
Ed Alden - High-tech mylar vic/type fighter kites. Kits \$7. Friday to allow flying time.  
Mike Button - 3 classes. Hands-on knot tying, Bridling, and 48" box kite. Kits \$15-20.  
Jim Davis - 50" Keeled Delta. 25 kits available @ \$8.
- \* Carla Fox - Banner fun, applique and more.  
Anne Rock - Aerial Kite Photography. Kit includes camera! \$40. Friday for time over weekend to experiment  
J.R. Tolman - Two different classes on making kites from "found treasures"  
Doug Hagaman - Taking care of your Parafoils.
- \* Chicago Fire - Stunt kite. Kits available, price unavailable.  
Pierre Fabre - Design workshop.  
Maurizio Angeletti - Workshop.

***\* indicates sewing classes***



# 1994 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference

## Registration Form

It's time to sign up for the 1994 Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference being held March 4-6 at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, WA. Space is limited, so **register early**. To help us in class, classroom and teacher scheduling, we are asking that you give us some indication of the classes you would like to attend this year. A tentative teachers list is provided below. Please circle the names of the teachers whose class you wish to attend. We also ask that **each** person complete a registration form so that class preferences can be established **before** the schedules are finalized. This is **not** a class signup, but your help is needed to give us some early warning about the classes you want to attend. **Note that Chicago Fire** is bringing a kit for their workshop. **Pierre Fabre** will conduct a design workshop, and Special Guest **Maurizio Angeletti** will do a workshop. More information about the classes is provided on the enclosed sheet.

Complete this form and return it along with your check payable to "Fort Worden Kitemaker's" to Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, 320 NE 4th St., North Bend WA 98045. For registration information call Bob Alford at (206) 888-2812.

**All attendees are required to pay the \$48 conference fee.**

Name of Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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_____ # of Conference fees at \$48 per person	\$	_____
_____ # of beds at \$32 per person	\$	_____
_____ # of meal packages at \$35 per person	\$	_____
<b><u>Total amount for registration</u></b>	\$	_____

Double room requested Yes / No ?

If you have special meal considerations (vegetarian, etc.), attach an explanation and if there are enough requests, we will attempt to accommodate them.

Rick Brown  
Llyle Morgan  
Sam Houston  
Dave Colbert  
Jim Davis  
J R Tolman  
Chicago Fire

Gerry Pennell  
Dan Schwenk  
Deb Cooley  
Ed Alden  
Carla Fox  
Doug Hagaman  
Pierre Fabre

Don Mock  
Dan Kurahashi  
Darryl Stephison  
Mike Button  
Anne Rock  
  
Maurizio Angeletti

**PLEASE circle the Workshops you would like to attend !!**



# Letters

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## Get Well Wishes

WKA Vice President Stu Murphy is having serious health problems with his heart and is undergoing testing and surgery to determine what treatment will be necessary. A note of encouragement to Stu and TJ, or some expression of get well wishes would, I am sure, be welcome. If you wish to send a card or something, Stu is in Sacred Heart Medical Center, Box 2555, Spokane, WA 99220-2555. You may call Judy Millspaugh at (206) 885-0203 for updated information.

## Dear American Kiteflier:

Having spent the last three Junes in Fano, Denmark, I can tell you that this event is undoubtedly the most spectacular kiting event in the world. Over three thousand avid German kitefliers attended this year and there were attendees from Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark and the U.S. Next year, 1994, is the 10th year anniversary of the kitefliers' meeting in Fano, and the organizers are starting now to encourage attendance by as many non-German kitefliers as possible *That's us!*

In order to make life easier for Wolfgang Schimmelpfennig and Rainer Kregovski, the main organizers of the event, I have volunteered to coordinate travel plans of an American contingent. While final plans for the week are not yet made, it is critical that all foreign guests make plans early so that lodging and transportation can be coordinated. Fano lies only three hours north of Hamburg, Germany, but public transportation there is far more difficult to access than is travel with our German kite flying friends.

The purpose of this letter is to give you some details of the trip, approximate costs for a weeks at Fano, and to get an early interest count for our German hosts. The Fano kitefliers meeting is scheduled for June 13th to 19th, and plans now are to meet in Hamburg on Monday, the 13th of June. YOU have to figure a way to get to Hamburg by the 13th—we'll probably travel up to Fano that night after the last international flight arrives. Start checking now on airfares—that will be your major expense for the week. Ground costs in Germany and Denmark should be no more than \$500 for the week and, in fact, we may get a break on lodging in Fano. The most economical option for the stay in Fano is to stay in "The Bunker", a large hotel right on the beach. If people are interested, for a little more money you can stay in beach houses spread throughout the island. The important thing is that we know you are coming! If you plan to just "show up", you will find yourself with no ride to Fano and no place to stay if you get there!

Most importantly now, we need a firm head count by January 1, 1994. Without a firm head count, the Germans cannot arrange inexpensive lodging for our stay! I need a \$100 non-refundable deposit by the first of January to reserve your space. If your plans change and you are unable to go, your \$100 will be donated to the Fano auction, proceeds of which go to an orphanage in Columbia.

Please write or call if you'd like more information or if you have specific questions. Let me know if you seriously want to attend the most amazing pure kiting event in the world!

Best of Winds, Scott R. Skinner

Drachen Design, Inc., 128 South Tejon St., #406, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, Telephone (719) 632-7447

Dear WKA:

Our thanks for all your help this year, and your donation of \$75. With this money, we have been able to extend that help to so many who are in the poverty zone even for the first time.

Many thanks also for your donation of approximately 80 pounds of food.

May you have a happy and loving holiday. Again, we appreciate your help.

Ruth Velozo, Executive Director, Northwest Harvest

*(Editor's Note: The dollar amount and the number of pounds of food "grew" between the time Tom and Jean collected it at the WKA potluck and it was handed over to Northwest Harvest—more thanks to the Sissons and their family.)*

## Announcement

Congratulations to Matt and Jessica Palmer! They have a new baby daughter, born Saturday, October 30th, at 9:35 pm. Maia Miranda Palmer came into the world at 8 pounds in weight and 19-3/8" long. Mother and baby are both healthy and happy.

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## President's Letter

by Dave Christenson

Well folks, we have been asking for volunteers for the last couple of issues. We still haven't received any offers yet. The Board has shuffled positions around and covered all positions EXCEPT for the Newsletter Editor. Come on now, we have one of the best newsletters in the nation, one of the largest memberships in the country, and nobody volunteers to help the club. Shame on you. I have said that I will run again (third term) for President, because I am proud of the WKA. I enjoy representing our club around the area. How come the same people have to run the club all the time? Doesn't anybody else care enough to donate some time to keep our club one of the best around? If someone can find it in their heart to volunteer for the Newsletter Editor job, I have a top of the line desktop publishing program to loan them.

I would like to say Thank You to Tom and Jean Sisson for handling the setup and everything for our Holiday Potluck. As usual, they did a fantastic job.

The Club would like to say Thank You to all the kite merchants and club members who donated door prizes for the Holiday Potluck. Thanks to everybody's generosity, we raised \$70 and several boxes of food for the local food bank. There were so many door prizes that everyone there got something. Tom and all of his "Little Elves" were busy for quite awhile drawing numbers and passing out prizes. A great time was had by all.

Due to some scheduling conflicts, our next General Membership Meeting was voted on by those present at the potluck to be January 1, 1994, at the Beat the Bowls Fly. Annual voting results will be announced at that time. Please plan to attend; we always have fun there.

As you can see in this issue, our annual ballot is included. Please take the time to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Remember, it takes your vote to let the board know how you feel about its officers.

Season's Greetings, Dave

## WKA Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

A board meeting was held on October 27, 1993, in Kirkland. We were called to order with thirteen members present. After minutes were read and approved, Carol gave us a financial report.

Tom Sisson asked what the AKA Convention attendees thought of the convention as a whole. Everyone enjoyed the convention but thought it should have been better orga-

nized. Let AKA know what improvements we think should be possible. (Constructive criticisms please!)

Tom is also ready for someone else to take over his long time chore of being Mr. Kite Hanger for exhibits; he figures he has been in charge for much too long. The board moved, seconded and approved that we pay Tom's expenses for his latest exhibit journeys. It was suggested, discussed, then tabled for further discussion that we need some policy for what WKA should receive for putting on displays and exhibits.

Dave told us that the Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center would like for the WKA to participate in a Festival at Gasworks on the second or third week of May. After some discussion, we decided more information was required to make any decisions. He also brought out information that an Ocean Shores NW Kite Festival is planned for August 13-14, 1994. Concerns were expressed regarding the possibility of interfering with Long Beach.

More of the color cover sheets for the newsletter are needed. Steve asked for more articles for the newsletter. This will be the last issue of your newsletter to be done by Steve and Judy Millspaugh. Each of us should thank them for the superb job they have done for us. Hopefully we can find someone(s) to take over that job.

This is also my last turn as your reporter from the meetings. I have enjoyed the work and am continuing as Membership Director, but think it is time for some new blood on the Board.

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## Kite Calendar

### 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 Windssocks & 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.

### JANUARY

**January 1 (Saturday)**, 20th Annual Protest the Bowls Kite Fly, 11 am, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle. Contact: Ken Conrad, Great Winds Kite Shop (206)624-6886.

**January 1 (Saturday)**, WKA General Membership Meeting, in conjunction with Protest the Bowls Kite Fly, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle. Installation of new officers. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

**January 1 (Saturday)**, 5th Annual Watch Your Step Kite Freeze, 12 noon, Hanford High School, Richland. Contact: Larry Zilar (509)736-0719 or Vi Weeks (509)967-2488.

**January 1 (Saturday)**, Snowflake Kite Fly, 10 am-2 pm, Franklin Park, Spokane. Contact: Colors On The Wind (509)325-KITE or Bill Lester (509)327-2829.

**January 7-9 (Friday-Sunday)**, First Annual Oregon Kite Makers Retreat, Friends Camp Ground, Rockaway Beach, Oregon. Contact: Dave Colbert (503)994-4111.

**January 8 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

**January 9 (Sunday)**, SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am, Marine Park & Boat Launch; 5 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.

**January 22 (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.

### FEBRUARY

**February 12 (Saturday)**, 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.

**February 12 (Saturday)**, Peninsula Fliers Fun Fly, 10 am, Bolstad Street Access, Long Beach. Contact: Long Beach Kites (206)642-2202.

**February 13 (Sunday)**, SCI-FI Fun Fly, 10 am, Marine Park & Boat Launch; 5 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.

**February 23 (Wednesday)**, WKA Board Meeting, 7 pm, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

**February 26 (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.

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## AKA Convention '93 at Seaside, Oregon



WKA Officers do their part at the AKA Convention, with President Dave Christenson (left) taking a turn at announcing, and Vice President Stu Murphy (right) presenting a seminar on Kite Aerial Photography.

At right, 7-Kitemakers Kite which took the top bid of \$3,100 at the auction, featuring panels by Jon Burkhart, Spencer Chun, Romeo Collado, Kathy Goodwind, Jose Sainz, Randy Tom and Stretch Tucker. Not visible here is a tail featuring complementary panels by each of the artists. Below, Jon Reinschreiber struts his stuff during the "presentation" portion of the Pin Challenge.



All photos this page by Judy Millspaugh



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## Theme-Oriented Kite Festivals

by Sonny Hamner

I've just had the fortune of competing in my first theme-oriented kite festival at Lincoln City.

The idea of a theme concept was a totally new experience to me, which I might add was quite exciting. The thought of building a kite that was not a teddy bear was something new and different for me.

It's unfortunate that festival officials do not announce their themes until it's too late for most people to be able to compete. I, unfortunately, had a lot of extra time on my hands to be able to work on this project.

My suggestion to the festival officials is to not let this theme idea die out—but to continue it. Have the normal kite fly if this is what you want to do, judging kites in the appropriate categories, then at the end of the fly, bring all the kites together for a theme category and judge them separately.

Speaking for myself, being a kitemaker, I would welcome these new challenges, and I know of other people who have expressed interest in the same.

Lincoln City Fall Festival has already announced themes for 1994—*Aquatic Theme: Aquarium in the Sky*, and for 1995—*Birds and Butterflies*.

I have heard a rumor, but have not been able to confirm it yet, that the 1994 Westport Festival will have a theme of *Spirit of the Wind*.

I'm looking forward to these coming events, and hope more people share my interest.



Sonny Hamner with his "aquarium theme" kite from Lincoln City, shown here at Seaside. (Photo by Kelci Williams)

## Salute to Leland Toy (1950-1992)

by Judy Millspaugh

Drachen Design is coordinating a project to create a quilt in the name and memory of Leland Toy for the National AIDS "Names" Quilt Exhibition. This quilt travels all over the world to help bring to everyone's attention the growing impact of AIDS.

The design is a 6' x 3' piece with Leland's *Healing Kite of Hands* theme, to which you can contribute! Your participation is your hand print traced and cut out on ripstop nylon with your signature on the thumb, and an information sheet to be presented in an album to Leland's family (the family has approved this project).

A packet containing instructions, ripstop material, information sheet and a return envelope can be obtained by calling or writing the Leland Toy Quilt Project, c/o Drachen Design, Inc., 1907 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109, (206) 282-4349. A \$1 contribution is requested to cover the cost of production and registration of the quilt with the National AIDS Quilt Exhibition.

Stan Swanson, Condor Kites, has volunteered his time and staff to sew the hands on the quilt. So far, they have received over 150 hand prints and 150 accompanying pages of information with some wonderful comments about Leland to be given to the family when the project is finished.

The original deadline for submissions was November 1, 1993; however, since they are continuing to receive hand prints, the deadline has been moved to the end of the year (1993), so you still have time to participate.

The *Healing Kite of Hands* quilt will be submitted to the National AIDS Quilt Exhibition sometime in the spring.

Photo to the left shows some of the hand prints collected for the *Healing Kite of Hands* quilt project. These were on display at the AKA Convention in Seaside in October. (Photo by Judy Millspaugh)



## 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.

These contact numbers are good until the end of the year. After that, PCKA's newly-elected officers will take over. Keep an eye on what's going on because the new officers have all sorts of exciting things planned for the club.

Our auction and potluck held in October was a tremendous success. Over \$900 was raised by auctioning off all sorts of goodies. Everything from one-of-a-kind handmade kites, bags of kite parts, rolls of fabric, antique collector's kites, and hard-to-find pins were auctioned off. Popular giveaways included the goofy looking umbrella hats, the California Raisin windsocks, and other hard-to-find treasures. The potluck was very informal, considering the club Editor/Secretary/Etc., Jessica Palmer, forgot the pop, napkins, silverware and paper plates (please forgive her—she was 8-1/2 months pregnant at the time and her mind was on other things). We dug up a few plastic spoons which we shared, and we ate our peach cobbler out of Wendy's cups. Maybe not as convenient, but we all had fun!

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association will have a new meeting time and place, to be announced by the new club officers after the first of the year. Membership cost is \$5 per year for family and 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.

### 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.

### Squalicum Kite Flyers

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

### Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

### Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

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

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

### Capitol City Flyers

Contact Leroy Peoples (206) 456-4156.

### Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

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

### 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.

### Associated Oregon Kitefliers

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

### British Columbia Kitefliers Association

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

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## OFFICIAL 1994 WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION BALLOT

Ballots must be received by December 31, 1993. Please fill out and mail to the WKA Election Committee, c/o Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. Individual members are entitled to one vote, while family memberships are entitled to two votes. Write-ins are accepted. Individual members check one box per position; family memberships check two boxes per position. Please use original ballot with mailing label intact. This is to ensure that only current members cast votes. Photocopies will not be counted. Mailing labels will be removed before ballots are counted.

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*Here are some gift ideas for your WKA friends. For non-members, consider membership in the WKA.*

**WKA Pins**

1993 WKA Pins, featuring WKA logo, \$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.

**WKA Banner Kits**

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.

**WKA Window Stickers**

Three-color, 4"x4" removable window stickers featuring the 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.

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